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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 Wednesday, August 21 ...

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

THE LOWDOWN

Have you been looking up at the sky recently? If so, you might have noticed something special—a supermoon! A full moon occurs when the moon is fully illuminated by the sun, making it bright and full in the night sky. But when this full moon happens when the moon is closest to Earth, it's called a supermoon, making it appear even bigger and brighter.

This week's supermoon is also a blue moon. Don't be fooled by the name—it's not actually blue! A blue moon is a rare event when two full moons occur in the same month. It's as rare as tidying your room without being asked—something that happens only "once in a blue moon." And this supermoon is just the first of four supermoons this year! Get ready for more on September 18, October 17, and November 15. Check out your episode notes for a cool video about these supermoons.

Meanwhile, back on Earth, get ready for some unusual winter warmth! This weekend, temperatures are set to soar well above normal for August. A big high-pressure system

in the centre of Australia is pushing hot air toward places like Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide. In some spots, it could even be record-breaking! Sydney might hit 26°C, which is way warmer than usual for this time of year. Even Alice Springs might see its hottest August days ever, making it feel more like summer than winter.

But while it's heating up in some places, spare a thought for farmers in Western Australia. They've been hoping for rain, but when it came, it was in one big downpour that caused flooding in the state's South West. Talk about a land of droughts and flooding rains!

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 Idaho, USA, where David 'Record Breaker' Rush has set the record for holding the most Guinness World Records—181 in total!

Back in 2021, when he held just 87 records, David set a goal to become the person with the most records. Aiming to break one record a week, he finally achieved it this week by smashing a whopping 55 vinyl records in just 30 seconds.

So what's David's secret? Flexibility! His first-ever attempt was to break the record for the fastest 800-meter run while juggling, but after injuring his knee, he switched gears and set a record for the longest time juggling blindfolded instead. Since then, he's taken on stunts like juggling chainsaws, stacking noodle cups, and balancing lawnmowers.

But the competition isn't over. Silvio Sabba, the previous record holder, is close behind with 180 records. Will David keep his title, or will Silvio reclaim it? The race for record-breaking glory continues! Stay tuned!

ANIMAL KINGDOM

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Long-time listeners know we're always on the lookout for stories about invasive species. Remember that Shortcut we did on them? Well, Florida, in the USA, is stepping up its game to tackle one particularly slithery invader, and we just had to share it with you!

The sunny state is home to the annual Python Challenge, where brave participants race to capture as many Burmese pythons as possible. Why? Because these giant snakes

are causing big problems. And with \$30,000 in prize money on the line, the competition is fierce!

You see, Burmese pythons were originally brought to Florida as pets. But surprise, surprise—they didn't stay small. These slithery giants can grow up to 5 metres long and weigh over 100 kilograms. When they got too big to handle, some pet owners released them into the wild, where they've wreaked havoc on native wildlife, gobbling up birds, reptiles, and even raccoons.

This year, over 600 python hunters have signed up for the challenge. But before they hit the swamps, they have to complete training to make sure they can spot the invasive pythons without mistaking them for other native snakes. And if any adults listening are getting flashbacks of the Simpson's Whacking Day vibes... you're not the only ones.

SPORT TIME

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Picture this: the crowd roars as an underdog soars through the air, eyes locked on the rim of the hoop, and in an electrifying moment, slams the ball right over the legendary LeBron James knocking him to the floor! That's how Guerschon Yabusele, a name few had heard, suddenly became the talk of the basketball world during the Paris Olympics.

Yabusele's journey to this point was anything but smooth. After training in boxing, the once promising first-round pick for the NBA's Boston Celtics, never quite lived up to expectations and his dreams fizzled out. But instead of giving up, he took his talents around the globe, playing in China, France, and Spain, honing his skills and refusing to quit.

Then came the Paris Olympics. In a bold move, the French coach placed Yabusele in the starting lineup, and he seized the moment. Game after game, Yabusele dominated, but it was his jaw-dropping dunk over LeBron that set the world on fire. Yep, I've stuck a video in the episode notes for you to gawp over.

France might not have won gold, but Yabusele won something even bigger—another shot at the NBA. Now, with a new contract from the Philadelphia 76ers, the "Dancing Bear" is ready to charge into the big leagues once more!

BOOK WEEK PROMO

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Woo Hoo! It's Book Week!

If you're all about reading or just love a good dress-up, then listen up—this is your moment!

We're pretty sure that you'll soon be heading off to school dressed as your favourite book character—or maybe just throwing on that superhero costume you've got lying around. We totally get it!

But here's the cool part: We've got Allen + Unwin book packs up for grabs for the best and most creative (or even funniest!) Book Week costumes.

Now, here's where you come in—make sure you get your parents to snap a pic of your outfit and post it on Instagram, tagging us @squizkids or using the hashtag #SquizKids. We're counting on you to get your parents in on the action!

You can enter on your own, with your family, or even as a whole class. And teachers—there's a special prize for you too!

So, go on, give your parents a nudge because you've got to be in it to win it!

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. What is it called when a full moon happens twice in a single month?
2. How many Guinness World Records does David 'Record Breaker' Rush currently hold?
3. What is the name of the invasive species Floridians are rushing to capture this week?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Wednesday, Aug 21... On this day wayyy back in 1911, the very famous painting by inventor and artist Leonardo da Vinci, the Mona Lisa, was stolen in from where it was hung in the Louvre art museum, in France, by an Italian man named Vincenzo Peruggia, who believed that the painting belonged in da Vinci's home country of Italy. Peruggia,

who was working at the Louvre, hid in a closet overnight and stole the painting the next morning when the museum was closed for maintenance.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today... Bailey from Abbotsford, Audrey from Flora Hill, Thomas from East Ulverstone and Gabrielle from NSW.

Belated shoutout go to... Amy from Coffs Harbour and Tyson from Jerelderie.

Today's classroom shoutouts go to... Class 6C at Wellington Point State School, all of the students at All Saints College in Maitland, class 6.4 with Mrs Liang at All Hallows' School in Brisbane, class L10 with Mrs Gyat and class LA15 with Mr Maroson at Atwell Primary School, class F6 with Mrs O'leary at Hammond Park Primary School, class S2 O'Connor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School in Waterloo and all of the students at Buninyong Primary School in Dubbo.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. A blue moon.
2. 181.
3. Burmese pythons.

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.

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