



SpaceX Launches Amateur Astronauts

Four amateur astronauts have become the first to circle the Earth with no professional astronauts on board. They were launched into orbit by Elon Musk's SpaceX. The Inspiration4 is the world's first all-civilian space mission and marks another milestone in space exploration and tourism. The crew, comprised of three 'ordinary' citizens and their billionaire sponsor, blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida in a Dragon capsule and spent three days orbiting the Earth. The Inspiration4 crew undertook six months of intensive training with SpaceX before embarking on their mission. However, onboard computer systems were in control of their Dragon capsule, overseen by SpaceX teams on the ground. Billionaire Jared Isaacman, who paid for the flight, noted that few people have been to space - fewer

than 600 over 60 years. But he added, 'Many are about to follow. The door's opening now and it's pretty incredible.'



*Pictured: Inspiration4 crew: Chris, Sian, Jared and Hayley
Source: @inspiration4x Twitter*

Wild Bears Play Football?



*Pictured: The bears showing their football skills
Source: YouTube*

Football is a popular sport, with many of us enjoying a kick about on the playground but it appears a couple of bears want in on some footy action too! The two wild bears were spotted displaying their football skills when they got their hands (or paws) on a ball from a game of football, which was taking place in India's eastern state of Odisha (formerly known as Orissa). The game suddenly came to a halt when the ball was kicked out from the pitch into a nearby forest. The mother bear and her cub found the ball and were reluctant to return it! Amused locals watched as they bounced the ball between them, kicking and tossing it into the air, before whisking the ball away into the forest with them. The incident was captured on video and the football bears have gone viral on social media.



Cycle Or Scoot To School!

National Bike to School Week 2021 takes place from Monday 27th September – Friday 1st October and is a fabulous opportunity to celebrate all the fantastic things UK schools are doing to encourage cycling and active travel. Sustrans, who run the annual event in partnership with the Bikeability Trust, said: 'It's a great opportunity to celebrate cycling and scooting and the positive impact it has on children's health and wellbeing as well as the environment.' During the week, schools encourage families to cycle or scoot on their journeys and for the first time ever, Sustrans want to try and track how many families take part through an online survey. Whilst many families can travel to school safely on their bicycles or scooters, mother of three, Clara, said: 'Sadly, we cannot ride our bikes to school as living in a rural location, with a route to school that follows

winding, single-track roads, would just not be safe. We will, however, park further up the village and scoot a little way.' Will you be biking or scooting to school this week? Let us know!



Pictured: All ready to cycle to school!
Source: Canva

Your thoughts on last week's news...

I will miss all of the people in my family and I will be really sad and I will miss my whole house and I feel scared.

Sara— age 7

Sad, confused and worried because I do not know where I am going.

Tamina— age 6



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We feel a bit sad and worried for the children who are on the plane. We do feel a bit excited for them, though, as they might have a better life in England. If we met someone from Afghanistan, we would be really kind to them.

Dolphins class

I think...



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