

He was bandaged up like an Egyptian mummy.. now my son is cured. It's a miracle

GAMBLING FIRMS RAP

TWO-THIRDS of gambling firms have not put any money into a £3.5million fund to help addicts.

Culture Secretary Andy Burnham warned in February he would force them to give cash unless they donated more to the trust.

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DALAI 'YES' TO MEETING

THE Dalai Lama has welcomed China's offer to meet his envoy and wants talks to reduce resentment over Chinese rule in Tibet.

The exiled spiritual leader said yesterday the two sides need to explore causes and seek solutions.

FAMILY'S JOY AFTER HEARTFELT TV APPEAL



By MARION SCOTT

A LITTLE boy has been cured of chronic eczema that saw him wrapped in bandages like an Egyptian mummy.

Harris Brogan recovered after a moving TV plea for help.

His parents wrote to GMTV when the show urged children to reveal their special wishes.

The five-year-old appeared on the programme with hosts Fiona Phillips, Penny Smith and Dr Hilary Jones.

His emotional appeal was seen by Paul McGregor, who distributes American childcare skin products.

Former BA cabin crew member Paul, 40, of Newton Mearns, Glasgow, began using Pure Baby products on his sons Robbie, five, and Jamie, eight.

He sent a batch to Harris in Hawick, Roxburghshire – and the youngster experienced a radical transformation.

Paul said: "My boys both suffered exactly the same way Harris had, so I knew the desperation his family felt.

"We'd tried all the pills and potions from our doctors and nothing worked."

Harris's dad, Eddie, 40, a forestry worker, said: "It's so wonderful seeing the difference in my son.

"We use Pure Baby on him and at night he wears a special silk undergarment to keep his skin protected from scratchy clothes.

Torment

"He's like a different boy. These natural products worked a miracle.

"It began when he was months old and the eczema spread across his body.

"Even when we bandaged him up like an Egyptian mummy and covered him with creams he was in torment.

"He couldn't sleep for more than a couple of hours at a time because of the pain and itching.

"Harris wanted to play like his friends but it hurt him – his skin would split open and bleed.

"The least little bump or scrape could cause tremendous pain.

"Swimming was absolutely out of the question. The chemicals in the water affected his skin so badly."

Harris, a pupil at Trinity Primary School, had tried countless prescription and over-the-counter remedies for his eczema, which affects one in five young children.

Eddie said: "Nothing worked. It was heartbreaking."

Mum Sharon, 37, a cashier, added: "GMTV showed a film of how his life was so affected by eczema. There wasn't a dry eye on the set. We took



Agonising: Harris's skin was left red-raw by his terrible eczema



Amazed: Eddie and Sharon with a happy Harris



Happy to help: Paul, wife Laura and their boys Robbie and Jamie

him to Majorca when he was four as a special treat. But his skin was so uncomfortable in the heat, we had to stay indoors the whole time.

"Instead of playing on the beach, Harris was stuck in his room with his colouring books.

"He couldn't concentrate in school because the pain and itching were so distracting.

"Because he scratched all through the night, he was tired and fractious all the time.

"But he was on TV at Christmas and the change now is amazing."

Paul discovered Pure Baby during his travels with BA.

He said: "The range has 100 per cent

natural ingredients and was developed by doctor Theresa Phillips, whose own son had suffered from the problem.

"We reckon we've helped thousands of kids across the country – but we're particularly happy we helped Harris."

Suzanne Johns, of the National Eczema Society, said: "We are always heartened when we hear of stories like this.

"However, everyone's skin is different and what might work for one person, may not work for another.

"We would always advise anyone to do their research first and always consult their GP."

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