

Surfing Seal



Pictured: Sammy the surfing seal pup **Source:** @cicuellar Twitter

Surfers in San Diego received a surprise when they were joined by a seal pup! Typically, seals steer clear of humans, but not this baby seal! It was abnormally friendly and appeared unafraid as it proceeded to move from surfboard to surfboard, catching the waves. SeaWorld was notified and sent an expert crew out to check on the animal. Releasing a statement, SeaWorld officials reported, 'There was no need to intervene as the pup

also appeared to be old enough to care for itself.' It hasn't been a one-time experience either as the over-friendly seal pup has continued to return. Local surfers have named the seal 'Sammy' after a children's book depicting an adventurous seal. For many, Sammy's presence has incited a sense of awe, excitement and beauty. Surfer, Jenny Kim, who was joined by Sammy on her surfboard, described it as, 'A moment of pure happiness for me'.

Ancient Bronze Sword Discovered

Archaeologists from Bavaria's State Office for Monument Protection have uncovered an ancient sword near the town of Nördlingen in Germany. It is thought to have been forged in bronze during the 14th century BCE, making the weapon 3,400 years old. The hilt of the sword has an octagonal pommel and a zig zag pattern on its handle, which is still visible. It was likely made by the Tumulus people, who were a warrior society in central Europe during the Middle Bronze Age and were highly skilled metal workers in gold and bronze. The Bronze Age was the first time

humans started working with metal to make tools and weapons, which saw huge advancements in agriculture and trade at the time. Despite its age, the sword is in very good condition. Experts were shocked at how well-preserved and shiny it was. Mathias Pfeil, head of the Bavarian State Office for the Preservation of Monuments, said, 'The sword still has to be examined for our archaeologists to further classify this find, but it can already be said now that the preservation is exceptional! A find like this one is really rare.'



Pictured: 3,400-year-old bronze sword. **Source:** @andtartary2 Twitter

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Refilling Success

The UK is embracing refillable water bottles and asking for a water top up has become a regular occurrence. According to a poll by Refill, an app that maps venues offering refills, around 60 per cent of people living in the UK now carry a reusable bottle. This is compared with just 20 per cent eight years ago. Steve Hynd, policy manager at City to Sea, a plastics pollution charity that runs the app, said, 'It always used to be that slightly awkward moment of asking to have your water bottle refilled – but now it's the norm.'



Pictured: A refilling station Source: Canva



Pictured: Refillable water bottles. Source: Canva

Water bottle brands continue to develop and make purchasing one more desirable. Chilly's have produced robust and heat-resistant water bottles and Air Up created the world's first bottle that flavours water using scent. Although progress has been made, there is still a lot of work to do to eliminate single-use plastic water bottles. The UK alone disposes of 10 million bottles each day!

Do you have a refillable water bottle?
Do you know of any places where you can refill it?

Last week's topic: What is bravery?

Being brave is facing up to your biggest fears and challenges, even if you don't want to.

Year 2



Bravery is a way of showing you can do something even when it is your first time of doing it. Also you may be alone or be with some other persons.

**Faithfulness Uyoyo
Guobadia**

When you are afraid but continue to act.

Jack

Let us know what you think about this week's news?



www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



help@picture-news.co.uk



[@HelpPicture](https://twitter.com/HelpPicture)



Picture News Ltd,
Colber Lane,
Bishop Thornton,
Harrogate,
North Yorkshire, HG3 3JR

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

