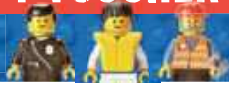


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MY EARTH CHARTER

PRINCE CHARLES CALLS ON BIG BUSINESS TO SAVE THE PLANET

THE Queen's son, the Prince of Wales, launched a plan this week calling on big business to save the planet.

He wants organisations to sign up to his ten-point Terra Carta – or Earth Charter – which is inspired by Magna Carta.

You will probably have learned about Magna Carta at school. It set out the rights of people in England, and was agreed by King John more than 800 years ago in 1215. Prince Charles' Terra Carta is

about the rights of nature, and sets out a plan to bring the success of businesses into harmony with nature, people and the planet over the next ten years.

Prince Charles, who is in line to be Britain's next king, has a passion for the planet and has campaigned on green issues for 50 years. He has had nearly 100 meetings with businesses and supporters leading up to the Terra Carta launch.

This is the Prince of Wales' message to First News readers:

by HRH Prince Charles

THE link between human health and the planet's health has never been more clear.

As we start a new decade, it is time to focus on the future we wish to build and, indeed, leave for generations to come.

People have made incredible progress over the past century, yet the cost of this progress has caused a lot of destruction to the planet that sustains us.

We simply cannot keep going like this. To build a growing and sustainable future, it is critical that we speed up care for the planet so it is at the heart of everything businesses do.

To move forward, there must be a central hub for this huge effort. To that end, I am launching the Terra Carta as the basis of a recovery plan for nature, people and planet.

I am making an urgent appeal to leaders from around the world to give their support to this Terra Carta. It is this which will decide whether or not our children and grandchildren look back on a series of broken promises, or instead see that there was a tipping point when the world shifted direction for the recovery of the planet.

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2. QUICK NEWS

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WONDER-FUL SHOW

It's hoped that an exciting new Alice in Wonderland exhibition will open at the V&A Museum in London this March. The Alice: Curiouser and Curiouser show will feature original Disney artwork, costumes from Tim Burton's live-action film and many other iconic illustrations. It will run until the end of the year.



FELINE FINE

Stray cats in Portugal are being given new places to shelter, thanks to household waste. Officials in Valongo are turning old or broken washing machines into cosy beds for the cats by removing doors, lining the machines with warm blankets and painting them. Please don't try this at home!

HATCHING EARLY



A new study from a team at James Cook University has found that in oceans warmed by the climate crisis, baby epaulette sharks emerge from their egg cases earlier – and are weaker. Epaulette sharks are unique to the Great Barrier Reef. The team says that it's worried about the knock-on effect this will have on the reef and other ecosystems. Dr Jodie Rummer, co-author of the study, said that "healthy coral reefs need healthy predators".

PUSHING POWER

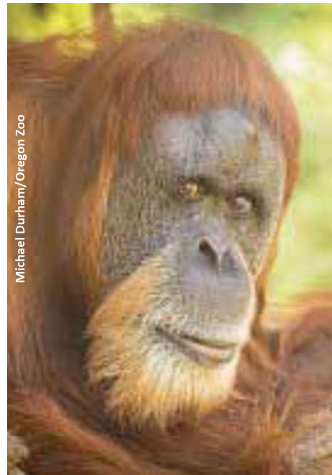
A man in India has set a new world record for four-finger push-ups – two on each hand (yes, really!). Athlete Laithangbam Vidyasagar Singh managed to complete an impressive 85 four-finger push-ups in one minute. That means he used just two fingers from each hand to push his entire body weight off the ground. Wow!

QUICK NEWS

TO READ YOURSELF AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS

OLDEST ORANGUTAN

The world's oldest orangutan has died at the age of 61. Inji lived at Oregon Zoo in the USA. She arrived there all the way back in 1961 when she was about one year old. Last week she was put to sleep by vets after suffering poor health. Zookeeper Bob Lee said: "Inji's ability to connect with people was incredible. She inspired generations."



PARROT MIX-UP

A dad's 'bird rescue' attempt has gone viral on the internet. Stephen Maguire, from Glasgow, thought he spied a poorly parrot in his back garden and vowed to help save it. However, when Stephen approached the parrot, he discovered it was in fact something entirely different... a cleaning brush! The family shared the mix-up on Facebook and thousands of people have liked it. Oops!

KEEPING THE CASTLE

I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! could be returning to Wales again this year. ITV bosses have booked Gwrych Castle for a second year, in case the coronavirus again stops the show from being filmed in Australia. Giovanna Fletcher was named the first-ever queen of the castle in 2020.

POOH DAY

Did you know it's Winnie-the-Pooh Day on 18 January? People across the world will celebrate all things about the fictional bear, who just loves honey! The day falls on the birthday of Pooh's creator, author AA Milne. Why not read one of his stories during lockdown?

