



## McDonalds to ban plastic straws

McDonalds have announced that from September, they are going to stop using plastic straws in all their UK and Ireland restaurants. In the UK, we use around 8.5 billion plastic straws every year. McDonalds are planning to replace them with paper straws.

Most straws are made from a type of plastic that unless it's recycled, will take hundreds of years to decompose.

Supermarkets Waitrose and Morrisons have both said they will be removing all plastic straws from their stores.



*Pictured: Plastic straws.*

## Algeria's internet is switched off!



*Pictured: El Hamdania in Algeria.*

Following a nationwide cheating scandal in 2016, where questions that were used in exams were shared online, the country of Algeria turned off its internet for everyone to try to stop cheating in school exams.

The internet was switched off from 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June. Nobody was able to access the internet from any device during this time. More than 700,000 students sat the high school exams in that week and they'll receive their results on 22 July.



## Robots in San Francisco!



Robots are on the increase in the technologically advanced US city of San Francisco. Robots can be found on pavements, car parks, shopping centres and even in restaurants cooking food!

As more enter public spaces, some concern has been raised as to the safety risk they pose to humans and the dangers they might pose if they malfunction.

*Pictured: A robot on a San Francisco street.*

## Extinct ape found in ancient Chinese tomb

An ape that is new to science has been discovered buried in an ancient tomb in China. The gibbon has already become extinct, suggesting humans wiped out many populations long before the modern age.

Most species of gibbon are under threat from the destruction of forests, hunting and illegal trade. Two species of gibbon have recently disappeared in China and all surviving Chinese species are classified as Critically Endangered.



*Pictured: A rare Hainan gibbon found in China.*

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