**DINO-AWE Girl, 4, finds 220-million-year-old dinosaur print on UK beach**

A 220 MILLION-year-old footprint has been discovered by a four-year-old girl on a beach in Wales.

Lily Wilder made the incredible discovery earlier this month, while on walk in Barry, South Wales, with her dad Richard. National Museum Wales paleontology curator Cindy Howells described it as the "best specimen every found" at Bendricks Bay - a beach well known for its dinosaur footprints.

"It was Lily and Richard [her father] who discovered the footprint," said Lily's mum Sally. "Lily saw it when they were walking along and said 'Daddy look'. We weren’t even sure it was real.”

It is impossible to tell which dinosaur made the print, but as it is 10cm long it is believed to be from a type that stood 75cm tall and 2.5m long. It would have been slender and walked on two hind feet, hunting small animals and insects.

Permission had to be sought from Natural Resources Wales to legally remove the fossil from the beach, which is a site of Special Scientific Interest. It was removed earlier this week and will now be studied by experts at the National Museum in Cardiff.

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