

1. NATIONAL TV AWARDS

A host of stars have been nominated for this year's National Television Awards. Ant and Dec are up for best TV presenters for the 18th time in a row!



2. WEIRD CALLS

The Foreign Office has released a list of some of the unusual calls it's received from British people overseas. Among them was a call from someone in America asking who had been voted off *Strictly Come Dancing*. Another was from a man asking if there are vampires in Poland and a third was from a caller in the Netherlands asking about the plot of the movie *Braveheart*. The Foreign Office usually receives calls to help people who have been arrested or ended up in hospital while in other countries.



3. GIANT PIGGY

A giant straw piglet is being built in Manchester to celebrate the Chinese New Year in February. The sculpture, called Penny Coin Piglet, is being created by UK artist Alex Rinsler to tie in with the Year of the Pig.

4. RHINO INCIDENT

A two-year-old girl was injured after falling into a rhino enclosure at a zoo in Florida. The little girl fell between some steel poles at Brevard Zoo, during a special hands-on experience. The zoo said it has suspended the experience while it reviews its safety procedures.

5. DEPRESSION LINKED TO SOCIAL MEDIA

Girls are twice as likely to show signs of depression linked to social media use, compared to boys at age 14, according to new research by UCL. That could be because girls were found to use social media more and for longer periods. The findings also showed that girls said they had more experience of cyberbullying, and their sleep was disrupted.

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6. BOTTLE SCHEME

A plastic bottle deposit scheme is proving successful for Iceland supermarkets. The scheme sees shoppers get 10p for every plastic bottle they recycle at a special vending machine. The supermarket says 311,500 bottles have been received since the trial began last year. That means shoppers have earned more than £30,000 for their environmental efforts.

7. GIFTS GIVEN BACK

One in four festive gifts bought online is returned, according to the Centre for Economics and Business Research in London. That means about £4.8 billion is refunded, from the estimated £19 billion made in online sales.

8. CRUCIAL CHICKS

Two incredibly rare Socorro dove chicks have hatched at Chester Zoo. The chicks belong to a species that was declared extinct in the wild 47 years ago. The animals' arrival is really special because there are fewer than 200 of them remaining in the world and all are living in human care. Currently, work is being carried out on Socorro Island, near Mexico, to try to create safe areas for the doves to be reintroduced into.



9. BABY RETURNED

A 17-month-old baby was safely returned to her parents, after a thief stole the car she was sitting in. Maria Tudorica was in the passenger seat of the car when a man stole it. Thankfully, police later found the little girl safe and well.

10. MOVIE HISTORY

Sandra Oh became the first Asian woman to ever host the Golden Globes last week. The actress, who also won an award, praised the diversity at this year's event. Lots of other British stars were also honoured at the ceremony, which kick-starts the awards season in Hollywood.

11. YACHT FOUND

A yacht that was used by a teenager in a sailing record attempt has been found in the sea after more than eight years! Abby Sunderland hoped to become the youngest person to sail round the world solo in 2010, but had to be rescued after the vessel capsized during rough seas. The yacht has now been spotted for the first time, overturned off the coast of Australia.

12. GO GAMER

A nine-year-old girl from Japan will become the youngest-ever professional player of the board game Go. Sumire Nakagawa started playing the strategy game when she was just three!

13. SCIENCE HERO

A young boy from California travelled all the way to the UK to meet his science hero over the holidays. Ajay Sawant met YouTube star Sir Martyn Poliakoff in Nottingham and learnt all about making a glowstick and creating reactions using dry ice.

14. WALKING PRIORITY

Walkers and cyclists should be given priority over drivers when new roads are built, says the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). It's hoped that by encouraging people to be more active, it would help to tackle obesity.



15. MIGRANTS ON THE MOVE

The number of migrants crossing the English Channel has increased in recent months. Home Secretary Sajid Javid declared a major incident in December and deployed a Royal Navy ship to deter boats from coming. Lots of people are unhappy with his handling of the situation, though, especially after Mr Javid made a comment about whether some of the refugees were genuine.

16. FLY TO SWIM

Three children could possibly be the most dedicated group of kids learning to swim in the UK – their lessons involve a flight across the North Sea from a remote Scottish island! Freyja and Grace Parnaby and Lewis Wright-Stanners have to take regular flights from Fair Isle to a tiny airstrip on Shetland so that they can have swimming lessons. The children take the 25-minute flight with their head teacher and travel 55 miles!

17. EMERGENCY HELP

Emergency homeless shelters opened across London last weekend, to protect those living on the streets from the extreme cold weather. The shelters provided 700 extra beds.

18. TOILET TROUBLE

A new roadside toilet for bus drivers has had to be removed in Biggin Hill, Bromley, after local residents complained about its unpleasant appearance. The invention has been dubbed the Turdis because it looks like the Doctor's TARDIS! Around 40 of the toilets are due to be installed on bus routes by Transport for London.

19. SUPER MOON

Did you know a super blood moon is coming between 20 and 21 January?! This is another way of explaining a total lunar eclipse, when the Earth moves between the sun and the moon.

20. ROONEY ARREST

Wayne Rooney has been arrested in Virginia and charged with being drunk and disorderly in public. A spokesperson for Rooney said the incident happened when the star became "disorientated" after taking sleeping tablets on a flight.