

Skiing all over the world



Pictured: Maddock Lipp and his family skiing at the Antarctic **Source:** @QuarkExpedition Twitter page.

Maddock Lipp, an 8-year-old from Colorado, USA, has unofficially become the youngest person to ski on all seven continents. He may soon take the Guinness World Record from the current holder, Victoria Rae White, who was 10 years and 79 days old when she gained the title in 2008. Maddock, who learned to ski aged 2 close to his hometown of Golden in the continent of North America, has already glided down slopes in Europe (Italy), Oceania (Thredbo and Perisher,

Australia), Africa (Morocco), Asia (South Korea), and South America (Chile and Argentina). The Lipp family travelled to Antarctica when Maddock was 8 years and 25 days old as part of a ski expedition onboard the Ocean Diamond. Maddock Lipp says he liked skiing in the Antarctica best 'because I got to ski next to the penguins!' He celebrated by drinking Fanta and eating nachos, followed by ice cream.

How would you celebrate breaking a record?

Raccoon rescue

Railroad workers have rescued a troubled raccoon after the hair on his bottom became frozen to a railway line in very cold weather conditions in Georgia, United States. The unlucky mammal is thought to have become attached to the track after sitting on it for too long in -12°C temperatures. Describing the rescue mission, rail worker, Neil Mullis, said, 'I poured the warm water under his bottom while a co-worker worked... to try and break him loose. After about five minutes of slowly working him loose, he was free. He jumped off the rail and ran in the woods

never looking back.' Leaving only a few clumps of fur behind on the tracks, the raccoon made an injury-free escape. Raccoons are known for their intelligence and problem solving. They are brilliant climbers and can descend a tree head first. They are nocturnal animals with excellent night vision, therefore they aren't normally seen in the daytime. Raccoons have the most sensitive sense of touch of any animal, their tiny 5 fingered hands are packed with over ten times the number of nerve endings as a human hand.

Do you know any raccoon facts?



Pictured: A Raccoon
Source: Canva

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Teddy bear transformation

A teddy bear has been lovingly restored, after just its head washed up on Porth beach near Newquay, Cornwall. Tracey Williams, founder of Twitter page, Lego Lost At Sea, made the discovery after heavy storms and posted a photo (pictured above) on her page. Rev Canon Eleanor Rance, who had never attempted to restore a bear before but enjoys sewing, said, 'When I saw the Twitter post, I thought he looked so sad but that he could have a lot of life left in him still. I offered to try and restore him and he arrived in a cardboard envelope, smelling strongly of the sea. He was completely caked in seaweed and had stones and tiny shells in his ears.' It took about a year for the painstaking transformation to be complete. Eleanor's son named the soft fluffy toy Sinbad, in reference to his sea travels, and a marine biologist has even offered to examine the seaweed removed from his fur to find clues as to where he might have been on his travels! Sinbad, (pictured bottom) the well-travelled bear, will now become a therapy bear. He will be taken into schools to join in with assemblies and visit residents at their care homes.

Can you think of anything that you would like to restore?



Pictured: Sinbad - before and after his restoration.
Source: Eleanor Ashton/Ranch @CassWoolibold Twitter page

Last week's topic: How much control do influencers have over our choices?

It is better to play outside than watch influencers on TV, because watching them might make you greedy.

Aurora



You need to choose your role models carefully. Influencers don't change my mind.

Ellie

It's too silly that everyone is queuing outside the shop to get one drink. There are millions of other drinks in the world!

Stevie

People are going crazy over prime! The book hunt idea is actually a good idea because you can get knowledge whilst having fun.

Jayden

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