



Bhangra dancer spreads positivity!



Pictured: Gurdeep performing one of his daily dances
Source: @GurdeepPandher

Gurdeep Pandher was already well known by the Canadian Armed Forces for teaching Bhangra dancing. At the start of the pandemic, he began tweeting videos of himself performing the traditional upbeat Indian dance on Twitter and on 11th March 2021, he completed a year of performing one dance every single day. He did this to share 'joy, hope, and positivity' to citizens around the world. Gurdeep lives in the vast Yukon territory in Canada. He remarked, 'The wilderness of the Yukon has been the best location for me to dance Bhangra.' He feels uplifted by the peace of this serene nature. His tweets have been followed by people worldwide, including fans in Finland, Denmark and Japan. He now receives letters on a daily basis telling him how encouraging his Bhangra dancing has been. 'The most common one is people saying this is the most Canadian thing they have seen, which really made me smile.'

Koala gets a new prosthetic foot

This koala, nicknamed Triumph, was born without a foot. When he became orphaned, he was rescued and taken into Lismore Friends of the Koala Centre in New South Wales, Australia. His vet nurse, Marley Christian, explained that he couldn't jump, wouldn't put his weight on it and walked a lot slower. She used doll's socks to make it more comfortable for him and a company that makes pet prosthetic limbs tried to make a false foot for him without success. Then one day, Marley happened to mention Triumph's troubles to local dentist, Jon Doulman, who had only ever made false teeth before. Both Jon and Marley agreed they had nothing to lose if Jon used his dental material to try and make Triumph a boot to fit over the end of his leg. After several tries, Jon made a pink rubber boot that slipped over



Pictured: Triumph the koala with his new prosthetic limb
Source: @abcnews

Triumph's ankle bone with Velcro holding it on. Jon also created a tread pattern onto the bottom so it could grip onto surfaces. Both Marley and Triumph are delighted with the results. She said, 'So as soon as he put it on him, he actually did this little jump, started running around...he was reborn again, he was just rejuvenated!'



Barbie's friend turns 60

You may have to ask your grandparents if they remember young Ken and Barbie! Although the Barbie doll turned 60 in 2019, her friend, Ken was not released onto the toy market until 11th March 1961. So, he's just celebrated his 60th birthday. The toymakers Mattel, who manufacture Ken and Barbie dolls, have always been keen on 'inspiring the next generation'. For Ken's birthday they have launched a new version of him in a wheelchair. A spokesperson from Mattel explained, 'Ken and Barbie are timeless toys, although they have rightly evolved along the way.' Sales of the dolls have increased during the pandemic because it is thought that children want more hands-on toys to play with at home at the moment. The dolls can be purchased in three body shapes, nine skin tones, ten eye colours and twenty hairstyles as Mattel want to offer as much diversity to their customers as they can. Happy Big Birthday, Ken!



Pictured: Ken and Barbie dolls

Source: Justin Ladia

Your thoughts on last week's news...

I think that you go as far as it takes to make people listen to what you feel very strongly about. If people start listening to you then you should probably either stop protesting or dial down what you're doing.

Niamh – age 9



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You should go far to stand up for what you believe in because it makes up a part of you and if you don't stand up for what you believe in then it's like letting go of a piece of yourself and people might get injured in the process.

Fannie K – age 11

We should do our best to explain why is it important to do the things we need to.

Carla – age 6

I think...



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