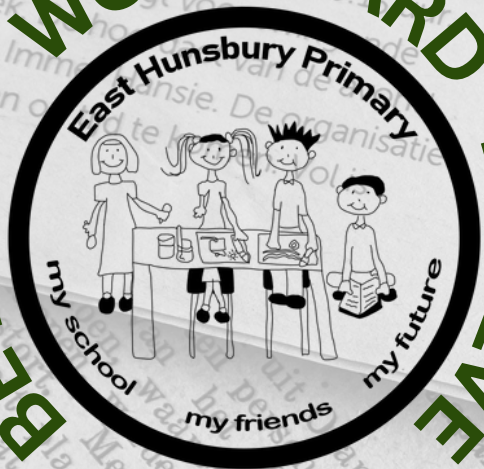


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Plant Packaging

Companies around the world are working hard to find new ways to reduce plastic waste, and one exciting solution is eco-friendly packaging made from plants! This special packaging can be made from materials like seaweed, cornstarch, or even mushrooms, and it helps keep the planet clean by breaking down quickly in nature. One company, Notpla (short for 'not plastic'), has developed packaging from seaweed that could replace the plastic we use for wrapping food. This eco-friendly packaging is not only biodegradable, but it's also safe to eat! Dr Mark Miodownik, a scientist at University College



Pictured: Seaweed growing underwater.
Source: Canva.

London, says, 'These innovations give us hope for a more sustainable future.' By using these smart alternatives, we can help protect animals, oceans, and our planet from plastic pollution. Experts believe that more and more businesses will start using eco-friendly packaging in the future, which is a big step towards a cleaner, healthier world!

Robo-Scientist!

Exciting news from Africa—scientists are using a robot to help protect endangered animals! This special robot can move around safely without disturbing wildlife, allowing scientists to study animals up close. The robot has cameras and sensors that help it watch over animals like rhinos and elephants, which are often targeted by poachers. Poachers are people who hunt endangered animals illegally, and scientists hope this robot will help stop them. One of the scientists working on the project said, 'The robot is like

an extra pair of eyes that can keep track of animals and send us important information about where they are and what they need.' This smart robot is already helping conservationists learn more about how to protect endangered animals and keep them safe in the wild.



Pictured: A rhinoceros and her calf.
Source: Canva.

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Crazy Cars!

A very special car museum in Hyderabad, India, has been awarded the world record for the largest collection of wacky vehicles in a museum! Car designer, Sudhakar Kanyaboyina, is fulfilling his childhood dream of hand making fully-working custom cars, designed to look like everyday objects. The museum houses 57 individual vehicles, including a vintage computer, shoe, camera, stiletto, hamburger, handbag, chessboard, wedding dress, sofa, snooker table, cricket bat, many sports balls, and even a toilet! As you might expect, Sudhakar's desk at the museum is also a car!



Pictured: Several of the custom cars at Sudha Cars Museum.

Source: Guinness World Records on YouTube.

He is working towards having 100 cars for people to go and see. 'What I love most about my work is the attention to detail on each car. I find immense joy in meticulously crafting and perfecting every aspect of my designs, ensuring each vehicle is unique and according to the object we are trying to replicate,' explained Sudhakar. 'I still feel as excited as a young child when I'm working on a new car. That same enthusiasm still drives me!'

If you were to create a custom car, what object would you choose to base it on?



Pictured: The shuttlecock car.

Source: Guinness World Records, on YouTube.

Community Conservation

Community members in New Orleans have turned a vacant, rubbish-filled 40-acre area into a thriving wetland and haven for people and birds. Local residents are working together with the Sankofa Community Development Corporation (SCDC), which was set up by Rashida Ferdinand, to restore the wildlands she grew up exploring and playing in. The area that had suffered, due to decades of damage and neglect, has been restored to its previous natural glory and is now officially known as the Sankofa Wetland Park and Nature Trail. Wildlife has returned to the site, with the SCDC reporting that there are now over 100 species of songbirds, ducks, near-shore waders, egrets, herons, otters, beavers, and a variety of amphibians and reptiles. It is hoped that restoring the wetlands will also help to protect the residents and



Pictured: A Painted Bunting bird can be seen at Sankofa Wetland Park and Nature Trail.

Source: Canva.

their properties, as they are known for their ability to absorb stormwater. Rashida said, 'Seeing butterflies, birds, and other pollinators in the park is a sign of a healthy ecosystem. All we had to do was create the right conditions.'

Do you enjoy bird watching?

Are there any community areas close to you?

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