A new beginning

The new academic year has started, and we are all getting used to a new type of normal. School routines have changed and with them many challenges. But there is one opportunity that seems to be here to stay: online learning. Even though we are back in school we believe that online tools can enhance our classroom learning. The ACS geography department will continue to use the newsletter as a way to communicate with students and hopefully further their geographical thinking.

Country Profile - Indonesia

by Aryan 9S

Facts: Made up of 18,307 islands; Many different animal species; Has the world’s largest lizard; Has 139 volcanoes; Has a very tall mountain which covers 9674 square miles; 630 species of bird and Its capital city (Jakarta) is the most Instagrammed on Earth.

Native Fruit: Bali pomelo tangerine, durian, mango, mangosteen, avocado, pineapple, rambutan, salak, banana, papaya, melon and watermelon.

Native Animals: Komodo (Lizard), Orangutan, Maleo (Bird), Helmeted Hornbill (Bird), Babirusa (Pig with deer-like features), Anoa (Small Buffalo), The Black Ape, Cendrawasih (Vibrantly colourful bird), Javan Rhinoceros, Sumatran Tiger.

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Black Geographers

If you are interested in geography and would like to know more about what geographers and geoscientists do, have a look at this website! There are many opportunities for students, including scholarships, advice and resources!

Click here to have a look at careers in geography!
Global Geography - Coffee in Ethiopia
by Urvashi 11P

Ethiopia is the world’s seventh-largest producer of coffee, Africa’s top producer, and the birthplace of coffee. 60% of their foreign income is generated from coffee. The coffee bean is steeped in a rich history of tradition and culture. Ethiopia has different types of coffee with a range of unique flavours. It’s considered the best coffee in the world because of its high altitude growing conditions.


Local Geography - Changing Alperton
by Ms Vianna

The National Library of Scotland created an amazing online tool where you can see old OS maps and compare them to current satellite pictures. The oldest map (1885-1900) shows that Alperton used to be mostly farmland, with some buildings near the place where the tube station is today. There is no trace of train tracks here, but the canal had already been built at this point. The first map to show a school is the 1913 version, but it seems like the building was where the temple is today. It is really amazing to see how much this area has changed over time!

Source: National Library of Scotland

Wider Geography - Ben Nevis
by Antany 8P

Ben Nevis, the highest mountain found in the British Isles, is an outstanding attraction to spend your cold and freezing winters at. Ben Nevis, has a height of a whopping 1,345 metres! Let the freezing cold take you on a journey to this wonderful mountain.