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Girl (Pocket) Power!

When 8-year-old Georgia, from Suffolk, England, went shopping for new school trousers with her mum in Sainsbury's in 2024, she was shocked to find that the items available did not have pockets! 'They didn't have real pockets: they just had fake ones and then we went in the boys', and they had pockets, and I thought it was unfair, so I bought boys' trousers', Georgia said.

After her sad Sainsbury's shopping experience, Georgia wrote a letter to them with her findings, to which Sainsbury's replied, 'I'm sorry currently girls' school trousers do not have pockets. I agree they should'. Georgia then got 56 children to sign a petition, but Sainsbury's



Pictured: Georgia wearing her new school trousers with pockets! Source: Family photo.

didn't respond to it. However, when shopping in Sainsbury's in 2025, Georgia found that the trousers for sale now had pockets! It wasn't until the 17th century that pockets began to be sewn into clothing, but they were separate bags sewn into the lining of coats or dresses. By the 18th century, pockets as we know them now were sewn into men's coats and trousers and were not included in women's clothes until much later. The average person uses their pockets 10-15 times a day! Do you like clothes with pockets?

Tail Meow About It!

Mr Pugsley Addams, a well-loved family cat from Minnesota, USA, has been given a Guiness World Record for having the longest tail! Mr Pugsley is a silver Maine Coon, a breed of cat which is one of the largest domestic cats around. They are also well known for being soft, fluffy, and super friendly. 'He's just a great little guy to be around', his owner said. The Maine Coon can be many different colours, from black, cream, tabby, tortoiseshell or grey, just like Mr Pugsley. Mr Pugsley's tail measures 46.99cm, which is about the same length as a skateboard or a baquette, and the family said that comments about his long tail



Pictured: Mr Pugsley Addams with his family! Source: MPR News, on Facebook.

were mentioned during his very first appointment at the vets when he was a kitten. Remarks about his tail. just kept coming, and when the family did some research on the internet, they found that Mr Pugsley's tail beat the one held on record! How purrrfect!

Watch a video of Mr Pugsley being confirmed as the Guiness World Record holder here!

What qualities should a positive role model have?



Role models should be people we can look up to. They need to be kind, honest and hard working. Deepa

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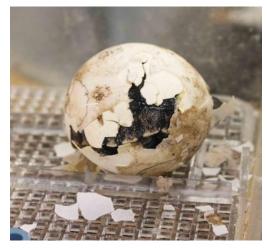
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Egg-citing **New Arrivals!**

Philadelphia Zoo, in Pennsylvania, USA, has announced, for the first time in its 150-year history, that critically endangered Western Santa Cruz Galapagos tortoises have been born there! Galapagos Tortoise parents, Mommy and Abrazzo (the zoo's oldest residents) are estimated to be 100 years old. Four healthy babies have hatched, and it is hoped that they will help to ensure the species' survival. 'This is a significant milestone in the



Pictured: Western Santa Cruz Galapagos tortoise Source: Philadelphia Zoo on Facebook.



Pictured: One of the tortoise eggs hatching. Source: Philadelphia Zoo, on Facebook.

history of Philadelphia Zoo, and we couldn't be more excited to share this news with our city, region, and the world,' says Philadelphia Zoo's Dr. Jo-Elle Mogerman. 'Mommy arrived at the zoo in 1932, meaning anyone that has visited the zoo for the last 92 years has likely seen her. Philadelphia Zoo's vision is that those hatchlings will be a part of a thriving population of Galapagos tortoises on our healthy planet 100 years from now.' Did you know that a healthy Galapagos

tortoise can survive up to a year without eating or drinking?

Supermarket Sensory Support Boxes

UK supermarket, Morrisons, has introduced Sensory Support Boxes, with the aim of creating a positive shopping experience for autistic and neurodivergent customers. Morrisons announced it has worked with the National Autistic Society to develop collections of items that help encourage calmness and focus. The boxes include drawing boards, fidget balls, spinners, and squish mats. Customers are encouraged to request an item from the box at the beginning of their shop, and they will be available across 500 stores from May. Peter Watt, from the National Autistic Society said, 'The Morrisons Foundation Sensory Support Boxes are a brilliant initiative to support autistic and neurodivergent customers while shopping. Supermarkets are a key part of all of our lives, but for many autistic



Pictured: Children and Morrisons staff with a Sensory Box. Source: Morrisons, on Facebook.

customers they can be a loud, bright and crowded environment, which can be overwhelming especially for those with sensory sensitivities. During World Autism Acceptance Month, it's really important for all businesses and retail spaces to learn more about the changes they can make to be more inclusive and accessible for autistic and neurodivergent people.' Do you think this is a good idea? What else could supermarkets do to become more inclusive?

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Role models need to show us how to live a good life so that we can be happy.

Rhian

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