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KATE: Hi, I'm Kate Holland, and this is Newsreel.

Today it's our end of year review. We're going to be looking back at some of our biggest stories of 2021.

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Dr Ivan Beckley: There's a lot of mistrust in the system

First...

New President in the US and COP26

Back in January President Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th President of the United States of America.

Clip: Lady Gaga singing

That was Lady Gaga singing at his inauguration ceremony that took place on the 20th of January in Washington DC.

One of the first things that the Democratic President did when he took office was to re-join the Paris Climate Accord. This is an agreement between countries around the world setting targets to tackle climate change.

Joe Biden: We're going to re-join the Paris Climate Accord as of, as of today.

And the decision to re-join the accord set the tone for the rest of the year. Cop26 was a huge summit in Glasgow in October and November. World leaders came together to make deals and promises to try to limit catastrophic climate change.

I spoke to two young activists who shared their hopes and fears for what the summit could achieve. Evie told me:

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Evie I think countries are definitely paying more attention to scientists and are listening a lot more to concerns about climate change. But there's still a long way to go.

KATE: And Mia told me that things simply had to change.

MIA: *We can't have this narrative saying 'Oh no, we want a business as usual'.*

Olivia Rodrigo

Clip: Olivia Rodrigo singing "Drivers License..."

Lola: New music this year probably Olivia Rodrigo. She released an album about her ex-boyfriend and it just went everywhere.

That was the 18-year-old singer-songwriter, Olivia Rodrigo, who was number 1 in the UK charts, not once but twice this year!

Clip: Olivia Rodrigo singing "Good For You..."

Vaccine Hesitancy

Covid-19 has still been causing illness and disruption for people around the world this year. But 2021 will also be remembered as the year that vaccines allowed us to return to normal life.

Most people were keen to take up the offer of a vaccine, but there were some who weren't so sure. This uncertainty about whether to have the vaccine is called 'vaccine hesitancy'.

Vaccine hesitancy is particularly high among certain groups in society. And in the UK, that includes people from the black community.

Back in May, I spoke to a young doctor, Ivan Beckley, who lives in London, about why he thinks people from black communities in the UK might have more doubts about taking the vaccine.

Dr Ivan Beckley: There is a sense among the black community that healthcare could be better for black people. And so when it comes to the vaccine, there's a lot of mistrust in the system, and hence mistrust in the vaccine.

Algorithms on the Internet

With all this extra time we've been spending online during the pandemic, I was also interested in investigating how social media platforms can make it hard to stop scrolling through sites and videos on your phone.

So, in February this year I set out to investigate...Algorithms.

Companies like Facebook, Google, Instagram and WhatsApp collect our data and use algorithms to personalize what we are seeing. That might be positive things,

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things that make us laugh, for example. But it might show you more photos of people that you compare yourself to. Or it might show you more videos of fake news.

Flora is 20 and she felt that scrolling through social media had a negative effect on how she felt about herself.

Flora: I waste a lot of time on them, and I also think that seeing a highlight reel of other people's lives makes you feel quite insecure.

More awareness needs to be raised because I'm 20 and I still don't always realise how my brain is being manipulated by these sites.

Sports

George: The biggest moments for me in sport would have had to have been the Euros.

Ana: After I watched one game of the Euros I was really hooked.

For England football fans this summer was one they will never forget. Gareth Southgate led the national team to its first major final since 1966. And although they lost to Italy on penalties, the team were an inspiration to football fans around the country.

And the Tokyo Olympics were held just a few weeks later in August.

Lola: Most inspiring was seeing the athletes come back together.

George: It was very inspiring to watch the skateboarders.

Django: I was just thinking – how did she get to that level at such young age? She's younger than me – I was amazed!

Clip commentary: Sky Brown will take bronze!

Sky Brown was the youngest ever member of Team GB and at just 13 years old she won a bronze medal in the new Olympic event of skateboarding.

Two weeks after the Olympics the Paralympics took place.

Penny Briscoe, who leads the British Paralympic team, told the BBC:

Clip Penny Briscoe: We're here to do the nation proud, to do ourselves proud and create you know lots of medal moments but also lots and lots of memories for the British public as well.

Movies and music

KATE: Now, maybe it's because of what we've been through, but 2021 definitely seemed like a year for enjoying the things we often take for granted.

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Going to the cinema was suddenly a big occasion! And it didn't get much bigger than when the new James Bond film 'No Time to Die' finally came to movie theatres.

Clip: Billie Eilish singing No Time to Die

George: My favourite film of the year was probably the James Bond film. I think the mood of the song fit the film really well.

KATE: The singer casting her spell over the movie was Billie Eilish, the American singer. We reported in October that the 19-year-old was announced to be the youngest ever solo performer to headline the music festival, Glastonbury, when it returns next year.

Clip: Billie Eilish singing ilomilo

That's all from me for 2021. Thank you for listening. Have a wonderful break and a very Happy New Year. Join me for a new series of Newsreel starting on the 29th of January 2022.

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en stor händelse

casting her spell
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