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**A Water Project by young students of
Thewanuwara Primary School, Puttalam**

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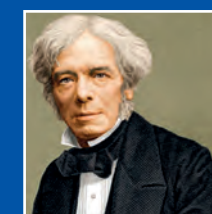
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A stray dog's reflection

I walk along the streets,
Wishing for food,
Even though I will not stop,
I know that it's no good.

I don't get comfortable mats,
My only friends are the sewer rats,
I go around in search of food sniff, sniff,
I could never find one bit.

As I roam I watch children go home,
Then I feel even more alone.

When the sun goes down,
I look up at the moon
And say to myself,
"Someone will take me home soon."

Binara Weerasinghe (Grade 5)
Gateway College, Rajagiriya

My favourite colour

My favourite colour is blue. The colour blue is bright. I also like water and water is blue. I have so many blue jeans at home. Blue is just an amazing colour for me. My favourite colour blue – can go with anything. It is the colour of the ocean. I love going to the beach to swim in the blue ocean.

Blue is closely associated with Harmony and Peace. Blue is popular among hospitals and airlines. It symbolizes loyalty, strength and trust. Mosquitoes are attracted to the colour blue while owls are the only birds to see the colour blue. Navy officers prefer blue and most toothbrushes are blue.

Blue colour has the ability to lower pulse rate and blood pressure. It is a great colour for work environment as it offers relaxation and also a very good colour for study.

Tina Chand (12 years)
Belvoir International

Myself



Sandasi Weerawardana (8 years)
Bishop's College, Colombo

Ice-cream



Thinaya Rathnayake (7 years)
BLT Elementary School, Canada

Woodpecker



Devgee Kaththri Arachi (9 years)
Anula Vidyalaya, Nugegoda

Water

We all know that water is a very important source for us humans and all living beings.



We cannot survive a day without water. Water does not only help humans but it also helps plants and animals. Some sources of water are waterfalls, wells, streams and rivers. We can find fresh water from all these places. Moreover we can find water in the sea and ocean.

There are many aquatic animals living in water sources. We should remember not to pollute the water sources since living animals might get hurt. People throw trash into water and dispose dirty water into precious water sources.

Disposing dirt into water will turn our water sources into disasters.

Plants are also important. Aquatic plants play an important role too.

Plants generally need water to grow. Aquatic plants highlight the beauty of nature. Therefore water is very important for plants.

Last but not least, we should not forget us, humans. We use water in many ways such as, for drinking, cleaning, bathing, cooking and in many other daily activities.

It is believed that life started in the water. It means that without water, we would not be here now. So instead of wasting and polluting, we should save water because it is our responsibility.

Senuri Gunawardana (9 years)
Methodist College, Colombo

My teacher



Ashini Sandalika (Grade 2)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

My family



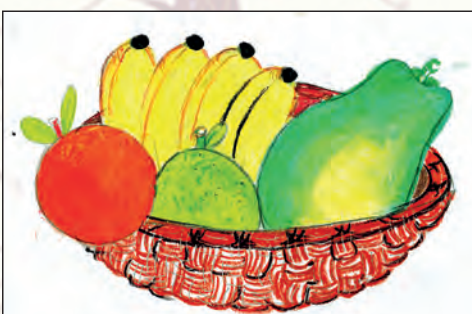
Tenuli Thedasna (4 years)
Wellington Int. College, Bandarawela

A house in a village



Uthum De Silva (Grade 7)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Fruit basket



Nethupama Wijerathne (Grade 4)
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

Tuatara

The Tuatara is a rare, ancient and unusual reptile endemic to New Zealand. It is the only living member of the order 'Rhynchocephalia'. The Tuatara is a 'living fossil'. It lived with the dinosaurs and arrived 250 million years ago and survived the asteroid crash.

It is the largest reptile in New Zealand. It also has long front teeth. It has a third eye to absorb ultra-violet rays and in setting its circadian and seasonal cycles. It has one lung chamber with no bronchi. It likes cooler climates unlike other lizards. I like it very much.

