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The battle to save our seas

An historic treaty to save the world's oceans has been agreed by member countries of the United Nations.

The agreement means there will be legal protection for two-thirds of the high seas – those areas of the oceans outside national boundaries – to prevent pollution and protect marine wildlife.

Half of all the oxygen we need is produced by the oceans, which also absorbs a quarter of all harmful carbon dioxide emissions. It means protecting the health of the seas would be a major contribution to tackling climate change.

Oscar is 6 of the best!

» Schoolboy's amazing mountain challenge

A six-year-old boy is climbing mountains equivalent to the height of Everest to raise money for a children's charity.

Oscar Burrow wanted to climb Everest itself until his dad, Matt, pointed out that might be quite difficult for a six-year-old. Instead, they have chosen 12 mountains around Britain which add up to Everest's height of 8,849 metres (29,030ft).

Oscar, from Lancaster, originally wanted to raise £8,849 to match the height of Everest in metres but passed that target after climbing six of the 12 mountains.

Now he has raised the target to £29,030 to match the mountain's height in feet. He is already halfway to that target with almost £15,000 raised.

The money will go to the Derian

House hospice in Lancashire, which cares for seriously ill children.

Oscar has so far climbed seven of the 12 mountains with his family, making the treks at weekends and during holidays. He aims to complete the challenge by reaching the top of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis in Scotland, in May.

Writing on his JustGiving fundraising page, Oscar said: I am six years old and at school we learned about Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay which has inspired me to want to be the youngest person to climb Mount Everest, but I need to practise first!

"This will be a huge challenge for me so I thought it would be a great way to raise money to help support children and their families when they are facing much harder challenges in their lives."



Picture: Matt Burrow/JustGiving

WORD IN THE NEWS

A weekly feature in which we turn the spotlight on a single word which has been used in the news, looking at its meaning and where it came from.

TICKET

Tickets for the Eurovision Song Contest in Liverpool quickly sold out when they went on sale this week.

Definition

A piece of *paper* or *card* – or electronic *document* – that gives the holder the right to enter a place or travel by public transport.

Derivation

From the French word *etiquet*, meaning a label or note.

Synonyms

Pass, permit, token, voucher.

NUMBER IN THE NEWS

36

The number of minutes in which the 6,000 tickets for the Eurovision Song Contest grand final sold out.

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» Story-writing competitions for children

Primary school children are being encouraged to get creative with two major story-writing competitions being launched.

The BBC is bringing back its 500 Words competition, which will be relaunched in September. It originally ran from 2011 to 2020, with more than a million stories being entered in that time.

Children can enter their stories in one of two categories, for 5-7-year-olds and 8-11-year-olds.

Children's laureate Joseph Coelho said: "Putting pen to paper doesn't have to be that scary, which is what is so wonderful about 500 Words. There are no rules!"

Another competition has been

launched by the Royal Mint Museum and you could earn a big cash prize for your school library.

A spokesman for the competition said: "For the third year running, we are holding our annual short story competition for primary school pupils aged eight to 11. For the chance to win £5,000 for their school library and to have their story professionally illustrated, pupils are invited to submit a story of no more than 500 words."

On the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush, carrying immigrants from the Caribbean, the theme this year is Crossing Continents.

■ bbc.co.uk/teach

■ royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning

More than £600million will be spent over the next two years to improve girls' opportunities to play sport.

Schools in England will have to provide equal access to sports, including football, for both boys and girls. At the moment, only 67 per cent of schools offer football for girls in PE lessons.

The money will help to increase school sports provision as well as after-school activity.

Girls' interest in football has increased dramatically since England won the Women's European Championship last year, beating Germany 2-1 in the final in front of a

record 87,000 crowd at Wembley.

The England squad themselves have been campaigning for more access to football for girls and all 23 players in the squad signed a letter to the government calling for action.

England captain Leah Williamson said: The success of the summer has inspired so many young girls to pursue their passion for football.

"We see it as our responsibility to open the doors for them to do so and this announcement makes that possible. This is the legacy that we want to live much longer than us as a team."



Solutions to the crossword on page 6

Across: 1 & 3 Boy Band; 5 Oslo; 6 Ring; 8 Bake; 11 Doe; 12 Over; 15 Exit; 16 Omit; 17 Roar; 18 Eye.
Down: 1 Bomb; 2 York; 3 Borneo; 4 Dig; 7 Nose; 9 Apex; 10 Editor; 13 Vote; 14 Ripe; 15 Ear.

NATURAL WORLD



Nature's light show

» Spectacular sight across British skies

People across large parts of Britain have been treated to a spectacular show of the Northern Lights.

Also known by their Latin name, Aurora Borealis, the Northern Lights are caused when molecules in the upper atmosphere react with particles blown from the Sun by solar winds.

That causes bright colours in the night sky, usually green and pink but sometimes blue and purple as well.

The Northern Lights are best seen in more northerly countries such as Iceland and those in Scandinavia and are usually only visible in northern parts of Britain.

