



Fresh produce picked in store

Egyptian company, Schaduf, is enabling customers to buy fresh produce, grown in-house, straight from a supermarket in Cairo. Specialised hydroponic refrigerators for growing these vegetables use no soil - just water supplemented with fertilisers and nutrients. The water is pumped around the fridge to provide all the plants with what they need to grow. When a customer removes a lettuce plant, it is replaced with another. The company says that the fridge uses 90% less water than it would take to produce the plants using traditional soil gardening methods. They hope to expand the project to include more shops and therefore cut the carbon footprint of producing food as the vegetables will not need to be transported or use packaging.

Do you think it is a good idea to grow food in stores?



Pictured: Lettuce Source: Canva



Pictured: Muchkin the Cat, all grown up! Source: Courtesy of Munchkin

Kitten inspires sustainability initiative

A tiny, injured kitten kickstarted an entire sustainability initiative! The stray kitten was taken in by rescuers, from Itty Bitty Kitty City cat rescue centre in Pennsylvania, USA. He was found with a plastic packaging ring from a Munchkin baby bottle stuck around his neck. The kitten was unable to escape from the ring, which had begun to cause distress and hurt him. Workers at the rescue centre sent a photo to the company that produced the packaging asking them to do better

– and they did! Munchkin paid for the kitten's treatment, donated to the cat charity, and redesigned their packaging. It is no longer made from plastic, instead they use corrugated linerboard made of at least 60% recycled material. After a year of research and development, Munchkin is now using animal-safe packaging for its cups. If another animal were to find itself entangled in the new packaging, it would be able to free itself.

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Berlin festival of lights



Pictured: A landmark in Berlin lit up during the festival of lights. **Source:** Canva.

The Berlin annual festival of lights returned this month. Artists projected light illustrations onto famous landmarks in Berlin, the capital of Germany and the country's largest city. 35 locations became canvases for spectacular light and video projections including the Bebelplatz, the Berlin Cathedral, the TV Tower, the Nikolai Quarter, St. Hedwig's Cathedral, the State Opera House on the Linden, the Hotel de Rome, the Brandenburg Gate, Potsdamer Platz and Charlottenburg Palace. The

festival has taken place every autumn since 2005 and this year's motto was 'vision of our future'. Prior to the event, festival organisers said that this year's celebration will be more cost-effective than ever. They are displaying on fewer monuments this year (35 instead of 70), using the latest energy-saving LED technology, and turning off the lights an hour earlier than normal, at 11pm. They will cut their energy bill by 75 per cent compared with last year.

Last week's topic:

Should we all aim to be the best?



You should try to do the best you can.

Abigail

No, because not everyone can be the best and you'll just be disappointed.

James

We should as it will help you aim your achievements but there may be little bumps on the way, but no obstacle will make you give up on your dreams. Follow your dreams.

Atnasya

Trying your best is most important because some day you will succeed.

Joanna

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