Nethuka Dias (9 years)
Lyceum Int. School, Wattala

My sister

My sister is Janadhi. She is three years old. She is very cute and playful. Her favourite cartoon is 'Masha and the Bear'. She likes acting like Masha. She is a very talkative girl. Every time she likes to play and ride her tricycle. My sister has a very beautiful doll, she named her Masha. She doesn't like to stay alone. She likes go to the beach and make sandcastles. She likes sweets. She loves me.

Janadhi is the best sister in whole world.

Kithnuli Abeywardhana (Grade 6)
Mahinda Rajapaksa College, Matara

Myself

My name is Hiruja. I am seven years old. My mother's name is Roshini. My father's name is Kosala.



I have one brother and no sisters. My mamma's name is Varuni.

I live in Wennappuwa. I am in Grade 2. My favourite colour is green. My ambition is to be an Engineer.

Hiruja Kovin (Grade 2)
St. Joseph Vaz College, Wennappuwa

Books are my best friends

I have so many friends but books are my best friends. I have lots of books. I like to read storybooks and fairytales because they help me learn lots of new words. When I was small, I couldn't read any words but I started to read books with beautiful pictures.

Now reading is my hobby. My mother always encourages me to read by giving me nice storybooks. Now I can read many books very well. I like reading books very much.

Matheesha Dayananda (Grade 3)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Ballet

Ballet is a type of dancing. The costumes are mostly white. Both girls and boys can do ballet. The ballet parts are nice. Ballet is a nice dance.



Dulya Omindy (Grade 2)
Wellington Int. College, Bandarawela

Please remember that **ARTICLES, POEMS** and **PAINTINGS** sent, will not be published unless they are certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Also please mention the topic, your full name, date of birth and address in your entry. Articles should not exceed 200 words. Art should be on A4 size paper.



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Kekulu Kinder ART COMPETITION - 2023

Application Form

Child's Full Name :

Date of Birth :

Permanent Address and Telephone Number :

Email Address :

Kindergarten Name and Address :

Kindergarten Principal's Name :

Phone Number :

Kindergarten Email :

District :

Kindergarten Principal's Signature :

1. Eligible only for children of 2 ½ to 5 years of age.
 2. Competition topic is 'Our Family'.
 3. Drawing can be submitted only on an A4 sheet using pastels only.
 4. Should be certified by the Kindergarten Principal, that the drawing is done by the child.
 5. It is mandatory to paste the application to the back of drawing.
 6. Certificates are given only for drawings where application form is filled correctly.
 7. The product wrappings and the drawing to be enclosed in an envelope without stapling together and sent to the following address before 30th November 2023.
 8. Address: Hettigoda Industries (Pvt) Ltd., No. 33/3, Sri Dharmarama Road, Ratmalana.
 9. It is important to have filled the application form correctly. If not, the drawing will be rejected.
 10. Any clarifications on the competition, please call Yuresh on 077 244 0442 or Isuru on 077 261 3255.
- It is mandatory to include a product wrapping from any of the following product categories, to partake in the competition.



Kekulu Baby Soap



Kekulu Toothpastes



Kekulu Baby Cologne



Kekulu Toothbrush



Kekulu Baby Soap 5 in 1



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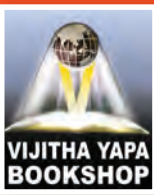


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Read any book of your choice and write briefly about it.

What we want is not just a summary of the story but your views on the book. The best account in the three age groups will be awarded book vouchers of Rs. 500 each from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop. Three winners will be selected each month.

Your account should not exceed 200 words.

Please fill in the coupon and attach it to your entry and indicate word count.



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Read-a-Book Competition

Name :

Date of birth :

Address :

School:

Tel:

Finished book on :

Happy Birthday



Sheruni Gamage
6 years on Sept. 28

Photographs of members and non-members between 4 – 15 years, for the birthday page, should reach us at least ten days before the birthday, along with a letter from a parent giving full details.