FAMILY FITNESS

The BBC is helping to keep families fit during lockdown with a special series of programmes. Stars from *Strictly Come Dancing*, PE hero Joe Wicks and swimmer Adam Peaty are among those who will take part in fitness challenges and fun activities. You can enjoy a Super Movers session each morning by tuning in to BBC Bitesize Daily on CBBC.



MISSING MOGGY

An escapee cat has been reunited with its owner, after going missing at an airport. Taylor Le and her pet cat Muji were travelling from New York's LaGuardia Airport to California, when the moggy made a break for it. After 11 days on the run, and with the help of a sniffer dog, Muji was eventually found safe and well – hiding in the airport's ceiling.

EUROVISION'S BACK!

Eurovision Song Contest organisers say it's going ahead this year. The show had to be cancelled in 2020 because of COVID-19, but organisers say the competition will take place in Rotterdam in the Netherlands in 2021. Some of the songs might be pre-recorded if acts can't travel to the venue or have to self-isolate. The show is set to air on 22 May.



LOVING LOAVES

Bakers in Seattle, USA, are donating bread to local food banks, to help those in need during the pandemic. Nearly 500 home bakers are involved with the Community Loaves initiative. More than 1,300 loaves were baked and donated in one day recently!



SUSSEXES QUIT

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have quit social media, says the *Sunday Times*. Harry and Meghan, who stepped down from royal duties last year, are not expected to use any social media platforms for their non-profit organisation, the Archewell Foundation. They have not used their Instagram account since March.



JOE BIDEN TO BECOME AMERICA'S PRESIDENT

The White House – home of the US president



POLL OF THE WEEK
Do you think Joe Biden will be a good president? Vote at first.news/polls

PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden will be inaugurated on Wednesday 20 January, meaning he becomes the 46th President of the United States. This follows him winning the Presidential election at the end of last year.

But it won't be a normal ceremony for a few reasons.

The coronavirus pandemic and new security worries following violence last week by a mob supporting outgoing President Donald Trump means there will be changes to what is a historical American day.

Here's what you need to know:

- Joe Biden is expected to arrive in America's capital city, Washington DC, by train – his favourite way to travel. See our "WOW!" below.
- He will still be sworn in on the steps of the Capitol Building, the scene of last week's riots. Although there are fears about more protests, Joe Biden said on Monday: "I am not afraid to take the oath outside."
- Biden will be joined by Kamala Harris (right), the first female and the first Asian-American vice president of the United States. She said: "While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last."
- They will both lay a wreath after they take the oath.
- The Bidens will receive a presidential escort to the White House (above) after his swearing-in.
- Celebration events will be smaller than usual because of the health risks from the coronavirus pandemic. There are very few tickets for the ceremony and viewing stands have been taken down to discourage crowds.
- Normally people gather along the National Mall to celebrate, but the parade is being replaced by a virtual parade.
- The parade will celebrate America's heroes, and highlight Americans from all backgrounds, in different states and regions, reflecting the country's diversity.
- The theme for the event will be 'America United' – after Donald Trump is said to have caused so much division in the country during his time as president.



So, why was there a riot last week?

SUPPORTERS of Donald Trump stormed the Capitol Building (the US parliament) in Washington DC, leading to five deaths.

President Trump has been accused of encouraging the angry mob. He gave a speech to a crowd of his supporters near the White House, just a short walk from the Capitol. During the speech, Mr Trump repeated his false claims about the election being stolen from him, and urged people to "stop the steal".

The invasion of the Capitol started soon after Mr Trump's vice president, Mike Pence, officially confirmed the result of the election, which Joe Biden won.



Opponents of President Trump, including some in his own party, were due to begin the impeachment [committing a crime in office] process this week. Mr Trump is due to leave his job this month anyway, so some people think an impeachment trial is pointless, but his opponents say it would help to block him from running for president again in four years' time.

WOW!

Joe Biden travelled by train for 36 years between Wilmington and Washington DC, while serving as a senator. Amtrak, the national rail network, estimates he has travelled 2.1 million miles.

4. NEWS IN PICTURES

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NAPLES, ITALY



THIS huge sinkhole opened up in a hospital car park, after the ground beneath the park gave way.

SHANGHAI, CHINA



BULL statues are being placed in the streets for the upcoming Chinese New Year, the Year of the Ox. This year Chinese New Year falls on 12 February, and the festival will last until 26 February.

LONDON, UK



THE London Eye is lit up in blue in support of the NHS. To show thanks to the NHS workers and volunteers working on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic, lots of London's landmarks, historic buildings, sporting and entertainment venues will be turned blue.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES



DEVOTEES observe social distancing as they hear mass outside Quiapo church to celebrate the Feast of the Black Nazarene. The feast is usually attended by as many as six million people and happens every year on 9 January. The Black Nazarene is a dark wood sculpture of Jesus brought to the Philippines in 1606 from Spain and considered miraculous by many Filipinos.

BLACK FOREST, GERMANY



SKIERS make their way through heavy snowfall to the top of a mountain in the Black Forest.



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