

ISSUE 1

Happy News

By Oak Class

A newspaper (*inspired by Emily Coxhead*) to celebrate all that's good in the world...



HAPPINESS
CAN BE FOUND even in the
Darkest OF times
IF ONE ONLY REMEMBERS
TO TURN ON THE
LIGHT

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A note from the editors

Hello!

Welcome to our first issue of Oak 6 Happy News. We have taken inspiration from Emily Coxhead's original newspaper and wish to spread a little bit of happiness and cheer!

The children have worked so hard on their articles over the last week and we are so proud of all they have created. We have loved hearing their nominations for their everyday heroes and sharing all of the good things that are going on in the world – we hope that you love reading them too.

We would love to hear your feedback on our newspaper! Please leave us a comment on Seesaw to tell us what you thought and if you would like us to do another one.

ENJOY!

Sending best wishes,

Miss Dowland and Miss Bruce

P.S. Oak 6 – we are SOOO proud of you!





Everyday

Sarah

Sarah is my mum. She makes me happy all the time when I am sad or upset. I would like to nominate her because she is my hero. She is always there for me no matter what the situation is and always makes me laugh even though her jokes are bad. She has a warm and caring heart that makes me want to be just like her. My mum always spends her time working and playing with them. My mum is the type of person that I can always rely on. I will always love her.

- Nominated by Megan



Grandad

My grandad is the best. He helps me with my homework. We like building dens in the field. He likes watching funny things on the TV. He gives me biscuits and he works hard. It makes me happy when we play fight together for ages. I like having races with him in the swimming pool near his house. We like playing games together.

- Nominate by James



Kim

My Mum (Kim) is a very nice and caring parent. She is also very polite when talking to people. She takes care of 5 kids with no thought. She's the best mother in the world. Kim is also very determined on a lot of stuff and that's why I nominated her. She also helps me understand my homework.

- Nominated by Josh

My mummy

My mum is very special because she always supports me and my sisters and makes the best dinners and hot chocolates. I love my mum because she helps little children grow up. My mum has hard life because my dad is only there on the weekends.

- Nominated by Harrison

Heroes:



Grandma

I have nominated my grandma to be my everyday hero because she helps me through the rough times and I treasure every moment I spend with her. Even though she lives in Nigeria, we are always on call and talking to each other and that is why I want to nominate my grandmother. I always have a smile on my face when I am talking to her. She makes me really happy and I love her.

- Nominated by Ilamosi

Grandad

I want to nominate my Grandad because when there were family events, he would try to come and when he couldn't, we would go to the care home and see him. We would enjoy chatting together. When he was not feeling well, I would hold his hand so he knows I am there. He would let me have his biscuits and sweets. He gave us his keyboard to always remember him by.

- Nominated by Liberty



Miss Dowland

Miss Dowland is my everyday hero because she is kind and caring. She always puts a smile on everyone's face. Miss Dowland is one of the best teachers in the world. She always supports us and helps us when needed. Miss Dowland's funny in every lesson. She teaches us all we need to know. The last, but best, thing is she gives you chocolate biscuits after the 11+. I'm really happy she is my teacher.

- Nominated by Lily



My Grandma

My Grandma lives many hours away but whenever we go to visit her, she'll always be there to put a smile on my face. If I'm with my grandma, she will do anything with me, whether that's go to the beach, the park or anywhere. Her skills are limitless when she works as an estate agent. Her smile never dampens through the good and bad. Even with Covid-19, her personality was positive and that's why she's my hero.

- Nominated by Isabel



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Researchers discover 70 new species in 2021

By Isabel

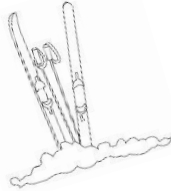
In just a year, many spies have been discovered by numerous scientists. The California Academy of science identified 70 new species, alive, across the world. By doing this, they have enriched our understanding of wildlife – a brilliant achievement by many academy scientists and dozens of international collaborators.

The countless creatures include: 14 beetles, 12 sea slugs, 7 fish, 1 pygmy pipehorse and plenty more. Researchers had to travel through 5 continents and three oceans just to get a glimpse of these captivating animals. One of the most amusing discoveries include the Easter Egg Weeid, an insect with surprising metallic patterns forming an easter egg like shell.

