



## Fishing Ban On World's Fastest Shark

The world's fastest shark, the shortfin mako, is currently endangered. Despite its speed, the shortfin mako has been unable to outswim fishing fleets, hunting it for its meat and fins. This has caused the shark's population in the North Atlantic to plummet. At the annual meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), a ban, which covers the hunting of mako in 2022 and 2023, was agreed by the EU, UK, Canada, Senegal and other Atlantic fishing nations. Shannon Arnold, marine programme coordinator at Ecology Action Centre, said: 'We congratulate Canada, the UK, Senegal, and Gabon, for leading the charge to secure this historic, science-based protection for endangered shortfin mako sharks. We celebrate this critical step today, mindful that the fight to bolster it

begins tomorrow.' Sometimes known as the 'cheetah of the ocean', the shortfin mako shark can reach speeds of about 45mph!



*Pictured: The world's fastest shark, the shortfin mako*  
*Source: Canva*

## Best Broadband In UK

How many of us rely on broadband in our everyday lives? Perhaps you might use it in school as part of lessons or to access learning at home? Perhaps your family food shop is done online, a family member works from home, or you use it to play games? Broadband is a high-speed internet connection that uses multiple types of technology



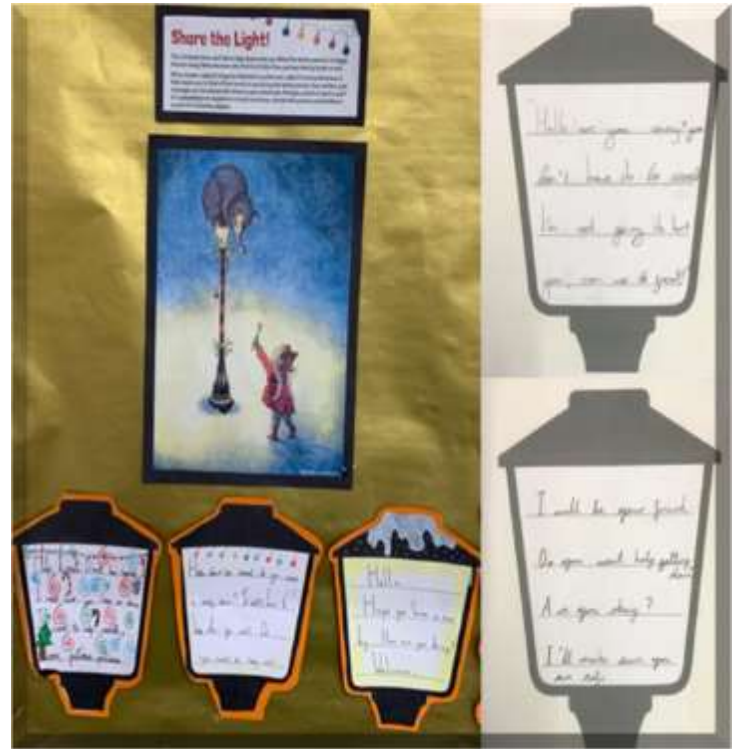
*Pictured: Using broadband to connect to the world*  
*Source: Canva*

to allow us to enjoy everything the online world has to offer. However, the speed of broadband we all use, is certainly not the same! A street in Swansea has been crowned as having the fastest broadband in the UK. According to website U-switch, residents in the Swansea street can download a two-hour film in 47 seconds; the same film taking 48 hours to download in a street in Cheshire! Ernest Doku, a broadband expert at Uswitch.com, said: 'It's been incredibly important over the last year-and-a-half that we have broadband that's not just good enough for playing games or watching TV but for getting our work done. Broadband has become super essential to consumers.' What's your school's broadband like? Let us know!



## Christmas Campaign #ShareTheLight

For many of us, the festive period is a time of joy and happiness, a time of eager anticipation, a time for being busy and lively. However, for some, it can be a tricky time, tinged with loneliness or sadness. Thinking of others and sharing kindness at this time really can help. We have seen many schools already taking part in this year's Picture News Christmas Campaign #ShareTheLight. Schools have used a special image called Christmas Kindness, by illustrator Lucy Burvant, to inspire kind words and messages, that can be recorded on lamps and shared with others in their local communities. Kind words can really make a difference to somebody. Whether you choose to take part with everybody in your class or with your family at home, it is never too late to spread kindness and #ShareTheLight. You can get your free pack and learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3FHe75J>



Pictured left: Display from Whalton CofE Primary School featuring Lucy Burvant's 'Christmas Kindness'.

Pictured right: Lamps from Year 6, Southcoates Primary Academy

## Your thoughts on last week's news...

*Yes it might help us be more eco-friendly to the planet and do stuff like: plant trees and stop animals from extinction.*  
Owen – age 10

*Yes because when we don't live a natural life, things get in the way and if we do live a natural life, we will be free from our worries.*  
Aioke – age 8



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to share your thoughts!

*Yes, I approve of having a more natural life. It lets you be calm, self-controlled & most importantly, you can be happy. If you live in big cities, your life has more chances of being harsh but not passive. We are alive but if yours is troublesome, check your surroundings.*  
Praneel – age 7

I think...



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