

READ

ALL ABOUT IT!

Research Exploration Activities Discovery

We READ you loud and clear!
A reason to cheer!
June 1-June 6

About 70 years ago, a group of men in a British pub were arguing over birds, specifically, which game bird was the fastest. If they had been in the Wild West, the argument would have ended with tables flying and punches being thrown. Luckily, they were in England, refined and titled, so the argument over birds went unbruised and unresolved. But not forgotten.

Sir Hugh Beaver went home and thought about the problem--not about fast game birds but about the weightier matter of how to settle pub arguments. In 1954, after twin brothers were hired to do the research, the Guinness Book of Records was born. Later changed to Guinness World Records, this book is full of the amazing and unique--the fastest, longest, highest, and strangest feats the human mind can imagine.

This week, it's your turn.

Let's see what you can do. This packet has things you can try. It includes books to read and movies to watch about extraordinary people and about ordinary people doing extraordinary things. You may not set a world record, but you will definitely set a personal best record with all the things you try.

And, just in case you were wondering, the fastest game bird is the golden plover. What we don't know is who won the argument.

RESEARCH- Read a few books. Investigate a few ideas.

EXPLORE- Look a little deeper. Explore your possibilities.

ACTIVITIES – Try it. Tweak it. Refine it. Re-do it. Love it. Repeat.

DISCOVERY – What did you learn? Was it easy, hard, or impossible?

Challenges! What do you want to try?

Breaking one Rubik's cube record and completely inventing another is all in a day's work for 13-year-old Que Jianyu. On Guinness World Record Day 2018, he set records in some incredible categories, including one he created. The 13-year-old set the record for the fastest time to solve three Rubik's cubes simultaneously with both hands and feet--a record that, perhaps unsurprisingly, has never been attempted before--of 1 minute, 36.39 seconds.

How skilled are your toes? Can they hold a pencil, a crayon, or a marker? See if your toes can draw a picture or sign your name. What else could those toes of yours do?

Martial arts master Prabhakar Reddy P is pretty good with his hands. While most masters can crack boards and karate chop while screaming, Reddy set his world record by crushing walnuts, 212 of them, in one minute with his hand.

What can you crush? Smash aluminum cans with your hands or feet. Smash ice cubes with a hammer. Stomp on balloons. Tie them to your ankles and try it again. Tie them to everybody's ankles and see who is the last one with a balloon. Jump on bubble wrap.

Hi-yah!

The longest nose in the world lives on the face of a guy in Rome, Italy. From the bridge to the tip, this mighty proboscis measures 3.46 inches. Who has the longest nose in your family? The longest ears? The biggest big toe? Who's the tallest? Shortest? Strongest? Can jump the highest? Empty the dishwasher or sort socks the fastest? Set family records.

Find out what is your loudest, longest, silliest everything.

World records to try

-Balance toilet paper rolls (if you can find them) on your forehead.

-Hula some hoops.

-Skip rope.

-Move things with chop sticks.

What can nature do?

Nature is brilliant at world records. Growing things taller, heavier, more dangerous, deeper, pinkest, and hottest are Earth's specialties. What is growing in your backyard? In your neighborhood? Which tree is tallest, bug is smallest, bird is loudest? Do you a rock that is biggest, a flower that is the prettiest, a shady spot that is coolest? Whose yard has the most bushes, garden gnomes, or bird feeders? Go find out!

Especially for Preschoolers

- Number Repeat. Start with two numbers (5,8). Say the numbers, and have your child repeat them back to you. Yay! Now add a number (5,8,3) Have your child repeat them. Keep adding numbers. How high can they go?
- Make an obstacle course, inside or out. Use chairs, tables, chalk lines, yard tools. Include opportunities to spin, jump, walk toe-to-toe, crawl, balance, roll, count, hop, sing and dance.
- Bubble science. Find different tools to make bubbles with. See which ones work. Try straws, a slotted spoon, a fly swatter, a colander, anything!
- Jump rope. Tie one end of a jump rope or rope to a chair leg. Wiggle your end like a snake. Have your child jump over the rope.
- Balancing. Stand on one foot and then the other. Balance on a lid, a broom handle, a block of wood, a sponge, your toes, sitting on a ball.

Make something BIG!

GIANT BUBBLES

Bubble wand - 2 straws
4 feet of yarn or cotton string

Thread the yarn through the straws and tie a knot to make a rectangle. Use the straws as handles, one for each hand. Dip into the solution and gently wave. It takes some practice. Luckily, there are several thousand YouTube videos to help you out!

Bubble solution -

Dissolve, stirring really well: ½ cup cornstarch
6 cups water, distilled or tap
Gently stir in: ½ cup Dawn dish soap, the original blue one
1 Tablespoon baking powder
1 Tablespoon glycerin

Try not to make too many bubbles when mixing everything together. Let sit at least 1 hour. To use, pour solution into a large shallow dish or pan. Or, go completely wild and make lots of the solution and pour it into a kiddie pool and use a hula hoop as a wand!

Make something little.

Miniature Cheesecakes

Place 24 cupcake liners in two cupcake pans. Place 1 **vanilla wafer** in the bottom of each cup.

Mix together until smooth: 16 oz. **cream cheese**
2 **eggs**
¾ cup **sugar**
1 Tablespoon **lemon juice**
1 teaspoon **vanilla**

Fill cups ¾ full with cream cheese mixture. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Chill. Top with pie filling, fresh fruit, lemon curd, chocolate sauce, caramel, or whipped cream.

The World's Smallest Banana Splits

In a small microwave-safe bowl, add: 4 ounces **chocolate**, chopped into small pieces

Microwave for 30 seconds, stir. Repeat until chocolate is melted and smooth.

