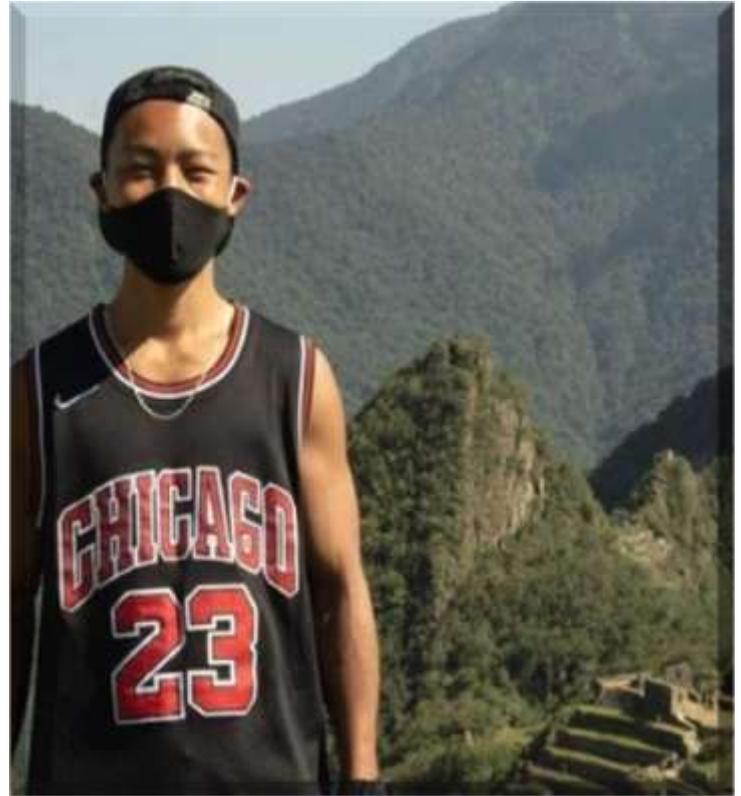




Private tour for Japanese tourist

When the Peruvian borders closed in March, due to the global travel restrictions, one Japanese tourist, Jesse Takayama, became stranded in the town of Aguas Calientes. He had always dreamed of visiting the ancient Inca ruin at Machu Picchu and bought a ticket only days before it shut. During the seven months since then, the fitness instructor has coached local children in basketball and taught yoga, becoming popular with villagers. When he posted online about how much he still wished to visit the world-famous citadel, Culture Minister, Alejandro Neyra granted his request and opened up the site just for him. "He had come to Peru with the dream of being able to enter," the minister said. After the trip, Jesse posted on Instagram: "The first person on Earth who went to Machu Picchu since the lockdown is meeeeeeee. The people of Peru are too kind."



Pictured: Jesse Takayama at Machu Picchu Source: Zenith Travel Twitter Feed

Surprise orangutan at Chester Zoo



*Pictured: Boy or girl? Protective orangutan mum keeps baby hidden
Source: Tony Hisgett*

Bornean orangutans at Chester Zoo are carrying on life as normal in spite of the global pandemic. Mum, Leia gave birth to a baby on 18th June; only the second to be born as part of the zoo's breeding programme. But the baby was a wonderful surprise as keepers did not know that Leia was pregnant. Since then, the protective mum has kept her baby well-hidden so experts at Chester Zoo have been unable to find out if the 'bright and alert' baby is a boy or a girl. Keeper, Chris Yarwood said: "It was a wonderful surprise to arrive one morning to see her protectively cradling a beautiful new arrival". Orangutans are critically endangered in the wild, with only an estimated 55,000 left on the Asian island of Borneo.



Impact Award for Junior Travel Ambassadors

Pupils from Meldreth Primary School in Cambridgeshire have made a huge impact on local road safety and 'green travel' recently. Whilst Picture News schools have been asking 'Should we be allowed to walk wherever we like?', nine-year-old Iris has been lobbying her local council to build a cycleway from her village to the nearest town of Royston. With the help of her teacher, Mr Jones, keen cyclist Iris and her fellow Junior Travel Ambassadors attended a council meeting to ask councillors: "How old will I have to be before I can ride safely to Royston on a cycle path?" Despite feeling nervous, Iris persuaded councillors to go ahead with the green cycleway from Melbourn village, which will be ready two years earlier than she expected. She explained: "It will make life better and a lot easier for everyone in our village." Well done for using your voice to make such a positive impact, Iris!



*Pictured: Iris with brother, Yunus and friend Alfie at Greater Cambridge Council
Source: School's own collection*

Your thoughts on the news...

No, I think we should only walk on footpaths, because if we walk wherever we like, we might get into a car accident because someone was walking on the road, or we might trample the farmer's crops, because we were walking on them.
Aadya – age 9



No, because it's not safe as sometimes there are people cycling on the footpaths or sometimes there are potholes or some constructions on-going on the footpath.
Dhruv – age 10

I think it's OK if the landowners agree with it
Theo – age 10

What was your opinion on this week's news? Visit our discussion area, found here:

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to share your thoughts!

I like footpaths because they are good for your health, especially the green footpaths.
Fares – age 11



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