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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

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Hey Squiz-E! That's Squiz-E the Newshound letting us know there's big news from across the ditch — and it's all about keeping kids safe online - and he can't wait til the end of the podcast today.

So what's so important? Well, New Zealand's Prime Minister has announced that he wants to ban anyone under 16 from joining social media. Yep, you heard right. No Instagram, no TikTok, no Snapchat — unless you're over 16. The plan is based on similar, world-first laws recently introduced in Australia, and would force social media companies to prove how old you are before letting you sign up — or face fines in the millions.

Why? Well, the idea is to protect young people from cyberbullying and other online nasties.

But not everyone thinks it'll work. Some politicians say it's too rushed and won't actually stop kids from getting online. Internet safety experts agree: saying 'no' isn't enough. They reckon we also need to teach kids how to stay safe, think critically, and make smart choices.

And that's where Squiz-E comes in. He's sniffing out the truth online every week — because education, not just bans, helps you make the best decisions.

Even if you're not on social media yet, this story shows how seriously grown-ups are taking the issue.

And parents and teachers, if you want your kids to learn more about staying safe online, you can sign up to Newshounds for free today, right from the Squiz Kids website.

Thanks, Squiz-E. You've done it again!

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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 the United States... in the state of Kentucky. Now, you might think of fried chicken when you hear Kentucky, but today's story is all about lollipops.

And Squiz-E the Newshound is sticking around for this one, because it's a perfect example of what not to do online.

An 8-year-old boy named Liam was using his mum's Amazon account when he decided to plan a carnival for his friends. Sounds sweet, right? Maybe too sweet... because Liam ordered 70,000 Dum-Dum lollipops (they're a bit like ChupaChups), and racked up a bill of almost \$4,000!

His mum, Holly, said she nearly fainted when she saw her bank account. She tried to cancel the order, but it was too late. Boxes and boxes of lollipops started arriving at their front door.

Thankfully, after a very stressful day and a few phone calls, Amazon agreed to give her a refund.

It's a great reminder parents to lock down your devices... and for kids to always ask before buying anything online.

POP CULTURE CORNER

This story's also all about kids — and some seriously talented ones at that.

You might've heard of the Archibald Prize... it's one of Australia's most famous art awards. It's been running for over 100 years, and every year artists paint portraits (that's a special kind of artwork showing a person's face or body) of someone who inspires them.

It's a really big deal in the art world. And guess what? There's a version just for kids and teens, called the Young Archies!

Every year, young artists aged 5 to 18 from all over Australia enter portraits of someone special, a friend, family member or role model, brought to life with colour, creativity, and lots of love.

And this year, a whopping 3,200 entries were sent in. From those entries, 70 finalists and 20 honourable mentions were chosen. If you're in Sydney between May 10 and August 17, you can see the artworks on display for free at the Art Gallery of NSW, alongside the grown-up Archibald entries.

The winners will be announced on 5 July, but honestly? With this much talent, we reckon you're all winners.

There's a link in your episode notes so you can check out some of these masterpieces for yourself!

SQUIZ KIDS SALUTES

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And finally today, we're tipping our hats to a living legend — wildlife warrior and film maker extraordinaire Sir David Attenborough, who turns 99 today!

Sir David has spent nearly a century exploring the wonders of our natural world — and now, he says he's learned that the most important place on Earth isn't on land, but under the sea.

His brand-new film, *Ocean*, hits cinemas today and features breathtaking — and sometimes heartbreaking — scenes showing both the beauty of marine life and the damage caused by practices like fishing by bottom trawling.

But, Sir David still has hope. He says the ocean can recover faster than we ever imagined — if we protect it.

He's calling on world leaders to follow through on promises to protect a third of our oceans at a United Nations conference next month. And he believes this could help combat climate change and bring our blue planet back to life.

Sir David, your voice has inspired generations, and your passion for the planet still shines as brightly as ever.

Sir David Attenborough, Happy 99th Birthday! 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. What is the name of the lollypop that 8-year-old Liam ordered 70,000 of?
2. What is the name of the art prize that 3,200 young Aussies have entered?
3. What is the name of Sir David Attenborough's new movie that's out this week?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Thursday, May 8 ... Outdoor Classroom Day. I think that in honour of Sir David Attenborough, we should all get outside and notice what's happening in nature today.

Today is also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today...

Hudson from Langwarrin, Maddie from Randwick, Emelia from The Gold Coast, Molly from Indooroopilly, Zac, Robyn and Neve from St Clair, Tim from Glen Forrest, Leo from Hawthorndene, Zoe from Coledale and Tessa from Kellyville.

And a belated shoutout goes to...Jaxon from Bundaberg, Sebastian from Coromandel Valley

Classroom shoutouts go to ... Class 4C with Mrs Charles at Plumpton Public School, Room 19 with Miss Amy at Walkerville Primary School, class 1/2S with Miss Saul at Lane

Cove West Public and Grade 6 with Lauren at Footscray City Primary School - who headed off to Canberra this week for their year 6 camp! Have fun!

And a *reminder to send in your classroom shoutout requests*. All Classroom Shoutout requests we receive during the month of May will go into a draw to have Bryce pay a virtual visit .. yes that's right ... Bryce will beam into the classroom of one lucky school that submits its classroom shout out this month. And he might have a book pack under my arm to give away to you too ...

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Dum Dums
2. The Young Archies
3. Ocean

Otherwise ... 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.

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