

It's Turtle-y Time to Help!

Last Friday, it was Endangered Species Day, a day to learn about animals that need our help. These animals are called endangered species, which means there aren't many of them left, and they could disappear if we don't do something to help. Some endangered animals include tigers, rhinos, pandas, elephants – and turtles! This Friday is World Turtle Day, a special day to celebrate turtles and find out how we can help them. Turtles are clever, gentle animals. Some live in the sea, and some live on land. They have been on Earth since the time of the dinosaurs! But today, many turtles are in danger and one big problem is



Pictured: A sea turtle eating plastic.
Source: Canva.

plastic. Sea turtles love to eat jellyfish and seaweed, but sometimes they accidentally eat plastic bags floating in the sea, because the bags look just like jellyfish! This can make turtles very unwell, and some sadly die from eating plastic. There are some things we can all do to help, such as keeping beaches clean, recycling correctly, never dropping litter, learning more about turtles and telling friends and family how to help too! Let's all do our part to protect turtles and keep the sea a safe place for them to live! **Did you know a plastic bag can stay in the sea for hundreds of years?**



Pictured: Plastic in the sea. **Source:** Canva.

Flip-Flops for Bemorefab!

Would you like to walk day after day wearing flip-flops? That's what Henry Moores is doing – and it's all to help children with cancer. Henry is walking a very, very long way – from Manchester in England all the way to the island of Ibiza in Spain. That's more than 1,000 miles! He is not using a car or an aeroplane – just his feet to travel through England, France and Spain. He's walking to raise money for a special charity, called Bemorefab. This charity helps children who have cancer, and their families and schools too. A girl called Florence Bark and her family started the charity after she became very poorly with leukaemia, a type of cancer. Now Bemorefab helps other children who are ill to keep learning whilst in hospital having treatment and gives support to their families too.



Pictured: Florence Bark and Henry Moores.
Source: Bemorefab Children's Cancer Charity on Facebook.

The charity also works with schools to help children learn more about cancer in a gentle way. 'What Henry's doing is absolutely amazing! He's going to help lots of children like me and their families', Florence shared on social media. Henry has completed epic walks before and has raised thousands of pounds for charities. He is hoping to raise £50,000 for Bemorefab. Good luck, Henry, we're *toe-tally* cheering you on!

You can follow Henry's journey via social media! @henryoscarmoores or via @bemorefab

What makes somewhere special to visit?



I think trips are even more special when you can share the memories with your family.
Ollie

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Axolotl Success!

A group of endangered axolotls has been released into special wetlands near Mexico City, and they're doing well! Scientists released 18 of the smiling amphibians, which were bred in captivity, into clean water habitats. Each one had a tiny radio tracker to help researchers follow them. All the axolotls survived, and many gained weight, meaning they were hunting and eating. Dr. Alejandra Ramos, from the Autonomous University of Baja California, called it an amazing result. Axolotls were once common in Mexico's lakes, but pollution and city growth pushed them close to extinction.



Pictured: An axolotl. **Source:** Canva.



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Now, farmers and volunteers are helping clean up the habitat. Dr. Luis Zambrano, from the National University of Mexico, said, 'If we lose this species, we lose part of our Mexican identity.' He also said, 'If we can restore this [wetland] habitat and restore the axolotl's population in a city of more than 20 million people, I feel that we have hope for humanity.' Dr. Ramos added, 'You don't need to be a scientist to get involved; everybody in the world can help out.'

Do you know any facts about axolotls? How would you feel if you saw an axolotl in real life?

Record-breaking Runners

On 27th April 2025, the TCS London Marathon celebrated its 45th anniversary in a big way, setting new Guinness World Records and welcoming thousands of runners from around the world! This year, the marathon set a new record for the most finishers ever at a marathon, with 56,640 runners crossing the finish line



Pictured: Jason Burbury broke the record for most underpants worn during a marathon. **Source:** Guinness World Records @GWR on X.



Pictured: The TCS London Marathon has broken the Guinness World Records title. **Source:** TCS London Marathon on Facebook.

at The Mall in London! The marathon also had a record number of people applying to run. So many people wanted to be part of this special event that it broke the record for the most people entering a marathon in history! And while some runners were focusing on speed, others had a lot of fun setting quirky records! Jason Burbury set the record for the most underpants worn during a marathon—a whopping 52 pairs! 'It was a fantastic occasion to see so many people reach the finish line and be part of such a special day,' said Hugh Brasher, the CEO of the London Marathon Events. **Have you ever trained for a long run? Which record do you find the most interesting?**

What makes somewhere special to visit?



I think places are made special by the people that you go with to visit them and the memories that you make whilst you are there. **Joshua**

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