



Air pollution can cause thick smog in major cities such as Shanghai in China

World superpowers to act on climate change

» Leading polluters will work together

Two of the world's biggest and most powerful countries have agreed to take more action on climate change.

China and the United States are also the top two most polluting countries in the world – but they have now announced a plan to work together to reduce harmful carbon emissions which damage the environment.

A joint statement from the two countries said: “The United States and China are committed to co-operating with each other and with other countries to tackle the climate crisis.”

The announcement came as US President Joe Biden held a summit meeting of world leaders to discuss climate change.

The US pulled out of the Paris Agreement on climate change under previous president Donald Trump but rejoined when Mr Biden was elected president.

And in the UK, the government has announced it aims to reduce carbon emissions by 78 per cent over the next 14 years. The plans will include encouraging more use of electric cars and cleaner and renewable sources of electricity. Aviation has also been included in the scheme for the first time.

The climate developments came in the same week as Earth Day, when campaigners promote ways for people to be more environmentally-friendly.

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Top 10 polluting countries

(measured in millions of tons of CO₂ released in 2019)

■ 1	China	10,065
■ 2	United States	5,416
■ 3	India	2,654
■ 4	Russia	1,711
■ 5	Japan	1,162
■ 6	Germany	759
■ 7	Iran	720
■ 8	South Korea	659
■ 9	Saudi Arabia	621
■ 10	Indonesia	615

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Welcome to
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Welcome to the first edition of *The News Shed*, a digital newspaper for primary school children and their teachers.

We will be publishing every week in term-time on the literacyshedplus.com website, available every Friday for teachers to use with their classes the following week.

We hope you find it easy to read online or download, print out and read.

As well as news, we will be focusing on nature, arts, science and technology, history and sport in a way which supports the curriculum and allows teachers and pupils alike to explore different subjects.

Rob Smith, director of The Literacy Shed, said: "It is important for all of us to understand what is going on around us locally, nationally and globally."

"The news helps us to see real-life stories about which we can form our own views and opinions."

We start with everything from helicopters on Mars to dormice in Yorkshire and next month's FA Cup final. Learn and enjoy!

The NEWS Shed

■ The News Shed is a digital newspaper, produced weekly to inform, entertain and educate pupils and to provide resources for their teachers.

■ It is among a whole host of educational resources at: www.literacyshedplus.com

■ For contact details please see the website.

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Helicopter flies on Mars



A Nasa photograph of Ingenuity on the surface of Mars, taken from the rover vehicle

» Trial in search for signs of life on planet

The first powered and controlled flight on another planet has been successfully carried out.

A helicopter called Ingenuity lifted off from the surface of Mars as part of a mission by Nasa (the United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

The test flight saw Ingenuity, which is operated by remote control from Earth, lift off, rise to a height of around three metres (10ft) before gently landing.

Ingenuity was carried to Mars on the rover vehicle Perseverance which landed on the red planet in February on a mission to search for signs of life.

Nasa now hopes the test means it can use similar craft to explore areas of Mars

Fact SHED

Mars

■ The planet is the second smallest in the solar system, about half the diameter of Earth.

■ It was named after the Roman god of war.

■ A volcano on the planet, Olympus Mons, is 15 miles (24km) high, three times the height of Everest.

that vehicles on the ground cannot reach. Nasa official Steve Jurczyk said: "Ingenuity is the latest in a long tradition of Nasa projects achieving a space exploration goal once thought impossible."

Shops do battle over caterpillar cakes

Supermarkets are in dispute over caterpillar birthday cakes.

Marks and Spencer say their Colin the Caterpillar cake has been copied by Aldi's Cuthbert the Caterpillar and are now taking legal action to protect their trademark.

M&S want Aldi to stop selling



Cuthbert and to promise not to have anything similar on their shelves in the future.

And they aren't the only supermarkets with caterpillar-themed party treats. Asda sell Clyde the Caterpillar, Tesco have Curly on their shelves and Sainsbury's sell Wiggles.



