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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 Monday June 3 ...

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

## ***THE LOWDOWN***

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China took one giant leap towards putting an astronaut on the Moon yesterday morning when it landed a rocket ship on the far side of the lunar satellite.

The Chang-e 6 rocket touched down on the South Pole of the Moon - marking only the second time a country has successfully landed a spacecraft on the far side of the Moon.

Now that it's there, it will send out a rover to collect samples of Moon dirt and Moon rock, which will be plonked into a small rocket, lift off from the Moon, connect with the larger spacecraft that is spinning around above the Moon - which will then return to Earth to give the Moon dust to scientists down here to examine.

And look - while all of that might sound simple enough - it involves the sort of maths and engineering cleverness that if you look at closely enough will blow your mind.

China is hoping this mission will help it achieve its goal of putting astronauts on the Moon within the next six years.

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Back here on Earth - and instead of looking to the stars, Aussie kids are spending more time looking at screens than kids in most other countries. An international study has found that at an average of four hours a day spent on technology, Aussie kids are world leaders in screen time. And it's not necessarily a good thing - with the study finding kids who spend

more than an hour a day on social media or browsing the internet score up to 20 points lower in maths than those who don't. Just sayin' ...

## ***SPIN THE GLOBE***

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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 a 12 year old from Florida has just been crowned the country's new Spelling Bee champion.

Bruhat Soma correctly spelled a staggering 29 words correctly in a 90 second speed spell-off - beating his competitor who could only manage 20 correctly spelled words.

And they weren't just any words ... it's not like he was asked to cat, mat and hat. Words Bruhat was asked to spell included heautophany, nachschläge and puszta ... and look, I can't even pronounce them let alone know what they mean.

Bruhat said afterwards he practiced every day with his dad - searching for and spelling the most obscure words they could find. And for any of you out there thinking: ahhh - that's not a real sport ... Bruhat's having the last laugh - having walked away with \$75,000 in prize money for his efforts. Not bad at all.

## ***SPORT TIME***

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Aussie tennis player, Alex De Minaur played the game of his life in Paris yesterday - lifted to victory in an eight hour duel by a kid in the crowd who just wouldn't let him quit.

Managing to crawl back from behind to beat his opponent, the big hitting German, Jann-Lennard Struff - Alex told reporters after a young kid who was courtside in the cold and rain and cheering him on gave him the motivation to just keep fighting.

And now he's launched a search on Instagram to get the lucky charm kid back to watch his match tonight against world number 5 Daniil Medvedev. C'mon Demon - you can do this!

I've stuck a link to video of the Demon's biggest fan in today's episode notes. He's one passionate kid ...

## ***FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD***

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Makers of the world's favourite biscuits have turned to science to create the perfect crunch as x-ray cookies become totally a thing in Britain.

The Cadbury chocolate people have started working with scientists in England to create an oven with x-ray technology, so they can study how a cookie bakes and what ingredients are required to create the perfect crunch.

The x-ray oven takes a snapshot of the inside of cookies as they bake - and that data will be analysed by food scientists to create the ultimate biccie.

I mean - I know scientific research is happening all over the world right now for all sorts of important things - but can we just pause for a moment and reflect on the contribution x-ray cookie technology will make to overall human happiness? Or is that just me? Hmmm.

## **THE S'QUIZ**

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

1. What's the name given to a competition for spelling?
2. Which country has just landed a spacecraft on the South Pole of the Moon?
3. Name the Aussie men's tennis player through to the last 16 at the French Open?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's June 3 ... today is Mabo Day - celebrating the life of a remarkable Aussie, Eddie Mabo - who played an incredibly important role in a court case that overturned a law that said before white settlers, Australia didn't belong to any one - paving the way for what's now called Native Title. I've stuck a link to info about Mabo Day in today's episode notes.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Clara from Woongarra, Emmanuel from Everton Park, Rohan from Bulleen, Chloe from Eltham, Elliot from Flemington, Tyler from Atwell, Ivan from Castle Hill, Arlo from Fannie Bay, Durva from Rochdale, Emma from Forest Lake, Violet from Glenmore Park, Alex from Coombabah, Estrella from Strathfield, Abigail from Dolan Bay, Avery from North Ainslie, Walter listening over in Matakana, New Zealand and Violet from Bogota in Colombia,

Belated shout outs go to... Lucia from Hurstville, Jordan and Hazel from East Ulverstone, Colin from Carwoola, Kareem from Newcastle, Yoyo from Lindfield, Maddie from Toongabbie, Adaline from Perth and Quinn from Eltham North.

Classroom shoutouts today go to... class 5/6GR and Miss Richardson at Buninyong Primary School, class 3W with Miss Richards at Brighton Grammar School, class 6C with at Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School in Perth, class C1 with Mrs Wallace and Mrs Chidlow at Excelsior Primary School, class 5B with Ms Seely at Roxburgh Park Primary School and class ALC4 with Mr Wilson at Northlakes High School.

**The S'Quiz Answers:**

1. Spelling Bee
2. China
3. Alex de Minaur

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](mailto: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 with a special Squiz The World on the world's oldest country .. a teeny tiny country most of the world has never heard of, called San Marino. You won't want to miss it ..

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