

## WORLD NEWS

### AUSTRALIA



#### GIFTS FROM THE DOLPHINS

Tin Can Bay is a popular tourist spot in Queensland, where visitors can feed and swim with dolphins. Because of the lockdown, people are no longer visiting and it seems the dolphins are missing us! The pod of dolphins is bringing in 'gifts' to the volunteers in the area. The treasures include pieces of coral, wood, seaweed, even old bottles. The clever creatures bring them to shore balanced on their snouts. They have been known to bring in gifts like this in the past, but never so often. The nearby café says the dolphins were showing "how much they're missing the public". But a dolphin expert says it probably shows that they are missing the free meals!



Barnades Cafe & Dolphin Feeding



### MEXICO



#### MANY MAMMOTHS

The remains of more than 60 mammoths have been discovered under the site of a new airport in Mexico. Archaeologists ("ar-key-ol-o-jists") said the bones are about 15,000 (fifteen thousand) years old. The area used to be under a shallow lake and the animals may have got stuck in the mud. Last year, traps for hunting mammoths were also found a few miles away. Mammoths were large mammals related to elephants that became extinct about 4,000 years ago.

### RUSSIA



#### SO LONG SATURN

Saturn the alligator has died in Moscow Zoo at the age of 84. Saturn was given to Berlin Zoo, in Germany, by the USA, where he hatched, in 1936. Somehow, he survived the intense bombing of Berlin during World War Two. British soldiers discovered him after the war and he spent the rest of his life in Moscow, Russia.



moscowzoo/ Twitter

## Questions on: 'World News'

1) Match the news topic to the correct country.

An extinct mammal

AUSTRALIA

A marine mammal

MEXICO

A dead reptile

RUSSIA

Look at the news from Mexico.

2) Mammoths are related to which living animal?

3) Why have all these mammoth skeletons been discovered in Mexico?

Look at the news from Australia.

4) Why do people visit Tin Can Bay in Australia?

5) How has the dolphins' behaviour changed during lockdown?

- They have started bringing gifts to people
- They are no longer bringing gifts to people
- They are bringing more gifts to people

6) There are two possible reasons why the dolphins are bringing more gifts to shore – what are they?

- 1: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Look at the news from Russia.

7) Which **three** countries did Saturn the alligator live in? List them in the correct order.

- 1: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Consider all the news.

8) Look at all three **headlines**. What is similar about the way they have been written?

## ENTERTAINMENT

## PEACHY PERFORMANCES



A HOST of famous actors and film-makers have teamed up to read Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach* to entertain families at home and raise money for charity.

*James and the Giant Peach*, with *Taika and Friends* is a ten-part series that you can watch on YouTube.

Each video features film-maker Taika Waititi reading part of the story, joined by many celebrity guests! Taika directed the Marvel film *Thor: Ragnarok*.

In episode one, Chris and Liam Hemsworth provide the voices for James's aunts. Other famous actors taking part include Meryl Streep, Josh Gad, Cate Blanchett and Eddie Redmayne. (Look to the right to find out who they are!)

New episodes will be launched every Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the Roald Dahl YouTube channel.

Money raised from the videos will be used to help charities taking part in the battle against the coronavirus. They include Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, which provides nurses for critically ill children in the UK, and Partners In Health, which works in

some of the poorest parts of the world. Roald Dahl's daughter is one of its founders.

Some of the actors helping to read *James and the Giant Peach* are:



**Chris Hemsworth** – Thor in *Thor*



**Meryl Streep** – the mum in *Mamma Mia!*



**Cate Blanchett** – Valka in *How to Train Your Dragon*



**Josh Gad** – Olaf in *Frozen*



**Eddie Redmayne** – Dug in *Early Man*

ROALD DAHL  
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WITH TAIKA & FRIENDS  
READINGS ON MON, WEDS AND FRI  
6PM BST, 1PM ET, 10AM PT  
YOUTUBE.COM/ROALDDAHL

Partners  
In Health

## Questions on: 'Peachy performances'

1) Which Roald Dahl book is being read out loud by film stars?

- James and the Giant Peach*
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
- Fantastic Mr Fox*

2) Who is the main reader and what does he do?

3) What is the aim of this project?

4) Find the details:

**Number of episodes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where to watch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Days with new episodes:** \_\_\_\_\_

5) The money raised is going to which two charities?

1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

6) Can you match the actor to the correct film?

Meryl Streep

*Frozen*

Eddie Redmayne

*How to Train Your Dragon*

Josh Gad

*Mamma Mia!*

Cate Blanchett

*Early Man*

7) What is the link between Roald Dahl and the charity Partners In Health?

8) What is your favourite Roald Dahl story? Why do you like it?