

King Charles III coins

The Royal Mint has revealed the first images of the new King Charles III coins, that will start appearing in general circulation before Christmas. The first 50pence coins featuring the king will depict him without a crown and facing in the opposite direction to his late mother Queen Elizabeth II, who faced to the right. By tradition, each monarch faces in the opposite direction from their predecessor,

the reason for this is unclear. Previous British kings were also shown on coins uncrowned, whereas Elizabeth's image appeared on British currency wearing a crown of laurels and a tiara or the royal diadem (an ornamental headband worn as a badge of royalty). The likeness of the King was created by British sculptor Martin Jennings, who said it was his smallest-ever work.





World's largest arcade machine

Guinness World Records, who have recently published their 2023 book of world records, have been asking the public 'Would you play on the world's largest arcade machine?' The arcade machine, on which you can play Tetris, a popular building block puzzle game originating from the 1980s, measures 4.90m tall and 1.98m wide, with a depth of 1.11m. The machine that was unveiled at MadLab Zaragoza, an entertainment venue with multiple gaming experiences, including escape rooms and VR games, in Spain.

To play the game, guests need to insert a giant coin into the machine and climb steps to reach the playable buttons. When asked why they wanted to break the world record, MadLab said, 'We love video games, we like going BIG and we enjoy breaking the limits. We love that the public can enjoy everything we do. Our goal is to be the reference in the world of experience, leisure and entertainment."

Would you like to play on an arcade machine this large?

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Wild piglet adopted by cows



A herd of cows in Brevoerde, Germany, has gained an unlikely following, after adopting a lone wild boar piglet. Farmer Friedrich Stapel stated that he spotted the piglet hanging around with his herd several weeks ago in a pasture near the river Weser in the district of Holzminden, Lower Saxony. It is thought that the little piglet may have lost its family when they crossed the nearby river, so followed the friendly cows instead. Stapel said that while he

knows the extensive damage wild boars can cause, 'he can't bring himself to chase the animal away', saying, 'To leave it alone now would be unfair'. The kind farmer, who has nicknamed the wild swine, Frieda, plans to bring it in his shed along with the mother cows in wintertime. Wild boars are known to be omnivorous, so easily adapt to changes and currently live in almost every part of the world.

Last week's topic:

Do we achieve more when there is competition?



I think we can achieve more in competitions because we set our minds to it and think 'we can do this'. In addition, if you feel nervous, that is good as it makes you try harder.

Roschelle

I don't think competition is always good, it can push you but can put too much pressure on you.

Madison

Sometimes because people may achieve more when they broadcast it on TV.

Jiyong

Yes, because people are more competitive when it's a serious competition which means they might do better than always.

Gianna

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