Tomahawk Quiz No. 210



WINNER

Tenitha Wijetilleka the winner of Tomahawk Quiz No. 210 collected his bicycle from the Tomahawk Bicycle Mall in Bambalapitiya recently.

Jokes



Q: What do elves learn in school?
A: The elf-abet!



Q: What did the paper say to the pencil?
A: You have a good point.



Michael Faraday

English physicist and chemist Michael Faraday made many notable contributions to chemistry and electricity. When the great scientist Sir. Humphry Davy was asked what he considered his greatest discovery, he answered, "Michael Faraday."

Faraday was born in Newington, Surrey, England, on September 22, 1791. The son of a blacksmith, he was apprenticed to a book binder at age 14 and read all the scientific books in the shop. Young Faraday attended lectures by Sir. Humphry Davy. He made careful notes and sent them to Davy, asking for a job. Impressed by the boy's zeal, the scientist took Faraday into his laboratory as an assistant in 1813.

Acting on hints from Davy, Faraday succeeded in liquefying gas by compression. When he discovered the hydrocarbon benzene in 1825, he became the father of an entire branch of organic chemistry. His laws of electrolysis, formulated in 1833, linked chemistry and electricity.

Faraday's greatest achievement was the discovery of electromagnetic induction. He found in 1831 that when he moved a magnet through a coil of wire, a current was produced. From this discovery the electric generator — the heart of all modern electric power plants — was developed.

Not limited to physics and electromagnetism, Faraday also invented a simple Bunsen burner, coined terms such as electrode, cathode, anode and ion, discovered benzene and investigated the nature of chlorine.

Late in his career Faraday discovered the rotation of the plane of polarization of light in a strong magnetic field.

His work in electromagnetism led James Clerk Maxwell to the theory that linked electricity, magnetism and light.

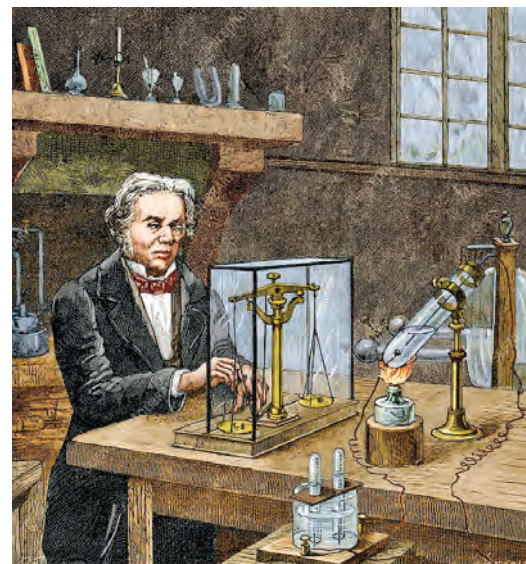
An indirect result of both Faraday's and Maxwell's work was the invention of radio.

Faraday was a man of honour who was strong in his convictions. He rejected both a knighthood and an offer to become President of the Royal Society as well turning down a burial in Westminster Abbey.

He also refused to assist the British government in the production of chemical weapons for use in war.

Albert Einstein admired Faraday's work, keeping a picture of him on his study wall.

Faraday died at Hampton Court, Surrey, on August 25, 1867.

