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GOOD NEWS

MEDIA LITERACY CLASSES

Fake news can swing elections, demonise groups and spark violent riots. The UK government has promised an overhaul of the English Curriculum to include media literacy classes. More countries are likely to follow as misinformation flourishes.

REDUCING THE NEED FOR SOLAR PANELS

A revolutionary flexible coating that harnesses solar energy could reduce the need for solar farms. A forty strong team at Oxford University Dept. of Physics has developed a solar cell that so thin that it can be applied to buildings, cars and everyday objects. It is as efficient as traditional panels.

A TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF ENERGY

Last year 37% of electricity came from renewable sources. Although last year globally the needs for electricity grew, this was offset by the increase in wind and solar power. Highest on the list was China which increased its solar by 51%.

24,000 LIVES SAVED

A new type of mosquito net has prevented 12 million cases of Malaria and 24,000 deaths. Comparable in cost to the old type, this is set to save health services millions.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY UP AND RUNNING IN FALMOUTH

Bookworms may like to know that a new Little Free Library is up and running at the end of Trescobear Rd by Union corner. It is stocked by a wide variety of books for all ages. People are urged to take a book to read and, if they can, leave a book for others to enjoy. A good new Community venture.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

WINTER FUEL PAYMENT

The energy cap is to rise by £149; this will bring the average energy cost to £1717. The government has cancelled the annual winter fuel payment to

pensioners except for those receiving the universal credit benefit.

WEALTH TAX

The Spanish government introduced a wealth tax on the richest households taxing assets by 1.7 to 3.5%. Wert the rest of the world to follow, nations could raise £1.5 trillion a year, according to research published by the Tax Justice Network. That is double the amount needed for developing nations to implement their climate action plans. The richest 0.5% own over a quarter of the world's wealth. The G20 Finance Leaders agreed that the that the super-rich should contribute their fair share in taxes. The USA opposes a global wealth tax.

AI IN SWEDEN

is being enlisted to detect Autism with an 80% accuracy in toddlers, enabling early diagnosis and intervention and improving the quality of life for individuals and family.

RIOTS IN BRITAIN

have shocked us all. Britain is considered one of the most successful intercultural countries compared to the rest of Europe. Perhaps we are being called upon to indeed “welcome the stranger “and speak up for human dignity and rights. I have in my front window a Jesuit refugee Service poster that says “We welcome refugees” and did have at one time the experience of being a landed immigrant in another country, though not a refugee. The poster has brought a variety of comments. May we all in our daily lives not be afraid to stand up and be counted in matters concerning the welfare of refugees and asylum seekers.

PEACE

Jesus said “Peace I leave with you, my Peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give. My peace I give you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:26–27). How do we bring that peace to the world and to those we meet?

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