



## Visits To Volcanic Eruption

A volcanic eruption is often teamed with the word danger or disaster but not in Iceland, where lava has been erupting from a fissure near Mount Fagradalsfjall. According to Iceland's tourist board, it has become a major tourist attraction with potentially upwards of 300,000 visitors flocking to see it! The eruption actually began on 19<sup>th</sup> March and is officially the longest ongoing volcanic eruption the country has seen for over 50 years. Halldor Geirsson, a geophysicist at the Institute of Earth Science, said: 'The usual behaviour that we know from volcanoes in Iceland is that they start really active and pour out lava, and then the outflow sort of decreases over time until it stops.' Throughout the six-month period the volcano has varied between gentle, slow trickles of lava to throwing enormous amounts of molten rock into the air. It has even been reported

that visitors to the eruption have been pictured grilling food on the scorching crust of the magma! Would you visit if you could or would you rather read all about it from a safe distance?



*Pictured: Fagradalsfjall volcano in Iceland*

*Source: @SophieCarrPhoto Twitter Page*

## One Charger For Your Electronic Devices?



*Pictured: The proposed universal charger, a USB-C*

*Source: Canva*

Under a new rule, proposed by the European Commission (EC), manufacturers will be forced to find a universal charging solution for electronic devices, including mobile phones. It is hoped the move to one type of charger means they can be reused when new devices are purchased thus reducing waste. The proposal stated phones, tablets, portable speakers, headphones, cameras and handheld video games sold in the EU must have USB-C chargers. However, tech giant, Apple, has reservations stating: 'We remain concerned that strict regulation mandating just one type of connector stifles innovation rather than encouraging it, which in turn will harm consumers in Europe and around the world.'



## Impact Award 2021

Has something in the news inspired you to make a difference? Use your voice? Bring about change? Make an impact? If the answer is 'YES!', then let us know all about it so we can help you celebrate with your very own Picture News 2021 Impact Award and Logo for your school! All you need to do is ask your teacher to request an application pack from [help@picture-news.co.uk](mailto:help@picture-news.co.uk) and get entering. The closing date is Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.



Pictured left: This year's 2021 Picture News Impact Logo 2021

Pictured right: St Mary's Nercwys Voluntary Aided Primary School with their 2020 Impact Award



*In the news: Pop-Its are the newest playground toy. Impact: Barlborough Primary were inspired to test and experiment to see if using them in the classroom would actually help. This further inspired discussions for Bransty Primary pupils who went on to design their own (pictured left).*



*In the news: Care home visits still restricted. Impact: Schools wrote letters and sent cards. Gee Cross Primary School are pictured here delivering their cards which led to #HeartsforHomes.*

## Your thoughts on last week's news...

*I think people would start helping other people more.*  
Jack – age 8

*Facing disasters changes us by persuading others to be safe and we will get the experience of danger. Then we will be safe and careful too. I feel worried because we do not know how climate change could issue our health.*

Samiksha – age 7



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to share your thoughts!

*I think going through a scary experience like the hurricane disaster can definitely change you. It might make you realise how important you and your family are, more important than all of the things we have in our house.*

Dylan – age 11

I think...



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COMMENTS

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