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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 Wednesday, February 11 -

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

### ***THE LOWDOWN***

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Calling all star gazers! The Australian Defence Force wants you, and this week has put out a call for anyone dreaming of working in Space Command as it expands its operations out into the galaxy.

Up until now, most defence forces around the world - so we're talking the army, navy and air force - have had their sights set firmly on planet Earth - but with the advance of new technologies and the increasing frequency with which humans are going into space - it's been necessary to start to look up – and

Think of it as a kind of Star Wars - but with fewer Chewbaccas or Baby Yodas.

It's another example of us all looking skyward ... two weeks ago Australia's first astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg was named Australian of The Year - and the

countdown continues for the Artemis moon mission - now pushed to a March lift-off - as humans continue their quest to set up a permanent base on the surface of the Moon.

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Roblox has been called to the principal's office and asked to explain itself - once again - as warnings come that the world's most popular online game can expose kids to inappropriate content and people.

Australia's communications Minister, Annika Wells, has requested a meeting with the people that make Roblox - asking them to explain what they plan to do about stuff appearing on the platform that is not appropriate for kids to see. And also what they plan to do about the stranger danger that sometimes exists on it ...

Now kids: I know none of you will be on Roblox - because it has a minimum age of 13 - or if you are - you are only playing when supervised by an adult - because that's practical ... but if you know someone who's a fan - remind them how important it is if they're ever playing and they see something inappropriate - to talk to a trusted adult straight away. You won't be in trouble - you'll just be being safe.

## ***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 India - high in the Himalaya mountains, no less - where a crack team of local women are leading efforts to conserve the snow leopard.

Snow leopards are native to this part of the world - but their numbers have been shrinking. That is until a group of women from a local village launched a conservation campaign - including tracking and recording snow leopard numbers.

The local population of the seriously cute leopard has leapt from 51 to 83 in recent years - thanks in no small part to the dedication of these women - who regularly climb up into the snowy mountains to check cameras that record snow leopard movements.

And here's a fun fact: did you know that every snow leopard has a unique pattern of spots - in the same way that every human has a unique fingerprint. How cool is that?

### **SPORT TIME**

Speaking of seriously cute furry creatures ... the Super Bowl might have attracted the most attention on Monday as the Seattle Seahawks demolished the New England Patriots and football fans all over the US lost their collective minds ... but it was the Puppy Bowl that took out the prize for the cutest sporting event of the week ..

Every year, puppies that are up for adoption take part in a televised, canine mini- version of the Super Bowl - running around a tiny football field, hurling dog toys about the place ...

In the end Team Fluff took out the title beating Team Ruff 73-69 .. after a last minute touch down by a puppy called Twilight Barkle ..

More than 150 puppies from some 70 dog shelters took part in the Puppy Bowl - an event which always leads to a spike in puppy adoptions across the country.

And yes, I've stuck a link to video of the Puppy Bowl in today's episode notes .. you're welcome ...

### **POP CULTURE CORNER**

Speaking of the Super Bowl - the half-time entertainment - which these days is almost as big as the game itself - did not disappoint as pop star Bad Bunny celebrated his Latino culture in a bold, bright, all dancing spectacular.

There were salsa dancers aplenty and a toe-tapping Latin band, there were even references to the important role that Hispanic migrants have played shaping America ... Hispanic migrants are people who come from countries where Spanish is the native language .. which is huge swathe of both Latin and South America.

Meanwhile - there was exciting news too from the man who wrote the K Pop Demon Hunters songs ..

In an interview with the BBC, he confirmed work was underway on new songs for a K Pop Demon Hunters sequel ...

Because too much Saja Boys is apparently never enough ... my little soda pop ..

## **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's the name of the famous mountain range in India where snow leopards live?
2. Name the US pop star who headlined the Super Bowl half time show?
3. Which team won the 2026 Puppy Bowl .. was it Team Ruff or Team Fluff?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Wednesday, February 11 ... today is the International Day of Women and Girls in Science - celebrating the incredible jobs that girls can pursue in science - get your lab coats on girls!

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today...Charlie from Springfield and Oakley from Gladstone,

Belated shoutouts go to... Alex from Ashgrove, Hunter from Rosewood, Eli from Kurri Kurri, Amity from Hallidays Point and Vinnie, Neva, Jack and Cooper - all from Yass.

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 3/4M with Miss Macfarlane and class 5/6 Sea Dragons with Mrs Voyles both from Mount Riverview Public School, class 6RC with Mr Rawlings and Ms Choi from St Ives North Public School and class 5/6 Seahorses with Ms Edwards from Bald Blair Public School.

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

1. Himalayas
2. Bad Bunny
3. Team Fluff

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 another episode of your favourite kid-friendly news.

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