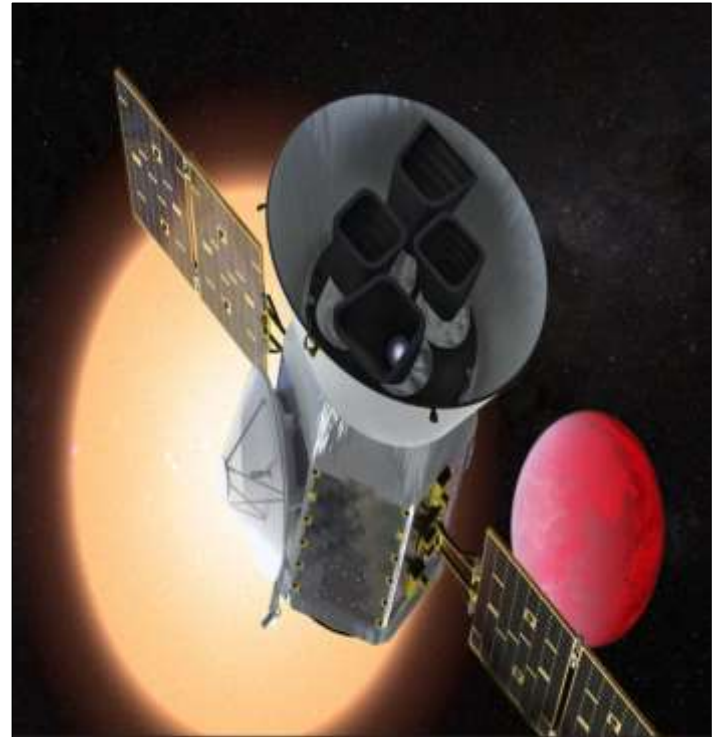




## Teenage intern discovers new planet!

Wolf Cukier discovered a new planet on only the third day of his internship at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, while reviewing data on star brightness! The agency has announced that Wolf, a 17-year-old currently in high school who was helping at a NASA program to find worlds beyond our solar system, has discovered a previously unknown planet. The planet with two stars, is 1,300 light years from Earth, 6.9 times larger than Earth and only the 13th planet of its kind ever discovered. He made the discovery while looking through data from the agency's orbiting Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS). Cukier said he plans to continue research into astronomy and eclipsing binaries in the future and stays in touch with his mentors at NASA frequently. "Future research would involve finding more planets," he said.



*Pictured: An image of the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) taken from the NASA TESS Twitter page.*

## New gritters in Manchester given names



*Pictured: Two of the new gritters, Snowel Gallagher and Slushay Away, taken from the Manchester City Council Twitter page.*

Manchester City Council have eight new gritters that will hit the streets this year and they decided to let the public choose their names. They received a massive response of more than 2,000 suggestions. After picking 24 of the catchiest, funniest ideas these were put to the public via a series of Twitter polls. The winning names are Basil Salty, Grit Astley, Gritter Thunberg, Slushay Away, Snowbi-Gone Kenobi, Snowel Gallagher, Spreadie Flintoff and Spreadie Mercury. "So many suggestions were received that it was hard to whittle them down, but the public decided on some cracking names for our new gritters," said councillor Angeliki Stogia. "And people might see the name they voted for on the roads, meaning that the vehicles will be spreading a little cheer, as well as grit, throughout the winter months".



## Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival shines



Pictured: Some of the massive, elaborate, colourfully lit ice sculptures on display at the Ice and Snow festival, in 2012, taken by Steve Langguth.

The 36th Harbin International Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival has begun, with fireworks, massive, elaborate, colourfully lit ice sculptures, 43 couples taking part in a "mass ice and snow wedding" and playful penguins. Harbin, in China, is one of the coldest places on Earth and hosts the International Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival. "The world's largest winter festival" inspired by a local ice lantern tradition, starts in January and typically stays up for several months. It attracts up to 15 million visitors every year. The amazing sculpture show takes over a massive 600,000-square-metre space. The tallest sculpture in the display is over 45 metres tall. To complete all this art, 10,000 workers were needed to cut, haul, and sculpt 170,000 cubic metres of ice!

## Your thoughts on the news...

*I am allowed to watch some you tube videos. I watch share the love and Ryan's toy review. He is 8. When I went to America in the holidays I bought some Ryan toys. I think children should be 8 to share videos as they are then old enough. I am surprised Ryan was 3, I thought 7!*

**Freddie Walker - Age 5**



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*He is too young to make money.*

**Barnaby - Age 8**

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*Yes, but only if they are able to decide for themselves. Maybe an age limit of about 10 or 11.*

**Elliot - Age 13**

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*I think his family should share the money as they all help.*

**Amalia - Age 7**

I think...



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