



## At home Cirque du Soleil performance

The Atherton family, composed of Cirque du Soleil artists Kevin and Andrew, (who are identical twins), Gasya (who is Andrew's wife) and their children, performed an amazing routine in their front room. The astonishing gymnastic show demonstrated the families balance, strength, flexibility and the younger members love of bouncing on the sofa! The acrobatic display was aired to show support to the frontline workers in Canada, during the Corona Virus lockdown and to raise funds for Food Bank Canada. The family were given only one day to put the act together for benefit concert "Stronger Together/Tous Ensemble". Kevin explained how they did it, "We (grown-ups) choreographed the acrobatics we would do in the act, and we let the kids explore what they wanted to do".



*Pictured: The Cirque du Soleil artists performing with their children in their front room, taken from Cirque du Soleil's Twitter page.*

## 'Spy' gorilla robot records wild gorillas



*Pictured: A typical Mountain gorilla photographed by Rod Waddington.*

Filmmakers have used a special kind of camera, a robotic 'spy' designed to look like a young gorilla to record wild Silverbacks in Uganda. The robot baby gorilla had lots of life-like features such as realistic eye movements (wild gorillas communicate with each other through eye contact) and could be made to beat on its chest! The gorilla replica captured the mountain gorillas singing while eating their dinner of aquatic plants, flowers and seeds; this has never been filmed before! The gorillas showed how much they were enjoying their food by producing tuneful calls and deep hums while eating. Dr Eva Maria Luef said "Food-associated calling could be an expression of well-being in gorillas when feeding on specific, preferred foods." The footage recorded as part of the PBS series 'Nature: Spy in the Wild 2' shows the gorillas screamed a 'chorus of appreciation' while eating as well as highlighting that they are also extremely gassy.



## Captain Tom Raises 'Moore' Than Expected!



A special report written by Sophia W. from St Luke's CE Primary School. Captain Tom Moore raises spirits and very importantly £29 million for the NHS! They must have been absolutely SPEECHLESS when they received the news. The money will all go to the NHS workers, who are helping to save lives! A school in Bedfordshire has been filled with thousands of cards from people all around the world for Captain Tom's 100th birthday! He was in the Second World War and raised £29 million for the NHS (people are still donating right now!) by walking laps of his garden in Bedfordshire. He turned 100 on April 30th. More than...125,000 cards have been sent to the Bedfordshire school, where his grandson, Benjie Ingram-Moore, attends. Cards were even sent by: Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Dame Kelly Holmes and England football captain, Harry Kane! Thousands of lives are being saved thanks to our hero...Captain Tom Moore.

*Pictured: Some of the artwork you sent us of Captain Tom Moore completing his challenge by Andrew King, Lily Dabrawska, Elana Thompson, Georgie Sanky (top left- bottom right).*

## Your thoughts on the news...

Yes, I think people will travel less in the future like I have over the last few weeks, I have been speaking to my family and friends on video calls like FaceTime, Zoom and WhatsApp. People will try and walk or ride their bikes more as it is better for the environment.

**Libby Huxtable - Age 7**



We have been doing our guitar lessons on an iPad rather than going to our lessons. We have been walking everywhere rather than driving and going over the fields to see the cows, sheep and horses. We would like to carry on doing this.

**Imogen Vigar - Age 7**

I don't think people will travel less. Most people don't care enough about the environment to stop their holidays. They should but I don't think they will.

**George Draper - Age 8**

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I think that we might still be travelling a lot in the future, but I think we might start to do it less due to technology and safety reasons.

**Claire - Age 10**

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