Journeying from the depths of the ocean, to high up in the canopy, Dr Sharron Bennett (the chief of Science at the California Academy) explained why they wanted to travel to the unexplored places. "Our relationship with nature improves with each new species, deepening our understanding of how the world works."

In Central Africa, a limbless amphibian called Caecillian was uncovered. They thought of this as a massive breakthrough because of the sheer size of the creature. Going from Africa to New Zealand, the professional explorers encountered the Pygmy Pipehorse. These marine fish are a lot like sea horses but are classified by a subfamily. Pygmy Pipehorse (also known as the Hippocampimae) are so small that they are rarely seen by passing divers. It is a miracle that the team of experts managed to spot these fascinating creatures.

By finding animals at this rapid pace, science will expand rapidly. Who knows how many animals will have been discovered in 10 years from now...



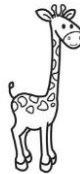
Britain Wins First EVER Gold in Alpine Skiing

By Liberty

Dave Ryding (a 35 year old man) wins world cup skiing gold medal. It took him more than 20 years to become a good skier. Then, he finally got in to the 30 rankings at the age of 28 which means he got to the top of the leader board 30 times, and he previously achieved second in 2017.

Ryding has been skiing since he was 8 years old. He also won the European Cup and was 6th place in the slalom competition in Austria, as well as that he produced a run of 49.86. This was enough to put him in first place by 0.38 seconds.

This man has achieved so much, he could win again.



COP21

By Harrison

COP26 is a global event involving the United Nations summit about climate Change. They discussed Climate Change and how we can save the environment. COP26 took place from the 31st of October to the 12th of November 2021.

The UK government has said they will give £290 million towards helping to reach the programmes aims. Most of that money will go towards to eco system, wildlife conservation and global warming. Scotland is the only country that had agreed to give money to the Pacific and Asia. Did you know that 40 nations have agreed to stop using coal?

In conclusion, all coal mining stopping, and other agreements made at COP26 should mean that we can stop the ice melting and slow down climate change.





Space X Mission

By James

Space X is owned by Elton Musk and they want to help people live on other planets. Four Astronauts headed to the International Space Centre (ISS) on the privately funded rocket. The flight took off a day later than planned and was delayed due to winds that could have made the take-off unsafe.

NASA is using the company SpaceX, which is owned by billionaire Elton Musk, to play a crew to the and from the ISS so they can work there for 6 months before they come back. SpaceX sent a car made by Elton Musk's other company, Tesla, into space.

SpaceX's long-term plans are to help people live on another planet meaning the whole human race could move if they need to. If climate change continues to get worse, it might drive us to a new planet! Could this be the thig that saves us?



9F train back in service

By Tristan

The 9F has come back into service once more! It was tested in February 1958 and it withdrawn in 1966 to be sent to the scrapman. It came back into service in 2021.

This magnificent engine can pull 900 tons at once! It won't be pulling freight anymore, but it will be taking passengers around the Yorkshire Steam Railway. This train was designed to pull as much freight as quickly as possible. This engine weighs 86 tons. Its wheel is 2-100-0 to provide as much grip as possible to pull the heavy weights.

The 9F used to run from February 1958 (testing) to 31st December 1966 (withdrawn). Now that it is back running, it will hopefully run forever

It took three groups to restore one group succeeded and it now runs again. It was sent to the scrap man in 1966 because the steam engine ended. It took 58 years to restore it.

The 9F could pull 900 tons so it must have a lot of power, meaning it can go quick. The 9F can go at 90 mph because it has a lot of power.

This engine will inspire the younger generations to restore other engines.

Giant Pandas are no longer endangered

By Lily

The Giant Pandas have been endangered for many years but now they are saved. In 2016, they were classed as vulnerable (vulnerable means they're on the edge of extinction). Now these animals are not endangered.

For many years, China has been trying to save these iconic animals (the Giant Pandas) and after all that hard work, it has paid off. In 2021, the announcement went out that Giant Pandas are no longer classified as endangered but now vulnerable. Fang Wang mention that no one would have expected this 20 years ago and now Pandas are a successful case.