Finely chop: 1/3 cup **nuts**

Slice into 1-2 inch pieces, flat on top and bottom so they will stand up:

3 **bananas**

Using a fork, spear a banana slice. Dip it into the chocolate, then into chopped nuts. Set on baking sheet covered with wax paper. Dip remaining banana slices. Place in refrigerator to set chocolate.

While chocolate is setting, whip: 1/2 cup **heavy cream**
Pinch **sugar**

To assemble, place chocolate banana on a plate. Top with your favorite ice cream topping, whipped cream, a maraschino cherry, and sprinkles.

Submit a Picture or a Message

At the end of the week, send us a picture or a message highlighting your favorite activity. One submission per family per week. Submissions are due by 5:00 pm Saturday, June 6. With your submission, your name will be entered in a drawing for a gift card to a local business. One prize will be awarded each week. Winners will be notified on Mondays.

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Books and DVDs

The Biggest Kiss by Joanna Walsh BOA WAL and PIC WAL

Try! Try! Try! by Lindsey Craig BOA CRA

The Biggest Puddle in the World by Mark Lee PIC LEE

Dragon's Extraordinary Egg by Debi Gliori PIC GLI

Extraordinary Jane by Hannah E. Harrison PIC HAR

A Game Called Try: Stories and Pictures by Tyler Smith PIC SMI

The Giant Ball of String by Arthur Geisert PIC GEJ

I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean by Kevin Sherry PIC SHE

Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall PIC COR

Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed by Emily Pearson PIC PEA

Papa Is a Pirate: The Biggest, the Strongest, and the Bravest by Katharina Grossmann-Hensel
PIC GRO

Touch the Brightest Star by Christie Matheson PIC MAT

When My Brother Gets Home by Tom Lichtenheld PIC LIC

Biggest, Strongest, Fastest by Steve Jenkins PIC Animals

Insects: Biggest! Littlest! by Sandra Markle PIC Animals Bugs

The World's Longest Snake and Other Animal Records by Martha E.H. Ruthstad PIC Animals
Rep/Amph

The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton by
Audrey Vernick PIC Biography Houghton

One Beetle Too Many: The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin by Kathryn Lasky PIC
Biography Darwin

The World's Tallest House of Cards and Other Number Records by Thomas K. Adamson PIC Curiosity

Give It a Try, Zoe! by Sarah Albee PIC Popular Characters—TV

It Takes Three by Linda Hayward E HAY

The Biggest Animal Ever by Allan Fowler E Animals Ocean

World's Biggest Dinosaurs by Rupert Matthews E Animals Dinos

The Trouble with Fuzzwonker Fizz by Patrick Carman J FIC CARMAN Fizzopolis #1

Pippi's Extraordinary Ordinary Day by Astrid Lindgren J FIC Lindgren Pippi

The Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd J FIC LLO

The Biggest Little Hero by John Sazaklis J FIC SUP

The Animal Book: A Collection of the Fastest, Fiercest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest—and Most Surprising Animals on Earth by Steve Jenkins J Animals

Wildlives: 50 Extraordinary Animals That Made History by Ben Lerwill J Animals

World's Fastest Dinosaurs by Rupert Matthews J Animals Dinos

Extraordinary American Writers by John Tessitore J Biography

Extraordinary People in Jazz by Marvin Martin J Biography

Extraordinary Explorers and Adventurers by Judy Alter J History Exploration

The Fastest Train in the West by Geronimo Stilton J Comics Stilton

Recordmania: Atlas of the Incredible by Emmanuelle Figueras J Curiosity

Record Breakers! by Chris Hawkes, Scarlett O'Hara, Fleur Star, eds. J Curiosity

String Games by Richard Darsie J Games

Competitive Cheerleading by Tracy Maurer J Sports

Guinness World Records 2020 by Guinness World Records Teen Curiosity (books from other years also available)

Joyful: The Surprising Power of Ordinary Things to Create Extraordinary Happiness by Ingrid Fetell Lee Self-Help Personal Growth

Blue's Biggest Stories DVD PIC BLU

Friendship Is the Best Medicine DVD PIC DOC

Richard Scarry's Best Learning Songs Video Ever DVD PIC RIC

American Girl: McKenna Shoots for the Stars DVD J FIC AME

Lassie DVD J FIC LAS

Redwall DVD J FIC RED

Cool Runnings DVD FIC COO

Eight Below DVD FIC EIG

Everest DVD FIC EVE

Facing the Giants DVD FIC FAC

McFarland, USA DVD FIC MCF

Race DVD FIC RAC

Remember the Titans DVD FIC REM

Unbroken DVD FIC UNB

The Biggest Little Farm DVD Biography Chester

Websites to Visit

Build the Eiffel Tower with newspaper

<https://www.kcedventures.com/blog/engineering-project-for-kids-build-the-eiffel-tower>

Kids Minute-To-Win-It Games

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xwiTa_xVIM

10 Creative Hula Hoop Games and Activities for Kids

<https://theinspiredtreehouse.com/10-creative-hula-hoop-games-and-activities-for-kids/>

Hula Hoop Challenges

<https://fitkidshealthykids.ca/node/300>

Jump to the Challenge: 6 Activities That Will Leave You Leaping <https://redtri.com/activities-games-thatll-make-you-jump-for-joy/>

Jumping Activities for Babies and Toddlers

<https://www.adam-mila.com/milestone/gross-motor/jumping/>

BUBBLE GUM BLOWING CONTEST!

<https://pagingsupermom.com/how-to-host-a-bubble-gum-contest/>

Bubblegum Blowing Contest Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WebIkeCNSk>

Challenges for Kids - No Thumbs Challenge!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESEZ-DVaGas>

STEM Mini Challenges for Children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J9m2FVYPdY>

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