



Queen Elizabeth opens Parliament

Queen Elizabeth the Second, who was 95 in April, gave her 67th speech at the House of Lords in London recently. It was her first official job since her husband, 99-year-old Prince Philip, died in April. Traditionally, the Queen would wear her crown and royal robes, but instead her crown was carried in front of her on a red and gold cushion. She was escorted by her eldest son, Prince Charles (pictured), who is due to succeed her as king. Queen Elizabeth usually gives a speech each spring and this marks the start of the parliamentary year. She talked about a list of bills, which are suggestions for how laws might change over the next 12 months in 2021 and 2022. UK Members of Parliament (MPs) will debate the bills in the House of Commons Chamber inside the Houses of Parliament in London and then vote to decide if they will become the new laws of our country. Amongst the list of bills mentioned by Queen Elizabeth in her speech this year were changes to bus and train services, how soon citizens will be able to vote for different MPs and how many new houses will be built.



Pictured: Prince Charles escorts his mother, Queen Elizabeth the Second, into the House of Lords to deliver her speech Source: @RoyalReporter

Giant moth is too heavy to fly!



Pictured: The giant wood moth on the builder's saw Source: @NYScience

Children at a school on the edge of the rainforest in Australia were treated to an amazing science lesson last week, when builders discovered a giant moth in the grounds. The giant wood moth is the heaviest species of its kind in the world. The builders were working on new classrooms at Mount Cotton State School in south-east Queensland as they found the amazing insect. The female of the giant wood moth species can weigh up to 30g, with a wingspan of up to 25cm. The female moths are so heavy that often they find it difficult to fly. The school's principal, Meagan Steward, told ABC Radio Brisbane, 'Our staff and students weren't surprised by the find because we have a range of animals at Mount Cotton, but certainly this moth was not something we had seen before.' Once photos had been taken of the enormous insect, it was returned safely to the nearby rainforest.



New wheelchair basketball premier league

British Wheelchair Basketball is preparing to launch the first professional Para-sport league in the UK. The British Wheelchair Basketball Women's Premier League will begin in December 2021 and will be made up of 60% British players and 40% international sportswomen. The league has been launched in a bid to attract more people across the world into the sport. Amy Conroy, who is an international para-sportswoman from the GB (Great Britain) team, said, 'It sends out a massive message and shows female sport is up and coming. I never thought something as big as this would happen during my career. Hopefully, it will mean more fans, more visibility and more players with disabilities at both recreational and international level. The opportunities will be endless.' Para-sport is competitive sport for sportspeople with physical and intellectual disabilities. The delayed Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020 will begin on August 24th, about two weeks after the Tokyo Summer Olympic Games has finished.



Pictured: Live coverage of British women's wheelchair basketball league finals in 2019
Source: @BBCSport

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I do climbing and I love it, it keeps me fit and it is good for me.

Hugo – age 10



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Sport plays a big part in our lives because it keeps us fit and entertains us.

Elinor – age 11

I am not a huge fan of sport, but I think that for everyone's well-being, it should be encouraged all around the world in every school.

Mali – age 11

I think...



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