

**Our PM meets the real PM; a traditional Mexican bird parade; electric planes take flight; and lucky socks avoid the wash.**

Hello and welcome to Squiz Kids Today ... your fresh take on what's happening in the world around you.

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In Squiz Kids Today ... Our PM meets the real PM; a traditional Mexican bird parade; electric planes take flight; and lucky socks avoid the wash.

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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What would you do if you were Prime Minister for a day?

That's the question we asked you, our clever audience - and one kid found out the answer yesterday when he traveled to Canberra from his home in country Queensland to meet with the Prime Minister himself as the winner of our PM For A Day competition.

Jett Jarvis is his name. He's 12 years old and lives in Dalveen, near Warwick - and yesterday he took his cowboy hat and jeans and travelled all the way to our nation's capital to see first-hand how our country is run.

Starting his day with an appearance on live TV with a cross from the ABC's Parliament House studios, Jett was later honoured at a special morning tea organised by the

Speaker of the House, Milton Dick - before taking his hat straight to the Prime Minister's office.

Once there, he told the PM all about what he'd do if he was Prime Minister for a day ... namely, educate Aussies about food waste, and how much fruit and veg gets thrown into the bin before it even reaches supermarket shelves just because it looks a bit wonky.

For his part, the Prime Minister couldn't have been more supportive - agreeing that it impacts both the environment and farmers. In fact, he was so impressed with Squiz Kids' PM for a Day, that he stood up in Parliament during Question Time and told all the MPs gathered, from all over the country, what a pleasure it had been to meet our Jett.

What a day!

And to the almost 500 others of you that also sent in an entry - a huge Squiz Kids Salute to each and every one of you. Your ideas were all so great, your videos so clever and witty ... if we could have taken all of you to Canberra, we would have.

Hmmm ... maybe that's an idea for next year's competition ...

Meanwhile - to get a flavour of Jett's visit to Canberra, and listen to the interview he did with the PM - a special PM For A Day episode will drop on this very channel at 2pm today.

## ***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 Mexico... where the streets are filled with colour, music... and towers of tiny tweeting travellers

Have you ever seen a stack of bird cages taller than a person?

Every year on Palm Sunday, that's the Sunday just gone, marking the start of the week leading up to Easter, hundreds of pajareros, or traditional bird sellers, head into Mexico City carrying towering cages filled with finches, parakeets and cardinals, all chirping in chorus.

On this day, the pajaeros decorate their cages with flowers, tinsel and images of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Mexico's patron saint, turning the whole scene into a kind of walking, chirping celebration.

It's a tradition that's been passed down through generations — part culture, part livelihood. But... it's also a tradition under pressure. Animal welfare groups have raised concerns about keeping and selling birds, and authorities have introduced stricter rules to protect wildlife. That means fewer pajareros are taking part each year, with many families choosing different work for the future.

So while the songs still echo through the streets for now... this once-common sight is becoming a little rarer with each passing year.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/mexico-mexican-mexico-city-palm-sunday-catholic-b2948051.html>

## **WEIRD SCIENCE**

Have you ever felt that chest-rumbling roar of jet engines charging down a runway? Well... what if your next plane ride sounded more like a whisper than a roar?

A Scottish airline, Loganair, has begun testing battery-powered planes.

For now, they're using them to deliver mail to remote parts of Scotland — letters and parcels zipping through the skies without the need for jet fuel. The planes, built by American electric aerospace company BETA Technologies, can travel about 622 kilometres or 336 nautical miles and carry up to 560 kilograms — that's around 1,235 pounds.

And what's driving the push to this new technology? Both rising fuel prices and the race to make flying cleaner and quieter.

And if it works... one day, passengers could be hopping on board for short flights between islands and cities. It's got me wondering, though, just how many AA batteries it would take to get that thing off the ground, and hoping that someone has a charger.

## **BELIEVE IT OR NOT**

We're staying in the UK for this story and moving from the realm of science to superstition.

Have you ever put on an outfit and thought, "Today's my lucky day"? If you have, it turns out, you're not alone. A UK survey of 2,000 people found more than half believe their clothes can actually bring them luck, especially for things like job interviews and tests.

So what's considered "lucky"? Socks, sentimental jewellery, and even specific shoes top the list... with 10% swearing by a trusty pair of undies. And colour matters too. Green is seen as lucky, while black and brown got the thumbs down.

But here's where it gets... a bit whiffy. Around a third of people won't wash their lucky item, just in case they wash the luck away. And some have avoided the laundry for more than two weeks.

Which... might explain a few things about my daughter's footy socks.

## ***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. On which religious festival do the pajareros of Mexico decorate their bird cages?
2. What is the name of the Scottish airline testing electric planes?
3. What percentage of people surveyed said they had a pair of undies that gave them luck?

## ***SHOUTOUTS***

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It's Wednesday, April 1 ... also known as the one day of the year when you should trust absolutely no one. That's right — it's April Fools' Day!

A day dedicated to pranks, tricks and harmless hoaxes, where people all over the world try to catch each other out with a good old-fashioned "Gotcha!" So keep your wits about you today... and maybe double-check anything that sounds just a little too strange to be true.

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

Donte from Windale, Layla from Yarrawonga, Pearl from Cannon Hill and Sadie from West Albury.

Belated shoutouts go to...

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 4 Blue with Ms Lewis from Downlands College in Toowoomba, class 5Q3 with Miss Williams at Springfield Central School, class 3/4 Jungle Explorers with Mrs Lenehan at Bald Blair Primary School in Guyra, class 3-6 with Mr Bendersky at Lord Howe Island Central School and class 5 Red with Mrs Hamilton at Mater Dei Catholic Primary School in Wagga Wagga.

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

1. Palm Sunday
2. Loganair
3. Ten percent

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.

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