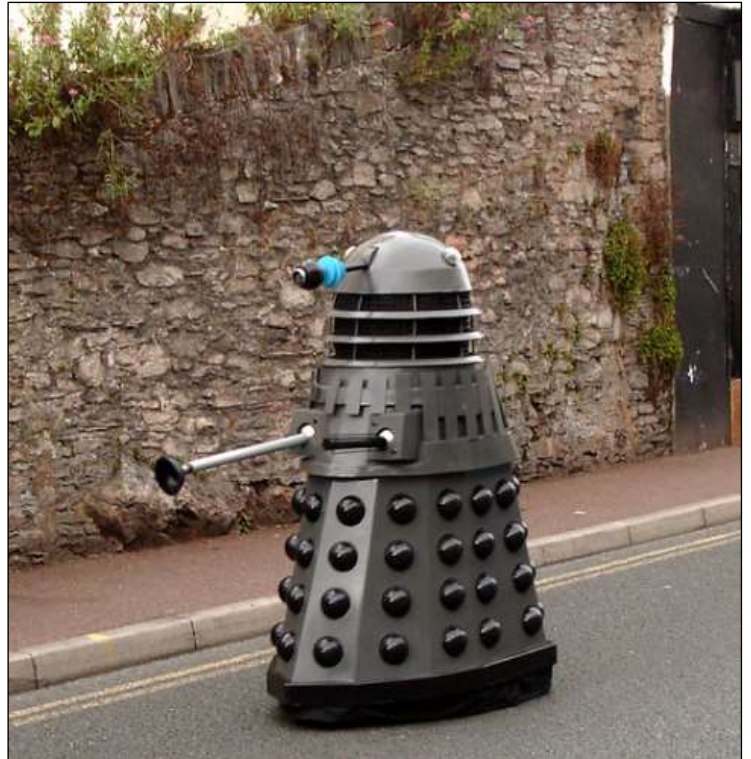




Dalek orders humans to stay at home

A Dalek has been spotted patrolling the streets of Robin Hood's Bay near Whitby encouraging people to stay safe at home. The Doctor Who villain has replaced its usual catchphrase of "Exterminate! Exterminate!" with the much more topical "Self-isolate! Self-isolate!". An amused resident filmed the Dalek going up the road proclaiming, "All humans will self-isolate by order of the Daleks." Social media users were quick to comment on this unusual sighting. Tayside Police in Scotland tweeted "Our colleagues in Skaro Division have deployed their Direct Action Local Enforcement Kops to ensure everyone is following guidelines about isolation and social distancing. We recommend everyone uses their Totally Awesome Rightly Distanced Isolation Systems to comply."



Pictured: A Dalek on the streets during Cowtown carnival taken by Warwick Conway in 2011.

Spider with "Starry night" behind discovered!



*Pictured: One of the new species of Peacock spider, *Maratus constellatus*, described by Joseph Schubert in his paper, picture from his Twitter page.*

Joseph Schubert, a Peacock spider specialist, who works for Australia's Museums Victoria, has published a paper describing the stunning colours and patterns of the seven new species that he has recently identified. He explained how he chose the name of one of the new species, "The patterns on the abdomen to me just look so much like Starry Night by van Gogh, hence the name *constellatus* which means starry in Latin," he said. Last year he travelled around Australia collecting specimens of the new peacock spiders and then spent many hours in the lab studying them. Some were discovered by citizen scientists and were named after them! There are now 85 species of the brightly coloured, jumping (they don't spin webs they stalk and leap upon their prey), dancing (they perform complex movements to attract a mate), tiny (3.5 to 6.5 mm) arachnids.



Moon base could be built using human wee and dirt



Astronauts could build a Moon base using their own wee and lunar dirt to make 'space concrete'. Astronauts will need to build shelter for protection on the Moon if humans want to stay there for any length of time. As it is very expensive to transport construction materials through space, scientists are trying to come up with solutions using the materials that will already be on the Moon. Researchers from the European Space Agency (ESA) found that urea, a component of human urine, and moon dust concrete could potentially be used as raw material for a 3D printer. They created cylinders from the new substance to use as building blocks. When mixed together, the Urea and Moon dirt create a strong substance that can withstand weight and fluctuating temperatures.

Pictured: The moon taken from NASA Moon's Twitter page.

Your thoughts on the news...

I liked making a rainbow poster and seeing people's happy faces when they walk past and see them. I love doing Joe's PE every morning with my mum and dog as we have lots of fun and it keeps us fit. My mum and I have fun walking our dog and it's lovely to see spring has arrived.

Abbie Roscoe - Age 10



You could have cuddles with family. Watch films whilst cuddling your teddy. If anything is worrying you go in a private room and talk to make it all better. To stay in touch with other family you can FaceTime them and this will make them happy.

Isabella Angus - Age 7

I think that to stay positive during difficult times we can read adventure books which helps to transport us into a magical world of our own.

Samuel - Age 10

A walk with mom and dad, playing on my trampoline, planting peas and tomatoes in my garden.

Reggie Creegan - Age 5

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