



## Children paint noses red for Comic Relief!

Environmentally friendly students have refused to wear red noses for Comic Relief - after mounting concerns about plastic pollution. Pupils were fearing the red plastic noses would end up in landfill or littering the environment. Instead they chose to paint their noses red for the fundraising day. The move to ban plastic red noses has been backed by broadcaster and historian David Attenborough. Red Nose Day is a fundraising event organised by charity Comic Relief to help people living tough lives across the UK and Internationally. "We of course respect the students' decision and are excited they are still supporting Red Nose Day by painting their noses red and fundraising," a spokesperson for the charity said. They also commented that they are exploring alternatives and solutions for the future.



*Pictured: Children wearing Red Noses from the Comic Relief Twitter page.*

## Stolen art masterpiece was a fake!



*Pictured: A view of Castelnuovo Magra taken from the Comune di Castelnuovo Magra Twitter page.*

Thieves, who were convinced they had stolen a multimillion-pound painting from an Italian church have, instead, made off with a fake that was hung in its place by police. After they heard rumours about the plot, the police also set up cameras. The two thieves used metal bars to open the case of The Crucifixion by the 17th-century Flemish artist Pieter Brueghel the Younger from a church in Liguria in Italy. The priest and the mayor of the town were in on the scheme and were told to keep up the pretence for a few hours after the theft of the painting, which was donated to the church more than a century ago. The case is now being handled by eagle-eyed Italian Carabinieri officers, from the country's famous 'art squad' or cultural heritage unit.



## Man caught by whale and spat out again!



*Pictured: A typical Bryde's whale.*

Rainer Schimpf, who takes people whale watching in Algoa Bay in South Africa, was nearly swallowed by a Bryde's whale. As he was snorkelling on the surface of the water a whale emerged and its open jaws, engulfing him headfirst. The whale then spat him out again as he was too big to swallow!

Mr Schimpf said, "Once you're grabbed by something that's 15 tonnes heavy and very fast in the water, you realise you're actually only that small in the middle of the ocean."

The encounter happened while Rainer and his crew were documenting a sardine run for educational and environmental purposes. This is a natural event, where gannets, penguins, seals, dolphins, whales and sharks work together to gather the fish into bait balls. These occurs when small fish swarm in a tightly packed group.

## UK's air-breathing rocket engine set for key tests!

The UK project to develop a special engine that could take a plane from London to Sydney in about four hours is ready to test! At the moment, the usual time it takes to fly from London to Sydney is nearly 22 hours and the plane has to stop to refuel on the journey.

The Synergetic Air Breathing Rocket Engine (SABRE engine), is a new type of engine, which can boost both high speed aircraft and spacecraft. Developed in the UK by Reaction Engines Ltd, SABRE engines are able to deliver the fuel efficiency of a jet engine with the power and high-speed ability of a rocket!



*Pictured: Artwork of SABRE Hypersonic Transport taken from the Reaction Engines Twitter page.*

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