

**In 2023
Solomons
Europe
celebrates
its 25th
birthday**

1998 marks the start of Solomons' amazing journey, with co-founders Dom and Kerry Doig securing Solomons first job at a desalinisation plant in Burgos, Spain – firmly putting the 'Europe' into our name

But just what else was happening back then? Let's roll back the clock and see how much you remember...

CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE

The iconic Angel of the North by Antony Gormley, is erected outside Gateshead in February

The Trafford Centre opens its doors for the first time in September



LOOKING UP

Apple unveils the iMac

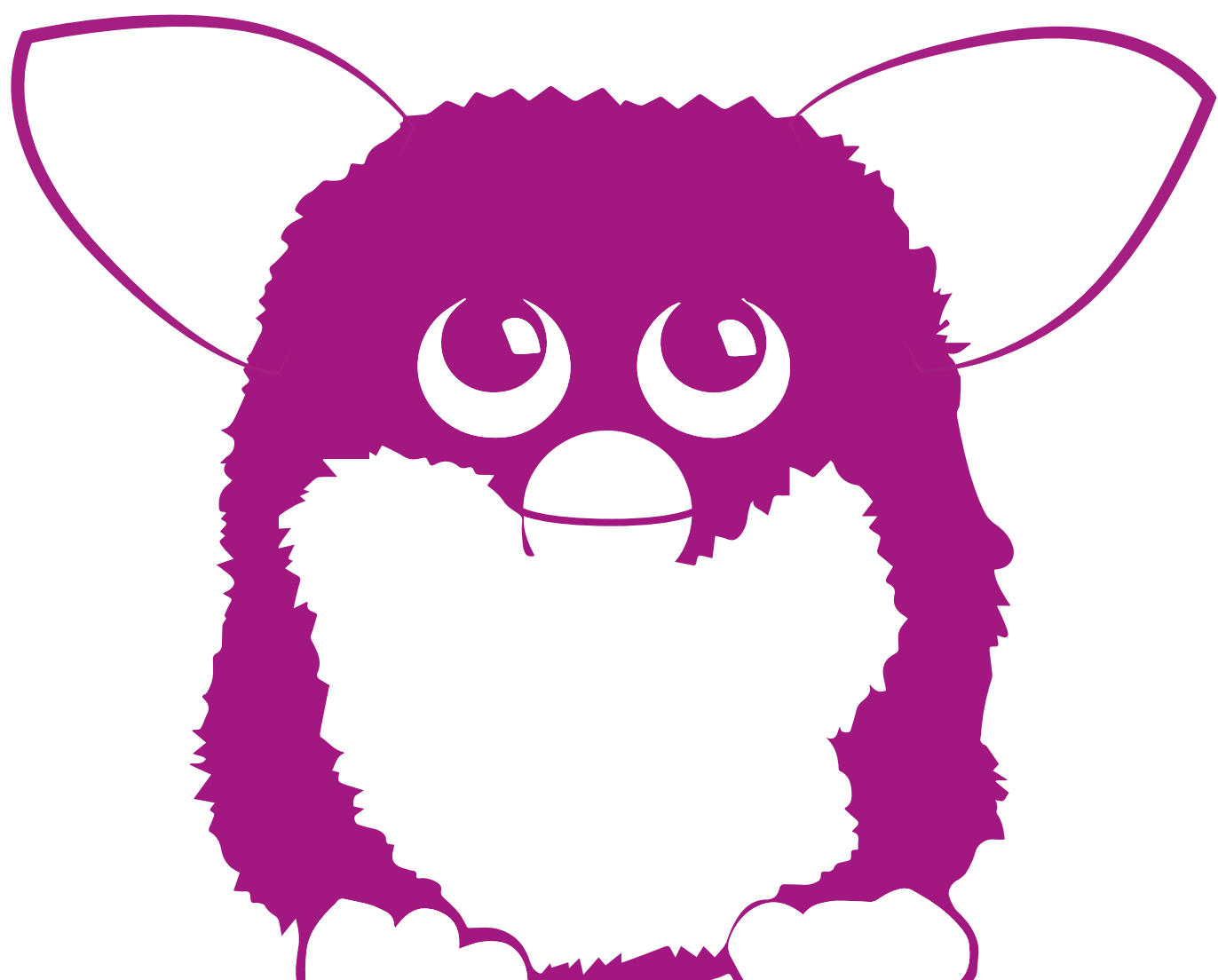
The world's most used web-based search engine Google comes online

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves Viagra



WHAT WE PLAYED WITH

Furby, the electronic friend that could talk and blink its eyes, jumps for joy at being the biggest selling toy of the year



WHAT WE WERE WATCHING

THE TOP 5 GROSSING MOVIES IN THE UK

TITANIC £68,479,576

Doctor Dolittle £19,854,598

Saving Private Ryan £17,687,082

Armageddon £16,506,605

Godzilla £15,974,736

THE TOP 5 MOST WATCHED TV SHOWS IN THE UK

World Cup 98 England v Argentina ITV 23.78m

WC98 England v Romania ITV 19.48m

WC98 England v Colombia BBC1 19.13m

Coronation Street ITV 18.62m

EastEnders BBC1 16.91m



**The Eurovision Song Contest
1998 takes place at the National
Indoor Arena, Birmingham**

**Dana International from Israel
won with her song "Diva"**

Presented by Terry Wogan and Ulrika
Jonsson, it was held in the United
Kingdom following the previous year's win
by Katrina and the Waves with "Love Shine a Light"

The UK would have to wait another 25 years
before hosting the contest again!