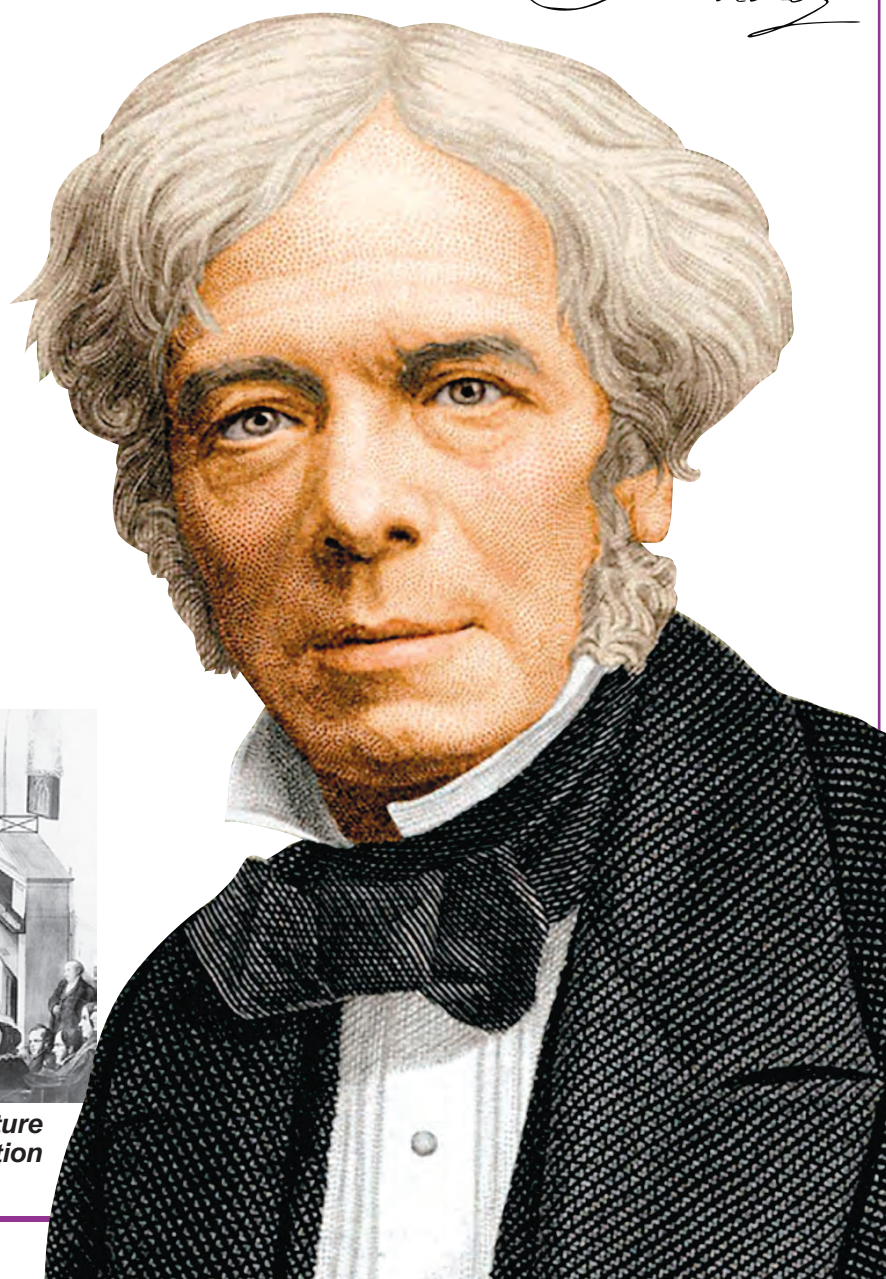


Michael Faraday



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▲ Faraday during a lecture at the Royal Institution



Sources: Britannica Kids & Science Kids

Aye-Aye

Crouching on a tree branch, a hairy animal that looks like a cross between a raccoon and a rat lifts a long finger and taps on the trunk. It's not politely knocking to see who is home. Instead it's trying to locate hollow spots beneath the bark where insects live. (It can tell that it's found a cavity by the sound of the tapping.) Once it detects a hollow, the animal rips away the bark with its teeth and gobbles up the bugs. This curious creature is known as an Aye-aye.

Aye-eyes can be found only on the island of Madagascar, off the coast of Africa. These rare animals may not look like primates at first glance, but they are related to chimpanzees, apes, and humans.

These animals rarely descend from their treetop digs to the forest floor. Only active at night, they spend the day snoozing on branches in nests made of leaves. When darkness falls they forage for food in the treetops.