But the recent show was visible across much more of Britain, with sightings as far south as Somerset. Experts say this was because of an unusually large eruption of material from the sun, causing greater solar winds.

As with star-gazing, the Northern Lights are best viewed in places that have very dark skies – views of the skies from towns and cities are affected by ‘light pollution’ from street lighting and buildings.

That means Bardsey Island, just off the end of the Llŷn Peninsula in North Wales, is one of the best places in the world for star-gazing.

Known in Welsh as Ynys Enlli, the island has become the first place in the whole of Europe to be certified as a dark sky sanctuary by the International Dark Skies Association.

Its remote location and a mountain on the island blocking light from the mainland means Bardsey’s dark skies are the ideal place from which to study the stars – its nearest source of light pollution is from Dublin, 70 miles away on the east coast of Ireland.

NATURE EXTRA

Home from home for natural world hero Attenborough

After 60 years of making natural history programmes around the world, Sir David Attenborough has stayed closer to home for his latest series.

The veteran broadcaster, who will be 97 in May, presents a five-part series which focuses on the natural world around Britain and Ireland. Called *Wild Isles*, its first episode is on Sunday.

As with many of his other series, Sir David also highlights the dangers that the natural world faces.

Half of Britain’s wildlife species have declined in the last 50 years, and Sir David says during filming: “Though rich in places, Britain as a whole is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world.”

Among the subjects in the new series are puffins on Skomer island off the Welsh coast, a gannet colony in Scotland and dramatic footage of orcas hunting seals off the Scottish coast.

The first episode of *Wild Isles* is on BBC1 on Sunday (March 12) at 7pm.



SWEET TREATS

A woman has completed a 10-year project to sample a scone at every National Trust location which has a tea room.

By the time Sarah Merker ate her final National Trust scone at Giant’s Causeway in Northern Ireland, she had sampled 244 of the traditional tea-time treats.

Sarah documented her project on a dedicated website, nationaltrustscones.com, and has even written a book about the decade-long quest.

She rated every scone she tasted and said almost 100 received her five-star score.

Her favourite was a Christmas pudding flavoured scone at Treasurer’s House in York.



The image of the peak of the Matterhorn mountain is to be removed from the famous Toblerone packets.

Swiss government rules say national symbols such as the 14,692ft (4,478m) mountain can only be used on milk-based products that are made entirely in Switzerland.

American company Mondelez, which makes the triangular chocolate, honey and nougat treat, is moving some production outside Switzerland so has to remove the Matterhorn image.

It says it will be replaced by a more general image of a mountain peak.

Toblerones were first made 115 years ago and have carried the Matterhorn image since 1970.



» Picture special Bricktastic 2023 Lego exhibition in Manchester



Lego SHED

- **1932:** Danish carpenter Ole Kirk Christiansen started making wooden toys in his workshop.
- **1934:** His company became known as Lego.
- **1947:** Lego started producing plastic toys.
- **1949:** An early version of the now familiar building bricks was produced.
- **1958:** The modern brick design was developed.
- **1969:** The Duplo range for younger children was introduced.
- **1978:** Minifigures were produced for the first time as part of the Legoland Town theme.
- **2005:** Legoland Town was rebranded as Lego City.



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY MARCH 13, 2013



Monday, March 13, will be the 10th anniversary of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the Archbishop of Buenos Aires in Argentina, being elected as the new pope, head of the Roman Catholic Church.

As Pope Francis, he became the first pope from South or North America, the first from the southern hemisphere and the first from outside Europe since Pope Gregory III almost 1,300 years earlier.

He took the name Francis in honour of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The young Jorge Bergoglio was well into his 20s before he entered the church, having previously worked as a nightclub bouncer, caretaker and laboratory technician.

Francis succeeded Pope Benedict XVI, the first pope for 600 years to resign from the role. He stepped down because of age and ill-health. Benedict died on New Year's Eve last year.

MARCH 15, 2019

Striking statement

In August 2018, 15-year-old school-girl Greta Thunberg skipped school and stood outside the Swedish parliament to protest at the lack of action over climate change.

Her campaign quickly grew, with more children refusing to go to school in a protest known as School Strike for Climate or Fridays for Future.

A little more than six months after Thunberg's first protest, the movement she started had gone global and on March 15, 2019, more than a million children around the world stayed away from school, many staging



marches urging governments to take more action on climate.

Despite being so young – she was 20 in January – Thunberg has become one of the world's leading voices on climate change and last week, on International Women's Day, The News Shed again included her on our list of the most inspiring women around the world.

In the five years since her first protest, she has made hard-hitting speeches and led demonstrations, addressing a full United Nations session in New York when still only 15.

MARCH 15, 1877

One of the oldest rivalries in world sport began on March 15, 1877. That was when England played the first Test cricket match against Australia.

The historic match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground was won by Australia by a margin of 45 runs but England levelled the two-match series by winning the second Test by four wickets at the same venue.

By a remarkable coincidence, when the two sides played a special Centenary Test in 1977, Australia again won by 45 runs, exactly the same result as in the original match.

