



## Finland - the world's happiest country again!

Finland has been named the world's happiest country for the third year in a row! The World Happiness Report, originally launched in 2012, is an annual survey by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network for the United Nations. For the first time, the 2020 report also ranked the happiest cities in the world with Finland's capital, Helsinki, coming out with the top spot on that list as well! The 156 countries were judged by how happy the people that live there feel they are. Finland's Prime Minister, Sanna Marin, said that the secret of her country's success was how Finns cared for each other and the environment and benefited from the best possible education. Denmark was ranked the second happiest country, with Switzerland in third place, followed by Iceland.



*Pictured: Smiling people at the Helsinki Samba Carnival 2019 taken by Ilkka Jukarainen.*

## Comet Atlas could shine as bright as the moon

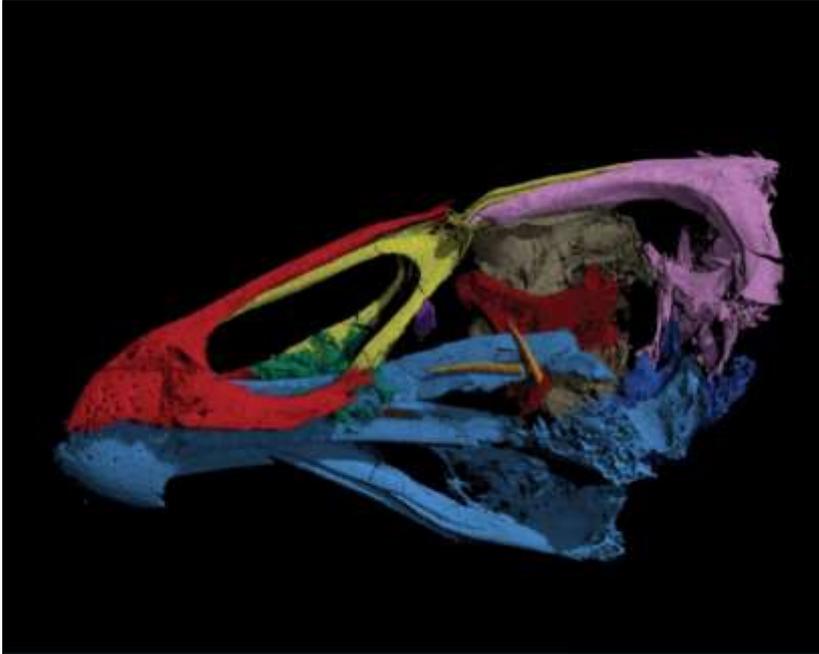


*Pictured: Another bright comet, Comet C/2017 O1 (ASASSN) taken by CajunAstro on Oct 29, 2017.*

A comet called Atlas is on its way towards Earth and could appear as bright as a crescent moon. Comets are icy bodies in space that release gas or dust. This comet was discovered in December in the area of Ursa Major, which is a constellation in the northern sky also known as the Great Bear. The comet was discovered by the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert system (ATLAS) in Hawaii and takes its name from the initials of the system. It is an asteroid detection system that will patrol the visible sky twice a night looking for smaller objects moving through space. Unless it breaks up from the Sun's heat first, Comet ATLAS will reach a perihelion (closest approach to the Sun) on 31<sup>st</sup> May, inside the orbit of Mercury, with the possibility of becoming a naked-eye comet.



## 'Wonderchicken' fossil found



*Pictured: Three-dimensional image of the skull of the world's oldest modern bird, Asteriornis maastrichtensis, nicknamed the "wonderchicken" fossil taken from Daniel J. Field's Twitter page.*

A new study has unveiled the oldest-known modern bird fossil! "This is a unique specimen: we've been calling it the 'wonderchicken'," said Dr Daniel Field of the University of Cambridge. "It's the only nearly complete skull of a modern bird that we have, so far, from the age of dinosaurs and it's able to tell us quite a lot about the early evolutionary history of birds." The fossil that was found in Belgium, is over 66 million years old. The international team of palaeontologists think that the creature was a shore bird the size of a seagull that could fly, with a chicken-like face, a duck-like rear, long slender legs and some features similar to a turkey!

## Your thoughts on the news...

Yes, we should have a say because there are some important current events that we don't learn about, but we need to limit it, so we don't just learn about everyone's favourite subject.  
Larch Class- Age 8



Yes and no! Yes, because it would give us lots of different things to learn about, no because we have to learn the curriculum to pass our exams.  
Ella-Grace Brereton - Age 8

I think we should have a say on what we learn at school because the subject might have an effect on what you believe.  
Imy - Age 9

What was your opinion on this week's news? Visit our discussion area, found here:  
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I think it is unfair how students have to take time out of their education to raise a warning about global warming; We should be already helping without reminders.  
Naomi - Age 10



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