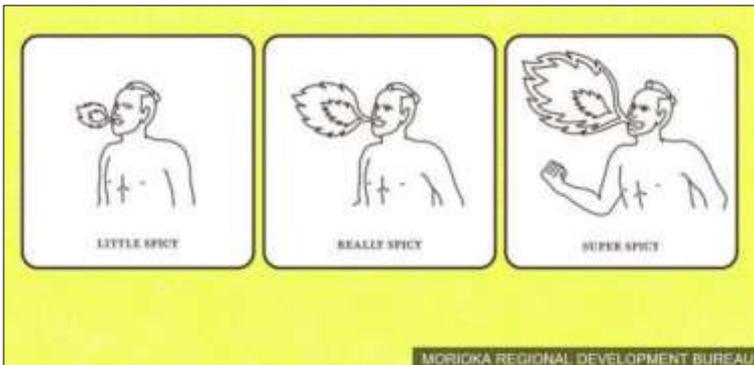




Japanese city tackles language barrier with unusual signs



The signs are designed to make travel easier for tourists.

The signs are in use in the city of Morioka, where it is hoped they will make visitors who don't speak Japanese feel more welcome.

Takefumi Shimomukai, who leads the Regional Development Bureau, says they wanted to do something simple but fun to attract people's interest. The area is less of a draw for foreigners than tourist hubs like Tokyo and Kyoto, and communication troubles have made some locals reluctant to reach out to visitors.

Police in Iceland stop drivers to tell them to stop looking at the sky

Lots of people travel to Iceland to see the beautiful Northern Lights however police are having to warn tourists not to view them whilst driving.

Police in Iceland say that last week they had to stop cars for driving erratically; on all occasions the innocent visitors were simply mesmerised by the appearance of the Aurora Borealis in the sky above them.



The Northern Lights in Iceland taken by David Phann.

Facts about the Northern Lights:

- 🍏 The Northern Lights are typically green, purple, red or blue.
- 🍏 The Northern Lights are actually caused by electrons from solar winds. They are attracted to the poles by the magnetic fields found there. They mix with gases in the atmosphere, causing the gases to glow.
- 🍏 The name Aurora Borealis, another title for the Northern Lights, comes from two ancient names. Aurora is the Roman god of the dawn; Boreas is the Greek name for the north wind.



Siberia builds a 'library of dreams' made of ice



Carved into huge blocks of ice for a new tourist attraction in Siberia are the hopes and dreams of 1,000 people.

The ice covers 800 square metres at the Sable Mountain, skiing resort. Ideas have poured in from all over Russia and beyond. There is a Chinese wish to climb Everest, a French entry hoping to fall in love and a Canadian dream of winning the lottery. Though the library will not last forever, When the warm weather comes in April, the dreams of people from all over the world will melt away with the spring streams.



What would your contributions be? What are your hopes and dreams for your future?

The giant ice blocks with the etched hopes and dreams for tourists to see.

Extinct or not?

A cash reward of £2,900 is on offer in New Zealand for any sightings of a local bird that was thought to be extinct.

In 2007, The South Island kokako was declared extinct but then reclassified in 2013 following a number of reported sightings. Despite the change, there's been no photographic proof that any of the birds are still alive.

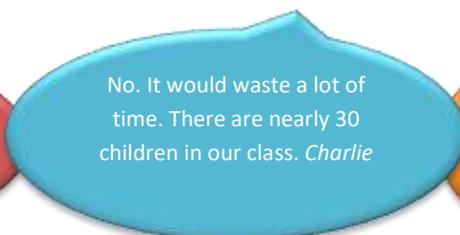
"If South Island kokako still exist, there will be very few left," stated chairman Euan Kennedy. He said, "We need to locate them very soon so that conservation has a higher prospect of success."



As there is no photographic evidence, they edited a picture of a similar bird to held aid sightings.

Would you like to have a special handshake with your teacher? Answers from some of the Y6 children at St Mary's School in York.

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