

# HAPPY NEWS KIDS

## Från skärm till pärm!



Lots of classrooms around the world use screens and technology to help with learning, but one country is going back to basics. In Sweden, schools have been given more than £157 million to bring back more textbooks and help teachers use laptops and tablets less in lessons. Sweden's leaders argue that screen-free lessons create better conditions for children to concentrate and develop their reading and writing skills - even using the catchy slogan "från skärm till pärm" ("from screen to binder"). What do you think - should schools go screen-free?



## World's oldest gorilla turns 69

Happy Birthday, Fatou! The world's oldest gorilla has turned 69 at Zoo Berlin - that's over 100 in human years! She marked the occasion with a special feast of soft vegetables (since she has no teeth!) and continues to delight visitors with her calm, "grandma-like" personality. After more than 60 years at the zoo, she continues to help people learn about gorillas, which are endangered in the wild.

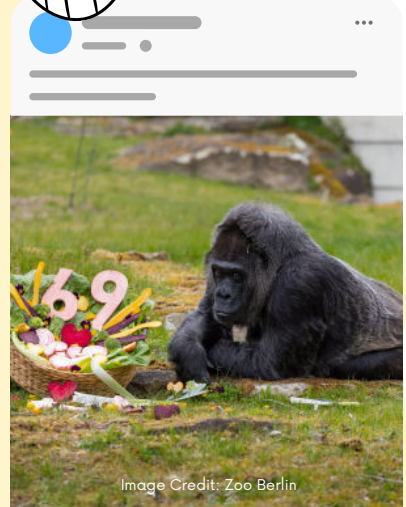


Image Credit: Zoo Berlin



## That's smart! Blind man runs marathon with AI glasses

A blind man in the UK has made history by completing a marathon using smart glasses. Clarke Reynolds, also known as Mr Dot, took on the Brighton Marathon wearing special AI glasses linked to an app that allowed volunteers around the world to see what he could see and guide him in real time. He finished the 26.2-mile race in just over six hours, calling it one of the best experiences of his life.



## Joke of the Week

Why don't gorillas play cards in the jungle?

*Because there are too many cheetahs!*



## Dog saves family from bear

A brave 12-year-old dog named Honey has become a real-life hero after fighting off a bear to protect her family and home in New Mexico, USA. Despite being half-blind and around 70 in dog years, Honey took on the hungry bear when it came too close to the family's chickens, and managed to chase it away. She was badly injured in the attack, but incredibly survived and is now recovering at home, with lots of belly rubs and treats.

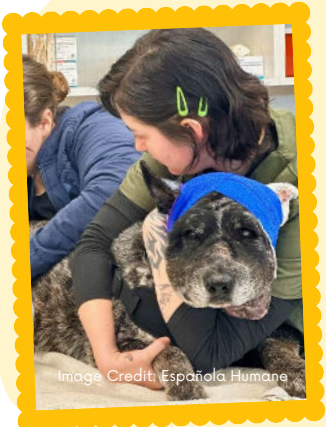


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## Dad's "terrible" paintings make thousands

A dad whose "hilariously bad" paintings went viral is now making thousands from them! Jamie Lee Matthias, from Cheshire, England, began by creating a funny portrait as a gift for his wife, but after she shared it online, everyone wanted one! Since his viral fame in 2024, Jamie has completed over 430 commissions and has even had a painting signed by Dame Judi Dench. His advice to any budding artist? "Just pick up a brush!"



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## Think Happy

Close your eyes and think of one good thing that happened this week.

