



# PROGRAMMANUS

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## NEWSREEL

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KATE HOLLAND: Hi and welcome to Newsreel. This is Kate Holland reporting from London.

Coming up:

- **Will you be trying to be more eco this Christmas?**

*Person 1: My family's definitely becoming more environmentally conscious, so yeah, I'll definitely think about buying less this Christmas.*

- **And would you go to school with your grannie?**

But first, Hong Kong.

- **Hong Kong Protests**

Since June this year, more than 5,000 people have been arrested as police and anti-government protestors have clashed across Hong Kong.

China and Hong Kong have a complicated relationship. Since re-joining China from Britain in 1997, Hong Kong has operated under a principle called "one country, two systems", which was meant to keep Hong Kong's capitalist system separate from China's socialist model. This is due to end in 2047.

Many Hong Kongers fear China wants to fully integrate Hong Kong into mainland China.

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protesters**  
*regeringsmotståndare*  
**have clashed**  
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**is due to**  
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**integrate**  
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The protests began after the Hong Kong government tried to introduce a law about who it could arrest and send to other countries. This is known as extradition.

Helier Cheung from the BBC explains:

*Helier Cheung: The law would allow Hong Kong to extradite people to other countries, including mainland China. Critics have pointed out that business people and expats in Hong Kong, or even tourists going through there, could potentially, in theory, be extradited to mainland China.*

The extradition bill was withdrawn in September, but the unrest has carried on. Protestors are concerned that the Chinese government is trying to undermine their democratic freedoms.

- **Going eco this Christmas**

Oh yes, it's December and Christmas is nearly here!

But will you be thinking of the environment this festive season?

Well one UK company has announced it will not be using glitter on its Christmas cards or wrapping paper this year. Marks & Spencer says it has made the decision because most forms of glitter are actually tiny bits of plastic. And therefore, bad for the planet.

But what else can be done to have a more environmentally-friendly Christmas?

I went to meet Elsa, who works for a company called Bermondsey Bits here in London. At their pop-up stall in a fashionable market, they sell eco-friendly products like bamboo straws and cutlery sets.

*KATE: Hi Elsa really nice to meet you.*

*ELSA: Lovely to meet you too, thank you very much for having me.*

*KATE: What do you think the problem with Christmas cards is at the moment?*

*ELSA: It's lovely to receive them and to get them. But, in reality, you have them for approximately two to three weeks and then you pop them into the bin. That's the problem with Christmas cards. It's a single use, just like single use plastic.*

**extradition**  
utlämning

**expats**  
folk från andra länder  
som bor i Hong Kong

**bill**  
lagförslag

**unrest**  
oroligheter

**concerned**  
oroade

**the environment**  
miljön

**wrapping paper**  
inlagspapper

**pop-up stall**  
popup-stånd  
**fashionable**  
moderiktig  
**cutlery sets**  
bestickset

**pop them**  
kastar dem  
**single use**  
engångs-

But for Elsa, there's another massive way we can be more aware of waste.

*ELSA: I think it's just all about being mindful towards Christmas presents this year. Not actually buying what we don't need.*

So, are other people in London planning on buying less stuff this Christmas?

*Person 1: My family's definitely becoming more environmentally conscious so yeah, I'll definitely think about buying less this Christmas.*

*Person 2: Yeah, as everyone matures, I think we're going to have less and less plastic toys anyway.*

*Vox pop 3: With my friends, we're sort of trying to avoid giving like throw-away gifts, so things that are sort of made of plastic and will probably just end up in the bin in a couple of months. So trying to avoid stuff like that.*

- **South Korean school**

We have an expression in the UK: "Everyday's a school day." Which basically means you learn something new all the time.

But a school in South Korea has taken this very literally.

Because Daegun Elementary is welcoming pupils who are over seventy years old!

The new students are older local women who didn't learn to read when they were children because school wasn't an option. But now, they're getting the chance.

How would you like studying with your grandparents?

**mindful**  
uppmärksam

**conscious**  
medveten

**matures**  
mognar

**literally**  
bokstavligt

That's all for today. I'll be back on the 14th of December with a ten-minute special edition: our annual review. Don't miss it!