

GEOBYTES / ICT UPDATE

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GeoBytes Update

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“Global GeoBytes”

Our UK and International visitors include:

June 5, 2007 8:48 am: Newcastle Upon Tyne, England
May 21, 2007 8:56 am: Nottingham, England
February 1, 2007 12:20 pm: Durham, England
February 25, 2007 8:17 am: San Diego, California
January 13, 2007 7:50 pm: Redmond, Washington
February 11, 2007 6:27 pm: Redmond, Washington
January 26, 2007 11:18 am: Cambridge, England
January 26, 2007 10:16 am: Cambridge, England
January 30, 2007 10:29 am: Dublin, Dublin
February 28, 2007 9:06 am: Plymouth, England
Visitors since April 2nd 2006 - 30,687

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Source:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_pictures/6238654.stm

Geography in the News this week

Latest News Stories from the BBC, Guardian, Telegraph and Independent this Week from the UK and around the World:

BUSINESS / INDUSTRY

- Tesco moves in on the property market
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/06/29/ntesco229.xml>

ENERGY

- Biofuels Pros and Cons
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/main.jhtml?view=DETAILS&grid=&xml=/earth/2007/06/29/eabio329.xml>
- Charity attacks rush for Biofuels <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/6252594.stm>
- ‘Green’ fuel plant plans unveiled <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/humber/6240802.stm>
- Quick Guide: Biofuels <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/6294133.stm>

ENVIRONMENT

- Lake Victoria – Pollution in pictures
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/picture_gallery/07/africa_lake_pollution/html/1.stm

CLIMATE CHANGE / GLOBAL WARMING

- Cyprus fights huge mountain blaze <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/6256044.stm>
- In Pictures: Europe Heatwave http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_pictures/6238340.stm
- Heatwaves will ‘boost death rate’ <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/6245370.stm>
- Heatwave fuels Greek forest fires <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/6249962.stm>
- UN Issues desertification warnings <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/6247802.stm>
- Australia farmers feel drought strain <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/6749073.stm>

SETTLEMENT

There have been slum battles in Rio's Shanty Towns over the last week

- Nineteen die in Rio slum battle <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/6247608.stm>
- In Pictures: Rio Violence http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_pictures/6248070.stm
- Burgeoning cities face catastrophe, says UN
<http://environment.guardian.co.uk/climatechange/story/0,,2113207,00.html>

HAZARDS – FLOODING SPECIAL

As well as the 'Great Flood' the UK has experienced over the last week, a number of other areas of the world have suffered, including Texas (USA) and in particular Karachi (Pakistan)

FLOODING IN TEXAS

- Flood hit Texas expects more rain <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/6249246.stm>
- Texas Floods Kills 4 <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/06/18/national/main2942835.shtml>
- Death toll in Texas reaches 6 <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/19288697/>

FLOODING IN PAKISTAN

- Storms in Karachi kill 228 people http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/6233868.stm
- In Pictures: Pakistan Floods http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_pictures/6253114.stm
- Aid pleas after Pakistan cyclone http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/6252588.stm
- Cyclone adds to Pakistan misery http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/6240568.stm
- Flood Devastation in South Asia http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/6239808.stm
- Hundreds killed by flooding in Karachi
<http://news.independent.co.uk/world/asia/article2705309.ece>
- The human cost of Karachi's storm http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/6239140.stm

THE 'GREAT FLOOD' – UK – June 2007

In Pictures:

- Coping with floods (BBC)
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/picture_gallery/07/in_pictures_coping_with_the_floods/html/1.stm
- In Pictures Flooding Aftermath (BBC)
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_pictures/6245652.stm
- In Pictures - UK Under Water (BBC)
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_pictures/6249842.stm
- In Pictures: Flooding in Yorkshire (BBC)
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_pictures/6240038.stm
- Floods in South Yorkshire (BBC)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/southyorkshire/content/image_galleries/flooding_june_2007_gallery.shtml
- In Pictures – Flooded Britain (Guardian)
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/gallery/2007/jun/26/flooding?picture=330082575>



YouTube Videos:

