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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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Imagine packing your bag, saying goodbye to school, and heading off on an adventure with your pet... across the ocean! That's exactly what a man named Oliver Widger did—with his tortoiseshell cat, Phoenix, right by his side.

Oliver was working a job he didn't enjoy when he got news about a health condition that could leave him paralysed one day. That's when he thought: "Life's too short not to follow my dreams."

So he sold everything, bought a sailboat, and taught himself to sail by watching YouTube videos. Then he and Phoenix set off from the coast of America on a 24-day journey, arriving in Hawaii on Saturday, after sailing more than 3,000 kilometres together!

There were scary moments (like when the boat's rudder broke), but also amazing ones—like spotting dolphins and whales. And all the way, Oliver reminded himself to stay brave, keep learning, and never give up.

It's what teachers call a growth mindset—believing you can do hard things if you try.

Oliver might head to French Polynesia next, but for now, he and Phoenix are enjoying dry land—and probably a long catnap.

There's a link to their Instagram in your episode notes if your adults want to help you follow along on the next stages of their adventure.

## ***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... Gloucestershire, England, where each year people throw themselves down one of the UK's steepest hills in pursuit of a rolling cheese!

It's called the Cooper's Hill Cheese Rolling Competition, and it's been going for at least 200 years. The race is simple: a big wheel of Double Gloucester cheese is sent speeding down a super-steep hill, and dozens of brave (and slightly bonkers) competitors chase after it.

This year's champ? For the second time running—literally—it was YouTuber Tom Kopke from Germany. He tumbled his way to the bottom faster than anyone else... well, except the cheese.

The women's race winner, Ava Sender Logan from London, flipped and rolled all the way down, clutching her head, and later admitted she doesn't even like cheese!

There's also an uphill race, which was won by a woman who left her phone at the top and dashed back to get it. Now that's motivation.

There were some bruises, a few sprains, and lots of laughs. Check the episode notes for some grate,yes, grate...photos and videos.

## ***BELIEVE IT OR NOT***

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Half a billion years ago—long before dinosaurs, and way before humans—a tiny, three-eyed creature swam through Earth's oceans... and it looked like something straight out of an alien movie.

Don't worry, it was only the size of your finger. But this prehistoric predator, called *Mosura fentoni*, had spiky claws to grab prey, flippers down its sides for swimming, a mouth like a spinning saw, and, yep, three eyes.

It lived during the Cambrian period, when life in Earth's oceans was just starting to explode with weird and wonderful creatures. Fossils of Mosura were found in Canada's Burgess Shale—an ancient seabed where mud once buried animals so quickly, their soft bodies were incredibly well preserved. Due to changes in climate and geology, this prehistoric seabed now sits high up in Canada's Rocky Mountains.

Thanks to that muddy moment in history, scientists can see amazing details, like bundles of nerves inside Mosura's eyes that helped it see, just like modern insects and crabs.

It's a strange reminder that the planet hasn't always looked the way it does now. And life? Well, it's always been full of surprises.

## **FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD**

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Hope you've had brekkie? Because this story might make your tummy rumble.

For years, Nutella has ruled the breakfast table (and dessert bowls) with its chocolatey, hazelnut goodness. Aussies ate 15 million kilos of the stuff last year—that's enough to fill four and a half Olympic swimming pools? Relay anyone?

But there's a new challenger on the spread scene... Biscoff! That caramel-cinnamon biscuit flavour from Belgium has been popping up everywhere. From McFlurries at Macca's to donuts, cheesecakes and even bubble tea—Biscoff is suddenly the flavour

Thanks to TikTok recipes and drool-worthy food hacks, Gen Z is going nuts for this spicy-sweet spread.

So... could Biscoff dethrone Nutella?

Nutella says it's not too worried—but just in case, it's teasing a brand-new peanut flavour in North America, but it hasn't yet made its way to Australia.

For now, the spread wars are on! Which side will you take?

## **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 is the name of the cat that accompanied Oliver Widger on his journey to Hawaii?
2. In which period of history did the Mosura fentoni live?

3. Which European country is home to Biscoff?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Wednesday, May 28 ... National Hamburger Day in the United States. Did you ever wonder why they're called Hamburgers when there's no ham? Well, the beef mince patty with lots of yummy spices originated in Hamburg in Germany... kinda like the frankfurter originated in Frankfurt, Germany... What is it with Germans and their delicious dishes!?

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today.... Tyson from West Albury, Indiana from the Gold Coast, Salam from Bass Hill and Ayla from Seaforth.

A belated shoutout goes to...Eli from Burleigh Waters.

Classroom shoutouts go to ... class 3B with Miss Van Herk at Marist Catholic College in North Sydney, class 5W with Mrs Korsman at Holy Spirit Primary School in Kurri Kurri, class 5K with Mrs Kime at St John's Anglican College in Forest Lake, class 3/4 Magpies with Miss McFarlane at Mount Riverview Primary School ... and a special shout out to Joy Quinn and all of Year 3 with Mrs O'Kane at Inglewood Primary School in Perth.. Your dad tells me you're an excellent learner in class ..

And a *reminder* ... if your class would like to be in the draw to win a virtual visit from Bryce - get your classroom shoutout request in by the end of this week! We'll be announcing the winning classrooms early next week.

## **The S'Quiz Answers:**

1. Phoenix
2. The Cambrian Period
3. Belgium

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](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

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