One of the reasons the Giant Pandas were on the endangered list is because of habitat destruction and because they were smuggled out of the country. The habitat destruction was cause by humans building buildings. The cities are destroying the bamboo forests and is putting them into smaller spaces. Bamboo is 99% of their diet and if they run out of bamboo, they might not be able to eat.

We can help the Pandas by donating or adopting. Wildlife reserves have been set up in parts of China so Pandas can have their own home.



A New Icefish Colony Discovered in 2022

By Ilamosi

On the 14th of January 2022, a new Icefish colony was discovered. Just outside the seas of Antarctica, 2 divers came across over 5 miles of nests (which is a 3rd of London). Later, Scientists discovered that there were over 60 million Icefish living nearby.

"Nothing but nests," one of the divers claimed when he was investigating the Icefish. Over 6 million nests were found near the sea of Antarctica. Two Scientists were on the camara when they spotted the craters out on the floor and then they discovered the fish colony. Scientists have concluded that the whole seabed was caused by the fish colony.

Alfred Whedger (one of the divers) was very surprised by the Icefish colony. He was one of the first people to tell others. There were 3 people that were sent for the species hunt and all of them said that one colony was found by accident and they were sent there to look for new animals.

This creates more knowledge for Scientists and people to discover more and more and we hope that lots of other species will come later in the year.



Everyday

Liam

My dad – Liam – is currently with work in Saudi Arabia for two years. While he was here, he worked at the Royal Air Force or RAF for short. He left the RAF 4 or 5 months ago and he would always play video games with me. I can also tell him anything that I want to as he listens. He makes me feel safe and protected. Also, whenever I hug him, it makes me feel warm inside. Despite him being in Saudi Arabia, I love to call him because of two reasons. One is that I get to see him and the second is that we can have fun by using funny filters! I love my dad and cannot wait to see him again!

- Nominated by Lochlan

Ian

My grandpa helps me make things like boats, helicopters, planes and rockets with wood, bottles and polystyrene. My grandpa plays racing games with me anytime. It's so fun! When Grandma goes shopping, Grandpa helps and he always looks so happy. When he fixes his motorbike, he shows me how his bike works. This is why I've nominated this amazing person.

- Nominated by Tristan

Mummy

My mummy is a hard working accountant who I can tell anything to. She is kind and loving to everyone she knows and she makes me feel warm inside. Her limitless skills come in handy when I need help with anything no matter the situation. I believe that, no matter what, she is a one in a million mum that I am so grateful to have.

- Nominated by Tamzyn



Heroes:



Mamma

My grandma (who I like to call Mamma) is the person I would like to nominate. She is my hero and will always be my hero. She is always there for me no matter what the situation is and is my inspiration. When I'm older, I want to be just like her, a kind, gentle, loving and caring figure that anyone and everyone can rely on because that's who Mamma is. I love her endlessly.

- Nominated by Brooke



My sister (Ellie)

Ellie is caring and she helps me at any time. She makes me happy and gives me the best hugs in the world. She is good at tennis and she is good at cooking at school. She can make the best cupcakes in the world.

- Nominated by Ollie

Loki

My cat Loki is a one a million pet, with a warm heart and an ever-growing soul for love. I've nominated him due to the sentimental value and the enjoyment I experience always gets me through the day. When I'm feeling down or have a pain of regret or sadness, he always comes to me. When I'm on the brink of collapse, he lifts me up and we start again together. Loki will always and forever give the best hugs. Those hugs give you a chime of what you're day is going to be like or what it has felt like. Even though I spend minutes with him, those minutes feel like hours of warmth. I adore him and all my family do too. He is completely deserving of this special mention

- Nominated by Jacob



Ban on trophy hunting imports

By Josh

Trophy hunting is when someone kills an animal just for a part of their body, like their head, just so the hunter can have a prize.

If you are caught trophy hunting in the UK, you can go to prison for up to five years and that's not all. In other countries, you can be in jail for even more years but some countries have lower jail sentences than others.

Some countries have a ban on trophy hunting and some haven't banned it. For example, the in the UK trophy hunting is illegal and in the US, trophy hunting is legal.

