

Fallout over Fake Katy Perry; Aussie through to Eurovision final; Nintendo's Switch 2 announcement; and helping your grandparents fight scams.

Hello and welcome to Squiz Kids Today ... your fresh take on what's happening in the world around you.

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It's Thursday May 9....

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

THE LOWDOWN

You've probably seen there was a big, glamorous ball in New York this week, called the Met Gala.

The Met is short for the Metropolitan Museum of Art - one of New York's most important art galleries. And every year they stage a big ball - where big name celebrities from the worlds of film, music and fashion attend - wearing incredible creations.

If you were following along on social media - you would have seen a photo of Katy Perry at the ball - looking incredible in an elaborate dress. Except she was never there.

Within minutes of the photo circulating on social media, the singer quickly jumped on her own social media account to set the record straight - saying she didn't attend.

And not long after that, it was established the image was a fake. It had been created by AI - or artificial intelligence.

Now - no one was hurt in the creation of this hoax - but it points to a bigger problem - and one which our friend Squiz-E the Newshound is always warning us about.

Namely, that as technology advances and AI becomes cleverer, photos can be created of things that never happened, and videos can also be made showing things that never occurred.

And as the video that I've linked to in today's episode notes talks about - with 64 elections taking place around the world this year alone - there's

a very good chance that lots of mis and disinformation will be floating about that could affect the outcomes of who wins government in these countries. And that is a big deal.

I've stuck a link to a video about it all - including the Katy Perry hoax in today's episode notes.

And keep listening for our regular Newshounds segment where Squiz-E will have tips on how to help your grandparents ...

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 Sweden - where the Eurovision song contest is underway - and while one Aussie act has bowed out, another has made it to the final.

Australia's entrant in the competition Electric Fields sadly didn't make it through the semi-final stage. But that means they can now sit in the audience and cheer on fellow Aussie Silia Kapsis - who is representing Cyprus in the singing competition.

Cyprus is a country in the middle of the Mediterranean - and Silia, who is only 17yo and from Sydney - is a Cypriot-Aussie.

Her song 'Liar' is super catchy - and I've stuck a link to it in today's episode notes.

The Eurovision grand final takes place this weekend .. we'll be flying the Aussie and Cypriot flags for you Silia! Get out there and smash it!

POP CULTURE CORNER

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Stop everything and pay attention immediately. It's the news you've all been waiting for .. or at least, those of you who like playing on their Nintendo Switch.

The boss of Nintendo yesterday gave the strongest indication yet that after eight years of the original Switch was released - there will be an announcement soon about when Switch 2 is going to hit the shelves.

The Switch 2 is rumoured to have suction cup holders and magnetic controllers - in something of a departure from the existing design - with online reports suggesting the battery life could also be longer.

But don't hold your breath kids - it will be at least a year, probably longer - before its available for sales. So take good care of the one you have .. and maybe plan to put something else on your Xmas list ..

NEWSHOUNDS

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Every Thursday, Squiz-E the Newshound sticks his head into Squiz Kids HQ to report back on fishy things he's sniffed out on the internet .. and this week - he's here with a warning to all your mums and dads and grandparents ...

There was a news story yesterday about a grandmother in England who was about to hand over her bank and credit card details to a stranger who had contacted her on her mobile phone. She thought she was chatting online with Hollywood actor, Robert de Niro - but she wasn't. It was just someone pretending to be Robert de Niro - trying to scam her out of money. And she almost fell for it until her daughter intervened. I betcha all the fleas on Squiz-E that a parent or grandparent in your life has fallen victim - or almost fallen victim - to an online or telephone scam. And that's where they need your help as budding Newshounds. They need you to teach them the same lessons that Squiz E has taught you .. and that's to always Stop, Think and Check before believing everything we see, read or hear online ... or before we believe every person that calls us on the phone. Because unfortunately: parents and grandparents are especially vulnerable to scammers who phone them. And remember: if your class is not among the 2,200 around the country that hasn't yet signed up to do Newshounds - then get amongst it already! Via squizkids.com.au.

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. Which pop singer did not attend the Met Gala, despite photos circulating on social media suggesting she had?
2. Name the Aussie act that sadly didn't make it past the semi finals of Eurovision?
3. Which game console is getting ready to release a new model, according to its parent company Nintendo?

SHOUT OUTS

It's May 9th ... on this day in 1901, the first Parliament of Australia opened .. which is to say, it was the first time politicians representing Australia's early colonial settlers got together in Melbourne .. King George V was there ... and if you want to learn more about Australia's democracy and how its government works, check out our excellent Squiz Kids special on the Sensational World of Civics - via our website.

It's also a special day for the following Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today...

Roberta from Figtree, Tiana from Forest Lake, Elsie from Canberra, Angus from Palm Beach, Hugh from Berry, Parker from East Ulverstone, Lyla from Frenchs Forest and Adam from Brisbane.

A belated shout out goes to.... Angus from Rydalmere.

Classroom shoutouts today go to... class 5O with Mr Oxenford at The Southport School, class 4R and Mrs Idema at Redlands College, class 4A and Mrs Ogilvie at Georgiana Molloy Anglican School in Yalyalup, Room 16 with Mrs Phillips at Newborough Primary School, class 5A and Mrs Kumar at Greenbank State School, class 3T and Mrs Thomson at Farnborough State School in Yeppoon, Grade 5 at Roxburgh Park Primary School, all of the year 6 students and teachers at Cairns School of Distance Education and lastly to class 5/6JA at Cannon Hill State School and a special thankyou to their teacher Mrs Aguiar (A-gear) who has been helping us to develop the new and improved Newshounds website that will be launched later this year.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Katy Perry
2. Electric Fields
3. Switch

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.

Well - that's all we have time for. Thanks for listening to Squiz Kids Today - we'll be back again tomorrow the Kids vs Adults Weekly News S'Quiz.

In the meantime, get out there and have a most excellent day. Over and out.