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AnonyMouse recycling



Pictured: Miniature stores on the streets of Sweden
Source: @mdflynwriter on Twitter

Five years ago, tiny buildings began to appear from nowhere on the streets of Malmo in Sweden. A mysterious group called AnonyMouse started installing miniature bistros, travel agents, churches, hotels and bookshops, intended to be inhabited by mice. Now, there are dozens of them tucked away in towns across Europe, including a minute castle on the Isle of Wight off the southern coast of England. Inside them, bottle tops, seashells and matchboxes are reused to make mouse-sized pieces of furniture. A mystery spokesman from the group said, 'We are always on the lookout for objects we can use in a different way. We like to imagine a world where small animals live in parallel to us and recycle objects we lose and throw away.' Residents and tourists are encouraged to look inside each building to see if they can spot what the tiny objects are made from. If they look very carefully through the window of a tiny jazz club, sharp-eyed visitors can even spot a saxophone made from a dog whistle!

Snow in the desert!

Beautiful snow patterns blanketed parts of the desert in Saudi Arabia and Algeria last month. Locals and foreigners flocked to the Arabian desert to witness this unusual weather, which has not been seen in the south of the country for fifty years. Residents expressed sheer excitement at seeing such a spectacle! Deserts are hot in the daytime but, because there is no water, there are no clouds to trap in the hot air, so at night the heat escapes, making night-time air very cold. However, in the Sahara Desert, it has only snowed three times in the last forty years. In Algeria, night-time temperatures fell to -3 degrees Celsius in January 2021. The snow was witnessed in the town of Ain Sefra, known as 'Gateway to the desert'. It is surrounded by the Atlas Mountains, situated 1000 metres above sea level.



Pictured: Confused camels in the snow in Saudi Arabia!
Source: AfricaFactsAFZ

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‘Tree of life’ appears in Australian lake

When photographer, Derry Moroney sent his drone (a remote-controlled pilotless aircraft) into the sky to take photos of Lake Cakora off the eastern coast of Australia, he did not expect to see spectacular images of what has been described as the ‘tree of life’. Hundreds of tea trees stand on the lake’s edge, full of natural oils. Moroney explains, ‘During big storms, as the water comes back in during the high tides, all the tea tree oil runs back into it and creates forks and all the hooks of the ‘tree of life’.’ The branches that are formed as the oil splits and spreads into the lake, have been named after the ‘tree of life’ that stood in the Garden of Eden, written about in the Bible. These amazing natural images can only be seen properly from the air, so they have been shared by hundreds of people on social media. ‘It’s quite bizarre to see, but it’s quite amazing at the same time,’ Moroney said.



Pictured: Lake Cakora taken from the air in Derry Moroney’s drone
Source: @Life4World on Twitter

Your thoughts on last week’s news…

The poster is a great idea for thanking the hard-working doctors and nurses. I have seen some posters on my walks.
Minnie – age 6

I clapped for my grandparents since they have been sitting alone in their houses ever since March.
Ridhi – age 10



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By dedicating some time in the week to cheer for them. They work so hard throughout the pandemic that their work needs to be appreciated and rewarded. Sending a thank you card to bring a smile on their face and hopefully it could cheer up on a very tiring and stressful day.
Neil – age 8

With flowers and chocolates!
Sophia – age 8

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