

What's happening in the news this week?



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

25th November - 1st December 2024

How can we raise awareness of important issues?





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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).

Watch this week's useful video [here](#).

This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



How does it make me feel?



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





Read the information found below about the Earthshot Prize. What other projects or campaigns are you aware of that have been created to protect the planet?

What is the Earthshot Prize?

The Earthshot Prize is an annual event, created in 2020 by Prince William and British wildlife presenter and historian, David Attenborough.

Each year, five winners receive £1 million to scale up projects designed to fight different environmental issues, from air quality to protecting the oceans.

On its website, the Earthshot Prize says it intends to find and grow the solutions that will repair our planet, 'We face our greatest challenge – to regenerate the place we all call home in the next ten years.'

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I believe our world can be rich in possibility, in hope, and in optimism.

That is why the Earthshot Prize exists. To champion the game-changers, the inventors, the makers, the creatives, the leaders.

Prince William speaking about the Earthshot Prize.

What are the five Earthshot goals?

The project is based on five Earthshots – 'simple but ambitious and universal goals for 2030 developed in collaboration with leading environmental experts'. They are:



Protect
and Restore
Nature



Clean Our
Air



Revive Our
Oceans



Build a
Waste-free
World



Fix Our
Climate

Above: Earthshot goals, www.earthshotprize.org

**Resource
one**

Look at the resource below, which helps you to explore the five Earthshot goals.

Protect and restore nature

What kinds of animals, trees, or flowers do you see near where you live? Why do you think it's important to protect plants and animals? How could we help nature to grow and stay healthy?

**Fix our climate**

Have you noticed how the weather changes from season to season? What might happen if the Earth gets too warm? How would that change things for animals, plants, and people? What are some ways we could help keep the Earth healthy and not too warm?

**Revive our oceans**

What kinds of things live in the ocean? Have you ever seen rubbish on the beach or in the sea? How do you think it affects the animals? What could we do to help keep the oceans clean and safe?

**Build a waste-free world**

What happens to things like plastic bottles or food scraps when we throw them away? How could we reuse or recycle things, instead of throwing them out? What's one thing we could do to help reduce waste every day?



**Resource
two**

Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the five Earthshot Prize Winners.

Protect and Restore Nature

Winner - Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative, Kazakhstan

Its mission is to protect and restore Kazakhstan's Golden Steppe, an area of grasslands and wetlands the size of France. This initiative has saved the critically endangered saiga antelope from extinction.



Saiga antelope.

Clean Our Air

Winner - Green Africa Youth Organization (GAYO), Ghana

GAYO's 'Zero Waste Model' is designed to help people make changes so that waste can be managed across Africa. In 2023, GAYO kept 170 tonnes of waste out of landfills.



Fix Our Climate

Winner - Advanced Thermovoltaic Systems (ATS), USA

ATS has developed a technology that transforms waste heat from industries, such as cement and steel production, and converts it into electricity. This technology has the potential to save gigatonnes of CO₂.

(A gigatonne is a unit of weight equivalent to 1 billion tonnes.)



Revive Our Oceans

Winner - The High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People, Global

The HAC is a group of 119 countries with the goal of protecting 30% of land and oceans by 2030. Currently, only 17% of the world's land and 8% of its oceans are protected. The HAC connects governments, provides them with technical and financial support, and holds them accountable.



Source: www.earthshotprize.org.

Build a Waste-Free World

Winner - Keep IT Cool (KIC), Kenya

KIC helps small farmers and fishers by providing sustainable refrigeration systems. The cold storage units are solar-powered and have significantly reduced spoilage and waste. KIC has plans to grow into East Africa and beyond so they can support more communities.



Do you think these environmental solutions repair the planet? Discuss how impactful, inspiring and inclusive they are.

How can we raise awareness of important issues?



Reflection



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Democracy

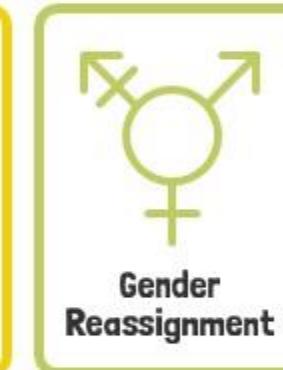
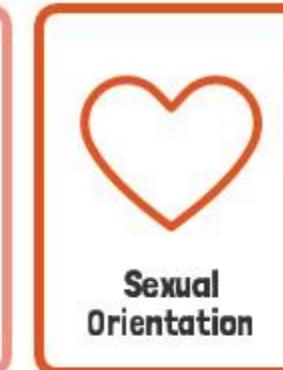
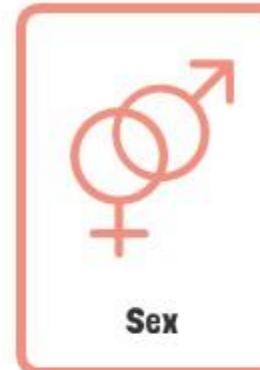
I can use my voice to raise awareness of issues that are important to me, like the environment. My opinions should be heard and I should listen to the opinions of others too.

