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

THE LOWDOWN

Victory at the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne slipped through the fingers of Aussie driver, Oscar Piastri ... as a rainy day created a wet and slippery track that saw Formula 1 cars sliding all over the place.

Piastri - who grew up in Melbourne - was hoping to win the first race of the 2025 F1 season in front of a home crowd - but some very Melbourne weather put those plans into the pit stop.

At the end of the day, it was Piastri's team mate, Lando Norris who won the race - just managing to hold off the Flying Dutchman, and four-time world champ, Max Verstappen who came in second.

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It may have been raining in Melbourne all over the Grand Prix - but up the road in Sydney, the city was sweltering in 38 degree temperatures, before a cool change sent the mercury plummeting 15 degrees - back into the early 20s. Weather whiplash, much?

Melbourne and Adelaide had their fair share of heat over the weekend too - with more temperatures of more than 35 degrees recorded in Melbourne's western suburbs and Adelaide reaching almost 40 degrees. And soon enough it will be winter and we'll be complaining about the cold ..

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 Chicago, in the United States, where a river has been dyed green to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

If you have Irish heritage - meaning your ancestors comes from Ireland - you might already know about St Patrick's Day.

March 17 - which is today - is St Pat's Day - commemorating the patron saint of Ireland. All over the world, Irish people - and people who love Irish people, and people who just like to drink Guinness beer - get together and there are street parades and music played and everyone wears green.

Why green? Because Ireland is also known as the Emerald Isle - because it rains a lot there and is so lush and green. And also, according to legend, wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns - who are little Irish mythological creatures - meaning probably not real - naughty little red-bearded fairies who love to sneak around pinching people. So wear some green today and avoid getting pinched by a leprechaun ...

SPORT TIME

Brisbane sprint sensation - and the fastest kid in the country - Gout Gout has gone and done it again over the weekend.

The 17 year old runner from Ipswich in Queensland, blew away the rest of the field at the Queensland athletic championships in Brissie on Saturday, running 100 metres in only 10.38 seconds.

And get this: the current men's 100m world record is 9.58 seconds, set by the incredible Usain Bolt back in 2009 ... that means Gout was only 8 tenths of a second off the world record that has stood for 16 years ... 8 tenths of a second ... not even a whole second.

Unbelievable. Gout Gout - you've done it again.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

A fisherman from Peru, in South America, has survived 95 days at sea - eating sea turtles, birds and get this — cockroaches.

Maximo Castro set off on a fishing trip with two weeks' worth of food - but when he got caught in a storm and was blown off course - and ended up drifting out in the ocean for three whole months.

He was spotted by a passing naval ship, rescued and reunited with his family at the weekend - not having eaten or drank freshwater for days and days. Miraculously, he is ok now ... and is even talking about returning to the sea to go fishing again as soon as he can.

Hmmm ... maybe I'd be looking for a job on land, if it were me.

FAKE NEWS FIGHT

Here at Squiz Kids - you probably know that we're on something of a media literacy crusade.

Our Newshounds classroom resource teaches kids how to think critically about the flood of information they're exposed to each day online. It teaches them how to spot misinformation - and separate online fact from fiction.

Since launch, more than 4,000 primary school teachers around the country have signed up to do Newshounds with their classes. Because it's free, because it's fun, because it's curriculum-aligned. And because it works.

But unless we get government funding to continue Newshounds, we may have to shut it down.

With a Federal Election looming, we need your help. If you think digital and media literacy is an important life skill our kids should be learning at school - sign our

petition at change.org - the link is in the episode notes or you can find it on our website: squizkids.com.au

Send a message to Canberra. Help us help the next generation.

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. From which country was the fisherman lost at sea for three months?
2. What time did Gout Gout run the 100 metres in on Saturday?
3. In Ireland, what do they call the mischievous little fairy who likes to pinch people?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Monday, March 17 ... It's St Patrick's Day, as we've already discussed. Plus today is the start of Harmony Week - maybe you're celebrating Harmony Week in your school?

Today is also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Willow from The Gold Coast, Ellie and Sophie from Wellington Point, Audrey from Naremburn, Julien from Holsworthy, Alicia from Uki, Evie from Belmont, Elwood from Bulleen, Marco from Cheltenham and Finlay listening over in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Belated shoutout go to... Sahara from Jerilderie and Hamish from Bangalow.

Classroom shoutouts go to ... class 4RI and Ms Iedema at Redlands College, classes 4 Blue and 4 Gold with Mr Hayes and Mr De Burca at Macaulay Catholic Primary School in Rose Bay, class 6C with Mrs Braun and Mrs Crowe at St Peter Julian Eymard Primary School in Mooroolbark, class 5/6C with Ms T.L at Woombye State School and class 6B with Mrs Heba at Roxburgh Rise Primary School.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Peru
2. 10.38 seconds
3. Leprechaun

Don't forget .. if you've got a birthday coming up and you want a shout out - or, if you're after 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 with a special Squiz Kids Shortcut on Ned Kelly - one of Australia's most famous bushrangers ... you might know him from

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