

HAPPY NEWS KIDS

Special surgey saves owl



A rescued owl has returned to the wild after receiving a remarkable feather transplant. The great horned owl was found covered in concrete after falling into a concrete mixer in Utah, USA, which badly damaged many of his flight feathers. To help him fly again, wildlife experts carried out a rare procedure called imping, carefully attaching donor feathers from another owl using special adhesive. The 90-minute operation replaced 11 feathers, allowing him to be released back into the wild after months of care and recovery.

12-year-old completes epic Everest challenge

A 12-year-old boy has climbed the equivalent height of Mount Everest to raise money and awareness for mental health. Mason, from Hereford, spent his half-term holiday scaling an 8-metre indoor climbing wall more than 1,100 times, reaching a total height of 8,848 metres over nine days. He took on the challenge in memory of James "Jamo" Plumridge, a local football fan who died in 2025. Despite feeling tired at times, Mason kept going and has so far raised more than £1,400 for the charity Herefordshire Mind.



Bin-credible art!

Garbage trucks in New York City are making people smile! As part of a new public art initiative, rubbish trucks in the US city have been transformed into colourful works of art. Five artists were chosen to give the trucks bright and eye-catching designs, turning them into moving masterpieces. The artwork was created using recycled paint that would otherwise have gone to waste.



Joke of the Week

How do you make an octopus laugh?

Ten-tickles!



He's blue and it's tiny!

"He's tiny!" and "It's blue!" were the first reactions from scientists when they spotted an adorable new octopus species deep beneath the ocean near the Galapagos Islands. The tiny creature, named *Microeledone galapagensis*, is only about the size of a golf ball and was discovered almost 6,000 feet below the surface. Researchers say the octopus is unusual because of its rare blue colouring and short, stubby arms. They think its colour may help it survive in the deep sea by hiding from predators and sneaking up on prey.



Trash for treats!

Would you pick up rubbish for pancakes? That's exactly what children in the Netherlands are doing thanks to a clever food truck called WasteBar.

Instead of paying with money, customers trade litter such as plastic and cigarette butts for tasty Dutch mini pancakes, fruit and drinks. The idea was created by entrepreneur Noreen van Holstein to encourage people to care for the environment while having fun.



Think Happy

See how many blue things you can spot today – perhaps some you've never noticed before!

