



Silver Stories Making An Impact

Silver Stories is a charity based in Cornwall that creates an intergenerational relationship. Each week, children (Silver Readers) telephone older people (Silver Listeners) to read. Silver Stories was created by retired police sergeant David Carney-Haworth OBE and retired primary school Head Elisabeth Carney-Haworth OBE in 2016, with the hope of combating loneliness and isolation felt by older people and providing children with a richer reading experience. Tegen, age 10, regularly reads to elderly members of society. She has given the recipients of her stories something to really look forward to and lifted the moods of the listeners. Her brother, Ollie, age 9, also joins in. One Silver Listener, Val, said: 'Today was the best, Tegan read to me with so much expression compared to when she first started reading to me. I could have

listened for ages. And then Ollie came on the call to read and what a change to him too... I love every minute of being part of Silver Stories.' Tegen was recognised for her efforts by the charity and had the opportunity to read to HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, who has become patron of Silver Stories. Tegen and Ollie read part of a story over the phone whilst being filmed! Tegen has been reading with Silver Stories for almost two years now and whilst she has gained confidence in reading and made new friends, we think she has made an incredible difference and a huge impact on the lives of others. Well done Tegen!



World's Heaviest Potato!



*Pictured: Doug, the potato on an adventure!
Source: @elliottwagland Twitter*

The world's heaviest potato is 4.98kg and has been in the Guinness Book of World Records since 2011 but this British spud could be rivalled! A small farm owner was weeding his garden when his hoe struck a large object beneath the surface of the soil. At first, Colin Craig-Brown from Hamilton, New Zealand, wasn't sure what the object was but after digging it out, he realised it was a ginormous potato! 'We couldn't believe it,' Craig's wife, Donna, said. 'It was just huge.' The couple are currently waiting to find out if their potato, weighing 7.9kg, has officially become the world's heaviest. In the meantime, they have taken to social media with their potato, named Doug, posting photographs of taking it for a walk, putting a hat on it and other adventures!



Great Pacific Garbage Patch

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP) is located halfway between Hawaii and California and is the largest plastic accumulation zone in the world's oceans. A clean-up mission has been launched by The Ocean Cleanup to remove the swirling mass of floating rubbish, which covers an estimated surface of 1.6 million square kilometres, three times the size of France! The Ocean Cleanup, a non-profit foundation, is developing technologies to rid the world's oceans of plastic. Recently, a ship operated by The Ocean Cleanup collected almost 30,000kg of plastic from the water, whilst trialling the technology. Boyan Slat, Founder and CEO of The Ocean Cleanup said: 'Today, I am most proud of the team and supporters for their dedication and perseverance that brought us to this moment. Getting here was not always easy, but we remained focused on our mission and its

necessity. While it's just the tip of the iceberg, these kilograms are the most important ones we will ever collect, because they are proof that clean-up is possible.' Testing campaigns have officially ended and the focus has now shifted to the clean-up.



*Pictured: The returning trial ship operated by The Ocean Cleanup.
Source: @TheOceanCleanup Twitter*

Your thoughts on last week's news...

*I think the government needs to make laws so everybody has to help the environment, otherwise nothing will change.
Leah – age 9*

*I always turn the lights off when I don't use them.
Ronnie – age 5*



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*We already know of different ways to tackle climate change but are we all doing it? It is everybody's responsibility and we all can make a difference. We all need to reduce our carbon footprints.
Ola – age 11*

I think...



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