

# HAPPY NEWS KIDS

## The tiny fashion collection taking on big waste



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The UK throws away so many children's clothes that if you stacked them in one huge pile, it would be 244 times taller than Mount Everest! To show how big the problem is, fashion designer Priya Ahluwalia teamed up with Epson, a company famous for making printers. Together, they've turned old clothes into tiny, colourful outfits for dolls. Their new collection, called Fashion Play, uses Epson's digital textile printing technology to transform fabric waste into brand-new designs, all without using water or harmful chemicals.

Image Credit: Ahluwalia/Epson

## Joke of the Week

How does a capybara type? IN ALL CAPS!



Japan



Science

Image Credit: Channel JAPAN by Nikkei

## The human washing machine

We had to check the date to make sure it wasn't April Fools' Day for this story... A company in Japan has invented a human washing machine, perfect for anyone who hates baths or showers! This super-futuristic pod uses warm water, tiny microbubbles and a gentle mist to wash you while you lie back and relax. After 15 minutes, you're clean, dry and ready to go! However, at almost £300,000 each, we don't think they will be popping up in people's homes just yet!

## Think Happy

If you had a special noise that announced your arrival what would it be and why?



## Pink noise protects pedestrians

Electric cars are so quiet that makers actually have to add fake sounds for when they are driving slowly. Otherwise, people nearby might not hear them coming! The funny thing is, there's no rule about what the sound has to be, so manufacturers can choose anything they like. Scientists have been testing all sorts of noises to see which ones help people notice cars the most. They discovered that "pink noise" - a mix of deep, low notes - is the best. It got us thinking, if you could choose any noise for a car, what would it be? The sillier the better!



Japan



Image Credit: ITV News London

## Relax at the capy-spa-ra!

A brand-new spa has been built just for two capybaras at London Zoo. The brother-and-sister duo, Gizmo and Kiwi, arrived in May 2025 for what was supposed to be a short visit. But they settled in so happily that the keepers decided to give them a permanent home. Now the giant rodents have moved into their luxury pad, complete with two pools, muddy bath spots, and special climate-controlled zones.

## Robo-dog will help save forests

If you spot a bright red robot dog wandering around the Forest of Dean, don't worry - it's not lost! This clever robo-pup is part of a special project testing new technology to help protect forests. It walks through the trees on its metal legs, using lasers and cameras to create 3D maps that show how healthy the forest is and which trees might need extra care. Similar robot dogs are exploring forests in Finland and Switzerland too!



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