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## Blinded with science



Abu Dhabi's first ever Science Festival is set to wow enquiring minds young and old with eight days of dazzling demonstrations, whiz-bang workshops and one enlightening exhibition

A CROWD of children sits transfixed, watching Tom Noddy orchestrate a dance of enormous soap bubbles. The translucent bobbling orbs float through the air, creating bizarre and impossible shapes, to the delight of the children who sit with their mouths hanging open in wonder.

What has so thoroughly captured the imaginations of this young audience? Bubble Magic, just one of the exciting demonstrations visitors to the capital's first Science Festival can see from Friday 18th November to Saturday 26th November.

This exhilarating nine-day festival is the first of its kind to ever take place in the UAE. Whether it's about dinosaurs, electricity or flying, your adventure at the festival will be truly unforgettable with over 150 of the world's most amazing experiences covering different fields of science, technology and innovation. Though the festival is aimed at capturing the imaginations and curiosity of young visitors, there will be something for everyone.

The majority of the attractions will be on display at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre

(ADNEC) - experience awesome interactive shows and exhibits and carry out mind-boggling experiments with your friends and family in a fun few hours you and your little ones won't soon forget.

At the West Plaza of the Corniche, there will also be exciting interactive experiences and shows, but the main attraction will be the international blockbuster exhibition, 1001 Inventions. Embark on an exhilarating journey that unveils the marvellous heritage of innovations and discoveries of the Arab and Muslim civilisation.

At ADNEC, the Festival will take place from 4pm to 9pm on weekdays and 2pm to 9pm on weekends. On the Corniche, go along from 5pm to 10pm on weekdays and 2pm to 10pm on weekends. Find out everything you need to know at [www.abudhabisciencefestival.ae](http://www.abudhabisciencefestival.ae)



procedure you'll learn the medical names for parts of the body and discover the tools a surgeon needs to do their job.

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#### The FUN-damentals of learning

The Science Festival will be the perfect opportunity of discovery. Here's just a taste of what will be on

- **ASIMO:** The development of a robot that can move like, interact with and be of assistance to humans is considered to be one of the great technological challenges of the 21st Century.



This year, Honda's ASIMO - which stands for Advanced Step in Innovative MObility - is visiting Abu Dhabi for the first time, demonstrating Honda's continued commitment to

share the exciting developments of its humanoid robotic research programme with young people.

- **Jungle Safari:**

Put on your safari gear and embark on an incredible and memorable journey through the deepest, darkest regions of the jungle.



Animal research scientists will help you discover the fascinating world of animal communication. Find out how sounds travel through the air and learn about the different frequencies of noise our ears and brains can process. Human ears can't hear everything, and you'll learn how we can make noises louder to study animal behaviour. Explore the amazing range of sounds and noises the creatures of the jungle make and how they use them - from warning off predators to marking their territory.

down in the middle of the jar.

6. Allow the jar to cool and put it in a place where it will not be disturbed. In a week or so you will have large crystals. Want to make it funky? Add some food colouring to the sugar solution before pouring it into the jar

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#### Try this at home!

Get into the spirit of the Science Festival with these fascinating experiments you can



#### Homemade rock candy

##### What you need:

- 15cm piece of string
- A pencil
- A paper clip (or large plastic bead)
- 1 cup of water
- 2 cups of sugar
- A glass jar

##### What to do:

1. Tie the 15cm piece of string to the middle of the pencil and tie the paper clip (or bead) onto the end of the string