There have now been 356 Tests between the two countries, the Aussies winning 150, England 110 and 96 finishing as draws.

The rivalry will be resumed in England in June and July.

Birthday SHED

Birthdays this week

- March 11: Liverpool defender and Scotland football captain **Andrew Robertson** is 29.
- March 12: **Steve Harris**, founder and only ever-present member of rock band Iron Maiden, is 67.
- March 13: American tennis star **Coco Gauff**, who won her first professional title aged 15, is 19.
- March 14: Record-breaking gymnast **Simone Biles** (pictured) is 26.
- March 15: Musician **will.i.am**, real name William Adams, is 48.
- March 16: **Gore Verbinski**, Pirates of the Caribbean film director, is 59.
- March 17: **Justin Hawkins**, lead singer of rock band the Darkness, is 48.





Liverpool must produce one of their greatest European fightbacks if they are stay in this season's Champions League.

They are away to the mighty Real Madrid in the first knockout round on Wednesday (March 15), trailing 5-2 from the first leg at Anfield.

Liverpool had taken an early 2-0 lead in that game but Real Madrid roared back with five goals of their own, including two each for Karim Benzema and Vinicius Junior.

But Liverpool could have history on their side, having pulled off two of the greatest fightbacks in the history of the competition.

In the 2005 final in Istanbul, Liverpool trailed 3-0 to AC Milan at half-time before hitting back with three goals in the space of six minutes in the second half and winning the eventual penalty shootout 3-2.

And in the semi-final of the 2018-19 edition, Liverpool lost the first leg

3-0 to Barcelona but powered back to win the second leg 4-0 on an incredible night at Anfield.

Jurgen Klopp's side will also be bouyed by their astonishing recent 7-0 Premier League win over arch-rivals Manchester United.

Liverpool are England's most decorated club in the leading continental competition, having won the Champions League or its predecessor, the European Cup, six times, most recently against Tottenham Hotspur in the 2019 final. But Real Madrid have won it 14 times and are reigning champions, beating Liverpool in last year's final.

And in Carlo Ancelotti they have one of the most decorated managers in Europe. He has won two dozen major trophies with clubs such as AC Milan, Bayern Munich, Chelsea, Paris Saint-Germain and Real Madrid. His honours include four Champions League wins, two each with AC Milan and Real Madrid.

WOMEN'S SPORT

Scottish athlete Eilish McColgan has followed in her mother's footsteps by setting a new British record for the 10,000m.

She set the new record of 30min 0.86sec at an athletics meeting in California, where she has been training in preparation for next month's London Marathon.

Eilish's mother, Liz McColgan, a world champion and double Commonwealth Games gold medallist at the same distance, broke the British record three times during her career.

Eilish also emulated her mum – who is also her coach – by becoming a Commonwealth gold medallist in Birmingham last year.

She is now targeting the London Marathon, an event also won by Liz McColgan back in 1996.

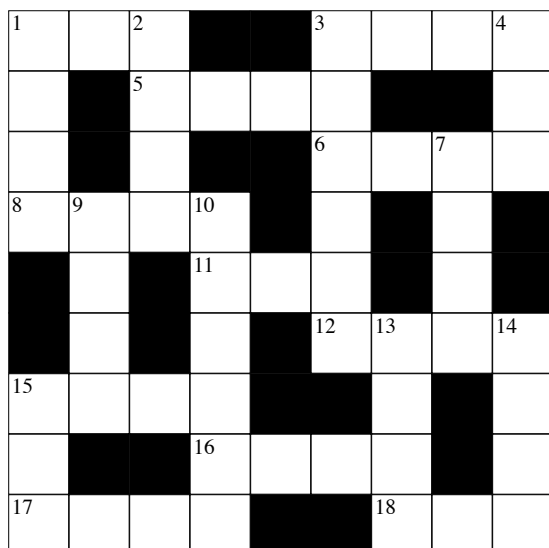
Manchester City marked International Women's Day by wearing a special shirt for their Women's Super League win over Tottenham Hotspur.



The green, white and purple shirt was in the colours of the suffragette movement of the early 20th century.

Women were not allowed to vote in elections at that time and the suffragettes, led by Manchester woman Emmeline Pankhurst, campaigned successfully to be allowed to vote.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1&3** Male pop group such as Take That or One Direction (3,4)
- 5** Capital of Norway (4)
- 6** Finger jewellery (4)
- 8** Make a cake (4)
- 11** Female deer (3)
- 12** Six balls from one bowler in cricket (4)
- 15** Way out (4)
- 16** Leave out (4)
- 17** Lion's noise (4)
- 18** Visual organ (3)

DOWN

- 1** Explosive device (4)
- 2** English city, home to the Jorvik Viking Centre and National Railway Museum (4)
- 3** Asian island shared by Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei (3)
- 4** Use a spade (3)
- 7** Smelling organ (4)
- 9** Point at top of an object (4)
- 10** Newspaper boss (6)
- 13** Make a choice in an election (4)
- 14** Ready to eat (4)
- 15** Hearing organ (3)

Find the solutions at the foot of page 2