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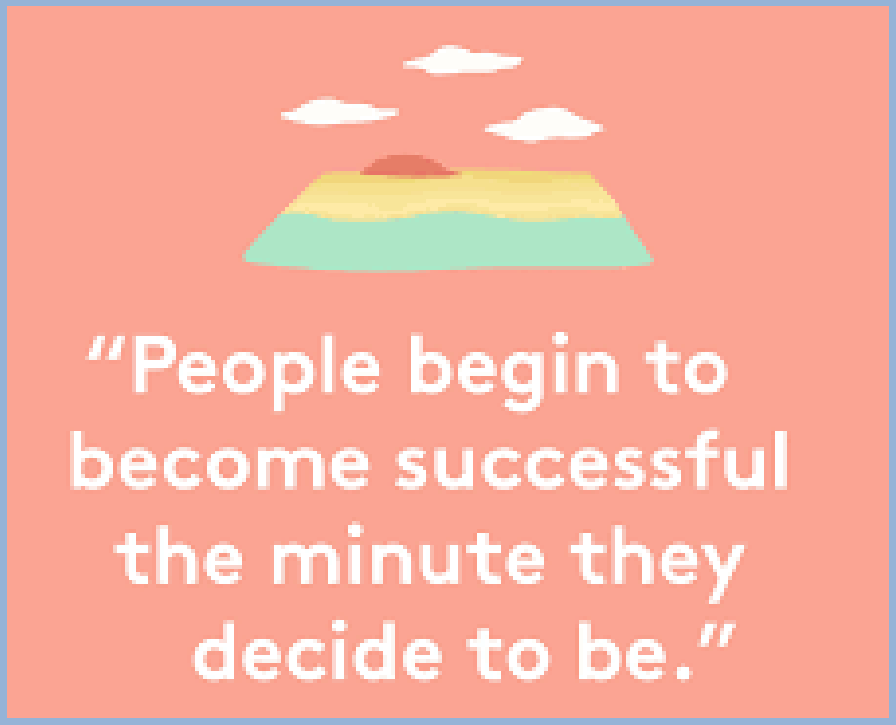

Today's headlines

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Amazon opens first UK non-food store

Amazon is expanding its presence on the High Street by opening its first non-food store in the UK.

The shop, in the Bluewater shopping mall near Dartford, will sell around 2,000 of its most popular and best-rated products.

It's called Amazon 4-star, because every item has been given more than four stars by customers.

This will be the first Amazon 4-star store outside the US, where there are already more than 30 outlets.

The range of products, which takes in books, consumer electronics, toys, games and homeware, reflects what Amazon customers are buying online.

There's also a "Most Wished For" section, for instance, showing the most popular products from customers' wish lists.

Welsh headlines

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Covid and house prices prompt woodland sales boost

Record house prices and a lack of foreign travel may have helped an unexpected boom in one niche market.

Why do people spend their savings on woodland?

Demand for woodland is reportedly soaring, with many buying land that cannot be developed.

"It's just so tranquil," said Iain Rich, 57, from his newly-purchased woodland in rural west Wales.

He and wife Helen enjoy nursing a campfire, surrounded by moss-covered oak trees dating back hundreds of years.

"There is a lot of woodland across the whole of the UK, but particularly in Wales, that is undermanaged," explained specialist Chris Colley from Woodlands.co.uk

"Ancient woodland and more recently-planted woodland needs management. It needs tender care to maximise its environmental benefit and its value for wildlife.

“Managed woods have more biodiversity than something that's been left alone untended."

This Day in History

1908

Henri Farman Wins the Grand Prix d'Aviation

1908 was a year of aviation records for British-French aviator Henri Farman. In the picture above he has just won the Grand Prix d'Aviation for the first officially observed circular flight of 1km, on 13 January 1908, winning 50,000 francs.

The Wright brothers refused to participate in the competition - though they had flown significantly larger distances in the years before, European aviators and newspapers were sceptical of their claims.

Farman also completed the first observed 2km circuit flight on 21 March, and may also have been the first person to carry a passenger in flight in the same month. On October 7th 1908 he completed the first cross-country flight in Europe, from Châlons to Reims – a journey of around 50km!

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