



## Divers carve pumpkins underwater in Florida!

Divers have carved pumpkins 30 feet underwater at an annual competition held in Key Largo in Florida, America.

The competitors of all ages used dive knives and fine carving tools to transform the pumpkins into their favourite underwater creatures!

Some of the sea creatures created by the underwater artists were a shark, sea horse, eel, sea turtle and a skeleton fish.

The winning entry, which was a dolphin and half-moon cut out won two brothers, Sebastian and Gabriel Gimeno a diving trip!



*Pictured: An example of carved pumpkins.*

## Primary school where children Hoover their own classrooms!



*Pictured: A typical vacuum cleaner.*

After finding out that pupils in Japanese schools help to keep their classrooms clean, Hilary Priest, Head teacher at The Grove School in Totnes, Devon, has introduced a similar policy.

The school has bought 10 vacuum cleaners so that a pupil from each class can volunteer to clear up each day.

The idea is to teach them to 'respect their classroom space' by making them responsible for tidying up their own mess.

The new rules also mean the school does not have to employ any extra cleaners in addition to its caretaker.

Mrs Priest said the children, aged four to 11, are enthusiastic about the new regime and she hopes it will inspire them to help their parents at home too.

What do you think about this idea? Let us know!



## World's longest sea crossing: Hong Kong Zhuhai bridge has opened



*Pictured: Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.*

Chinese President Xi Jinping has officially opened the world's longest sea crossing bridge, nine years after construction first began.

Including its access roads, the bridge spans 55km and connects Hong Kong to Macau and the mainland Chinese city of Zhuhai.

The bridge has cost about £15.3bn to build.

It is designed to withstand earthquakes and typhoons.

The bridge was built using 400,000 tonnes of steel, enough to build 60 Eiffel Towers!

To allow ships through, a 6.7km section in the middle dips into an undersea tunnel that runs between two artificial islands.

In the past, travelling between Zhuhai and Hong Kong would take up to four hours - the new bridge cuts this down to just 30 minutes!

## Children across UK use floss dance to campaign for school funding!

Pupils, teachers, parents and MPs are joining the cause after cuts to school funding across the country have led to reductions in teaching and support staff.

People across the country have posted videos of themselves performing the "floss" in a bid to convince Chancellor Philip Hammond to promise more money for schools in the upcoming Budget.



*Picture from Bambos Charalambous' Twitter Page*

*Pictured: MP Bambos Charalambous flossing for funding at Hazelwood School.*

Lots of participants have been getting involved and the hashtag #Floss4Funding has been trending on Twitter as part of the campaign to make Mr Hammond aware of the implications an 8% funding decrease will have on the education of schoolchildren across England.

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