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

THE LOWDOWN

Have you ever overheard people talking about you behind your back? If what they're saying is positive that's wonderful, it might make you feel good about yourself, but if it's not, it could make you feel really bad. That's what happened to entertainer and best-selling author Anh Do. When he was at school, he overheard two girls talking about a list they'd made, ranking the boys and how good-looking they were. He overheard that he was second from the bottom and it made him feel bad about himself for a very long time.

And this week in Melbourne, some year 11 boys have been expelled from their school for doing just that. They made a list, ranking the girls in their class and shared it with their classmates. Now, you might not think that this story is very newsworthy, but it's making the headlines because our whole society is engaged in a big conversation at the moment about being respectful to women and girls. About treating them well and making sure they feel strong and safe.

So, with Mother's Day coming up this weekend, we could all take some time out to think about all the awesome women and girls in our lives because we literally wouldn't be here without them.

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 at Glen Hills Middle School in Wisconsin, USA, where at the end of a school day [school bell] back in April, eighth grader Acie Holland, boarded a school bus to head home.

But, as the bus rolled away, Acie realised something was wrong. The bus zoomed right past its regular turn, alerting Acie who noticed the driver's head was slumped over and she was unconscious.

Like a superhero, Acie sprinted to the front of the bus. He pulled the driver's foot off the accelerator and slammed on the brakes just as the bus was about to veer off course and into oncoming traffic. Woah!

But Acie didn't stop there, he dialled 911 - the emergency services number in America, and got all the other kids to call their parents.

This week, Acie's bravery and quick thinking were celebrated by everyone in town — the school board, the mayor, even the police and fire departments! And Acie? He said this wild bus ride made him feel more confident and he's just glad everyone got home safe. What a champ!

ANIMAL KINGDOM

If there's one animal I wouldn't want to have beef with, it's the tyrannosaurus rex, the king of the dinosaurs. And even though the T-Rex has been extinct for 60 million years it's still causing a ruckus in the world of science.

You see, last year, there was a study released that concluded T-Rexs were as smart as some monkeys and maybe even used tools. Somehow, I can't quite imagine those tiny little T-Rex arms holding tools.

But now, another group of scientists have come out to say the T-Rex was not that bright after all. In fact - if you had to compare it to an animal today - it was probably only as smart as your average crocodile. Which is not all that smart, as it happens. Which I think is probably for the best really - because seriously, T-Rexs were terrifying enough without adding intelligence into the equation.

SQUIZ KIDS SALUTES

This week, a huge Squiz Kids Salute goes to Aussie shearer Jeanine Kimm, who is the first Aussie woman to set a shearing world record and the first woman ever to do it with merino sheep (They're the really woolly ones).

Get this, on Saturday, when the temperature didn't get above a very chilly 14 degrees, at a shearing shed near Cassilis, NSW, Jeanine was able to shear a whopping 358 sheep in just eight hours. That's an average of one sheep every 80.8 seconds!

Jeanine has been sheering full-time for 11 years but started when her Dad, who's also a shearer, handed her the shears when she was just 14 years old. In order to achieve this impressive record, Jeanine spent a whole year getting up at 4 am to do fitness training in the gym before heading off to work for 8 hours of shearing each day. You might say she has 'shear' determination [Mum Joke Buzzer]. Sorry, I had to slip that one in.

On the record-setting day, Jeanine was also raising funds for her favourite charity, Rural Aid. Jeanine hopes her success will inspire other women to consider a career in shearing. Jeanine Kimm, Squiz Kids salutes you.

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. After Acie saved the school bus he dialed the emergency phone numer in America which is 911. What is Australia's emergency phone number?
2. Which animal do scientists now think T-Rex was as smart as?
3. Which breed of wooly sheep did world record holder Jeanine Kimm shear 358 of on Saturday?

SHOUT OUTS

It's May 8th ... A very happy 98th birthday to everyone's favourite wildlife presenter and conservationist Sir David Attenborough. We ran a competition earlier this year where we asked you to send in your best Attenborough impressions. We've reposted the highlights to Instagram and Facebook today in case you missed it.

It's also a special day for the following Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today... Lily M from Keilor East, Zoe from Coledale, Atticus from Yass, Axel from Middle Harbour, Sophie and Adam from Sydney, Blake from

Mount Eliza, Hayden from Forest Lake and Bartholomew listening over in London, United Kingdom!

A belated shout out goes to... Chloe from Northcote.

Classroom shoutouts today go to... class 6B with Mrs Johnstone at Emmanuel Anglican College in Ballina, Miss Bailey's class from Denison State School in Emerald, class 1M with Ms Misso and class 3/4N with Nikki both at Essex Heights Primary School in Mt Waverley, class SIA with Mrs. Szmigielski at Grovedale West Primary School, classes 5A and 5B with Mrs Eldridge & Miss Shaw at Ashmore State School on the Gold Coast and lastly to the students with Miss Peart and Mr Meesen at Mandama Primary School.

The S'Quiz Answers:

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2. A crocodile
3. Merino

Don't forget .. if you've got a birthday coming up and you want a shout out - or if you want a classroom shout out - drop us a line at squizkids@thesquiz.com.au or fill out the form on our website. Teachers: there's a form there too for you to fill out the birthdays of every kid in your class.

Well - that's all we have time for. Thanks for listening to Squiz Kids Today - we'll be back again tomorrow
In the meantime, get out there and have a most excellent day. Over and out.