

Glow For It!

A new science story is lighting up the news! Scientists in China have made special succulent plants that glow in the dark. The trick? Tiny glowing particles go inside the leaves. After soaking up sunshine in the day, the plants shine at night. They can glow for hours, in lovely colours such as green, blue, red, or yellow.

One day, these glow plants might be used as little streetlamps. Lead scientist, Shuting Liu, says, 'Imagine glowing trees replacing streetlights.' That would be *tree-mendous*! For now, the glowing succulents live safely in a lab. Scientists hope they could one day grow bigger plants, bright



Pictured: A glowing succulent plant.
Source: Canva.

enough to light paths, parks, and even whole streets. Glow plants could also help save electricity and make cities greener. Now that's what we call a *bright idea*!

Did you know some animals glow in the dark too? Fireflies, glow worms and even some jellyfish can make their own light!

Cuthbert's Big Surprise!

The supermarket, Aldi, has given its famous Cuthbert the Caterpillar Cake a special makeover, to celebrate September being the most popular birthday month! Inside the cake is a sweet little surprise: when you cut into it, you'll find pink filling for a girl or blue filling for a boy. Aldi ran a special competition this month, giving away free limited-edition cakes to some lucky winners! Aldi's boss, Julie Ashfield, says, 'We know how special gender reveal moments can be



Pictured: Limited edition gender reveal Cuthbert cake!

Source: Aldi UK on Facebook.

for expectant parents, so we wanted to offer something fun... transforming our popular Cuthbert Cake!' So, whether it's pink or blue, this new cake makes baby news extra exciting!

If you could design a caterpillar cake, what flavour would it be?

What do you think makes something a wonder of the world?



A wonder of the world is something that is really special!

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New Giraffes

Giraffes are loved by many people and were always thought to be just one species. However, scientists at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) now say they have identified three more species of the world's tallest mammal. Researchers studied giraffes closely and compared their skulls and head shapes. They also looked at how natural features, such as rivers, deserts and mountains, may have separated giraffes in the past, meaning they evolved differently.

Southern giraffes live in South Africa,



Pictured: A Southern giraffe (left) and Reticulated giraffes (right). **Source:** Canva.



Pictured: Northern giraffes (left) and a Masai giraffe (right). **Source:** Canva.

Angola, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Mozambique. Reticulated giraffes are found in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia. Northern giraffes live in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda. Finally, Masai giraffes (with their leaf-pattern hide) live in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. The IUCN says this discovery is very important. Michael Brown, co-author of the report, said, 'The more precisely we understand giraffe taxonomy, the better equipped we are to assess their status and implement effective conservation strategies.'

Do you think it is important to protect giraffes? Why?

'Golden' Movie

KPop Demon Hunters has become Netflix's most-viewed movie ever! Since it was released in June, the animated musical has been watched more than 236 million times. The film tells the story of K-pop girl band, Huntr/x, who use their music and fighting skills to protect humans from demons. It was made by Sony Pictures Animation and has been praised for its bright animation and showing both traditional and modern Korean culture. The songs from the movie are very popular, with 'Golden' reaching number one on the Billboard Hot 100. Other tracks by Huntr/x and their rival, Saja Boys, appeared in Spotify's Global Top 10. Many of the soundtrack's producers have worked with famous K-pop groups, like BTS and Twice. Netflix released a sing-along version in cinemas, which also became the number one film at the US box office.



Pictured: KPop Demon Hunters poster. **Source:** @Netflix on X.

Plans for a sequel are reportedly in the early stages!

Have you watched the film? Which song from the film is your favourite?

What do you think makes something a wonder of the world?



A wonder of the world is something that you can't stop looking at. It is beautiful!
Effie

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