The one-horned rhino has lost much of its natural habitat in India and Nepal as humans use more land for living and farming

Ban on travel helps increase rhino numbers

» Nepal survey is conservation boost

The Covid-19 pandemic has proved to be unexpected good news for one of the world's rarest animals.

Travel restrictions forced by the coronavirus mean fewer tourists have visited Nepal – and that has allowed the number of one-horned rhinos in the country to increase.

There are only an estimated 3,500 one-horned rhinos in the world, mostly in India, and they are listed as a vulnerable species.

But the numbers in Nepal in the Himalayas have risen from 645 to 752 in the last six years, according to a new survey.

Experts say the lockdown has allowed the rhinos to live more peacefully and roam more freely without tourists following them.

But the survey, by officials riding on tame elephants, was a dangerous under-

Fact SHED

- The one-horned rhino is also known as the Indian rhinoceros.
- They once roamed the whole Indian sub-continent but are now restricted to a few sites in northern India and Nepal.
- Their habitat has been reduced as humans use more and more land for farming.
- The rhinos are also threatened by poachers who hunt them for their horns.

taking. Some of the team were injured when a wild elephant attacked their animals, and one team member was killed by a tiger when he was collecting food for the elephants.

Opening a new door for dormice

A scheme has been launched to increase dormouse numbers.

The cute rodents were once extinct in Yorkshire – and much of the rest of England – but were reintroduced in 2008 and 2016 in two small areas of woodland in mid-Wensleydale.

Since then, a hedgerow has been laid to connect the two areas and now a third woodland is being connected.

It means there will be a three-mile wide habitat for dormice.

“We’re making the connections,” said Phill Hibbs of the National Park Authority. “Now we need the dormice to find them.”

“Dormice are arboreal creatures going from branch to branch and they do best in a shrub environment. They need hawthorn, blackthorn, spindle, hazel – especially hazel – bird cherry and dog rose.”



Dormice thrive in woodland

This little piggy is a film star



» Documentary is a big hit with critics

Would you go to see a film shot in black and white, with no talking, and which just showed a pig and her piglets on a farm, co-starring two cows and a one-legged chicken?

As well as no colour or dialogue, there are no superheroes or princesses, no explosions and no car chases.

Doesn't sound like your type of movie? Then you might be missing out.

Gunda was released in the United

States this month and has had rave reviews from film critics. The Rotten Tomatoes website, which averages out the ratings given to a film by critics, scores it at 98 per cent.

The film was made by Russian director Viktor Kossakovsky and the executive producer was the famous actor Joaquin Phoenix.

Gunda was shown at film festivals in Berlin (Germany), New York (USA) and Adelaide (Australia) last year and is now being shown across the United States.

It is expected to be released in the UK in June and a trailer for the film can be seen on YouTube.

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Five films starring animals

- Babe
- 101 Dalmatians
- Penguins of Madagascar
- Dumbo
- The Jungle Book

Coming next week in *The NEWS* Shed

May 3-9 is Children's Book Week and we will be celebrating by turning the spotlight on some of the best children's literature

» Don't miss it



WEEK *This* in HISTORY

**April
26, 1607**

The first permanent settlers from England arrived at Chesapeake Bay in what is now the United States.

**April
28, 1923**

The original Wembley Stadium was opened. The official capacity was 127,000 but an estimated 300,000 people squeezed in to see Bolton Wanderers beat West Ham 2-0 in the FA Cup final.

**April
28, 1980**

Tour de France-winning cyclist Bradley Wiggins, who also has five Olympic gold medals, was born in Belgium.

**April
29, 1986**

A fire at the Los Angeles Public Library destroyed 400,000 books.

**April
29, 2011**

Prince William married Catherine Middleton. They are now the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

**May
2, 1972**
Actor and wrestler Dwayne Johnson, known as The Rock, was born.

**April
27, 1992**

Betty Boothroyd became the first woman to be Speaker of the House of Commons.

**April
26, 1986**

A fire and explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear power station in Ukraine spread a huge amount of radioactive material and caused an environmental disaster.

**April
28, 2003**

The iTunes site was launched by Apple, allowing users to download music from the internet.

**April
27, 1828**

London Zoo opened its doors for the first time.

