

Giant pumpkin weigh-offs

A pumpkin grown by Minnesota horticulture teacher, Travis Gienger, has smashed the previous record for the heaviest pumpkin grown in the U.S.A at the 49th Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off in northern California. The weigh-off organisers tweeted, 'Two-time winner Travis Gienger 🍂 of Anoka MN is 2022 Pumpkin King! His 2560-pound Rhinoceros-sized Mega-Gourd set a new North American Record.' The massive squash took the title from New Yorker Scott Andrusz, who had weighed in his pumpkin at 2,554 pounds (1,158 kg) during The Great Pumpkin Farm fall festival, held earlier this month in Buffalo. The gigantic fruit broke the New York, US, and North American records as 'heaviest pumpkin'! The world record is still safe for now, continuing to be held by Stefano Cutrupi from Italy who grew a 2703-pound (1,226 kg) squash in 2021.



Pictured: Travis Gienger with record-breaking pumpkin.
Source: Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival @HMBPumpkinFest Twitter page.



Pictured: Ancient Assyrian wall carving. **Source:** Canva

Ancient rock carvings unearthed

Impressive ancient rock carvings have been found in Iraq. Archaeologists at Mashki Gate, in northern Iraq, have unearthed stunning grey rock carvings that were made about 2,700 years ago. The excavation team, from Iraq's Mosul University and the United States' University of Pennsylvania, made the amazing discoveries whilst working to restore the Mashki Gate. The eight finely-made marble bas-relief carvings show finely chiselled

war scenes (including an Assyrian soldier pulling back an arrow, ready to fire), grape vines, and palm trees. Fadel Mohammed Khodr, head of the Iraqi archaeological team working at the site said, 'We believe that these carvings were moved from the palace of Sennacherib and reused by the grandson of the king to renovate the gate of Mashki and to enlarge the guard room. Only the part buried underground has retained its carvings.'

Paw-some caddy!



Pictured: Golf balls. Source: Canva.

Marlo, a six-year-old Cavapoo from London, is very good at finding and collecting lost golf balls. A Cavapoo is a mixed breed dog (also called a Cavadoodle or a Cavoodle), a cross between the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Poodle dog breeds. The clever dog has retrieved over 6,000 with his owner Charles Jefferson! The pair collect the discarded balls whilst on walks together around various golf courses. They are now using Marlo's skills to help provide golf charities

with the balls they need to teach children around the world. The balls that Marlo has collected have been added to a donation drive by the DP World Tour, aimed at helping golfing charities and preventing golf ball littering. Their aim is to fill a 6-metre-long shipping container with second-hand tour-grade balls, to then send on to Kenya's Junior Golf Foundation, the South African Disabled Golf Association, the European Disabled Golf Association, the UAE's Chicks with Sticks, and India's Golf Foundation.

Last week's topic:

If we do something wrong, who should decide the consequences?



I think you shouldn't choose your own punishments because they could be good ones.

Lewis

We need to take responsibility for our actions, in the example from Davinia, I think her dad was right to send her to her room to think about her actions.

Quayah

It depends because if you're at home, then it should be your parent or your guardian and at any other places, it should be whoever is in charge of you.

Finn

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