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Is it a bird? Or is it a train? It's un-beak-lievable!

Who doesn't enjoy the gentle sounds of singing birds? Well, you're in for a loud wake-up call if you ever hear the noise created by the amazing male white bellbird!

'I really thought there was a train coming! But then I remembered I was in a forest so that wasn't possible!' said Sam Nash, who was travelling through the Guianas in South America, when he heard the incredible horn-like sound. Although smaller than a 30cm ruler, male white bellbirds can produce a sound up to 125 decibels, which is as loud as a pneumatic drill – wow! Males are all white and have a long



Pictured: A white bellbird.
Source: @Louise_rvn on X.

wattle dangling from their black beaks, similar to a cockerel's but much longer. They tend to stay high up in the trees, so aren't seen very often but you can be sure that they'll be heard!

[Click this link to hear the amazing sound! Make sure your volume is down!](#)

Risky Play All The Way!

Would you like to play with sticks, climb trees, and build with real tools? In the Netherlands, some people want to bring back 'risky play'. Many playgrounds have the usual swings and slides, but new play spaces could let children build with hammers, start small fires (safely), and even cook outdoors. The idea is to help children learn new skills, take safe risks, and spend more time outside. Rob Hofland, a leader in the plan, says, 'The problem is that children are hardly moving. All kinds of problems stem from just



Pictured: Children using hammers and nails.
Source: Canva.

sitting behind a screen.' Experts say playing in exciting ways can help children make friends, solve problems, and feel more confident. Some places, like the Woeste Westen play park, already let children explore nature in fun and adventurous ways!

Would you like to play there?

Do you need to feel under pressure to achieve great things?



Good pressure is needed to succeed but too much is unhealthy.

Chloe S

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Fantastic Froglets!

Fifty-three very rare, tiny frogs have travelled 7,000-miles, from the Parque Tantauco forests of southern Chile to London Zoo. The zoo is part of a mission to help increase the population of the endangered Darwin's frog, named in honour of Charles Darwin. The 3cm-long frogs are under threat from the chytrid fungus, which has caused a 90% loss in their population. Scientists hope to learn how to combat the effects of the deadly fungus, breed healthy froglets, and safely reintroduce the miniature



Pictured: Darwin's frog.
Source: London Zoo on Facebook.

amphibians to their forest home. This species of frog is unique, as the males 'give birth' to the froglets from their mouths! When the frog dads see movement within the fertilised eggs on the forest floor, they appear to eat them. This is how they keep their young safe in their vocal sacs, until they turn from tiny tadpoles into little froglets.

London Zoo posted on social media,

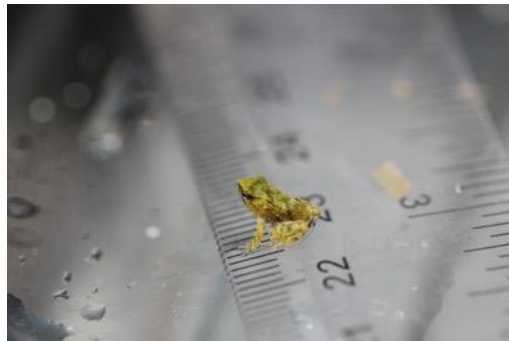
'🐸 Massive news 🙌'

33 endangered Darwin's froglets have been born at London Zoo 🐸.

These precious froglets are a symbol of hope for one of the world's rarest species.'

Have you ever heard of this frog species before?

Did you know that the frog fathers carry tadpoles in their mouths?



Pictured: Darwin's frog sat on a ruler.
Source: London Zoo on X.

Breaking the Sound Barrier



Pictured: Boom Supersonic aircraft – Overture.
Source: Boom Supersonic @boomaero on X.

The company, Boom Supersonic, is celebrating as its XB-1 prototype jet has broken the sound barrier! Breaking the sound barrier means an aircraft or any object exceeds the speed that sound travels. This speed, also known as Mach 1, is about 741mph! Boom Supersonic's XB-1 is the first civilian aircraft to achieve this speed since Concorde, the British-French supersonic airliner, which was retired in 2003. The US company says on its website it is, 'building the world's fastest airliner, Overture – optimized for speed, safety, and sustainability.' Boom

Supersonic's chief test pilot, Tristan "Geppetto" Brandenburg, took the aircraft on three test flights, which broke the sound barrier in the Mojave Desert in California. During the test flights, the plane reached an altitude of 35,000ft, before accelerating to 844mph (called Mach 1.1). When an object travels this quickly, the shock waves created produce a sonic boom, which is a massive bang, sounding similar to a thunderclap. However, this noise would not be heard by the pilot as they also move faster than the speed of sound!

Would you like to fly this fast?

How do you think it would feel?

Do you need to feel under pressure to achieve great things?



No, you don't need to feel under pressure to achieve great things.
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