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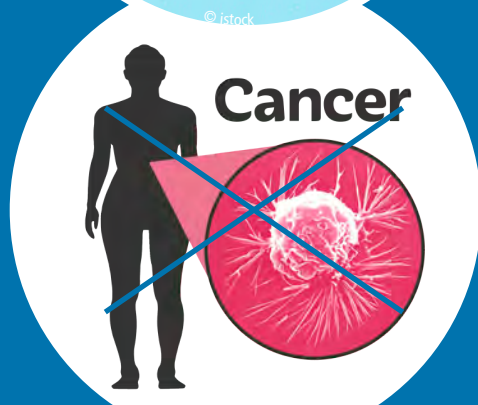
Drug cuts breast cancer rates


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Drug could cut breast cancer rates



The NHS will start using the drug Anastrozole to help stop women from getting breast cancer.



Anastrozole has been used for many years to treat women with breast cancer. Now it can be used to stop women from getting it at all.



Scientists have proven that Anastrozole will make some women half as likely to get breast cancer.



This use of Anastrozole is meant for women who have gone through **menopause**. Menopause is a normal part of ageing which causes women to stop having periods, usually between ages 45-55.



Any woman who thinks they are very likely to get breast cancer can ask their doctor for Anastrozole. People may be more likely if someone in their family has had breast cancer.



The NHS already uses a drug to prevent breast cancer. It is called Tamoxifen. However, Tamoxifen has some very bad side effects which Anastrozole does not.



Women taking Anastrozole will take 1 tablet a day for 5 years. The drug will keep doing good for years after the woman has finished taking it.



Breast cancer is the most common cancer in the UK, with around 55,000 people getting it every year.

Accessibility in gaming



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Sony have made a controller for people with disabilities to use with their Playstation 5 console. It is called the Access Controller.



Sony worked with multiple charities, experts and disabled gamers to make the Access Controller.



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People with disabilities can have trouble with using the thumbsticks, pressing buttons, or having to hold standard controllers.



The Access Controller can be changed in many different ways to meet people's needs. Sony hope it can work for everyone.



The Xbox Adaptive Controller was released in 2018. The Adaptive Controller works with Windows computers, the Xbox and any mobile or tablet device that supports Xbox Wireless Controller connections.



Video game makers have started to work harder to let people with disabilities play their games.

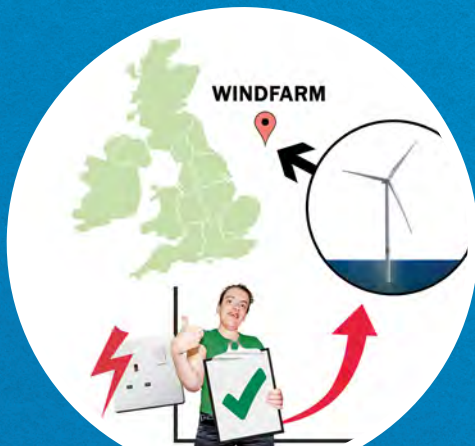


In 2020, The Last of Us Part II had options for players who are blind and deaf. You could change lots of other settings like combat and controls to be more accessible too. In 2022, Forza Horizon 5 had sign language.

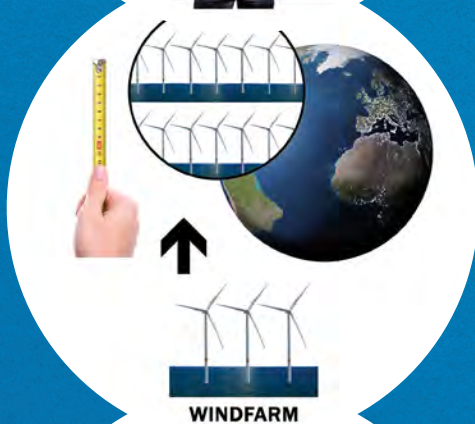


In 2023, Just Dance had options for players who use wheelchairs. It lets people play the game even if they cannot use their legs.

Power from largest offshore wind farm



The Dogger Bank wind farm, off the coast of Britain, has started making energy.



The wind farm is a large group of wind turbines. When it is complete it will be the largest wind farm in the world.



