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Plastic bag ban works!

Issue

How many times has an adult in your life forgotten their shopping bags? Well, it turns out there's a good reason to remember them, because science has just confirmed that banning plastic bags really does help! A new study in the U.S. found that places with bag bans or small charges had up to 47% fewer plastic bags littering beaches. That means fewer bags hurting animals like sea turtles and dolphins, and less plastic breaking down into harmful microplastics.





Bedlam in Knaresborough!

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On 14th June, Knaresborough in North Yorkshire held its famous Great Bed Race. This year's theme was TV Adverts. The crowds cheered as beds rolled by dressed as the Honey Monster from Sugar Puffs, Tony the Tiger and even the Churchill dog! After the fun, teams stripped off the decorations and raced around a tough 2.4 mile course, including a river crossing. The event raised money for local charities and even got a shoutout in the House of Commons!



UK

Happy News celebrates 100 issues

We've made it to 100 issues of Happy News, and we're so happy you've been reading along! From amazing animal stories to brilliant kids doing kind things, we've loved sharing all the good news happening in the world. Why not use our Happy News template to write about the good news in your life?





Kids help unearth history!

This month in Moira, Northern Ireland, there was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the local community to take part in a real-life archaeology dig. School children joined professional archaeologists at Moira Castle to help uncover incredible artefacts dating back 6,000 years. From ancient cooking pots to a Roman statue of the god Mars, the finds revealed how people once lived, farmed, and ate - right beneath their feet!







This honey is just right...

Two mischievous brown bears, Mish and Lucy, escaped their enclosure at a wildlife park and made a beeline for the honey store, gobbling up a whole week's worth of the sweet treat! Visitors and staff at Wildwood Devon were safely evacuated while the bears stayed calm, happily playing and exploring before returning home. While Mish and Lucy clearly enjoyed their sticky adventure, the park is now investigating to make sure it doesn't happen again!



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