



HAPPY NEWS



KIDS

Man nears end of 27 year walk around the world



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Image Credit: Instagram/@bushby3000

British adventurer Karl Bushby is about to finish an incredible 27 year walk around the entire world. Back in 1998, he set off from Chile with just his backpack and a dream - since then he's crossed deserts, snowstorms, war zones, and even dodged a polar bear - all without using cars, planes, or Google Maps! He's walked through some of the biggest moments in history too, from the millennium celebrations to the pandemic. Now 56, Karl is only 2,000 miles from home and hopes to make it back to the UK by next year. His message? *Take that first step - big adventures begin with tiny ones!*

The special robot piecing together Pompeii's puzzles

A clever new robot in Italy is helping to rebuild the ancient treasures of Pompeii. When Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD 79 and buried the Roman city, its colourful wall paintings were smashed into thousands of tiny pieces. Now, a robot with smart "eyes" and flexible hands can spot matching colours and gently piece the artwork back together faster than humans. Scientists hope this amazing machine will help restore precious artefacts all over the world!



Italy

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Don't eat... candy floss ice!

Super-rare ice that looks just like candy floss has been spotted in England, and it really does look magical! It forms when a special fungus in rotting wood creates tiny, silky strands that freeze into shapes resembling fluffy hair or spun sugar. The temperature has to be just right for it to appear, which is why many people mistake it for rubbish at first. If you ever spot it, consider yourself *ice-tra* lucky!



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Image Credit: BBC/Cynthia Dallow

Joke of the Week

What do butterflies use to hold up their houses? *Cater-pillars!*



Christmas walkies! Rescue dogs show off their festive jumpers

More than 150 rescue dogs in colourful Christmas jumpers trotted through central London on a festive walk to Buckingham Palace! The event was organised to support animal charities and celebrate dogs who've been given a second chance in life. Many of the adorable pups were rescued from tough situations, and now get to enjoy happy homes and plenty of treats!



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Telescope snaps cosmic butterfly



A giant cosmic "butterfly" has been spotted fluttering through space! A telescope in Chile captured a new picture of the Butterfly Nebula, a huge cloud of glowing gas 2,500 to 3,800 light-years away. Its bright "wings" were formed when an old star shed its outer layers long ago, creating colourful, glowing shapes that stretch out like a butterfly in space.



Chile

Image Credit: NSF NOIRLab

Think Happy

Think of a time you spotted something unusual or surprising. What was it, and why did it make you smile?

