

# Happy News

## Shell pledges \$300 million to reforestation.

Oil and gas companies don't always spring to mind when thinking about companies who help the environment, but Royal Dutch Shell are trying to give back.

Over the next three years, the massive oil producer will spend \$300 million on planting trees and regenerating forests around the world. One such project is to plant more than 5 million trees in Spain and the Netherlands.

While moving away from fossil fuels towards renewable energy sources is ideal would be another great thing, spending almost a third of a billion dollars on restoring Earth's forests is an amazing start! Thank you Shell!

## India's Wild Tiger Population on the rise.

The annual 4 year survey of wild tigers in India has reported that there about now 2,967 tigers in the country. This is up by 74%, as the numbers of tigers in 2010 was only 1,706. Nepal has also achieved a rise and now has 235 tigers, up 94% from 121 in 2010.

This wonderful news has been achieved by the hard work of wildlife patrols, less habitat destruction and a ban on the hunting of tigers.



## Tobi the dog teaching lessons in acceptance and love.

Tobi, a 5 year old disabled dog, is helping to spread the word about acceptance and difference.

Born without his two front legs, Tobi lives with disability, but that doesn't stop him living his best life. This petite pooch lives with his owner, Paige Bradford who is a Special Educational Needs teacher. She adopted him from a shelter and has been giving him the best life he deserves. In return, Tobi visits the school where Paige works and helps teach the children about disabilities, how to overcome challenges, celebrate difference and spreads kindness and acceptance. He loves to visit the school where he works as an emotional support animal. The children can cuddle up to him, read him stories and relax. Which is wonderful for the wellbeing and mental health of the children and for Tobi. Paige says "One of the things that was really fun was to work on some of my students' goals while they were playing with Tobi because they didn't even notice they were doing hard work!"

Well done Tobi!

## European Union Overwhelmingly votes in favour of reducing plastics

The European parliament has voted to ban single-use plastic cutlery, cotton buds, straws and stirrers as part of a sweeping law against plastic waste that spoils beaches and pollutes oceans. The vote by the members, means that there will be an end to the manufacture of single use plastics by the end of 2021.

By the end of 2025, it will be law that plastic bottles contain at least 25% recycled material and by 2029, 90% of the bottle is made from recycled plastics. Countries in Europe will also put a ban on disposable cups and containers in cafes, and instead asking customers to use their own coffee cups and boxes for takeaway sandwiches- or accept paper bags for food instead. What a great start to making a change this Earth Week!