



1,100-year-old gold coins unearthed

A hoard of 425 gold coins, which sat undisturbed for more than 1,100 years has been discovered by two 18-year-olds, volunteering on an archaeological excavation. The teenagers, who were on their summer break in central Israel, discovered the trove stowed in a clay jar, nailed shut and hidden in the sand. Oz Cohen, who found the coins said: "It was amazing. I dug in the ground and when I excavated the soil, saw what looked like very thin leaves. When I looked again, I saw these were gold coins. It was really exciting to find such a special and ancient treasure." It is not known why the vast sum of coins, enough to buy a luxury home at the time, were buried. The discovery of hundreds of gold coins from the Abbasid era, dating to the ninth century could now help archaeologists better understand the history of the region.



Pictured: Some of the gold coins discovered. Source: Israel Antiquities Authority Twitter page.

See-through public toilet blocks



Pictured: The toilets at Yoyogi Fukamachi Mini Park. Source: Satoshi Nagare, The Nippon Foundation Twitter page.

See-through bathroom facilities have been installed in two public parks in Shibuya, Japan. The restrooms use coloured "smart glass" which turns opaque when the door is locked. Therefore, you can see inside the toilet cubicle to check that it is clean and that no-one is inside before going in. Once you are inside, you lock the door, changing the glass so nobody outside can see in. The stalls are part of a project that is redoing 17 of the city's public bathrooms with different designers to make them more accessible and appealing. The goal is to fight assumptions that public toilets "are dark, dirty, smelly, and scary," said the Nippon Foundation, the non-profit organisation behind the Tokyo Toilet project. Architect Shigeru Ban, added, "At night, the facility lights up the park like a beautiful lantern."



Be your own lockdown movie star

Proud dad, Phil Scott, contacted Picture News to let us know how his family have learnt new skills over the lockdown period. Phil and his children, Max and Maya, have taught themselves how to make their very own movies from start to finish! Max wrote the story for the film, "The Bubble Adventures", as part of a school project and then acted it out on their daily walks and at home with his sister. Phil explained, "they had to use their imaginations during filming to pretend that they shrank down, went flying in a bubble, parachuted onto a small island, used a flying car to fly around the world and cured everyone from 'the virus' and then teleported up to a spaceship." They created a trailer, which they uploaded to YouTube. A week later the mini movie premier followed.



Pictured: Max and Maya starring in the "The Bubble Adventures". You can watch the movie on YouTube <https://youtu.be/5fKcnK3ouk> Source: Phil Scott.

Your thoughts on the news...

I would like to be able to travel into space and virtual reality would let me do this.

Will - Age 6

No, I don't think so. I think you need all the senses to get the full experience.

Jasper - Age 12



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I think it is a very good second best and is likely to get better with time, but I don't think something that isn't real can ever be quite as good.

Kathryn - Age 14

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