**May 1,
1999**

SpongeBob SquarePants appears for the first time on Nickelodeon.

May 1

The return of Spring is celebrated on May Day with traditional dancing around the maypole.

**April
26, 1964**

The African country Tanzania was founded from the merger of Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

**April
30, 1789**

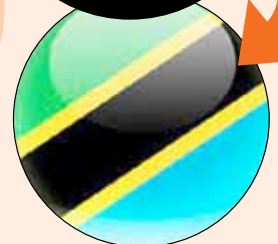
George Washington became the first president of the United States.

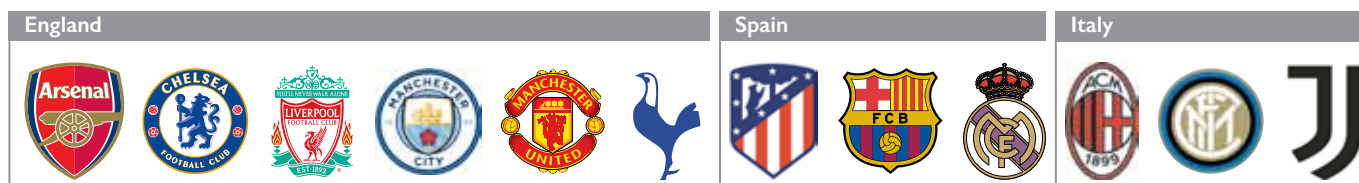
**April
30, 1939**

The first television broadcast in the United States was made by NBC.

**May
1, 1978**

Japanese explorer Naomi Uemura becomes the first person to reach the North Pole travelling alone. He used a sled pulled by dogs.





Super League shambles

» 'Greedy' scheme lasts only two days

The plan by 12 leading football clubs to launch a European Super League fell apart after two days of protests. Six English clubs and three each from Spain and Italy wanted to rival the Champions League with their own big-money competition.

But other clubs, managers, players, fans of the would-be breakaway clubs,

alongside pundits and politicians, all protested angrily that the plan was motivated by club owners' greed.

And two days after revealing their bombshell, the six English clubs one by one announced that they were backing out of the idea, some of them apologising for their actions.

The morning after the clubs' late-night withdrawal, the chairman of Italian club Juventus, Andrea Agnelli, admitted it was not possible to go ahead with the proposed league without the participation of the English clubs.

Fact SHED

The 12 plotters

■ **England:** Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur.

■ **Spain:** Atletico Madrid, Barcelona, Real Madrid.

■ **Italy:** AC Milan, Inter Milan, Juventus.

Cav sprints back into great form

Racing cyclist Mark Cavendish roared back into form by winning four stages at the Tour of Turkey.

There are now hopes the sprinter from the Isle of Man could add to his 30 stage wins in the Tour de France – he is only four behind Eddy Merckx's record 34.

Cavendish has not won a Tour de France stage for five years after suffering illnesses and a loss of form.

One-day stages in cycling tours are often won by sprinters in a mad scramble at the end – but they rarely win the race overall as they are not as good on tough uphill stages. Although Cavendish won half of the eight stages in Turkey, Jose Manuel Diaz was the overall winner.



Speed merchant Mark Cavendish

Can Foxes end losing streak?

Leicester City will be hoping to end an unwanted record when they play Chelsea in the FA Cup final on May 15.

The Foxes reached a fifth final when they beat Southampton 1-0 in the semi-final. But they hold the record for making the most FA Cup final appearances – four – without winning one.

Others have lost more finals, but those clubs have also won at least once too.

Chelsea, who beat Manchester City 1-0 in their semi-final, have appeared in 14 finals, winning eight and losing six.

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Cav's Tour de France stage wins

■ 2008.....4	■ 2012.....3
■ 2009.....6	■ 2013.....2
■ 2010.....5	■ 2015.....1
■ 2011.....5	■ 2016.....4

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Leicester's FA Cup finals

■ 1949: lost 3-1 to Wolves
■ 1961: lost 2-0 to Tottenham
■ 1963: lost 3-1 to Man Utd
■ 1969: lost 1-0 to Man City