

Historic moon landing has lift off; Florida bear steals choccies from car; Farting dart player causes a stink; and Aussie cricket's new heroine.

That's what's making news, kid's style...

THE LOWDOWN

As we go to air this morning, a rocket ship is hurtling through space above your head, on its way to the Moon to hopefully land on the south pole and find the water that could one day keep humans alive up there. That's a lot to unpack - so let's break it down.

On Friday, a rocket ship called 'Odie' lifted off from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida in the United States - aiming to become the first American space ship to touch down on the Moon in fifty years.

Just over fifty years ago, America was the first country in the world to put humans on the Moon - when a young astronaut called Neil Armstrong climbed down a ladder from his spaceship and left a boot mark in the grey, dusty surface.

Now of course, America is one of several countries launching what are called 'lunar missions'. Lunar is the adjective we use to describe anything to do with the Moon. India, China, Russia and Japan have also recently launched their own lunar missions - with India achieving the remarkable feat last August of soft landing a spaceship on the south pole.

Odie will also attempt to land on the Moon's south pole - probably sometime around Thursday or Friday. And that's hard to do - because we can't see the south pole from down here on Earth - so it's literally a case of flying blind.

Why so much interest in the south pole? Because that's where evidence of water has been found. And if there's water on the moon, that could have big implications for countries' plans to build a permanent base on the Moon where humans could live.

Maybe one day you'll be among the astronauts taking off to go and live on the Moon. How amazing is that?

SPIN THE GLOBE

Each day we give the world globe a spin and find a news story from wherever it stops - and today we've landed in the United States, where the animals are revolting. I don't mean they're stinking and awful - not

that kind of revolting. I mean there's a revolution going on as they stage daring break-ins to steal food.

A woman in Florida got the shock of her life when she woke up to discover that a bear had broken into her car overnight and torn the interior to shreds. Turns out the bear was after the box of chocolates the woman's boyfriend left on her car seat as a surprise. Some surprise .. Meanwhile, the raccoons have been busy doing their bit for the revolution down Florida way too - after a trio of the masked bandits helped themselves to a woman's food delivery dinner before she could collect it from her doorstep.

She also got the surprise of her life when she opened her front door to retrieve her Door Dash delivery of tacos - to find three raccoons tucking into it.

I've stuck a link to video of the cheeky food thieves in today's episode notes ..

SPORT TIME

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And so we pay a rare visit to the sport of darts ... where accusations of unfair farting have been hurled at the winner of a super series match over the weekend.

English darts player, Darren Webster accused his Dutch rival, Ron Meulancamp of deliberately dropping stink bombs during their tense match, putting him off his game.

The Dutchie denied being toot-tastic, saying it wasn't him and the bad smell had come from somewhere else ... and haven't we all been there? That's why I have a dog - so I can blame him for my farts.

Ron ended up winning the match - because clearly the wind was in his favour (DAD JOKE ALARM) .. leaving Darren with no other choice but to kick up a stink (DAD JOKE ALARM) — ahhh - there it is - the dad joke alarm - we haven't heard from you for a while. Welcome back ...

(CCC) a-ha - and there's the Classroom Companion Clarion - letting us know that today's free classroom activity sheets are tied to this - and the revolting animals items in today's podcast. And a big welcome to the flood of new teachers who have signed up via our website squizkids.com.au to receive these resources. Did I mention they're not only free but also curriculum-aligned and differentiated? You're welcome.

SQUIZ KIDS SALUTES

Turning to an actual sporting achievement - and today's Squiz Kids Salute is going out to Aussie cricketer, Annabel Sutherland.

Annabel made history at the weekend clocking up the fastest ever double century in women's Test cricket.

A double century in non-cricket speak, is of course 200 runs.

Annabel actually scored 210 runs off 256 deliveries - meaning the ball was bowled to her 256 times. Which is a remarkable achievement.

Her great big score helped Australia beat South Africa in the women's Test match, beating them by an innings and 284 runs - which is cricket speak for a thumping.

And as luck would have it - we did a Squiz Kids Q+A with Annabel last year - in which she answered questions sent in by you lot and talked all about what it takes to become a sporting champion.

I've stuck a link to that Q+A in today's episode notes. You're welcome. And congratulations Annabel!

NEWSHOUNDS TESTIMONIALS

Hello Teachers ... just popping into your ears with a quick request for help. I'm meeting up later this week with the Federal Education Minister, Jason Clare and NSW Deputy Premier, Prue Car at Chester Hill Public School (and a shout out to my friends there) - so they can see Newshounds in action in the classroom. (CHEER).

I know right? It's a big day for Squiz-E the Newshound. He's very excited

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The Minister is keen to receive testimonials from teachers around the country who have used Newshounds in their classroom to teach kids to spot misinformation when they come across it online. Whether you've done all eight sessions of the Newshounds pilot program or only dipped your toe in - I'd really appreciate it if you could email through a testimonial to me today to squizkids@thesquiz.com.au - for me to take to my meeting. A few minutes of your time to tap out a couple of lines could make a huge difference to our ability to continue to develop Newshounds - and ensure Aussie kids are the most media literate in the world ... thank you in advance.

THE S'QUIZ

This is the part of the podcast where you get to test how well you've been listening ...

1. How many runs did Annabel Sutherland score to help Australia to victory over South Africa?
2. What's the name of the American spaceship flying to the Moon this week?

3. What was a Dutch dartsman accused of doing over the weekend to put off his opponent?

SHOUT OUTS

It's February 19 The BAFTA Awards take place in London today - they're the big movie and TV awards in the UK - plus it's also the birthday of Stranger Things and Enola Holmes actress, Millie Bobby Brown.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Neveah from Oran Park, Liam from Leopold, Dylan from Yass, Juliet from West Pennant Hills, Hudson from Newington, Harrison from Yarraville, Hugo from Balwyn North, Caomh from Calwell and Ava from Holland Park.

Happy belated birthday to... Charis Ryan, Aarush, Penelope, Louis, Conner, Syon all from Point Cook, Beau from Shoal Bay and Jayleigh from Cessnock.

Classroom shoutouts today go to... class 4/5M with Mrs McNabb at Albury West Public School, class 5/6T and Mr Finch at Galston Public School, year 6 and Mrs Peardon at St Michael's Catholic Parish Primary School in Thirroul, class 5A and Mrs Applegate at Westside Christian College in Goodna, to the Jemascke family who are Home Schooling whilst travelling the world - currently in Mexico/Costa Rica and lastly to class CM2 and Mrs Maurin listening from the St Bernard School in La Montagne, France.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. 210
2. Odie
3. Farting