WHAT WE WERE LISTENING TO

TOP 5 BEST-SELLING SINGLES IN THE UK

BELIEVE CHER

My Heart Will Go On Celine Dion

It's Like That Run DMC Vs. Jason Nevins

No Matter What Boyzone

C'est La Vie B'witched

WHAT WE WERE DRIVING

TOP 5 BEST-SELLING CARS IN THE UK

FORD FIESTA

Ford Escort

Ford Mondeo

Vauxhall Vectra

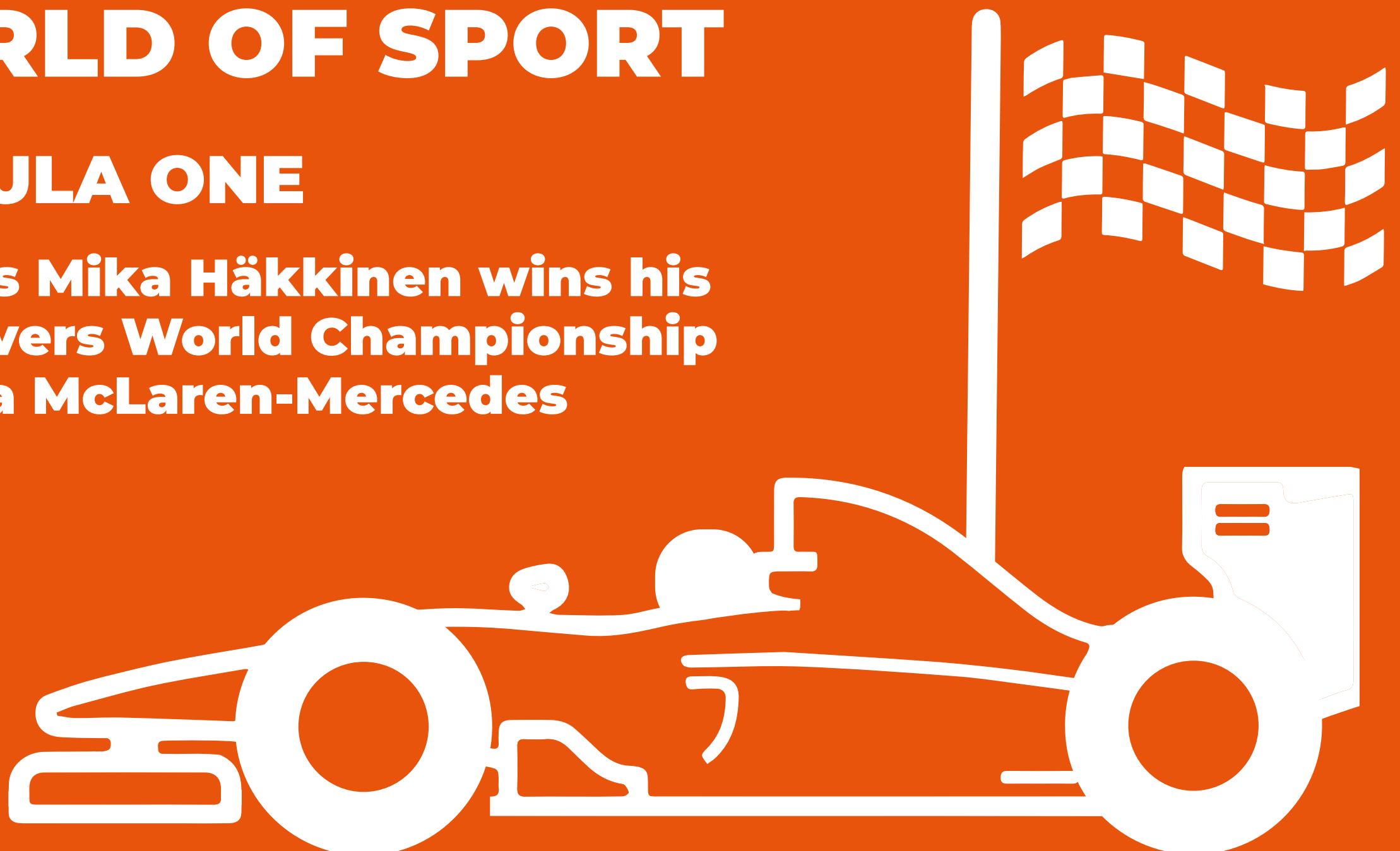
Renault Megane



WORLD OF SPORT

FORMULA ONE

Finland's Mika Häkkinen wins his first Drivers World Championship driving a McLaren-Mercedes



FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP 98

**Host nation France
beat Brazil 3–0
in the Final held
at the Stade de
France near Paris**



At home, Arsenal do the League and Cup double. Arsène Wenger becomes the first manager from outside the British Isles to win a league title in England. Things don't go so well for Manchester City, as they drop into the third tier for the first time in their history



WINTER OLYMPICS

**Japanese city Nagano hosted
the 1998 games, where
curling, snowboarding
and women's ice hockey
were all introduced**

**72 nations took part, with
Germany leading the medal
table, winning 12 gold medals**

**Great Britain won just
the one – bronze in the
four-man bobsleigh**



WIMBLEDON

Pete Sampras dispatches Goran Ivanišević in the men's final, equalling Björn Borg's record of five Wimbledon titles

In the women's final Jana Novotná beats Nathalie Tauziat in two straight sets to become the oldest first-time Grand Slam singles winner at age 29 years and nine months

They say time flies when you're having fun! And it's been a lot of fun looking back at what was happening in the world when Solomons came into existence

But for us, the important thing is the future

What will Solomons - and the world - look like in another 25 years' time? Watch this space!