Protected Characteristics



Ideas about how the world was created and how we should care for it can be shaped by someone's religion or belief.

We should never be treated unfairly because of our religion or belief.

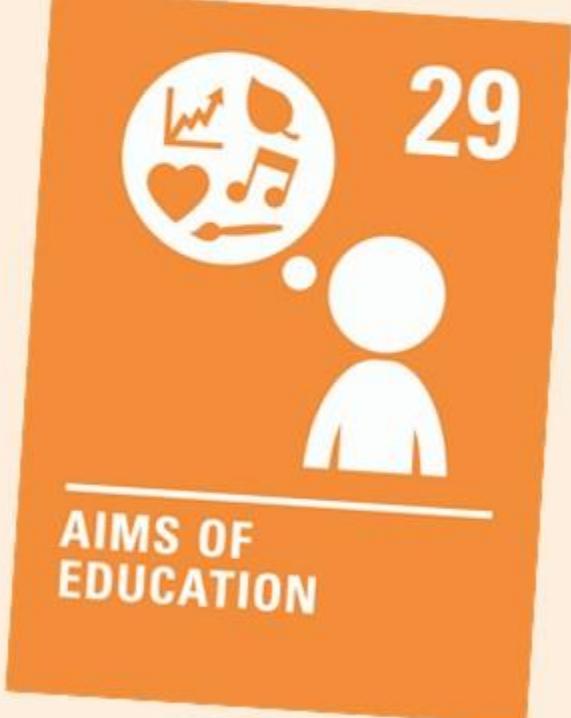




UN Rights of the Child



Our education should help us live peacefully and protect the environment.



Useful vocabulary



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Closed

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Scale up

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Can you use them in your writing this week?

Collective Worship



Bible Link: Genesis 2:15
Christian Value: Service
Theme: Stewards of Creation



Pupil involvement

Ask the children to close their eyes and imagine a beautiful place in our natural world they have visited. Where are you? In a wood, by the sea, at the top of a mountain, in a park? What can you hear? Leaves rustling, birds chirping, water trickling? What can you see? Flowers, animals, mountains, ripples in the water? How do you feel?

Imagine your beautiful place wasn't cared for. Perhaps litter was left, the flowers or trees were destroyed, or the air became polluted. How would you feel?

Discuss some actions you take to help care for your beautiful place and the world!

Pupil talk

- Share some of the wonderful places in our world and what makes them so special to you.
- How do you care for the world?
- Have you ever made a mistake and not cared for somewhere as you should?

Think

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God made our wonderful world and everything in it. Sometimes we make mistakes and do not care for God's Creation as we should. God offers forgiveness even when we fall short. The Earthshot Prize celebrates and supports those caring for the world. We have a responsibility to Creation, as stewards, and we can all play our part in looking after it.

Invitation prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for the wonderful world, that you made,
We are sorry for any times we may not have cared for it
as we should,
Help us to take responsibility and take action to care for
all Creation,
Amen

Key stage 1 class discussion

- What a wonderful and beautiful world we live in! Can you look out of the window and share some of the wonderful and beautiful things you see?
- Make a list of some of the things that make our world so special.
- What can you do to look after these special things?

Key stage 2 class discussion

- Are you aware of any climate and environmental issues we currently face? What are they? Can you find out more about them?
- Think about your daily lives. What actions do you take to care for the Earth? What else could you do?
- How could you raise awareness of climate and environmental issues in your local community?

Worship song

Think of a world without any flowers



God



Creation



Fall



People of God



Incarnation



Gospel



Salvation



Kingdom of God

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- Look at this week's poster, describe what you can see.
- An award ceremony has recently taken place for the Earthshot Prize. Is this something you have heard of before? What do you think it could be about?
- Read the information found on the assembly resource about the Earthshot Prize. Share your response to the competition. What other projects or campaigns are you aware of that have been created to protect the planet?
- The poster image shows an organisation called Green Africa Youth Organization, an Earthshot Prize winner. They encourage change in behaviour to help communities clean up waste across Africa.
- Watch this week's useful video called Generation Earthshot. What do you think is the main message from the video? What lessons can you take away from it?
- Have you ever been involved in a project or campaign to raise awareness of an important issue? What did you do and what impact did it have?

