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Class get under their teacher's skin!

A teacher in Spain gives an anatomy lesson in a full body suit that maps out the human body in lots of detail. Verónica Duque donned a bodysuit depicting the inside of a human body to help her class grasp how our organs all fit together and where they are in our bodies. She arrived at the lesson at Maria Teresa Inigo de Toro school in Valladolid wearing a white coat before removing it to a mixed reaction. Verónica, who teaches science, social studies, art, English and Spanish said, there was "confusion, shouts, applause and some covered their eyes" when she appeared in front of the class. As well as using the body suit to show her class what we look like under our skin, Verónica also dresses up as historical characters to teach her lessons and uses props including crowns to help teach grammar! Would you like it if your teacher used props like this?



Pictured: Verónica Duque teaching anatomy in the human body suit taken from her husband's Twitter page @ mikemoratinos.

Chimpanzees like to move to music!



Pictured: A typical photo of two Chimpanzees.

Chimps have a sense of rhythm and like to dance to music, new research suggests. Until now, dancing has been considered an almost uniquely human trait. "Chimpanzees dance to some extent in the same way as humans," said Dr Yuko Hattori, lead researcher at Kyoto University, who studied the dancing chimps. The apes clapped hands, tapped feet and swayed along when played bursts of piano music as part of a study by scientists in Japan. The study exposed the primates to six two-minute piano compositions for six days. Although none had been taught to groove and received no rewards for doing so, they still broke out into spontaneous movement when the tunes started. The findings hinted that our own love for dancing was deeply rooted and primal, rather than something which had been learned.

Temperature of 16.8°C recorded at 3am in UK



Pictured: The Met Office Twitter page announcing the record-breaking temperature recorded in Casslev.

An unusual phenomenon has brought record high temperatures of 16.8°C to the town of Cassley, Sutherland, in the Scottish Highlands at 3 o'clock in the morning. The average night-time temperature for that area in late December is 0°C. Meteorologists say that the high temperature is due to the Foehn effect, which is when dry wind coming down a mountain warms up as it descends bringing warmer temperatures to the other side of the mountain. The hottest day on record, 38.7°C, was also recorded this year on the 25th of July at Cambridge University Botanic Gardens. Dr Mark McCarthy from the Met office said: "2019 will be remembered as an exceptional year for weather records, as it is unusual to get both the UK summer and winter high temperature records within the same calendar year."

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