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FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TOP NEWS STORIES
FOR THE WEEK
FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD

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LEGO FOR THE BLIND

LEGO have launched Braille bricks so blind children can use them.

The bumps on the bricks are arranged to relate to a letter of the Braille alphabet. Each brick also has a printed letter so the children can learn and play alongside other sighted children.

MYSTERY BEAST?

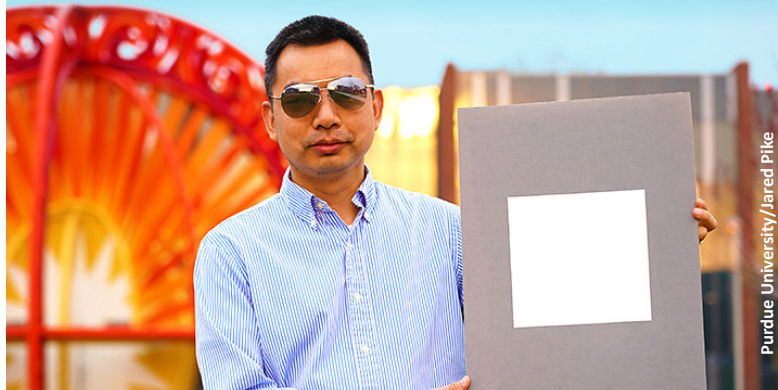


A MYSTERIOUS tree beast in Poland turned out to be a croissant!

A woman informed animal welfare officers, saying people were too scared to open their windows.

The officers suspected it might be an escaped pet, so they were surprised to discover a tasty pastry!

WHITEST PAINT EVER



A NEW “ultra-white” paint that can reflect 98.1% of sunlight energy has been unveiled.

In comparison, the standard white paint that you buy in shops typically reflects between 80% and 90% of sunlight energy.

The new paint is, in fact, so white that it reflects the energy back into deep space! It could help cool buildings, reducing the need for air conditioning, which uses up a lot of energy.

The scientists behind the invention say that if 0.5– 1% of the Earth’s surface was covered in the paint, the effect would reverse global warming so far.

FIELD OF LIGHT!



FIBRE-OPTIC lights glow at the Field of Light immersive art installation from artist Bruce Munro, part of the Light at Sensorio. The installation has a solar-powered display of more than 58,800 stemmed spheres lit by fibre-optics.

MARS HELICOPTER TAKES FLIGHT



Ingenuity spins its blades (top) and takes a black and white shot of the Martian floor while in the air

NASA has flown a helicopter on Mars, the first powered, controlled flight on another planet.

The helicopter drone, called Ingenuity – meaning to be clever and inventive – was in the air for less than a minute, but engineers say there are more adventurous flights to come.



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