Wind turbines are tall towers with a fan at the top. The fan is pushed around by the wind which makes electricity.



Electricity made this way makes no carbon dioxide. Too much carbon dioxide in the air is causing climate change.



People started building the Dogger Bank wind farm in 2022. It took a year to be ready to start building wind turbines. They hope they will finish building it in 2026.



The Dogger Bank wind farm is 80 miles off the coast of Yorkshire. It was built so far out so it would not spoil the view of the sea.



Each wind turbine is 850 feet tall, which is almost twice as tall as the London Eye.



Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said that the wind farm will make jobs, lower energy bills, and help the United Kingdom make less carbon dioxide.

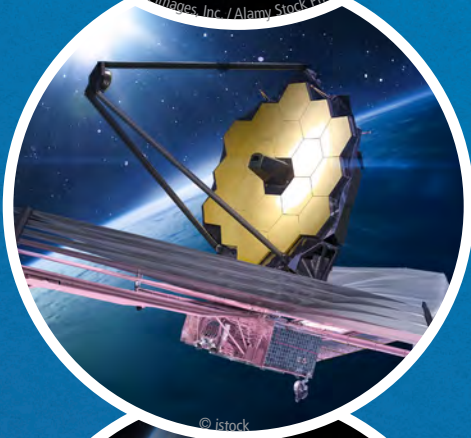
Space discoveries



2 exciting things have happened recently to do with outer space.



The James Webb Space Telescope has found a planet which might be able to support life.



The James Webb Space Telescope was launched into space in 2021. It can look further and in more detail than the Hubble Space Telescope.



One of the planets the telescope has looked at has been called K2-18b. It has an atmosphere like earth, and might have water.



K2-18b is 120 **light-years** away from earth. A light-year is the way distance is measured in space and 1 light-year is like 6 trillion miles. Scientists think it needs to be looked at more to find out if it really could have life.



In other space news, British scientists have started studying parts of a **asteroid** which may tell them about the start of planet earth. An asteroid is a small chunk of rocky minerals that orbits the sun.



The Bennu asteroid was mined in space. It is thought the asteroid has been around since before Earth was formed.



Scientists at the Natural History Museum in London now have parts of the Bennu asteroid. They hope to study it and find out if asteroids like Bennu brought water to earth.

Virtual reality accessible instruments



Queen's University Belfast and Drake Music Northern Ireland have been making musical instruments that can be played in virtual reality.



The musical instruments can be played by people with disabilities. They can be played with hand movements or by eye movements.



People played these instruments with the Ulster Orchestra at the Belfast International Arts Festival.



One of the players said that playing with the instruments had been an 'amazing journey'.

Church of England blesses same-sex couples



In December 2023, the Church of England had a ceremony to bless a same-sex relationship for the first time. A same-sex relationship means a relationship between 2 men or 2 women.



Same-sex couple, Catherine Bond and Jane Pearce, were blessed at St John the Baptist church in Felixstowe, Suffolk.



This is the 1st time the Church of England has allowed priests to bless same-sex relationships. They still believe that marriage is between a man and a woman.



Some people are happy about the change but some people think it is wrong. Some people want it to change even more so the Church of England can approve gay marriage.

Station cat becomes famous



A cat called Nala has become famous after becoming a regular visitor at Stevenage train station since October 2023.



Nala often sits on top of the ticket barriers of the station. She has been photographed many times by travellers. There is an Instagram account for her called @Nala_Station_Cat



Nala wears a collar with a tracking device so her owner always knows where she is. She says Nala loves to roam around outside.



In December, Nala released a music single called Check Meowt. All of the money made from the single will be given to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) and Feed Up Warm Up, a homeless charity.

Eco-friendlier transatlantic flight



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In November 2023, a plane flew from London to New York using only **sustainable aviation fuel**. The flight was done by Virgin Atlantic.



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Sustainable aviation fuel is made from cooking oil and food that would have gone to waste. Normally planes are fuelled by jet fuel made from oil.



Sustainable aviation fuel makes much less carbon dioxide than normal. Too much carbon dioxide is causing climate change.



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Sir Richard Branson, who started Virgin Atlantic, said the company was “trying to prove that we can do things better for everyone’s benefit.”

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