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TODAY'S BIG STORY

David Attenborough gets another knighthood

Last week, Prince Charles awarded the 96-year-old presenter a special award to celebrate his dedication to saving the planet and his work for television.



National treasure: The presenter was first knighted by the Queen in 1985.

Nearly 40 years ago, David Attenborough turned up at the palace. He had a meeting with the Queen. When he left, he was **Sir** David.

Now, the famous TV presenter has received a higher **honour**. Last week, he was made Knight

Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George.

Sir David was born in 1926, the same year as the Queen. When he was 21, he went to university and became a **biologist**.

He started working at the BBC. He made many shows

about nature and travelled around the world.

One of Sir David's most famous shows is called The Blue Planet II. It changed people's minds about plastic. Even the Queen watched it. Now, the royal palaces do not use **plastic straws**.

You decide: Can TV save the planet?

YES!

Sir David's programmes have introduced millions to the natural world. The more we know about it, the more we will want to save it.

NO!

TV can inspire us, but it cannot work by itself. We must all act. Individuals, countries and leaders all need to do their part.

KEY WORDS

Sir: When somebody is knighted, they are known as Sir or Dame.

Honour: An award that celebrates an achievement,

service or bravery. Honours are awarded by members of the royal family.

Biologist: A scientist who studies living things and the

natural world.

Plastic straws: Single-use plastic straws harm animals and ecosystems. Some countries are banning them.

Detective zone

Picture puzzle



Can you work out what this is?

- ☐ Experimental fireworks
- ☐ Birds flying into the air
- ☐ Grass blowing in the wind

Spot the fake!

Only one of these news stories is fake. Which one?

- ☐ “South Korea plans world’s first underwater city”
- ☐ “Scientists design 3D-printed corals to rebuild reefs”
- ☐ “Nike unveils a shoe that can be recycled for ever”



Many companies are trying to design eco-friendly alternatives to single-use plastic straws. Can you come up with one?

Step 1: Come up with a design. Will you make a special drinking cup? Or maybe a new kind of straw?

Step 2: Make it! Create a model of your design using craft materials, everyday materials or LEGO bricks if you have them.

Did you know...?

- When it first came out, *The Blue Planet II* was watched by 14 million people.
- Sir David Attenborough is the only person who has won a BAFTA in black and white, colour, HD and 3D television.

Share your genius



Show your work to your class



Upload a photo of your work to the Build the Change gallery by scanning the QR code and have your work displayed to inspire real-world change.

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TODAY'S BIG STORY BACKGROUND

Sir David Attenborough has received a prestigious royal honour from the Prince of Wales for services to TV, broadcasting and conservation.



[Credit: BBC](#)

Prince Charles awarded Sir David the honour at an investiture ceremony at Windsor Castle on Wednesday.

Sir David, 96, was knighted by The Queen in 1985.

The latest accolade, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George, is an even more prestigious honour.

It was awarded to Sir David in recognition of his recent documentaries about the natural world and his climate change campaigning.

It comes after the much-loved British broadcaster - whose celebrated documentaries include *The Green Planet* and *A Plastic Ocean* - featured in a segment at the Platinum Jubilee concert held outside Buckingham Palace last weekend.

A clip of Sir David was projected on to the palace, while the Duke of Cambridge highlighted the efforts of “visionary environmentalists”.

In April, Sir David stressed again how the world must take action now to protect nature and the planet, as he was named a

Champion of the Earth by the UN’s Environment Programme.

In Windsor on Wednesday, as well as Sir David, Snow Patrol singer Gary Lightbody collected his OBE for services to music and to charity in Northern Ireland, while actor Toby Jones also received the same accolade for services to drama.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Picture this!

Birds flying into the air

Spot the fake!

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This week’s challenge is part of the LEGO® Build the Change programme. It can be done at school or as homework, and parents can help upload photos of pupils’ work to the online gallery.



Visit the gallery at <https://bit.ly/btcgallery> and feel free to use it as discussion point in class.

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