



# HAPPY NEWS

## TEENS

### Scientists are turning ocean waste into roads



Image Credit: Center for Marine Debris Research

Scientists in Hawaii are turning ocean plastic into roads in a world-first project to tackle pollution in the Pacific. Researchers have already removed around 90 tonnes of plastic waste, including fishing nets, and used it to help build roads across the islands. The plastic is cleaned, shredded, and mixed into asphalt - the material used for paving - creating a new use for waste that would otherwise harm the environment. Scientists have been testing the roads to see how strong they are and whether they release microplastics, and so far the results are promising - showing they're just as safe and durable as regular roads.

### Quote of the Week

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*

-Helen Keller



### The internet's fave new animal duo

Move over, Punch the monkey, there's a new animal duo in town: a seal and his bright yellow rubber duck! Reggae, a 33-year-old Atlantic harbour seal at the New England Aquarium, refuses to let his new companion out of his sight. The playful seal can often be seen cuddling, carrying, and even swimming with his favourite toy. Aquarium staff say the rubber ducks aren't just for fun, they're part of his training and help keep his mind active by encouraging natural behaviours like foraging.

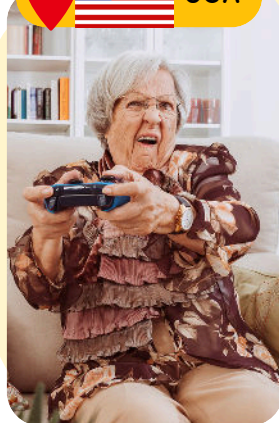
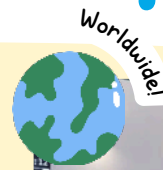
### Mindful Minute

This week, take 60 seconds. Close your eyes and focus on the sounds around you. Notice what's near and what's far away, and let your mind settle for a moment.



### Moon mission inspires girls and women across the world

NASA's recent mission around the Moon has set the internet ablaze, with people around the world amazed by what humans can achieve. The crew made history with the first woman and first black astronaut to travel far into space, breaking records and showing what's possible when people work together. But it wasn't just the astronauts that captured attention, a viral image of a control room filled with women leading the mission showed just how much has changed since the early days of space travel!



### Level 91 and still playing!

A 91-year-old woman sparked concern after missing her daily welfare check calls, only for police to discover she was busy playing video games. The woman, from Westlake in Ohio, is part of a programme where residents receive a daily call to make sure they're safe. When she didn't answer repeated calls from the service, her family, or the police, officers went round to check on her - and found her in her bedroom trying to beat her high score!

### Rat honoured with statue

Cambodia has unveiled a statue to an unlikely national hero - a giant rat. Magawa, an African giant pouched rat trained to detect landmines, became famous for using his powerful sense of smell to locate more than 100 hidden explosives, helping make huge areas of land safe again. Over his five-year career, he cleared the equivalent of around 20 football pitches, allowing families to return, farm, and live without fear. The statue even includes the bravery medal he was awarded in 2020.

