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Muy Bien, Marcus!

In Spain, people say ‘muy bien’ when something goes really well, and that’s exactly what’s happening for footballer, Marcus Rashford! Since joining Barcelona on loan from Manchester United, the England star has been showing fans what he can do. Rashford scored two brilliant goals in the Champions League against Newcastle and has already become one of Barcelona’s top players this season. His new manager, Hansi Flick, said, ‘He’s a fantastic player, a great talent, and his finishing is incredible.’

It took Marcus a little while to settle in, but now fans in Barcelona are cheering his name. One supporter said, ‘He’s



Pictured: Camp Nou – Barcelona’s football stadium in Spain. **Source:** Canva.

been giving us a lot of joy. We can see he’s really hungry to succeed!’

So far, Rashford has scored three goals and set up four more for his teammates. That means he’s helped with more goals than anyone else at the club this season!

Camp Nou can hold almost 100,000 fans – that’s the biggest football stadium in Europe!

Gourd Job, Mum!

A mum from Suffolk, England, has grown a pumpkin so big it left her son amazed. A pumpkin is a type of gourd – a big fruit with a hard skin that grows on a vine. Frances Crickmore joined her son, Jonny, in a friendly pumpkin-growing challenge. Jonny bought special seeds from the USA, and gave his mum the one he thought

wouldn’t grow – but it turned out to be the winner! Frances said she gave her plant lots of manure to help it grow strong, water to keep it healthy, and shelter to protect it from bad weather. It now weighs 58 stone, around 368 kilograms! Frances said she named her giant pumpkin Sirius, ‘because that’s the brightest star in the sky’. Her enormous pumpkin is a bit different from the small munchkin pumpkins often used for decoration – but both can be used for autumn fun!

Jonny’s pumpkin was about the size of a medium dog; Frances’ was as heavy as a baby elephant!



Pictured: Much smaller munchkin pumpkins! **Source:** Canva.

What makes a good peacekeeper?



Someone who is a peacekeeper listens to everyone and makes things fair when times are difficult.
Bobby

Oil Rig Owl Rescue

An owl, rescued from a North Sea oil rig, has been released back into the wild. The female short-eared owl was found on the Noble Patriot platform, which is 180 miles (290km) from Shetland. It is thought that the owl was migrating from Scandinavia, when stormy weather blew her off course and she was forced to land on the rig. When offshore worker, Sam Crowe, saw her, he knew that she would not be able to find her own food. He said, 'Knowing it wasn't going to survive out here, I made it a little home



Pictured: The owl was rescued by offshore workers. **Source:** Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary on Facebook.



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in a box and got it some raw chicken and some water. The rescue team came and picked it up, and then it got released. A very good ending to the story. It's a little superstar is that owl.' After a couple of days, the bird was transported by helicopter to Sumburgh Airport and then to Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary. She was examined by vet nurse, Lisa Trueman, and found to be in good health but underweight. The owl was then cared for and fed well at Shetland's only wildlife sanctuary, before being released back into the wild.

Do you know any facts about short-eared owls?

Happiest Cities

The 20 happiest cities in the world have been announced for 2025. Abu Dhabi, UAE, was top of the list. Second place went to Medellín in Colombia. Cape Town, in South Africa was third. Glasgow, in the UK, has also been ranked among the happiest cities in the world, coming in at number 20! The giant survey, conducted by Time Out, questioned 18,000 people about the city they live in and how happy it makes them feel. The happiest cities were measured by working out the percentage of people who responded positively to these five statements:

- My city makes me happy.
- I feel happier in my city than other places I've visited or lived.
- The people in my city seem happy.



Pictured: Abu Dhabi.
Source: Canva.

- I find joy in the everyday experiences my city offers.
- The sense of happiness in my city has grown a lot recently.

99 percent of locals from the Emirati capital agreed that their city makes them happy. 96 percent answered that people in their city seem positive, and 93 percent said that they feel happier in their city than anywhere else.

How many of the statements do you agree with about where you live?

Do you think the statements are a good way to judge people's happiness?

What would you have asked in the survey?

What makes a good peacekeeper?



A good peacekeeper is someone who tries to help people understand each other.

Pascal

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