- Sheffield Flood – June 2007 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gVuvhgpByo>
- BBC Special Report – Severe Flooding <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exdl62bEoT0>
- UK Floods – BBC Reports <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISYyiL24AKE>
- Sky – Wettest weather on record (June) – including Tornadoes (SKY)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zh1pUG_drOg

News Articles:

BBC Reports

- Flood centre set up for the weekend <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6252058.stm>
- Insurers face £1bn flood claims <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/6254960.stm>
- Flood hit UK braced for more rain <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6247870.stm>

- Officials warn of more flooding <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/derbyshire/6248234.stm>
- Flood homes left for third night http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/south_yorkshire/6247398.stm
- Floods force thousands from homes <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6239828.stm>
- Companies clear up after flooding <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6254624.stm>
- Are you at risk from flooding <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6249296.stm>
- Flooding takes its toll on farms <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6249508.stm>
- Q&A - June Floods <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6245752.stm>
- People return to flood damage homes http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/south_yorkshire/6248546.stm
- Floods – eyewitness account <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6245312.stm>
- Defending our homes from flooding <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6240594.stm>
- Q&A – Flooding and Insurance <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/4427748.stm>
- Timeline: UK Weather Extremes <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6564173.stm>
- Hundreds flee over dam burst fear http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/south_yorkshire/6239782.stm
- Flood Hit areas on weather alert <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6256288.stm>

Guardian Reports

- Funding call as Flood Death toll rises to 6 <http://environment.guardian.co.uk/water/story/0,,2114772,00.html>
- Records Tumble as Britain is hit by months of extremes <http://environment.guardian.co.uk/water/story/0,,2111819,00.html>
- More evacuations as floods threaten dam <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2111677,00.html>
- Map of the Ulley Reservoir <http://www.guardian.co.uk/graphic/0,,2111692,00.html>
- Who will the floods hit next? <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2113199,00.html>
- Two more feared dead as flood defences boosted <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2113275,00.html>
- Flood rescue crews 'working to point of collapse' <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2113759,00.html>
- Flood defence spending delayed for years in storm ravaged cities <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2112237,00.html>
- After the deluge <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2112309,00.html>
- The Floods of Neglect <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2112444,00.html>
- 3 Dead and 1000s evacuated as floods strike <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2111477,00.html>
- Fallen trees, burst sewers, and trapped drivers on day of misery <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2111641,00.html>
- Flood victims urged to contact insurers <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2111845,00.html>
- Warnings that went down the drain <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2111922,00.html>
- Flood warnings issued as heavy rain continues <http://www.guardian.co.uk/weather/Story/0,,2110852,00.html>

Others

- Google Earth Overlay file with flood zones identified by the Environment Agency and Flooding Pictures in the South Yorkshire area – many thanks to Melanie R (SLN) <http://gorgeousgeography.wordpress.com/2007/06/29/flood-june-2007/>
 - GA – June 2007 Floods Resources pages – a growing list of links and teaching resources (thanks to Anne Greaves of the GA) <http://www.geography.org.uk/resources/june2007floods/>
 - Met Office warns of more severe weather (June 27th) <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/corporate/pressoffice/2007/pr20070627.html>
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GEOGRAPHICAL LINKS THIS WEEK

As normal many thanks to all contributions from SLNers for the following links:

Desertification

- Personal testimonies from Africa <http://www.panos.org.uk/global/desertvoices.asp>

Fairtrade

- Banana Link <http://www.bananalink.org.uk/>
- Windward Isles / Fairtrade teaching resources <http://www.face-online.org.uk/windwards/>

Games

- River and Flooding Games <http://www.games4geog.com/riversflooding.html> (thanks Mary!)
- Gapfill on Flooding in the UK <http://www.games4geog.com/hp/juneflooding.htm>

Quizzes

Free online quizzes to download (thanks for spot Helen)
<http://www.yourchildlearns.com/owlmouse.htm>

Mapping

Contour lines – nice page on contours and good images (thanks to JudithR for spot)
<http://raider.muc.edu/~mcnaugma/Topographic%20Maps/contour.htm>

