



# HAPPY NEWS



KIDS

## Houston, we have... chickpeas!



Scientists have done something truly out of this world - they've grown chickpeas in "moon soil!" Normally, that dusty moon dirt is far too harsh for plants, but by mixing in worm-made compost and special fungi, researchers turned it into something crops could grow in. It's a major breakthrough that could help future astronauts grow their own food instead of relying on supplies from Earth. There's still more to test, but the tiny chickpea could be about to play a huge role in our journey beyond our planet!



## Joke of the Week

Why was the yoghurt late to the party? *It got stuck in the fridge!*



## Yog-hearts of gold

Did you know that in Japan, people get yoghurt delivered straight to their door? The delivery workers, known as "Yakult Ladies," don't just drop off drinks, they also check in on older people and make sure they're doing okay. Dressed in their smart uniforms and often travelling by bike or on foot, they can sometimes be the only regular visitors some elderly people see each week. In a country with one of the largest elderly populations in the world - where many people can feel lonely - these small, friendly visits are making a huge difference!



Image Credit: Yakult Honsha



## Hope for hedgehogs



Scientists at the University of Oxford have discovered that hedgehogs can hear ultrasonic sounds, and it could help save them from road accidents in the future. Researchers studied 20 hedgehogs in Denmark and found they can hear high-pitched noises that humans can't. Scientists think these sounds could be used to warn them of danger, like oncoming cars, and help reduce the number of hedgehogs killed on roads each year.



## Butterfly flutters back

A butterfly thought to have vanished from the UK for over 30 years has made a comeback! The large tortoiseshell has been spotted across southern England, from Kent to Cornwall, delighting nature fans who quickly snapped photos of the surprise visitor. Experts say it's exciting news and could mean the butterfly is settling back in, though they're keeping a careful watch to see if it sticks around.



Image Credit: Algirdas



## Young designer steals the show

A 10-year-old designer has made history at Paris Fashion Week, becoming the youngest ever to stage his own show. Max Alexander wowed audiences with a colourful, flower-inspired collection, with many outfits made from recycled and eco-friendly materials, including an old wedding dress! He started designing at just four and, at age seven, became the youngest runway fashion designer ever. Max is showing how clothes can be creative and kind to the planet!



## Think Happy

Think about how it feels when someone asks, "Are you okay?" Maybe you could ask someone else if they're okay today.

