

HAPPY NEWS





Your weekly round up of the funny, wonderful and strange news from across the globe!



Slam dunk! Meet the basketball loving sea otter

A sea otter from Oregon Zoo, USA has taken up basketball to improve her health. Zoo staff trained the 9 year old otter, named Juno, to play basketball in a bid to ease her arthritis. Arthritis is a painful condition that causes our joints, such as our knees and elbows, to ache. "Juno loves to play basketball," said the zoo's Marine Life Keeper. "She gets so excited whenever we bring the ball out for her training sessions!"



Jack Grealish's braille letter for fan

10 year-old Ralph Mullineaux is one of Jack Grealish's biggest fans, so imagine his surprise when he received a letter from the professional footballer - written in braille! Ralph is visually impaired, which means he is unable to see clearly. Ralph decided to write to the star to tell him how much he admired him, Jack replied with the special letter and a signed shirt.



School girl raises €50,000 For Autism

Meet the amazing 12 year old who has raised €50,000 (around £42,700) for Autism Awareness. Cara Darmody from Tipperary, Ireland, raised the money by completing a maths exam that is usually taken by 18 year olds! She sat the exam to raise awareness of the long waiting time for autism assessments in Ireland.



Lego sends 1,000 astronauts to space

Lego has launched 1,000 minifigures into space. The tiny astronauts made the journey on roofless 3D-printed space shuttles. The purpose of the mission was to encourage kids to follow their dreams. The shuttles and their passengers glided safely back to Earth shortly after with the help of parachutes. "We want to show children that their dreams can reach beyond the boundaries of space," said Lego's Marketing Director.



It's good to be guack!

It's not every day that you see two giant rubber ducks floating along a harbour, but people in Hong Kong, China have been treated to the rare sight!

The art project called 'Double Ducks' aims to spread cheer and happiness in the city. One duck made an appearance in 2013, but artist Florentijn Hofman decided this time it needed a friend! "I think it's very good to have the duck back after 10 years because it is simple happiness," one admirer said.