Other

- Classroom@Sea Project – Mud Volcanoes and submarine canyons
<http://www.soc.soton.ac.uk/gg/classroom@sea/JC010/index.html>
- Open Learn Project – Open University – some very useful materials including case studies
<http://www.open.ac.uk/openlearn/home.php>
- Earthguide <http://earthguide.ucsd.edu/> – excellent resources – including animations / diagrams etc. (thanks Helen) <http://earthguide.ucsd.edu/earthguide/>

Urbanisation

- The New Urban World – an excellent graphic from the Guardian (Thanks for spotting Helen!)
<http://environment.guardian.co.uk/climatechange/story/0,,2113207,00.html>

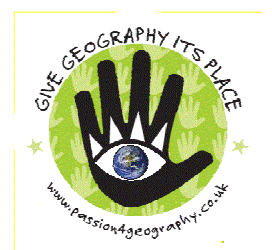
GGIP – Give Geography Its Place (Update for 2007)



THE GGIP CAMPAIGN

<http://givegeographyitsplace.blogspot.com/2007/03/ggip-ga-conference.html>

Lots of new ideas for raising the profile of the campaign – see the website for more details.



GGIP now has its very own on-line shop – t-shirts, mugs, lanyards, caps etc. <http://www.ggip.co.uk/shop.html>

Resources

- Sheffield Flooding Powerpoint – Andy Pinks
<http://www.slideshare.net/ajp/sheffield-flooding>
- UK 2007 Floods – Powerpoint – Pam Price (kindly hosted by Katharine Hutchinson)
http://chestertoncc.org.uk/departments/Geog/UK_Floods_2007.ppt
- 7 ancient wonders of the world and the new contenders (Movie file) – Scarey Cider – SLN http://www.4shared.com/file/18817303/7914b00b/7_wonders_0002.html
- 7 ancient wonders of the world – Powerpoint (Scarey Cider – SLN)
http://www.4shared.com/file/18826023/b6787165/The_New7Wonders_of_the_World.html

- **Why has Rachel moved in with Grandma? (Ulley Reservoir / Sheffield Floods mystery) – GraemeUK**
<http://www.geogteacher.com/download/comment.php?dlid=63&ENGINEsessID=8fda8cc53381dbdfce070639b4623e3a>

Just Good Ideas

- the "Just Good Ideas" page on SLN has been updated (thanks Kate) – with a number of great new resources which have been submitted – including some words of the week and geographical facts of the week - http://www.sln.org.uk/geography/just_good_ideas.htm

Professional Development

Professional Development - Articles of Interest

- New KS3 resources (Geography Teaching Today)
<http://www.geographyteachingtoday.org.uk/ks3-resources/resources/>

Online and Blog Tools

Scrolling Generator (thanks Marie) <http://codes.mashable.com/led-scroller>

- Mashable (thanks Val!) <http://mashable.com/>
- 120 resources for bloggers <http://mashable.com/2007/06/19/blogging-toolbox/>
- 23 Best Social Networking toolbars <http://mashable.com/2007/06/19/social-networking-firefox/>
- Online Productivity – 30+ best resources to get things done
<http://mashable.com/2007/06/21/online-productivity-toolbox/>
- 90+ Online photograph tools and resources <http://mashable.com/2007/06/23/photography-toolbox/>

Department News:

Department Blogs

Nothing new added this week.

GCSE GeoBytes

GCSE@GeoBytes

A blog to support students at St Ivo studying GCSE Geography (OCR A)

DIARY OF NEW POSTS

www.geobytesgcse.blogspot.com

Over **74,214 hits** now over the last 8 months – we are still getting between 400-700 hits a day on average from all over the world! Please continue to promote it with all the GCSE students

Sincere apologies – I haven't managed to get sorted with the updates I was hoping for over the Easter break (could do with another week off – like we all could!) –

I will now be leaving catching up the GCSE blog until over the summer half term when the exam classes have left – I haven't had chance to catch up with it over half term as I had originally hoped. (still haven't got to this yet!!!)

Welcome to GeoBytesGCSE.blogspot. This blog is aimed at students at St Ivo School studying the OCR A GCSE Geography Course. The full Geography Department website is www.geobytes.org.uk