Common Name:	Aye-aye
Scientific Name:	<i>Daubentonia madagascariensis</i>
Type:	Mammal
Diet:	Omnivore
Average Life Span in the wild:	20 years
Size: Head and body:	14 to 17 inches;
Tail:	22 to 24 inches
Weight:	4 pounds



▲ Where Aye-eyes live

Freaky fingers

In addition to bugs, Aye-eyes feast on fruit such as mango, scooping pulp from the juicy meal with their bony fingers. Without its distinct digits, snagging grub would be much harder for the Aye-aye.



And the animal's fingers aren't the only funny feature that helps it survive in the wild. Big, yellow eyes let it see in the dark. Giant, sensitive ears help the animal detect prey. And a long, bushy tail allows the Aye-aye to balance as it scampers along tree branches.

It's all relative

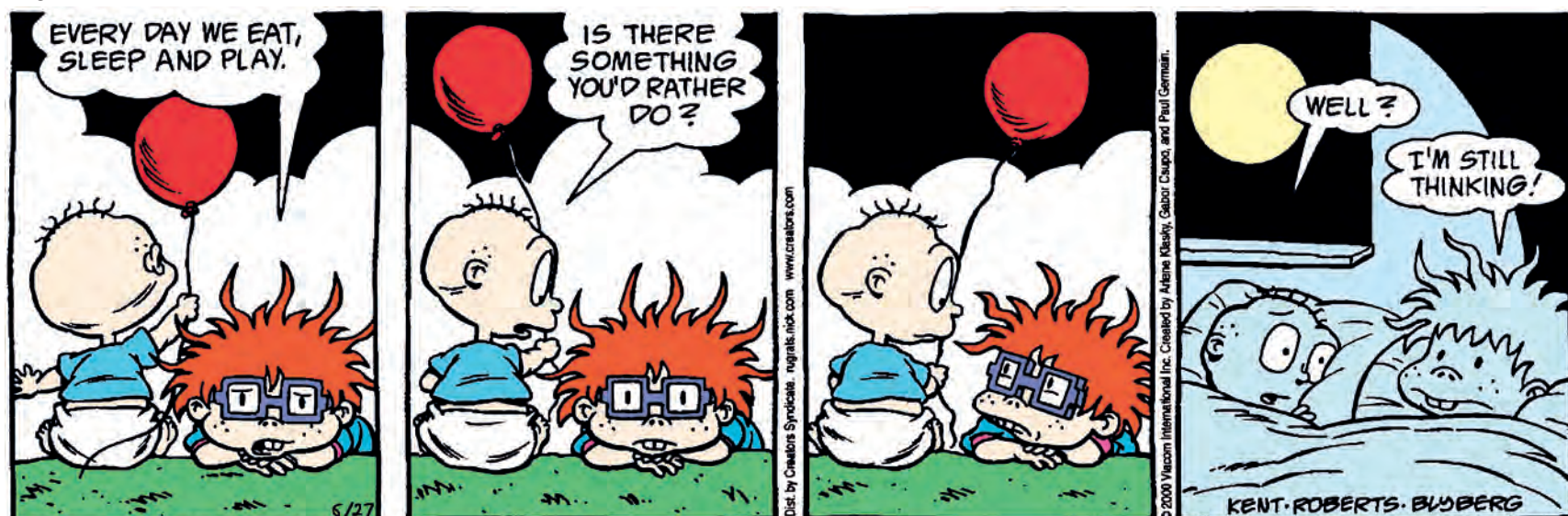
The Aye-aye's odd traits may be useful to the animal. But its weird looks and oddball behaviour has also caused confusion. The animal's rat-like teeth and squirrel-like tail led scientists to first assume that it was a rodent. But these animals are actually primates — the same group of species that humans belong to!

Superstitions

Many people native to Madagascar consider the Aye-aye an omen of ill luck. For this reason they often have been killed on sight. Such hunting, coupled with habitat destruction, has put Aye-aye populations at-risk. Today they are protected by law.

Source: National Geographic Kids

Rugrats



New plant-eating dinosaur species found on Isle of Wight

September 19, 2023

The fossils of a new species of dinosaur have been discovered on the Isle of Wight, off the south coast of England.