More than 125,000 animals have died from trophy hunting within the year and those numbers will increase if we don't ban it. The law will now stop hunters bring back 7000 trophies. People were allowed to bring back the body parts of animals for a trophy. If this wasn't a law, a lot more animals would die. The sad side on trophy hunting is that hunters just kill for a souvenir.

Disney song tops the UK charts

By Jacob

For 98 years, Disney have been waiting patiently for one their magnificent songs to break into the UK charts and reach number one. Finally that dream has happened and is now a reality as the song 'We don't talk about Bruno' from the Disney film Encanto has claimed the number one spot on the Official UK Charts and has got the globe sing, we don't talk about Bruno no, no, no!

The highly praise Disney film, Encanto, hasn't just had one of their ecstatic songs in the charts songs in the charts. At number five is 'Surface pressure' by Jessica Darrow and at number 15, 'Welcome to the family Madrigal' by Stephanie Beatriz but none of them could be the whole cast song with its exquisite vocals and harmonies. The song is based off nobody wanting to talk about Bruno, who vanished a few years ago, but Mirabel (the lead character) does. The singers featured in this song are: Rhenzy Feliz, Stephanie Beatriz, Mauro Castillo, Diane Guerrero, Carolina Gaitain and Addassa.

The famous Disney song-writer Lin-Manuel Miranda is responsible for this chart-topping Disney song and he has also written 'How far I'll go' from Moana. Until now, 'We don't talk about Bruno' has smashed its streaming. If you would like to stream this song, you can go to Spotify, YouTube or any other streaming service. If you would like to watch the film Encanto, you can see it on Disney+.

The impact of this magnificent film will be inspiring aspiring younger actors and actresses that even though they come from a different cultural background or heritage, they can still pursue their dream in the acting business.

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US dogs now being trained to sniff out Covid in schools

By Tamzyn

Schools all around the USA (United States of America) have now been using trained to smell out covid in schools. The do this because dogs are now to have a more developed sense of smell than humans, but they are ready to start going into schools.

Dogs are also communicating in ways by putting their paw up, stopping in their tracks and sitting. All showing signs that they could have detected Coronavirus. Their accuracy is approximately known to be 97.5%.

The animals are not always at work though. Rick Medeiros states, "When dogs aren't working, they can meet and play with pupils, which the younger children really enjoy."

When children are not in a certain room, handlers would walk the dogs around to see who sat in each seat and check for Coronavirus cases. The rooms they test in are commonly classrooms, corridors and lunchrooms and are always completely empty.

Dogs do not only just discover Covid 19 in schools. Rescue dogs can be common in areas all around the world, but you might also notice the animals working in therapy, search, hunting, mascots, herding, sledding and they can also be a part of water rescue. This shows how dogs are capable to assist humans in their work.

Famous youtuber 'Mr Beast' starts to clean up oceans and plant 20 million trees!

By Lochlan

The famous youtuber, Mr Beast, is now nearing 100 million subscribers after years of success in his influencer career. His real name is Jimmy Donaldson and has friends name Chris, Chandler and Carl. The young influence has completed many elaborate acts but the two largest acts have been TeamTrees and TeamSeas.

Jimmy Donaldson has raised over 50 million US dollars altogether through these acts. For TenTrees, they planned on raising 20 million dollars to plant 20 million trees. To their surprise, they completed the task by earning 23 million dollars.

TeamSeas appeared to be failing with over 26 out of 30 million they wished to raise and only one day left. However, it was saved by a person – Austin Russel- who donation 4 million to the fundraiser. This act led to the achieved goal of 30 million dollars raised.

In May 2019, Mr Beast wanted to do something to celebrate hitting 20 million subscribers on his YouTube channel. Despite running on for over two years, people still donate to TeamTrees. Jimmy Donaldson and his life-changing team plant over 2000 trees per day. Although they raised 20 million dollars, the hard-working team has planted over 9 million trees – which is a lot! However, TeamSeas is a quite recent event that launched on 29th October 2021.

Many would think that he would only plant the trees in one country but he did not. The young youtuber planted trees on six of the seven continents. They were North and South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and Australasia. In the USA, 1 million trees were planted and across two countries, 100,000 trees were also placed into the Earth. There are many more countries that had trees planted! However, TeamSeas is based on pollution in the water so the TeamSeas team are only cleaning up rivers, beach and oceans.

