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FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TOP NEWS STORIES
FOR THE WEEK
FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD

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WORLD'S HAPPIEST COUNTRY



FINLAND has been named the happiest country in the world for the fourth time in a row!

In this year's World Happiness Report, Denmark is in second place and Switzerland is in third. The UK has dropped down the list from 13th place to 17th. Mental health linked to the coronavirus pandemic is thought to be behind the fall. Afghanistan came in as the most unhappy country.

WOW!

A baby was born mid-flight in India last week. Crew members helped to deliver the baby, along with a doctor who happened to be on board. Babies being born on flights is extremely rare – the little girl sure will have an interesting story to tell!



OVERSEAS fans will be banned from this year's Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Organisers made the announcement last week. The Games were postponed last year for the first time in their history, with the Olympics now due to begin on 23 July and finish on 8 August, and the Paralympics running from 24 August to 5 September.

Before the pandemic, there was huge demand from Japanese people for tickets. Now, polls show most think the Games should not be held at all this year.



THEME parks in California are set to ban screaming on rides.

The California Attractions and Parks Association wants guests to stop screaming or shouting on rollercoasters, to help stop the spread of coronavirus.



CHIMPS ON ZOOM

CHIMPS in the Czech Republic are using Zoom to stay in touch with mates during lockdown.

The chimpanzees at Safari Park Dvůr Králové are enjoying Zoom calls with a fellow troop at a zoo in Brno, 150km (93 miles) away. The animals interact with each other via big screens in their enclosures.

Keepers came up with the idea as a way to give the chimps some entertainment while they can't see visitors.



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