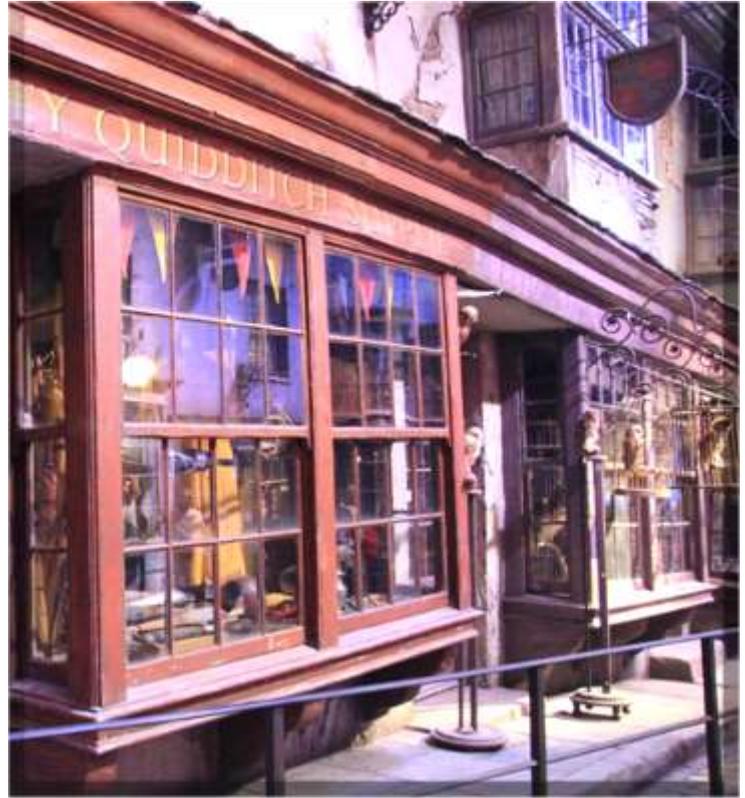




Harry Potter Street

There are advantages to having a parent who might be a little bit bored during Lockdown! Ella's dad, Dylan, gave her an extra-special surprise for her sixth birthday this year. He spent months converting one of the upstairs rooms into a reconstruction of Diagon Alley from J K Rowling's Harry Potter books. Dylan revealed the surprise to Ella at their house in Windsor during a game of hide and seek. Ella's secret street is designed to match the one where Harry Potter and his friends find the latest wizardry paraphernalia in shops such as Ollivander's wand shop and Eeylops Owl Emporium. Ella enters the street through the back of a wardrobe in her bedroom, Narnia-style. In an interview, her dad said: 'It was a room that was a nothing room. We never went in it; we just ran through it. Now it's actually the best room in the house!'



Pictured: The Making of Harry Potter 2012 Source: Karen Roe

Record number of sea turtles hatched



Pictured: Baby Olive Ridley turtle hatching

Source: dhamraeco

Thousands more Olive Ridley sea turtle babies than usual have hatched in Mexico this season. The species, with its small green heart-shaped shell, is regarded as 'vulnerable' by conservationists. Sea turtles are found in the warmer waters of the Pacific, Indian and Atlantic Oceans and lay their eggs between May and September. Numbers have declined by 50% since 1960s due to ocean pollution and the invasion of tourists into their breeding spaces. This year though, there have been fewer tourists due to the coronavirus pandemic, so the female turtles have been laying their eggs during the day as well as at night. One conservation group would usually release 500-1000 hatchlings back into the sea but this year 2250 turtle babies were released off the Gulf of California.



Impact Award for Climate Change Project

A climate change project by Year 6 at Maryport CE Primary School in Cumbria has earned them a well-deserved Picture News Impact Award. The project began in September but when the children watched David Attenborough's film 'A Life on our Planet', they were totally shocked by the devastating impact that climate change has had on the natural world. As a result, they immediately got to work designing and making campaign t-shirts and producing persuasive placards. They then set off on a peaceful 'protest', demonstrating that it was the responsibility of young people to raise awareness of the need to protect our planet. Teachers at the school said: 'We are all incredibly proud of how they are all wanting to do their bit to save and protect the planet'. You can view the video they produced on our Picture News Facebook page.



*Pictured: Y6 Eco-warriors from Maryport School
Source: School's own collection*

Your thoughts on the news...

I think they do because people are more likely to listen to them as they are role models.

Tegan – age 8

Not necessarily but if there is an opportunity to use their voice for good, they should use it.

Theo – age 10



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Yes. They have the power to change things. The famous celebrities should be having a say in the world on serious topics.

Szymon – age 13

Yes. It's good for celebrities to speak up.

Thomas – age 10

/ think...



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