

'The biggest bug that ever lived!'

Researchers from University of Cambridge's department of earth sciences have found the largest-ever millipede fossil on a Northumberland beach! Palaeontologists say the fossil is from the "biggest bug that ever lived". It was discovered when a chunk of sandstone fell from a cliff onto the beach at Howick Bay.

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The rock had cracked open, revealing the fossil. "It was a complete fluke of a discovery," said Neil Davies, a lecturer at the University. The fossil was so large it required four people to carry it! Experts believe the specimen is a section of the creature's exoskeleton that it shed near a riverbed, which was then preserved by the sand. Scientists believe the ginormous creature, called Arthropleura, was alive



Pictured: A typical millipede.

over 320 million years ago, weighed 50kg and was 2.5m in length, as long as a car! If you want to see the fossil it will be on display at Sedgwick Museum. Let us know if you go to see it or have seen any other impressive fossils!

Twins born in different years!

Aylin and Alfredo Trujillo, twins, born only 15 minutes apart, have birthdays in different years! The babies were born at Natividad Medical Center, in Monterey County, California. Alfredo was born at quarter to twelve on New Year's Eve, 31st December 2021 and his sister, was born just after the clock struck midnight, meaning her birthday is New Year's Day, 1st January 2022! Aylin was also the first baby born at the Medical Center in 2022. Experts say that twins being born on different days is

very rare but there is only a one in 2 million chance of them being born in different years. The twins' mother, Fatima Madrigal said: "It's crazy to me that they are twins and have different birthdays. I was surprised and happy that she arrived at midnight." Dr Ana Abril Arias, called the twins' birth "one of the most memorable" of her career. "It was an absolute pleasure to help these little ones arrive here safely in 2021 and 2022. What an amazing way to start the new year".

Pictured: Some birthday candles





Pictured: Chris Buckler, performing a random act of kindness. **Source:** Aldi Stores UK Twitter page.

Spreading random acts of kindness

Chris Buckler, from Hinckley, in Leicestershire, has been performing random acts of kindness in his local area for 20 years! He loves to put a smile on the faces of people in his local community, surprising them by handing out gifts, paying for people's shopping and leaving chocolates on car windscreens. He even celebrated his 70th birthday by performing 70 acts of kindness – including a 'doughnut run' to drop off some nibbles at his local

ambulance and fire stations! Workers at his local supermarket recently decided to surprise him in return by filling his car with gifts to thank him! Chris said that he was overwhelmed by the generosity and stated that it would take him a long time to give out all the gifts he had been given! He said: "People are glad that you've done it and I think it gives them a lift." Have you ever surprised someone with a random act of kindness?

Last week's topic: Should more of our learning take place outside



I think that learning outside is good but so is learning inside, a mixture of both!

Bea

I don't think it matters if you are inside or outside. What matters most is DOING.

Amy

Yes, we should do more of our learning outside as it is a very opportunistic time to learn about Mother Nature and her beauty. Also, people who are interested in biology will be delighted.

Praneel Nayak – age 7

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