To celebrate Mr Beasts great accomplishment, his inspired fans came up with a challenge; they wanted to plant 20 million trees before the end of the year. The excited youtuber accepted the challenge and told his scientist friend, Mark Rober, about the event. Together, they formed a huge team to complete the challenge. TeamSeas is quite different! This event launched because people were getting tired of people polluting oceans, beaches and rivers. They want to raise awareness to the world-wide problem of pollution. Many people noticed that there was too much plastic and rubbish in the water and it was harming sea life. They couldn't just watch them perish.

These two events have made a huge impact on the safety of the environment. Nobody knows what environmental, charitable event her will do next but many can tell – by TeamTrees and Seas- it will positively impact the entire globe.

Zara Rutherford's Amazing Journey

By Ollie

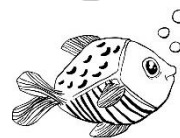
Zara Rutherford is 19 years old. She is from Belgium. She wants to be an Astronaut, so she started flying at 14 years old.

She is the youngest woman to fly solo around the world. She flew in a shark ultra-light plane that can fly at 300km an hour.

She set off on 18th of August 2021 and her journey lasted 155 days. She travelled to 52 countries including, Iceland, USA, Korea, India and Russia. Her journey started and finished in Belgium.

Only 5% of commercial pilots are women. She inspired girls to fly plane or have a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Her role models include Lillian Bland and Bessie Coleman.

Zara said, "It's a dream I've had my entire life to fly a plane around the world. It was a crazy idea and I always thought it **would** be impossible."



World's oldest aquarium-based fish identified

By Amelia

Methuselah is known to be the oldest aquarium-based fish in the world, thriving at the San Francisco Museum. She weighs 18 kilograms which is equivalent to about 18 bags of sugar. She is named after a biblical creature, who was said to be 969 years old, before peacefully passing. Her keeper (Alban Jan) is used to her loving belly rubs and eating fresh figs.

The staff have grown fond of Methuselah as she was transported from Australia to join the San Francisco Museum, in 1938. She's gone from one of the youngest Lungfish to the oldest aquarium-based fish in the world. Calmly living to the age of 90. She has become an ultimate superstar with no known living peers. The lungfish are known as a primitive species because of the significant similarities in terms of appearance to their ancestors.

She loves her figs and is said to be 'a little bit picky' with her food. This magnificent fish has had the incredible impact of scientific research, leaving us with thousands of questions, like: Are there any other animals as old as her, how long is her lifespan and is there any other species that have a longer or shorter lifespan? She will be irreplaceable as people are no longer allowed to transfer animals from Australia to the base of the museum.

Hippos can recognise their friends voices!

By Brooke

Hippos, a 10.8-16.5 foot animal, can recognise their friends voices but scientist have only just discovered this special secret. In Mozambique, with many lakes and rivers, Nicolas Matheron made experiments to find out more about these facinating creatures and with luck, he has managed to discover many new interesting facts.

Proffessor Nicolas Matheron made a very cleaver plan to peform this experiement, he recorded the hippos noises and played them infront of one of these creatures and their reactions were the key to the answers. They realised that the hippos reacted more aggressivly to unknown sounds but were calm and settled to known sounds. After many more sessions, scientist have been informed that the hippos can tell apart friends, neighbours and strangers.



See the Northen Lights!

by Megan

The Northen Lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis, is a natural light display. People also call them shimmering, flowing waves of light in the sky. The name 'Northen Lights' comes from the norten countries as they are usually spotted in the northen areas – Iceland, Sweeden, Norway and Finland.

The northen lights have been discovered un Wales. In November 2021, the Aurora Borealis wre spotten in Cardigan Bay and Snowdon between midnight and 5am. Alan Throw, from Wales, mentioned that, "it's not common at all!".

Scientist say that the northen lights had been discovered in Wales due to the ativity on the surface of the sun. Charged particles from the sun made by powerful electromagnetic waves had moved towards Wales. "In the last 10 years there has been an increase in sighting in Wales," a scientist explained.

Shortly after people has seen the northen lights, Wales was awarded several times for its dark skys, meaning it has good visitbility of the stars at night due to the lack of light poulltion.

