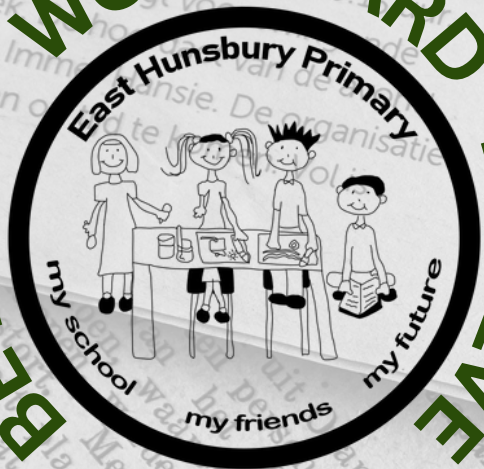


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Cheese Thief

Police have been on a cheese hunt after hundreds of truckles (wheels) of cheddar, worth over £300,000, were stolen from Neal's Yard Dairy in London! On 21st October, Neal's Yard reported that people pretending to be real wholesalers had tricked them and taken the cheese. The stolen cheddar, weighing over 22 tonnes, included special types like Hafod Welsh, Westcombe, and Pitchfork - all favourites for cheese lovers! Even though the cheese was taken, Neal's Yard kept their promise to pay the small farmers who made it so they wouldn't suffer. 'It's been a big challenge for us,' said a Neal's Yard spokesperson, 'but

we want to support our small dairy suppliers.' Police arrested a 63-year-old man, who they think was involved, and they're still investigating the cheesy mystery. Neal's Yard hopes the missing cheese will soon be found!



Pictured: Tasty cheese at Neal's Yard Dairy.
Source: @NealsYardDairy on X.

All Aboard!

Scotland's famous 'Harry Potter' bridge, the Glenfinnan Viaduct, is currently getting some repairs! The old stone bridge, which appears in the Harry Potter films with the Hogwarts Express steaming across, is in need of some TLC to keep it strong and safe. Engineers are working carefully on the bridge, repairing cracks and strengthening the stones, to make sure it's fit and ready for many more years of magical journeys! 'The Glenfinnan Viaduct is very special,' said lead engineer Mark Wilson. 'We want to make



Pictured: The iconic Glenfinnan Railway Viaduct. **Source:** Exploring Alway on X.

sure it looks its best for all the fans who come to see it'. The bridge repairs will be done slowly to protect and preserve the original bridge as much as possible.

How can our hopes and dreams help us to succeed?



Hopes and dreams help us succeed because you make your own path it's not given to you, you make your own path in life. Rosalee

Picture News Stars!

Grewelthorpe C of E School in North Yorkshire have announced the winners of their Picture News inspired wildlife photography competition! The school decided to hold the competition after we asked the big question, 'How can photos shape the world?'. Staff invited all pupils to submit a photo that they had taken of wildlife in any country! The school council shortlisted the entries, and Wildlife Photographer of the Year finalist, Sarah Blake, selected a



Pictured: Daisy and Joey's winning photo.
Source: Grewelthorpe School.

winner. Siblings Daisy and Joey took the prize-winning photo together. Daisy said, 'It was taken just one evening on our farm whilst walking the dogs near Ripon. The birds often gather on the telephone lines, and we just took the picture one day as it looked so calm and peaceful.' Sarah explained her choice, saying that it was down to having the movements of passing birds, mixed in with the stillness and tranquillity of the scene with a beautiful sunset backdrop that influenced her decision.

Has your school run any competitions based on something that you have learned about through Picture News?

Let us know about it and you too could be a Picture News star in the spotlight!



Pictured: Daisy and Joey with the wildlife photo display at their school. **Source:** Mr Breckon, Grewelthorpe School.

Tiny Toad

A new tiny toad has been discovered living in a Brazilian rainforest. Researchers found the miniature amphibians in the Atlantic Rainforest, Ubatuba, on the coast of Brazil's São Paulo state. The extremely small toads are commonly known as flea-toads or toadlets. The world's second smallest vertebrate was identified by scientists working with Project Dacnis. They named it, *Brachycephalus Dacnis*, after the conservation, research and education project that cares for stretches of Atlantic Rainforest. The toad measures only 6.95 millimetres, and as you can see from the photo opposite, it is much smaller than a fingertip! The mini toads are also unique as they don't enter the world as a tadpole, they emerge from an egg, fully formed. 'There are small toads with all the characteristics of large toads except for their size,' says Luís



Pictured: *Brachycephalus Dacnis*.
Source: Projeto Dacnis on Facebook.

Felipe Toledo, a biology professor at the State University of Campinas. 'This genus is different. During its evolution, it underwent what we biologists call miniaturisation, which involves loss, reduction and/or fusion of bones, as well as fewer digits and absence of other parts of their anatomy.'

Did you know that toads this small exist? Do you think that there are lots of animals in the world that we haven't discovered yet?

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I think that in order to achieve a goal you need to not let anything get to you and follow the path you desire even when things get tough.

Mikhail

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