

## **Winners and gridders at Winter Olympics; Deer rescued on frozen lake; Super Bowl kicks off with Bad Bunny; and the Gruffalo has a granny.**

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, February 9 -

In Squiz Kids Today ... Winners and gridders at Winter Olympics; Deer rescued on frozen lake; Super Bowl kicks off with Bad Bunny; and the Gruffalo has a granny.

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

### ***THE LOWDOWN***

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With the lighting of the Olympic Flame, the marching of athletes into the Olympic stadium and a dazzling all-star opening ceremony - the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games got underway in Italy over the weekend - and already the first gold medals have been won.

Unsurprisingly - the countries who have lots of snow and long cold winters - have come out of the blocks the strongest - with Italy, Japan, Norway and Sweden leading the medal tally after the first two days of competition ..

And while Australia - the famously sunburnt country - is yet to make a mark on the medal table - it's still kicking goals –

With a shout out to 20 yo Aussie snowboarder Valentino Guseli - who came from nowhere to make the big air final at the weekend. He didn't finish with a medal, but arguably something much more important: achieving important personal goals.

During the final, he pull off a trick on his snowboard that the last time he attempted it saw him fall and badly injure his knee.

Imagine how scary that must have been to do? Yet - he plucked up the courage and with the world watching, pulled it off, cool as a cucumber.

So yeah: he finished 10th and didn't have a hunk of metal around his neck at the end of the competition: but he was still flying high ... props to you Valentino ...

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Meanwhile - it was a nervous night last night for residents of the north-west of Western Australia as Tropical Cyclone Mitchell was expected to make landfall.

That's the scientific term for when a cyclone - which forms out at sea - crosses the coastline - and where it tends to do the most damage.

Mitchell was yesterday tracking as a category three cyclone - where one is weak and five is lock-up-your-pets and tie-down-your-trampolines.

Stay safe out there listeners in Western Australia ... we're thinking of you.

## ***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 the United States - where a deer has been rescued from a frozen lake.

Oh deer ..

Now - whether the young deer wandered out onto the frozen lake in the state of Washington to try its hand at figure skating - inspired by the Winter Olympics perhaps? - we'll never know.

But it got stuck out there - its hooves incapable of getting any traction on the slippery ice - requiring a human to walk out onto the frozen lake, secure the deer inside a rescue harness, and slide with it back to dry land and safety.

I've stuck a video of the dramatic rescue in today's episode notes.

The deer scampered off into the forest to find a new adventure - while the video of its rescue was shared all over the world.

## **SPORT TIME**

Of course it's not just the Winter Olympics that will be holding the world's attention today .. the Super Bowl take place today too - the biggest sporting event on the US calendar.

We're talking football ... American style. NFL, as it's known there, or even gridiron. And with the 2024 version of the grand final of the NFL championship attracting an estimated 62 million sets of eyeballs all over the world - today's clash is expected to once again stop the world in its tracks.

On the field - it's the Seattle Seahawks taking on the New England Patriots. But then there's the half-time entertainment - which last year featured an incredible performance by Kendrick Lamar and this year will hand the mic to Puerto Rico's Bad Bunny - fresh from his success at the Grammys last week.

And then, for viewers in America at least - there are the commercials. The ads that run on TV during the game are among the most anticipated of the year.

So heat up the popcorn - find a comfy spot on the couch and let the games begin ...

## **POP CULTURE CORNER**

In the end, the beach had more magic than the possum - as Australia's favourite children's picture book was crowned on Friday.

Magic Beach by Alison Lester has taken out the top prize in a competition to see which picture book is most loved by Aussie families.

The book - with its famous recurring line "at our beach, at our magic beach" and imagining all the adventures kids can have during a day at the beach - attracted the most number of votes to take out the poll - followed closely by the Mem Fox classic, Possum Magic.

It seems we love a bit of magic ..

Where Is The Green Sheep came in a respectable third place, followed by fan favourite Diary Of A Wombat in 4th place.

Other top ten books included My Shadow is Pink, Room On Our Rock and - one of my favourites - There's A Hippopotamus on our Roof Eating Cake ...

Those pesky hippos ... always clambering up on roofs to eat cake ...

And in other exciting book news ... it was announced over the weekend that new Gruffalo book will be hitting shelves later this year.

Called Gruffalo Granny - the story will see the Gruffalo's grandmother coming to stay with everyone's favourite knobbly-kneed monster.

Colour me excited ... cannot WAIT to meet her ..

### **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. Name the Puerto Rican pop star who will perform at today's Super Bowl?
2. Which children's picture book was voted Australia's favourite?
3. In which US state was a deer rescued from a frozen lake?

### **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Monday, February 9 ... birthday for Thor actor, Tom Hiddleston - you know him as Loki - and Black Panther actor Michael B. Jordan ... happy super villian birthday to you both ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Harvey from Rosanna, Charlotte L from Cleveland, Onyu from Denistone and James from South Australia.

A belated shoutout goes to... Luka and Leon from Denistone, Raidenthor and Lilliana from Mackay and Jacob from Baulkham Hills.

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 5KG and Mrs Gallagher at Proserpine State School, class 6M and Miss Murray at Rainbow Street Public School in Randwick and class 5C and Ms Tyres at The Willows State School in Townsville.

Harry for being such an excellent fact checker

**The S'Quiz Answers:**

1. Bad Bunny
2. Magic Beach
3. Washington

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 with a brand new episode of Squiz The World - as we pay a visit to a place that's been in the news a lot lately - a place called Greenland. You won't want to miss that ...

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