Reflection

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KS1 focus

How can young people become involved in Generation Earthshot?



Listen



Think



Share

- Look at the poster and talk about what you can see. What do you remember about this week's news story?
- Discuss the Earthshot Prize. Remind children that it's an award given to people who are coming up with ideas to help repair and protect our planet.
- Why do you think it's important to protect the planet? Whose responsibility is it? Can one person do it alone?
- This year, young people around the world are encouraged to join in through a project called 'Generation Earthshot'.
- Look at resource 1, which helps you to explore the five Earthshot goals. Spend some time thinking about and discussing each one. Which is the most important to you? Why? Do you feel like you can make a difference?
- Can you think of any ways people can help the Earth? For example, recycling, planting trees, or reducing waste.
- Did you know that even small actions, like turning off the lights when you leave a room or picking up litter, can help a lot!
- Can you think of any other little actions that can add up to big changes?

Reflection

Each small action we take to protect the Earth adds up. Together, we can make a big difference for our planet.

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KS2 focus

Who are some of this year's Earthshot Prize winners?



Listen



Think



Share

- Share anything you already know about the Earthshot Prize. What are its aims? Are you aware of any winners from last year's competition? Do you know any of this year's winners?
- Look at resource 2, which shares some information about the five Earthshot Prize winners. Do you think these environmental solutions repair the planet? Discuss how impactful, inspiring and inclusive they are.
- Focus on the image of the saiga antelope. Have you come across this species of antelope before? Do you know anything about it? Were you aware that it had been on the brink of extinction? Whose responsibility is it to ensure it does not become extinct?
- Think about the word 'sustainable'. If an environmental solution is sustainable, it causes or is made in a way that causes little or no damage to the environment. This means it can continue for a long time. Which of the Earthshot Prize winners do you believe offer a sustainable solution?
- 'Urgency + Optimism = Action' forms part of the Earthshot Prize vision and mission. Discuss what you think this stands for. How important is action? Can you share any actions you take to repair the planet? Are they sustainable?

Reflection

The winners of the Earthshot Prize have already taken action to provide environmental solutions to repair the planet. We can all choose to take action too.



KS2 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Plan an event in school to celebrate children and families in your community that contribute to protecting the planet. Think about:

- Will you have categories e.g., Restore Local Wildlife, Clean Air, Waste Free?
- Will your categories have logos?
- What questions will you include on your application form?
- What evidence will you ask them to submit?
- What prizes will the winners receive?
- When will you open and close the competition?
- Will you hold a ceremony to celebrate them?

By learning about and sharing the contributions others are making in your local community, you can help to raise awareness and inspire others to take action!

Option 2

Use resource 2 and a world map.

- Locate where each of the Earthshot Prize winners are.
- The High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People is global. What does this mean?
- The HAC has the goal of protecting 30% of land and oceans by 2030. Can you name and locate any of the world's oceans?
- Keep IT Cool (KIC) has plans to grow into East Africa and beyond. Can you find out which countries are East African?



KS1 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Let's make a 'Helping Hands for Earth' display! Start by drawing or painting the Earth on a large piece of paper. Draw or trace your hand and write one way you'll help the planet on it. This could be recycling, saving water or planting flowers.

Stick everyone's hands around the Earth picture to show how, together, small actions can add up to make a big difference!



Option 2

Invite the children to think about and bring in an item they think represents helping the planet. This could be a reusable water bottle, a piece of recycling, a photo of a tree they've planted, or a drawing of them saving water or energy. As a class, talk about each item and what they represent.

You could display them on a table or worktop in the classroom to create your very own 'Earthshot Actions' exhibition. Invite others in school to come and enjoy the exhibition, and learn about how they can do their bit to take care of our planet.



