

HAPPY NEWS KIDS

Pudsey's powerful message



Image Credit: BBC Children in Need

Pudsey Bear has done something super exciting for the very first time - he's started talking! The famous BBC Children in Need mascot is speaking out to help children understand that looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our bodies, and that it's always okay to share our worries with people we trust. In his new film called *Pudsey Finds His Voice*, Pudsey delivers a powerful message - every child deserves an adult who will listen.

Hero boy keeps flight calm

Meet 8-year-old Phoenix - the brave boy who helped avoid a plane emergency! When a passenger became upset and angry during a flight home from Turkey, Phoenix and his dad stepped in to help calm her down. While cabin crew worried the plane might need to make an emergency landing, Phoenix chatted kindly to the woman about football, her children and her hobbies, helping her feel calmer during the long journey. Other passengers thanked the pair when the plane landed safely, but Phoenix's dad says his son was the real hero for staying so calm.



Image Credit: Family Photo

HAHA!



The science of dad jokes

Scientists have been getting serious about silly jokes, by studying more than 32,000 "dad jokes" to discover why some make us laugh while others make us groan! Researchers found the best dad jokes are short and packed with cheesy puns. Despite puns sometimes getting a bad reputation, it turns out they're actually far more popular than we think! People even voted for their favourite joke: "I accidentally passed my wife a glue stick instead of her ChapStick. She's still not talking to me!"

Joke of the Week

What do you call a copybara who tells great jokes? *A laughybara!*



Backpacks to help hedgehogs

Tiny backpacks and a clever sniffer dog are helping to save hedgehogs in Northern Ireland. Scientists are giving some hedgehogs tiny GPS trackers to learn where they go at night and how they stay safe. They're also being helped by Russell - Ireland's very first hedgehog detection dog - who can sniff out the spiky animals to help researchers find them. Experts hope the project will help protect hedgehogs and make gardens safer for them



Image Credit: Edinburgh Zoo

Could this be the new "Attenbara?"

Edinburgh Zoo has welcomed a super-cute new arrival, the first baby copybara born in Scotland for 18 years! Keepers say the tiny "babybara" is already starting to explore the zoo, while staying close to proud parents Luna and Rodney. Fans have fallen in love with the adorable pup online, especially because he was born on Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, with lots of people hoping the little one will be named "David Attenbara!"



Think Happy

Think of the funniest joke you know and tell someone today to make them smile!

