

**Kindness shines after dark week; South Korea's curious shark; Van Gogh's stars revealed; and Zara Larsson's Lush Life dancers.**

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, October 26 -

In Squiz Kids today .... Kindness shines after dark week; South Korea's curious shark; Van Gogh's stars revealed; and Zara Larsson's Lush Life dancers.

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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From bad things - good things often happen.

And this weekend we saw exactly that as donations from Australians to a charity called Save The Children skyrocketed above \$1 million.

Save The Children is the charity that Federal MP Helen Haines last week asked Aussies to give to instead of sending her flowers.

You'll remember she was the subject of lots of headlines and news coverage last week after being involved in a random act of violence.

As the Governor-General Sam Mostyn - or GG Sam as she insists we call her - said in the special podcast we recorded with her last Friday - when something bad like this happens, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that for every bad person in the community, there are at least a thousand good ones... probably more.

And with \$1m now sitting in the bank account of Save The Children so it can help kids all over the world - we have wonderful, uplifting, life-affirming proof of it.

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(HOWL) ... Oh well will you look at that? It's Squiz-E the Newshound ... what are you doing up here at this end of the podcast? (HOWL) - No way! This week is Global Media Literacy Week – and what's that you say? We're marking the occasion here at Squiz Kids by publishing a new tip each day this week on how to be smart online?

Yep - all around the world this week a spotlight will be thrown on the importance of STOPPING, THINKING and CHECKING before believing everything we see online.

Why seeing isn't always believing, how to avoid click bait and what is the algorithm and how can we control it ... all these tricks from the satchel of everyone's favourite Internet Detective dog, Squiz-E the Newshound will be coming at you ... so be sure to keep your listening ears on and your magnifying glass at the ready ...

### ***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 South Korea - where a shark just won't go away.

For the past month, the people of the city of Busan have been flocking to a canal that leads to the nearby sea where a 3 metre dusky shark has moved in.

More than 1.6 million people have come to see Bukangi - as the shark has been named - who has become a national celebrity.

Attempts have been made by authorities to remove the shark and send it back out to sea - but each time it is pushed back out into the open sea, it comes right back into the canal.

Experts say the warm waters of the canal and lots of fish that live there have made it an attractive place for Bukangi to hang ... but maybe it just likes the attention ...

### ***SPACED OUT***

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Ahhh ... the night's sky ... the gazillions of stars that appear like so many pin pricks in the inky blackness ... it's been an object of fascination for as long as humans have existed.

And if you've ever studied art, you'd know of a Dutch painter calle Vincent Van Gogh - and maybe you've even painted a version of his famous painting, Starry Night.

Well get this ... researchers now believe they have found the exact hill the painting was painted on - and thanks to star charts dating all the way back to 1889 - so 137 years ago - they've matched the stars in Van Gogh's painting to actual constellations in the sky and worked out the exact date that he painted his masterpiece.

July 22, 1889 to be exact - which is when the Moon was in one corner of the sky, Venus was in the other, and the distinctive Hyades cluster was in between them - just as Van Gogh painted.

Art and science collide ... how very cool ...

### **POP CULTURE CORNER**

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Ok - hands up if you know the Lush Life dance?

It's the dance craze that went even more viral online this past week as Swedish pop star Zara Larsson toured around the country.

Zara wrapped her Midnight Sun tour of Australia this weekend in Sydney - once again pulling an audience member up on stage to help her perform her hit, Lush Life – complete with viral dance moves.

The audience dance made headlines in Adelaide last week when 14 yo Keegan Power joined Zara on stage and smashed out the Lush Life viral dance - complete with windmill arms and - my favourite - the sprinkler.

And if you've never heard of the sprinkler – ask your mum or dad to show you – ten bucks says they once performed it on a dance floor near you ... back in the day ...

### **Q+A TIME!**

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Before we get to the Quiz - a quick reminder to tune in tomorrow to our Squiz Kids Q+A with kids' author, Aaron Blabey ... as the Bad Guys author answers the questions YOU sent in ..

And thank you to all of you who sent in questions for our next Squiz Kids Q+A with NSW Premier Chris Minns ... by popular demand, we're extending the deadline for questions

to tonight ... and a reminder: the class that sends in the best bunch of questions gets a visit from me ... send your questions quicksticks to [squizkids@thesquiz.com.au](mailto:squizkids@thesquiz.com.au)

## **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 Dutch artist who painted the famous masterpiece, Starry Night?
2. In which country has a shark taken a liking to a canal in the city of Busan?
3. Name the Swedish pop star who's just finished a tour of Australia?

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Monday, October 26 – on this day, back in 1492 – so 534 years - the first lead pencil was used ... before the lead pencil was invented, humans had used everything from marsh reeds and feather quills dipped in ink to write things down .. happy birthday lead pencil!

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow...Clare South Coogee, Jude from North Parramatta, Mason from Lancefield, Ida from Belmont and Harvey and Finn from Forest Glen.

Belated shoutouts go to ... Darvid from Fairlight and Benny from Alexandra Hills.

Classroom shoutouts go to... Class 4H with Ms Hill from St Aidan's Anglican Girls School in Corinda, class 4 Blue with Mr Weat from Downlands College in Toowoomba, Buninje class with Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Jess and Mrs Katie at Tabulam Public School and class 511 with Mr Freake at Langwarrin Park Primary School.

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

1. Vincent Van Gogh
2. South Korea
3. Zara Larsson

Don't forget .. if you've got a birthday coming up and you'd like a shoutout, or if you want a classroom shoutout, or parents, if you'd like to shout out a class or a wonderful teacher... drop us a line at [squizkids@thesquiz.com.au](mailto:squizkids@thesquiz.com.au) or fill out the form on our website.

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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.