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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 9 -

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

THE LOWDOWN

Hands up if you like oxygen? You know - that stuff we breathe on a second-by-second, minute-by-minute daily basis? Yeah - I don't mind it either, truth be told. Which is why I'll be looking to the seaside city of Nice in France this week as governments from all over the world gather for a conference on how to save the world's oceans.

And that's because up to 80 percent of the oxygen we breathe is provided by the ocean.

You might know the Earth is made up of five oceans - and together they account for about 70 percent of the surface of our planet. And the animals and plants that live in the ocean are vital not only as a source of food for us - but as vital bits of the largest, finely balanced ecosystem in the world.

It's why the United Nations Oceans Conference in France this week is super important. So important that Prince William will be there, alongside the world's favourite conservationist, the remarkable Sir David Attenborough - calling for countries of the world to sign something called the High Seas Treaty which would place one third of the world's oceans into protected marine parks. Just like a national park on land - but underwater. A move that would stop practices like bottom trawling - where heavy nets are dragged across the ocean floor destroying all sorts of vital habitats.

Because Nemo and Dory deserve a home too.

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 London, in England, where US President Donald Trump is a pumpkin.

I'm talking about the vegetable-sculpting competition that's just taken place there - where a pumpkin was carved to look like the US President, cucumbers were turned into sports stars, cauliflowers became country singers and heads of corn were dressed up as Catholic cardinals.

How's that for a bit of alliteration?

The Lambeth Country Show in central London always bring out veggie sculptors creative sides - and this year has been no exception.

The butternut pumpkin that became Donald Trump was a highlight – I wonder if it's because of the orange colour? - the Cornclave attracted lots of attention - but it was the vegetable version of singer Dolly Parton- carved from a cauliflower - that I liked best. Not least because they called it Cauli Parton (DAD JOKE ALARM) — hey! Slow down there Dad Joke Alarm! That wasn't even my dad joke !

SPORT TIME

And it's a big ol' woo-hoo for the Socceroos who took a step closer to World Cup qualification last week beating Japan 1-0 with a last minute goal. Go you good things!

And while we're at it - basketball fans will be strapping themselves in this week as the long-awaited NBA Finals take place.

After teams in the Eastern and Western conferences have spent all season battling it out - it's come down to two teams playing the best of seven games for the 2025 NBA Championship trophy.

The Indiana Pacers and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

The Pacers are already up 1-0 beating the Thunder by one point in a thrilling first game - with Game 2 taking place this morning.

The Thunder have gone into the finals as favourites - but in basketball - anything can happen. May the best team win!

ANIMAL KINGDOM

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Look - it's a Monday - and half the country is enjoying a public holiday - so let's keep it light, eh? And there's nothing more light than the news out of Thailand about the full-sized elephant who decided he wanted to do a bit of grocery shopping.

Shop owners in the north east of the country could only watch on in shock last week when the elephant strolled into town, stopped outside their shop and decided he liked the look of a packet of sweet crackers and some dried banana inside - and so ducked his head and lumbered in the front door.

I've stuck a link to video of the incident in today's episode notes -where you'll see it took a bit of shouting and cajoling to get the elephant to leave the store – but not before taking a packet of chips on his way out.

I wonder if he put them in his trunk for storage ... (DAD JOKE ALARM) – ahhh come on! Twice in one podcast! Seriously!

Q+A CALL OUT

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(TICK TICK TICK)

Can you hear that? That's the countdown to this Friday - which is the last day to send in your questions for the Governor General Sam Mostyn for our upcoming Squiz Kids Q+A.

Yes, that's right – this is your chance to ask any question you want of the woman who represents our head of state in Australia - a bloke you might have heard of called King Charles.

Did you know that before becoming Governor General, Sam was an AFL commissioner - and was one of the people who helped set up the AFLW? Or that she believes kindness and caring are two of the most important things we can display as a country?

Or that in a couple of weeks time, she will be getting all ceremonial and officiating at the opening of a brand new Parliament - the first since the recent Federal election? So many things to ask her ..

So don't just sit there – email your questions into squizkids@thesquiz.com.au ...

THE S'QUIZ

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

1. Which member of the Royal Family will be in France this week at the UN Oceans Conference?
2. Name one of the two teams in the NBA Finals playoffs this week.
3. In which country did an elephant decide to do a bit of grocery shopping this week?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Monday June 9 ... it's a public holiday today for the Kings' Birthday in every state except WA and Queensland ... but we already had ours earlier this year - so don't feel too sorry for us ..

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Siashyam (pronounced Si-sham) from Forest Lake, Johnson from Ashmont, Maeve from Yeppoon, Billy Bob from Fernvale, Anthony from Ivanhoe, Torah from Belmont, Maggie from the Sunshine Coast, Nicola from Lavender Bay, Daniel from Gowanbrae, Hunter from Eglinton, Connor from Coorparoo and Molly, Nicola and Evelyn from Exeter.

Belated shoutouts go to ... Twins Jack and Steele from Ganmain, Kashif and Aniata from Plumpton, Sam from Rye, Jonny from Bondi, Eddie from Bittern and Eric from Terrey Hills.

Classroom shoutouts go to ... class 4T with Ms Turner at West Moreton Anglican College in Ipswich, class 6 Gold with Mrs Pareez-Jones at St Josephs Catholic School in Corinda, class 5M with Mrs McConaghy at St John's Anglican College in Forest Lake, class 4 Blue with Mrs Hannan at Mater Dei Catholic Primary School in Ashgrove and class 5A with Miss Foster at Ascot State School.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Prince William
2. Oklahoma City Thunder - Indiana Pacers
3. Thailand

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 with a brand new episode of Squiz The World - as we fire up the Squiz Kids Super Fast Supersonic Jet Liner and pay a visit to Hong Kong as it marks a significant anniversary.

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

--- EPISODE NOTES ---

Elephant goes grocery shopping

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/nTZtoSfSUMA>

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