

**What's happening
in the news this week?**



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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How can photos shape the world?



Let's look at this week's story

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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
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This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



How does it make me feel?



sad

despondent
disconsolate
dismal
doleful
downhearted
forlorn
gloomy
melancholic
miserable
woeful
wretched

angry

aggrieved
annoyed
discontented
disgruntled
distressed
exasperated
frustrated
indignant
offended
outraged
resentful
vexed

happy

beaming
buoyant
cheery
contented
delighted
enraptured
gleeful
glowing
joyful

confused

addled
baffled
bemused
bewildered
disorientated
indistinct
muddled
mystified
perplexed
puzzled

excited

animated
elevated
enlivened
enthusiastic
exhilarated
exuberant
thrilled

worried

agitated
anxious
apprehensive
concerned
disquieted
distraught
distressed
disturbed
fretful
perturbed
troubled
uneasy

overwhelmed

engulfed
inundated
overburdened
overloaded
saturated
submerged
swamped

afraid

alarmed
apprehensive
daunted
fearful
frantic
horrified
petrified
terrified

guilty

ashamed
compunctious
contrite
culpable
penitent
responsible
rueful

jealous

bitter
covetous
desirous
envious
envying
resentful
wary

thankful

appreciative
grateful
gratified
indebted
obliged
relieved

shocked

astonished
astounded
disconcerted
distressed
dumbfounded
horrified
staggered
startled
stunned
surprised

disgusted

affronted
appalled
horrified
repelled
repulsed
revolted
sickened

inspired

activated
encouraged
exhilarated
galvanised
influenced
motivated

embarrassed

ashamed
awkward
chagrined
demeaned
discomposd
humiliated
self-conscious
uncomfortable
uneasy
unsettled

interested

absorbed
captivated
curious
engaged
enthralled
fascinated
gripped
intrigued
riveted

This week's story looks at events related to ...



The competition was developed by the Natural History Museum in London, UK.





Read through the information below about the competition and its aims. Is the gallery of photos something you would like to visit? What do you think are some of the benefits of the competition?

What is the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition?

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year is the Natural History Museum's (NHM) annual competition and exhibition, 'highlighting the unique relationship between photography, science and art'.

The competition, which started in 1965 as a magazine contest with just 361 entries, has become, according to the NHM, one of the world's most prestigious photography awards, with over 45,000 entries each year and an exhibition seen by millions!



What do the winners receive?

The winners of the categories (which include Animals in their Environment, Under Water, and there is even a Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year award) receive cash prizes, a trip to London, and their photos displayed in the Natural History Museum. There is also an overall winner.



Who was last year's Adult Grand Title winner?



Picture: Laurent photographed a tri-spine horseshoe crab as it moved slowly over the mud, searching for food. He focused on the horseshoe crab's golden body and the three fish ready to catch leftover food.

Source: The Golden Horseshoe by Laurent Ballesta.



Look at the resource below, which shares some famous photographs from history.

Source: @TheFigen on X.



Lunch atop a Skyscraper (1932)
by photographer, Charles C. Ebbets.



Source: @ArtsofExistence on X.

The Afghan Girl
(1985) by
photojournalist,
Steve McCurry.

Source: @TheWhipNovel on X.



Jane Goodall with a chimpanzee (1960s)
by wildlife photographer, Hugo van Lawick.

Source: Canva.



Earthrise (1968) by astronaut, William Anders.

Use the following discussion prompts to explore these famous photos.

- What can you see?
- What is your favourite thing about this photograph?
- How does it make you feel?
- Where might it have been taken?
- Who do you think took the photograph?
- What might have happened just before/ after this photo was taken?
- How might the people/ animals in the photograph be feeling?





Look at the resource below. Use the information and your own experience of photography to discuss how it has changed over time and how this may have impacted society.

Before photography, it was impossible to capture a moment in time in quite the same way. Often events were documented through writing and illustrations. For landscapes, portraits of people or other visual representations, painting was often used.

Photography was invented in the early 1800s. The world's first photograph was taken in 1826 by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce from France.



Photograph taken circa 1900.



1950s camera.



A camera with film rolls.



A digital camera. These are still used today but often people with mobile phones prefer to use their phone's built-in camera.



Mobile phones with built-in cameras became popular in the early 2000s.

When I was a child, we had a camera. It had a film in it that we sent off to be developed. My mum sometimes bought me a disposable camera that I was allowed to take pictures with. We never knew what the photos would look like until they arrived. We did get some ones of fingers that had covered the lens!

Cara, aged 44.



How can photos shape the world?

Reflection



Photos have a unique role in the world. They are able to record history and can help us to change the way we view things.





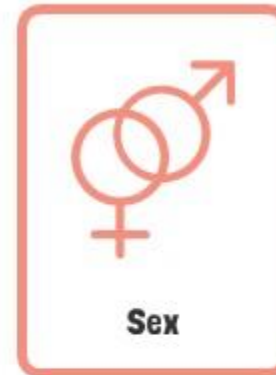
Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Photographs can provide a unique view into the wider world. They can help us to learn about and care for animals and environments that we may not previously have been aware of.

