

**King's message of friendship; China's flying cars; Melbourne Storm's fake news problem; and monkeys find a junk food antidote.**

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 ... King's message of friendship; China's flying cars; Melbourne Storm's fake news problem; and monkeys find a junk food antidote.

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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It's been a crazy old week in terms of big news stories - with so much happening on the world stage from the war in Iran to an attempted assassination of a US president.

So to have a King enter the picture with a message of hope yesterday - urging the countries of the world to just calm down a bit, and think about the importance of friendship and be a little bit nicer to each other - felt like a welcome bucket of water on a bunch of out of control flames.

And so it was that King Charles - head of the British Royal Family and monarch of so many Commonwealth countries, including Australia - stood up in America's capital city Washington - before all of America's elected leaders and in a speech listened to by its president Donald Trump, and urged calm, restraint and reminded his audience that the things we have in common as humans far outnumber our differences.

Why was the King in the United States? Because traditionally, Britain and the US have been firm allies – or friends. But recently that friendship has been strained. And so sending the King to America could be seen as attempt to repair the relationship.

The King was also in the US as part of America's 250th birthday celebrations ... on July 4 it will be quarter of century since the United States of America declared independence from British rule and became its own country.

### ***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 China - in the capital city of Beijing, no less, where flying cars and robot drivers are the talk of the annual car show.

Every year the Beijing car show displays the latest technological leaps that China's motor industry has taken - with some car manufacturers showing off flying cars which they say will be ready for take off in China within three years' time.

The cars look a bit like massive drones, with a series of fold out propellers and a sort of passenger bubble attached.

Meanwhile - in Japan - just across the sea - an airport in Tokyo has unveiled a fleet of robots whose job it is to remove passengers' bags from planes and help unload cargo containers ..

What will they think of next?

### ***ANIMAL KINGDOM***

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Have you ever eaten so much junk food that you get a tummy ache?

Yeah - me too.

Well here's an tummy ache solution you might want to try ...

Monkey in the territory of Gibraltar - at the bottom of Spain - have been spotted eating dirt immediately after stuffing their faces with junk food they've snatched from unsuspecting tourists - as a way to counter the sore tummies that inevitably follow

Scientists believe the monkeys have developed the soil munching technique after years of stealing packets of chips, chocolate bars and other junky snacks from the thousands of tourists that visit Gibraltar every year.

And no: just to be clear - I am not suggesting you try this at home.

## **NEWSHOUNDS**

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Every Thursday, Squiz-E the Newshound sticks his snout into Squiz Kids HQ to report back on fishy things he's sniffed out on the internet ... and this week his snout is twitching after stumbling across a whole lot of fake news about the Melbourne Storm footy team.

Squiz-E loves a bit of rugby league at this time of year - his favourite team are the Sharks - which means he clicked eagerly on a couple of Facebook posts recently claiming to contain news about the Storm footy club - its players and coaches.

Except the stories were fake - making claims that are not true - and luring unsuspecting fans to click on the posts to be lured to websites packed with ads and more fake content.

Disinformation about footy teams! Is nothing sacred?

Apparently not ... which is why Squiz-E is now having to do what he tells all of us to do every time we are online - and that is to STOP, THINK and CHECK before believing everything we read, watch or hear.

It's called critical thinking - and it's a skill that every student can develop when they do Newshounds - Squiz Kids very own, currently very free media literacy program for primary school kids.

Check out [squizkids.com.au](http://squizkids.com.au) to join the 5,000 classrooms who are already involved ...

## **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 is the capital city of China - where flying cars have been unveiled at a car expo?
2. What are monkeys in Gibraltar eating to cure junk-food tummy aches?
3. What's the name of the British monarch who's currently visiting the United States?

## **SHOUTOUTS**

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It's Thursday, April 30 ... tonight's the first clash of the 2026 Womens' State of Origin – who will it be? Maroons or Blues?

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today... Gavin from North Ryde, Marcus from Artarmon, Zara from Brisbane and Ollie from South Australia.

A belated shoutout goes to... Naisha from Arundel

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 1 Gold with Mrs Writer at St Thomas More Catholic Parish Primary School in Ruse, class 1J6 with Mr Baker at McDowell State School, students with Miss M and Wendy at Goornong Public School, class 4P with Miss Porter at Moss Vale Public School and class 1C with Joey at Hampton Primary School.

And a special shout out to Noah, Ferdinand, Miles, Bianca, Phoebe and Madeleine from International Grammar School in Sydney - and their teacher Mr Linton .. It was great to meet you all on Tuesday - what a clever bunch you are

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

1. Beijing
2. Dirt

### 3. King Charles

Don't forget .. if you've got a birthday coming up or even if it's in December, send it through to us now and we'll 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.