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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 Thursday, November 6 -

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

THE LOWDOWN

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And we start today's podcast with the tale of Old Faithful - one of the most famous crocodiles in Australia.

And when I say tale, I mean, TALE not TAIL ... because I would never start a podcast with a crocodile's tail .. it's head, maybe, but not it's tail.

So Old Faithful is a 4 and a half metre croc - which is huge - and he's lived most of his life in a big ol' water hole in a national park in Far North Queensland. But after park rangers decided recently he'd been displaying some concerning behaviour - and becoming a little too familiar with humans fishing on or visiting the water hole - they decided he should probably be removed from the wild and rehomed in a zoo.

Which is where Bindi and Robert Irwin's Australia Zoo comes into the story. They put their hand up to provide Old Faithful with a new home, where he can spend his retirement being looked after by zookeepers.

But traditional owners of the national park want Old Faithful to stay in his water hole - arguing he has always lived in the wild, never hurt anyone and deserves to spend his

final years doing what crocs do - munching on wild barramundi and being an alpha male to all the other crocs.

It's a dilemma .. because rangers have to balance animal welfare with human safety. And, like sharks at the beach or dingoes on K'gari - another example of humans having to find ways to live peacefully alongside native animals in their natural habitat.

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 Mexico - or in the sea off the coast of Mexico, to be precise - where scientists have observed orcas munching on the livers of great white sharks.

Euugh.

Orcas - or killer whales as they're also known - as renowned for their intelligence. And now there's evidence they've learned to hunt great white sharks, force them to the surface, flip them onto their backs to disorient them, then drag them underwater to rip out their livers ... which, apparently if you're an orca, are really tasty.

And apologies if you're eating breakfast right now ...

It's further evidence of the advanced intelligence of the killer whale - and how they pass down hunting techniques from one generation to another.

Liver munching shark killers ... now I've heard everything ...

POP CULTURE CORNER

Let's see now, we've done crocs, we've done killer whales ... must be time for a bear story ..

And will you look at that ... Paddington Bear has made his stage musical debut in London and the crowds have been wowed by it.

He's already conquered the book world, he's a hit in the cinemas, so it was only a matter of time before the world's favourite marmalade munching bear from deepest darkest Peru had his own musical on London's famous West End theatre district.

Paddington the musical opened to rave reviews this week - not least because its producers have managed to create a living, breathing, blinking bear that takes to the stage and dances and sings.

Not a real bear of course - because that would be something else. But a bear costume that an actor wears - with a fully animatronic face that makes it look like Paddington is singing and speaking.

I've stuck a link to video of it in today's episode notes ... so cute.

NEWSHOUNDS

Speaking of remarkable animals ... it's time to check in on Squiz-E the Newshound - to see what fishy things he's sniffed out on the internet this week ... and today, Squiz-E is rolling around on the floor laughing – scarcely able to believe people have fallen for the latest piece of frankly crazy fake news on social media.

A Facebook page that regularly publishes all sorts of crazy stuff pretending that its news - posted a pretend news story last month claiming that an army of robot spiders had landed in Antarctica after hitching a ride to Earth on a passing comet.

I mean, seriously ...

Most people laughed - and commented that it was clearly fake news. But some people actually believed that alien robot spiders had invaded Earth. Which might be a fun idea for a creative writing assignment or even a Hollywood horror film - but otherwise beggars belief.

And while social media and YouTube and the internet in general is full of content that most normal people realise is plain silly - there are still plenty of people out there who believe everything they read online.

But not you ... no, no. Because you do as Squiz-E the Newshound always tells us - and that's the STOP, THINK and CHECK before believing everything we see online.

And teachers: if you want your students to be among the 5,000 classrooms who have signed up to do Newshounds - our free media literacy program for primary school kids - head on over to our website and get involved.

Q+A CALL OUT

Speaking of Newshounds ... I'm totally excited to be going to Forest Lake State School on Monday with House Speaker Milton Dick to see Squiz-E in action in the classroom.

And then straight after that, Milton and I will be recording the next Squiz Kids Q+A - where he will choose the best entries sent in by Squiz Kids on what he should say in Federal Parliament to keep our rowdy politicians in line.

We've had some terrific suggestions - stuff that maybe your parents say to you when you're mucking up, or techniques your teachers use to bring a noisy class to order ...

If you're keen to send in a suggestion and possibly here your - or your classe's names read out in an upcoming sitting of Parliament - then send your suggestions before the close of business tomorrow to 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. What's the name of the big ol' croc that's moved to Australia Zoo?
2. Which frozen continent has an army of robot spiders apparently invaded? Not.
3. What's the other name that killer whales go by?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Thursday, November 6 ... it's National Nacho Day in the United States ... oh yum - i could definitely smash some nachos tonight ...

Today's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today...

Josie from Indooroopilly, Aneka from Wagga Wagga, Cooper from Ganmain, Elliot from Tingalpa, Noah from Duncraig, Ines from Carseldine and Lola listening over in Marcq en Baroeul in France. Joyeux anniversaire Lola!

Belated shoutouts go to...

Classroom shoutouts go to... Room 11 with Mrs Dudek at Williamstown Primary School, class 5/6J with Mrs Jansson at Torquay State School, year 6 with Mrs Mischke at

Tent Hill Lower State School and class 4-6 A Magpies with Mrs Murphy at Albury North Public School.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Old Faithful
2. Antarctica
3. Orcas

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 the Kids v Adults S'Quiz ...

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