

Kingsley, the baby giraffe

Keepers at the West Midlands Safari Park in Worcestershire have revealed the name of their endangered baby giraffe, who was recently born into their tower. When Kingsley was born, the safari park released footage showing the 1.8m (6ft) tall Rothschild's giraffe calf making his grand entrance into the world by falling several metres to the ground. He was then tended to by his doting mother, who tried to nudge him gently to his feet. He and his parents, Arusha and Rufus, are part of a European breeding programme, which aims to conserve endangered species. The Rothschild's giraffe is one of the most endangered, with less than 1,400 adults estimated to live in wild! The park contains the largest groups of white lions, cheetahs,



Pictured: Kingsley and his mother, Arusha.
Source: West Midland Safari @WestMidSafari Twitter page.

hippopotami, and meerkats in the UK, as well as the largest lemur walk-through exhibit. *Did you know that the collective noun for a group of giraffes is a tower? Do you think that is a good name?*

Spacecraft slams into Asteroid

NASA has crashed an uncrewed spacecraft into an asteroid at over 23,000km (14,400 miles) per hour - on purpose! The Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) is the world's first mission to test technology for defending Earth against potential asteroid or comet hazards. The joint project between NASA and the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, will assess whether crashing a spacecraft into an

asteroid changes the way it travels, ensuring that we could alter the orbit of an asteroid, if needed. NASA tweeted a video showing the mission's success saying, "IMPACT SUCCESS! Watch from #DARTMission's DRACO Camera, as the vending machine-sized spacecraft successfully collides with asteroid Dimorphos, which is the size of a football stadium and poses no threat to Earth."



Pictured: Schematic of the DART mission shows the impact on the moonlet of asteroid Didymos. **Source:** NASA

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Pumpkin Boat Birthday

Duane Hansen, from Nebraska, celebrated his 60th birthday by paddling down the Missouri River in a giant pumpkin, that he had grown and named 'SS Bertha'. Duane stated that his aim was to break the world record, which he had heard about whilst attending a giant pumpkin growing seminar, saying, "It wasn't even for the glory. I just wanted to beat the record in a pumpkin." He successfully set a new Guinness World Record for the longest journey by pumpkin boat. He paddled a 384kg (847lbs) floating pumpkin for 61km

(38 miles). The journey, which took over 11 hours to complete along the longest river in the United States, was officiated by workers from the City of Bellevue, Nebraska. One of their spokespeople said, "Lisa Rybar and myself agreed to take on this task which we ... originally thought was to float a 800 pound pumpkin for over 30 miles down the river. It wasn't until later in the conversation that we realized that Mr. Hansen would actually be riding in the pumpkin on this journey".



Pictured: Duane Hansen and his record-breaking pumpkin boat. **Source:** City of Bellevue, Nebraska, Facebook page.

Last week's topic:

How can we help those in need who are far away?



I think me and my classmates can help by donating clean drinking water, toiletries etc because if I were to guess those who were affected by the flood lost their essentials. We can donate by finding a donation site that supports Pakistan in this troubling times.

Nazeefah

We can donate to supportive charities, that help as much as they can so everyone can live without worrying about floods.

Emeli

I think if we all try, we can donate to Pakistan with money, and tools they need to survive also we need to stop littering and make a change.

Laiton

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