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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, November 10 -

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

THE LOWDOWN

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Tomorrow morning - when the clock strikes 11 - millions of people around the world will stop what they are doing and pause for a minute's silence. In Australia - in schools and workplaces all over the country - people will pause to reflect. In England - it's the same. In France - air raid sirens will ring out across the capital Paris and people will stop in their tracks - even as they are walking down the street.

And all because tomorrow is Remembrance Day - or Armistice Day as it's called in some other countries. A day to remember those who have died in war so that we might enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today, and largely take for granted.

Why 11 November? Because at 11am on that date back in 1918 - the guns fell silent on Western Front, a famous battlefield in World War I in a place called Flanders - which is now modern day Belgium. After four years of war - and millions of lives lost - the fighting stopped ... and eventually, where once there were cannons and barbed wire and tanks -

were once again green paddocks with wild red poppies growing. Which is why tomorrow you'll see lots of people wearing a red poppy lapel pin to commemorate. Lest we forget.

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 Ireland ... ahhh - bonny Ireland ... where locals had the fright of their lives when they spotted what they thought was a lion roaming the local woods.

Now - I don't know how much you know about lions and their natural habitat - but the green meadows of the Emerald Isle - as Ireland is sometimes known - are NOT their natural habitat.

Police were called and officers were dispatched - only for them to discover it was no lion at all - but rather a very large shaggy dog that had just had a very interesting hair cut.

The dog - a breed called Newfoundland, renowned for their size and shaggy coat - had been shaved except for a fluffy band of hair around its head, and a tuft of fuzz at the end of its tail. So .. you know ... lion-esque.

The dog's name? Mouse. Because clearly its owners have a sense of humour .. I've stuck a link to a video with pictures of Mouse in today's episode notes

And a shout out to those classes who use an actual world globe each day and spin it to locate the country we land in ... and yes, I'm looking at you Mrs Blain and class S2B from Bolwarra Public School ...

SPORT TIME

One of the great sporting spectacles of the past month has been the NRL Pacific Championships - which has seen the likes of Samoa, Tonga and New Zealand go up against one another - with some of the games biggest names flying the flag for their home countries.

Yes, the sporting action has been great - and we'll come to that in a second - but mostly it's been the proud displays of Pasifika culture, the incredibly enthusiastic, flag waving crowds and touching moments of national pride that players who are household names clearly feel for their homelands.

Which is why yesterday's final between New Zealand and Samoa was just so great.

In the end ... despite dominating in the first half, Samoa eventually went down to New Zealand by 36 points to 14.

On the other side of the earth, the Kangaroos made it a clean sweep against England - winning the third and final match by 30 points to 8. They called it a Test Match series, but really - it was a bit like watching a professional men's team take on a bunch of u16s..

Speaking of ugly spectacles - the Wallabies lost to Italy over the weekend .. and let's just agree that the less said about that, the better ..

SQUIZ KIDS SALUTES

Attention Narellan Vale Public School in Sydney's south-west ... do you read me? And are you aware you have a state champion in your midst this morning? I'm talking about your very own Finn McGhee - the best speller in all of NSW.

And that's because Finn spelt his way to victory on Friday in the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee - where he outspelt 200,000 contenders from about 1,000 public schools to make the finals in Penrith and show off just how well he knows his way around the English language.

Think you could stand on stage under bright lights in front of a huge crowd and spell 'pachyderm', 'besiege', 'inundate' and 'innuendo'? Because that's what Finn and a pack of equally clever finalists did last week.

After four hours of sudden death competition - it came down to Finn and Sukaina Kazmi from Chester Hill Public School - ah, one of my favourites! Shout out to Chester Hill ..

And in the final round - Sukaina got tripped up by the word 'sabbatical' - where Finn got the medical term 'subcutaneous' - and knocked it out of the ball park.

S-U-B-C-U-T-A-N-E-O-U-S in case you were wondering - and it means 'under the skin'.

All you champion spellers out there - including Finn and Sukaina - Squiz Kids Salutes you.

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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 flower that grew in the fields of Flanders after the fighting of World War I had ended?

2. Which team won the Pacific Championships NRL final yesterday?
3. What was the name of the dog mistaken for a lion in Ireland?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Monday, November 10 ... today is a special birthday for Tucker - the French bulldog who's the unofficial mascot of The Squiz .. he belongs to my friend, Claire, who runs the Big Squiz ... and we all affectionately call Tucker the farter in chief - because, well - use your imagination ... Happy birthday Tuck ...

Today's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Ben from Belmont, Angus and Axel from Bullarah, Jayden from Pymble, Aaron from The Vines, Raymand, Jasmine and Mason from Riverwood, Jamie from St Ives, Jackson from Albany Creek, Arrabella from Rewick, Oscar B from Camden Park, Anaisha from Sydney, Jedda from Wollongong, Ryan from Vermont South, Ky from Geelong, James from Waterford, Erin from Yagoona, Vivaan from Marsden Park, Nicholas from Coogee, Pandelis from Illawong, Angela from Canberra and Henry listening over San Diego, USA.

Belated shoutouts go to... Charlie from Brisbane, Madeline from Maitland, Chezza from Mortdale, John from Revesby, Jack from Kingsgrove, Tom from Melbourne and Nick from Randwick.

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 6 Red with Mr Lawler Mater Dei Catholic Primary School in Wagga Wagga, class 5/6Z with Miss Zhang at St Peter's Primary School in Clayton, class 3G with Mr Green at Sydney Grammar School and class 5M with Miss Quacher at Ropes Crossing Public School.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Red poppy
2. New Zealand
3. Mouse

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 Episode 5 of Planet Warriors Series - where we meet Scraps - the superconnected superhero of BioEnergy ... what's bio-energy? It's energy that comes from organic material ... think food scraps, algae, plants, vegetable oils - and even poo ... yep - if you want to find out how human poo could be powering the houses and cars of tomorrow - be sure to tune in. On this podcast channel or via our website.

And teachers - remember: Christie has created an excellent series of classroom worksheets for each episode ... the perfect Term 4 activity ...

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