



The World's Happiest Country - Again!

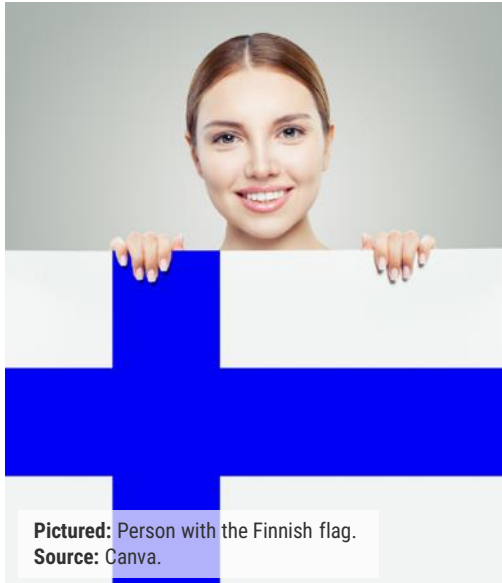
Finland has been declared the world's happiest country for the 6th year in a row! The 2023 World Happiness Report, which states it is the first report to rank countries by how their populations feel, compiled a list of 146 countries. To do this, data was used that had been gathered by the Gallup World Poll, which asked about 1,000 people from each country to evaluate various areas of their lives and grade them between 0 and 10 in terms of their happiness. A 0 score is the worst and a score of 10 is the best. Once all the results were in, Finland topped the table with an impressive score of 7.804!

'Happiness can change, and does change, according to the quality of the society in which people live,' said John F. Helliwell one of the chief editors of the World Happiness Report.

Do you think this is a good way to work out how happy nations are?



Pictured: Northern lights between pine trees in Finland. **Source:** Canva.



Pictured: Person with the Finnish flag. **Source:** Canva.

Spotless Giraffe

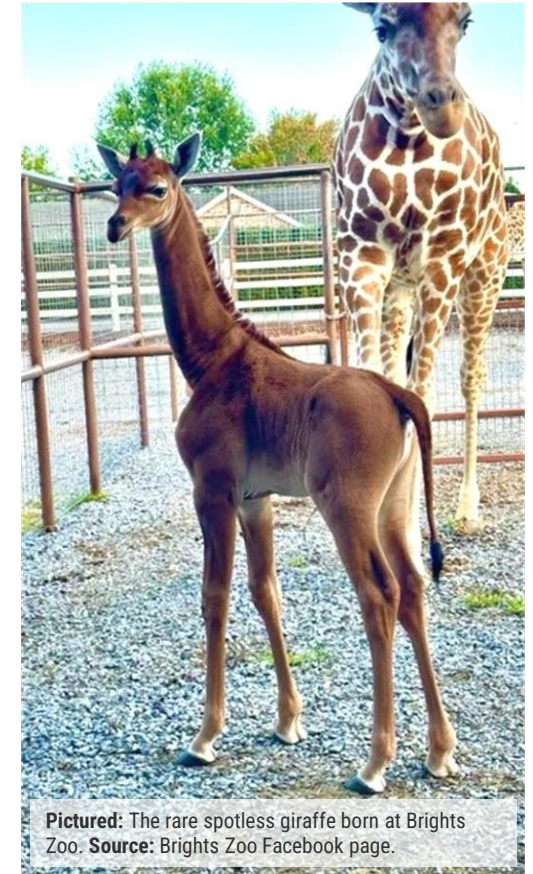
Brights Zoo in Tennessee, USA, has welcomed a very special rare spotless baby giraffe! The baby giraffe was born at the zoo on 31st July. Experts believe that she is the only solid-coloured reticulated giraffe on the planet today and the first to be born in more than 50 years.

Tony Bright, the founder of Brights Zoo, talked about the media interest said,

'The international coverage of our patternless baby giraffe has created a much-needed spotlight on giraffe conservation. Wild populations are silently slipping into extinction, with 40% of the wild giraffe population lost in just the last three decades.' Dr Fred Bercovitch, a giraffe expert, referred to her lack of spots saying, 'In biology there are always exceptions to the rule and when exceptions pop up it is really cool.'

The zoo launched a public vote to choose a meaningful name for the new baby giraffe.

The names (and definitions) that people could choose from were, Kipekee (unique), Firyali (unusual or extraordinary), Shakiri (she is most beautiful) and Jamella (one of great beauty).



Pictured: The rare spotless giraffe born at Brights Zoo. **Source:** Brights Zoo Facebook page.

***Which name would you have voted for?
Why do you think this would be the best name for the spotless giraffe?***

Wind Powered Cargo Ship

Pyxis Ocean is the world's first wind-powered cargo ship and it has just embarked on its maiden voyage. The freighter, which has been retrofitted with two sails (built from the same material as wind turbines) to help cut down emissions, is travelling from China to Brazil. The WindWings sails, developed by British company BAR Technologies, are designed to reduce fuel consumption and therefore the carbon footprint of shipping. The 37.5m tall wings (folded down when in port) are opened out when the ship is in open water. Experts say having the ability to power ships with wind, instead of relying entirely on engines, could reduce the lifetime emissions of a cargo ship by 30%.

Researchers believe that the six-week journey will help them work out how much of a reduction the large metal sails can have on the industry's estimated production of 837 million tonnes of CO2 each year. 'Wind power can make a big difference,' says Dr Simon Bullock, shipping researcher at the Tyndall Centre, at the University of Manchester. 'Ultimately, we do need zero-carbon fuels on all ships, but in the meantime, it is imperative to make every journey as efficient as possible. Slower speeds are also a critical part of the solution.'

What do you think of using this technology to help reduce the shipping industry's emissions?



Pictured: Pyxis Ocean. Source: Cargill Facebook page.

Last week's topic:

Can pets make good companions in schools?



I think it would be good because if someone gets stressed and you had a dog it could calm you down or cheer you up. You could play with it at break and lunch but I would only like it if you could bring your own pets.

Isla

Yes, they can but also sometimes people are allergic or scared of them, so we need to be careful and consider everyone before getting one.

Alexandra

I think that is a great idea for schools to have pets, as long as they are well looked after. A lady who works in our school office brings in her dog so we know that he is well cared for and happy.

Mario

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