The remains belong to a herbivorous – or plant-eating – dinosaur called *Vectidromeus insularis*, which lived more than 100 million years ago.

It's thought the two-legged dinosaur was around the size of a chicken and could move around speedily.

Professor Dave Martill from the University of Portsmouth, said: "It is utterly bizarre that so many new dinosaurs are being discovered on the Isle of Wight. *Vectidromeus* is the seventh new species of dinosaur to be discovered in the last four years. This is all down to the amateur collectors."

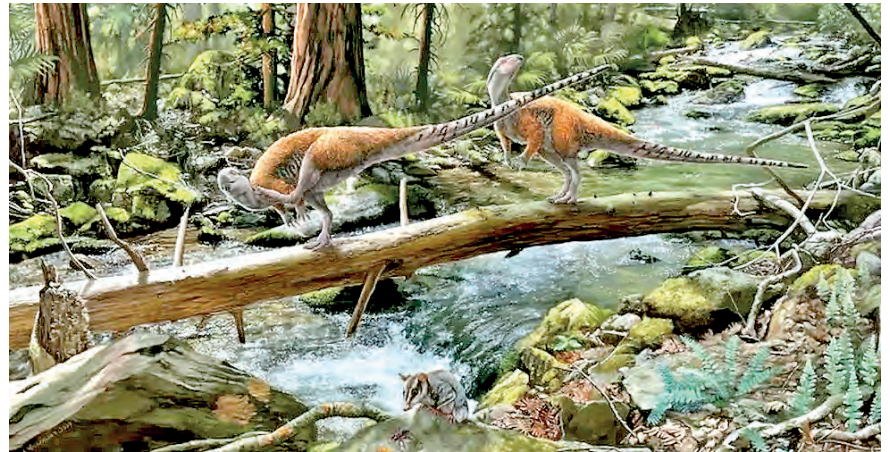
The discovery was made as part of research carried out jointly by the universities of Portsmouth and Bath.

The fossils are of *vectidromeus insularis*, which lived about 125 million years ago and roamed alongside early tyrannosaurs, spinosaurs and iguanodons.

Experts say the discovery suggests Europe had its own family of small plant-eating dinosaurs that differed from those found in Asia and North America.

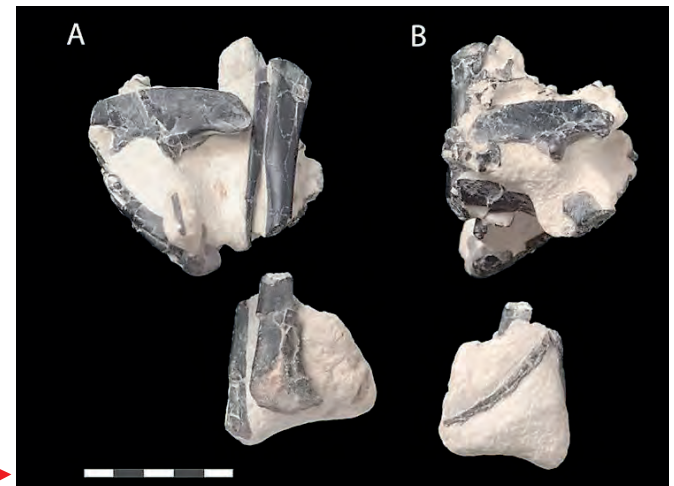
The new species is the second member of the Hypsilophodont family to be found on the island.

The Isle of Wight is one of the UK's richest dinosaur fossil sites and is referred to as "Dinosaur Island".



Artist's impression of how *Vectidromeus Insularis* might have looked.