Protected Characteristics



The Wildlife Photography competition includes a category for young photographers to enter their pictures, showing that work is valued from everyone, no matter their age.





UN Rights of the Child



Children have the right to find out and share information. Governments must help children to access the information they need so that they can learn more about the world around them.



Useful vocabulary



Annual

Something that happens once every year.

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Categories

A class or group of things.

The winners of the **categories** ... receive cash prizes, a trip to London and their photos displayed in the Natural History Museum.

Conservation

The protection of wildlife and the environment.

This year the competition has also introduced a new Impact Award to recognise **conservation** successes and stories of hope.

Exhibition

A display of artwork or other items of interest to the public.

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Prestigious

Something that is respected or admired by people.

The competition ... has become one of the world's most **prestigious** photography awards.

Shortlist

A small group of things, picked from many as they are the best or most suitable.

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year **shortlist** has recently been announced.

Can you use them in your writing this week?

A Platform Palaver!

Every year on September 1st, Harry Potter fans gather at King's Cross Station in London to hear a special announcement about the Hogwarts Express. At 11.00 a.m., there's usually a fun message that makes everyone feel like they're on Platform 9¾, just like in the world of Harry Potter! But this year, the magical Hogwarts Express announcement was cancelled. The station explained that it has been stopped due to safety concerns, as the station can get very crowded with fans. Harry Potter fan, Emily, who has visited the event before, said, 'I'm really sad that the announcement isn't happening this year. It's such a magical moment for fans. But I



Pictured: Platform 9¾ at King's Cross Station, London. **Source:** Canva.

understand that they want to keep everyone safe.' Visitors can still go to King's Cross to see the famous Platform 9¾ sign. While it's disappointing the tradition didn't happen this time, many fans are hopeful it will return next year, bringing the magic back to King's Cross!

Plastic Pollution

A new study has found that Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Nestlé, and Danone are the biggest sources of plastic pollution in the world. The study was done by a group called Break Free From Plastic. They looked at plastic waste in 84 countries between 2018 and 2022. Over 100,000 volunteers collected 1.8 million pieces of plastic from beaches, rivers, and parks. Many of these were single-use containers. Plastic pollution is dangerous for wildlife and adds to global warming. Companies like Coca-Cola and PepsiCo are

trying to improve recycling, but only 9% of plastic is recycled. Experts say reducing plastic use is the best idea. Researcher, Natalie, remains hopeful, saying plastic pollution 'is a challenge we can solve'. World leaders will meet in November to discuss ways to reduce plastic waste.



Pictured: Plastic waste. **Source:** Canva.

How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?



We can help our teachers at school by listening and trying our best.

Freddie

Clever Canines!

Researchers, at the Eotvos Lorand University in Hungary, have discovered that talented dogs can remember the names of toys for at least two years! Five special border collies: Gaia, Max, Whiskey, Squall and Rico learned the names of multiple toys and were tested to see how many they remembered two years later. The study is part of the Genius Dog Challenge (GDC) and the dogs involved did really well. The results showed that four of the five dogs remembered the names of 60-75% of the toys. GDC is encouraging owners to contact the website if their dogs can identify toys by name. Two of the dogs are pictured.



Dr Claudia Fugazza, from Eotvos Lorand University in Hungary, commented on the study, saying, 'We know that dogs can remember events for at least 24 hours and odours for up to one year, but this is the first study showing that some talented dogs can remember words for at least two years.' She also explained that the dogs participating in the study had been identified as having a talent for learning words previously, saying, 'The findings of our current study cannot be generalised to other dogs because we only tested GWL (gifted word learner) dogs, individuals that show a special talent for acquiring object words.'

Do you know any clever canines? What would you like to teach a pet to do?



Pictured right: Coraline with some of her toys.
Pictured above: Jesse and his 130 toys.
Source: Genius Dog Challenge on Facebook.

LEGO Replay!

LEGO have announced that they will be making their bricks from 50% recycled plastic by 2026! They also said that this move is going to cost them more money because the renewable resin that they will use is 70% more expensive. LEGO don't want to pass the increase in price on to their customers. 'The costs of these materials will not be passed on to the consumers, it will be absorbed by the LEGO Group on our bottom line,' the company said. LEGO has set the target date of 2032 to reach a goal of using entirely renewable and recycled materials.

LEGO's Replay program has also extended. Replay allows people to send the LEGO bricks that they no longer require to be reused or recycled by the company. LEGO even pay for the postage! The bricks are washed, sorted into new sets and donated to be



Pictured: A Lego scene of Notre Dame.
Source: Lego on Facebook.

played with again. Over 400,000 sets of repurposed bricks have been given away so far. When LEGO Replay was launched in the UK, Tim Brooks from LEGO said, 'We want to rehome, repurpose or recycle every LEGO brick to keep them in play for longer. We hope LEGO Replay will help even more people donate their LEGO bricks with ease and feel proud they are supporting playful learning for children across the country.'

Can you think of other ways to recycle toys?

How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?



My granny always says to treat others how we would like to be treated, and I think that is great advice.

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Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you think of any wider benefits of people learning about the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition?
- Do you enjoy photography? Do you prefer looking at or taking photos?
- Do you have a favourite photo? What is it of, and who took it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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