This week's useful websites

This week's news story

www.bbc.com/news/articles/crlnjyekpxeo

This week's useful video

Generation Earthshot
<https://youtu.be/zbk2VkvtkW0>

This week's Virtual Picture News

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Highway Hullabaloo

A busy highway between two Chinese cities became blocked with nearly 100,000 cyclists earlier this month! The riders were travelling from Zhengzhou to Kaifeng to try some special dumplings, as part of a social media trend called the 'Night Ride to Kaifeng'. Guantangbao are delicious dumplings, filled with warm, tasty soup, and are a local favourite in Kaifeng. The bicycle frenzy started with just four friends, who decided to rent bikes and cycle to Kaifeng to taste the famous dumplings. As more and more people joined, the streets became crowded and blocked with bikes. One of the original four friends said, 'You don't get

a second chance at youth, so you must go for a spontaneous trip with friends.' While it caused a bit of chaos, it was certainly an exciting adventure for everyone involved!



Pictured: Cyclists on their way to get their dumplings! Source: @tongbingxue on X.

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Whale Rescue!



Pictured: A humpback whale enjoying its freedom! Source: Canva.

A humpback whale, that became tangled in fishing ropes, has been set free in Loch Fyne, Scotland. The poor whale had ropes wrapped around its body and head, making it hard for it to swim. A team from British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) rushed to help. Using underwater cameras, they saw how tightly the ropes were caught around the whale. 'It was a tricky job, but we're thrilled to see the whale swim away safely,' said BDMLR rescuer Sarah Collins. The team carefully untangled the

ropes, and soon the whale was free to dive back into the sea. Thanks to these brave rescuers, the humpback whale is now safe and swimming happily again! The BDMLR hopes this rescue will serve as a reminder of the importance of keeping our oceans clean and safe for all sea creatures.

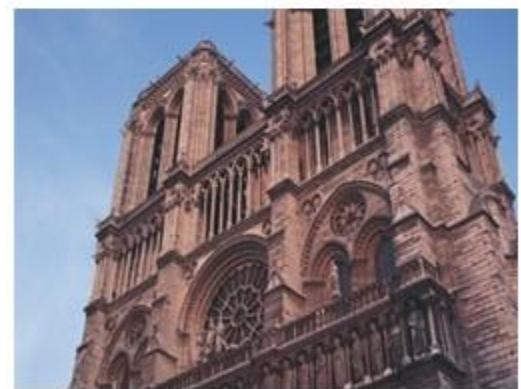
What impact can bullying have on a community?



Sometimes the people who bully can be hurt inside but there is still no reason to bully someone and hurt them. Alyza

Bells Ring Out!

Notre Dame Cathedral, in Île de la Cité, Paris, is due to reopen on 8th December. It has been restored following a fire that destroyed a lot of the historic building in 2019. Earlier this month, people were overjoyed to hear the bells ringing out across the city for the first time in five years! Chimes from the cathedral's northern belfry were heard by thousands. The eight bells rang as part of a technical test. Three of the bells are new (pictured right), including the recently-gifted 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games bell. This special bell rang out during the Games



Pictured: Notre Dame. Source: Canva.



Pictured: Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris and the recently installed bells.

Source: Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris on Facebook.

whenever an athlete won gold or broke a record. Explaining that it was 'the culmination of a big project', Alexandre Gougeon, who managed the bell's installation, said, 'Hearing the bells ring this morning was very moving'.

**Do you like to hear bells tolling?
Would you like to visit Notre Dame?**

Magic Circle Mystery!

The Magic Circle has launched a search to find their first female member, who had to pretend to be a man to join! The famous society of magicians is looking for the talented performer to apologise. Before women were allowed into the Magic Circle, Sophie Lloyd fooled the organisation by posing as a male. She passed her entrance exams in disguise, going by the name Raymond Lloyd. After 18 months in the club, when the rules were changed and females were eventually allowed into the society in 1991, she revealed her true identity. The society responded by expelling her for 'deliberate deception'! Chair of the Magic Circle, Laura London, said, 'As a woman in magic it is so important to



Pictured: Sophie Lloyd (as herself and disguised as Raymond Lloyd!).

Source: Laura London Magic on Facebook.

share her story. Because what she was doing essentially was to prove that women were just as good as the guys.' Marvin Berglas from the Magic Circle, explained, 'We're trying to welcome Sophie back because it's such a great story. Being that she was such a pioneer we would love to find her, get her side of the story and honour her.'

How do you think it would feel to have to pretend to be someone else to do what you wanted to do?

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*Bullying can have a really bad impact on us because it will hurt people and make them feel like crumpled paper with no way to be straight again!
Dorothy*

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- 1st December



How can we raise awareness of important issues?



In the news this week

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you tell someone at home a bit more about the Earthshot Prize?
- Do you believe awards are a good way of raising awareness about important issues?
- Have you ever taken part in or contributed to a project with the aim of helping protect and look after the world? Ask others at home whether they have.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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