Fossils showing the femur bone from a *Vectidromeus insularis*



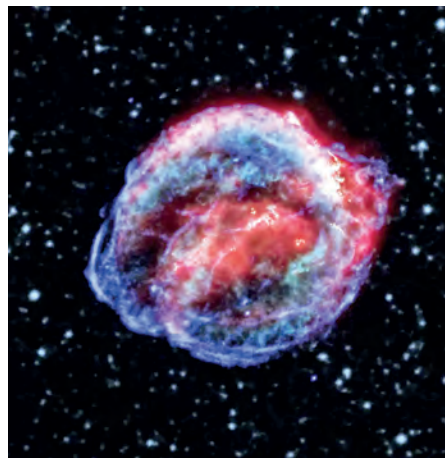
NASA releases amazing photos to show off space telescopes

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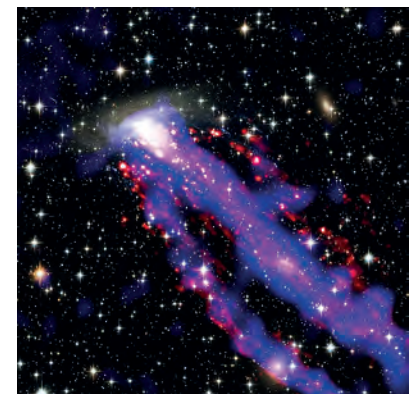
The US space agency has released amazing photos from their space telescopes, including the Chandra X-ray Observatory, the Very Large Telescope (VLT) in Chile and the new James Webb Space Telescope. NASA has called these pics the "Fab Five".



The Galactic Centre – the heart of the Milky Way – is about 26,000 light-years away from Earth, but powerful telescopes, like NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory, can show it virtually. It contains a supermassive black hole, super-hot clouds of gas and giant stars.



This one looks like an eye, or a gross space tongue licking its lips, but it's actually Kepler's Supernova Remnant – the remains of an exploded star! The blue colour is the blast itself and the white and yellow show the debris.



ESO 137-001 is the catchy name of another galaxy! As it moves through space at 1.5 million miles per hour, it leaves two tails behind it, made of superheated gas. Here you can see the red colour which highlights hydrogen atoms.



This photo shows Vela Pulsar – which NASA scientists are studying right now. It's the aftermath of a star that collapsed and exploded and now sends out a storm of particles and energy into space.



NGC 1365 is another galaxy – a spiral galaxy – containing a supermassive black hole being fed by a stream of material. Some of the hot gas revealed in the X-ray image (highlighted in purple) will eventually be pulled into the black hole.

September 19

News in Pictures



Sandsend, UK
Aurora borealis over the North Yorkshire coast.



Van, Turkey
A beekeeper harvests honey in Gevas district at an altitude of 2,000 metres.



Morelos, Mexico
Andre Rocha with a Morelet's crocodile at his House of Crocodiles. Rocha keeps several native and non-native species of crocodiles, alligators and caimans at his house in a project focused on the conservation and selective breeding of these animals.



Washington DC, USA
Little Amal, a 12 foot tall puppet of a Syrian refugee child, is seen in a building's reflection as it greets visitors to Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington. Little Amal will journey 6,000 miles across the US to raise awareness of children displaced by war.

Asunción, Paraguay
'Bottle dancers' perform the Paraguayan traditional folk dance in which they dance with glass bottles balanced on their heads, as they attempt to set a record at the Official World Record Association (OWR) on the first edition of the National Day of Bottle Women, at the city's Bicentennial Park.



September 18



Narathiwat, Thailand
Birds sit in cages during a bird-singing competition in Thailand's southern province of Narathiwat. About 2,000 birds from Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore were entered in the annual contest.

Kabul, Afghanistan
A 16-year-old 10th Grade student studies at her home as she marks the second anniversary of the ban on girls going to higher secondary schools. The Taliban's ban on girls' education in Afghanistan has had a significant impact on more than 1.1 million girls and young women. With secondary and university education suspended, many girls have resorted to attending religious schools as their only option.



The Hague, Netherlands
Crowds gather to watch members of the cavalry honorary escort practising before budget day. Prinsjesdag, also known as Prince's Day, falls on the third Tuesday in September and serves as the occasion when the government reveals its upcoming year's plans. King Willem-Alexander makes his way to The Hague's Hall of Knights in the Glass Coach, where he delivers the speech from the throne, marking the official commencement of the parliamentary year.

Source : The Guardian