



Fat bear contest winner revealed

Every year Katmai National Park & Preserve in Southwest Alaska run a fat bear contest and ask people to vote for their favourite fat bear. This year a grandmother bear named Holly won. This rotund and furry grandma is well-known to fans of the park and has been seen on its "bear cam" by millions of people. In order to build enough bulk to survive the winter, brown bears must eat a year's worth of food in six months. The bears will lose a third of their body weight during their winter sleep so the body fat they take on now is very important. This year the contest went viral and over 187,000 votes were counted, three times the votes last year! Katmai Park ranger Naomi Boak, who ran the competition, said: "She's just a great bear. When she doesn't have cubs, she looks like the Michelin Man."



Pictured: Holly the prize-winning bear taken from Katmai National Park & Preserve's Twitter page.

20 newly discovered moons orbiting Saturn



Pictured: Diagram showing the 20 newly discovered moons orbiting Saturn, taken from The Carnegie Institution for Science's Twitter Page.

A team of American researchers have discovered 20 new moons orbiting Saturn using the Subaru telescope on Maunakea, Hawaii. Saturn now has the most moons of any planet in the solar system. The discovery brings the planet's total to 82, previous record-holder, Jupiter, has 79. The newly discovered moons are only about three miles in diameter and are very far from the planet itself. The Carnegie Institution for Science, who announced the discovery is holding a contest to help name the new moons. To match with Saturn's previously known moons, suggested names must come from Inuit, Norse or Gallic mythology.

What would you like to call one of the moons?



Scotland bans plastic cotton buds!



Pictured: Justin Hofman's image of a SeaHorse for Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2017, taken from the Marine Conservation Society's Twitter page.

Scotland has banned the making and selling of plastic-stemmed cotton buds. Roseanna Cunningham, Scottish environment secretary, said she is "proud that the Scottish government has become the first UK administration to ban plastic-stemmed cotton buds". The move has been praised by environmental campaigners at the Marine Conservation Society, who have cleared around 150,000 plastic cotton bud sticks from beaches in Scotland. It's estimated cotton buds make up about half of all marine litter washed up on UK beaches. Paper-handled cotton buds are available as a replacement or other suggestions are a Japanese metal ear spoon, a drop of oil daily in the ear to loosen any build up, hot showers to flush it out naturally or using your fingernail!

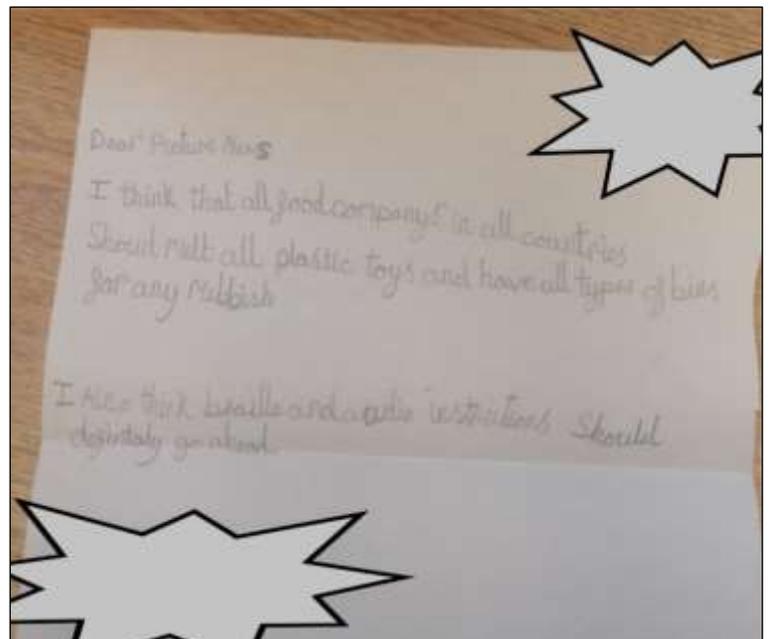
Do you think other countries should do this? Do you think that there are other single use plastic items that we could easily remove/replace?

What do you think...?

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