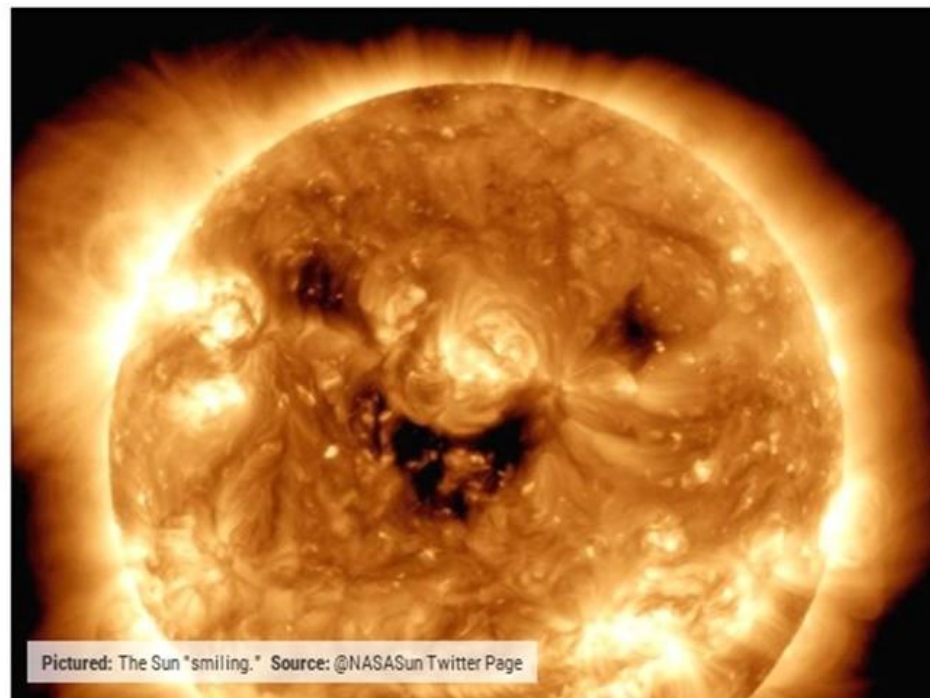


# Orchid odour

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden has revealed a rare orchid that smells like dead rats and rotting cabbages! The botanical gardens have over 8,000 species of plants on its 40-acre site. The orchid, *Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis*, is native to Papua New Guinea and it is very rare for it to flower away from its natural habitat. Experts from the gardens say that its petals look like 'meat with maggots on it' and it has the 'delicate aroma of rotting cabbages'. They Tweeted that visitors to the Tropics House could find the plant by following their noses 'you'll know you're getting close when you start to smell dead rats decomposing next to rotting fish!'. The orchid's stench serves a purpose attracting pollinators, like flies and beetles, that would normally lay their eggs on smelly places such as faeces and rotting materials.

**Would you like to visit this odourful orchid?**

**Pictured:** The orchid *Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis*  
**Source:** @CUBotanicGarden Twitter page.



**Pictured:** The Sun "smiling." **Source:** @NASASun Twitter Page

## 'Smiling' Sun!

NASA's Solar Dynamic Observatory, that studies the Sun and how it affects space around the Earth and other worlds, has released a video that it says shows the sun 'smiling' at the end. NASA Tweeted 'NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory caught the Sun 'smiling.' Seen in ultraviolet light, these dark patches on the Sun are known as coronal holes and are regions where fast solar wind gushes out

into space.' A coronal hole is a temporary region of relatively cool, less dense plasma in the solar corona, where the Sun's magnetic field extends into interplanetary space as an open field. Their locations can help experts predict when auroras near the Arctic (northern lights or aurora borealis) and Antarctic (aurora australis or southern lights) may occur.

# No Bounty to celebrate?



**Pictured:** Limited Edition No Bounty Celebrations.  
**Source:** @UKCelebrations Twitter page

Bounty bars have been removed from some Celebrations tubs! The decision to trial the Celebrations packs with no Bounty bars has been revealed to be in response to 'public demand'. Mars Wrigley, the company who produce the chocolate selection boxes, said that their research, which involved 2,000 British adults, suggested that '18% would feel irritated to find only Bounty bars were left in the tub, while 58% believed it would lead to a family argument... 39% wanted the bars gone for

good [and] 22% liked Bounty the least of all the tub's options. Some 28% were of the opinion coconut had no place in a chocolate bar at all.' The limited-edition tubs will include more of the Mars, Snickers, Milky Way, Galaxy and Maltesers variants than normal to make up for the missing Bounty bars.

**Do you think the results of the survey would be different if they had asked children for their opinions too?**

Last week's topic:

**Will robots make the world a better place.**



I believe that robots are unnatural and that traditional ways were better for all.

Aled

We think that if used and developed correctly, robots could make our lives simpler and easier.

Bee Class

Some of our class are a little bit concerned because building the robots might harm our planet. Others think AI might help us solve global warming.

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**Let us know what you think about this week's news?**



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