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

THE LOWDOWN

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The American people have spoken. And they're not happy with their President, Donald Trump.

Voters in the United States of America trooped off to the polls yesterday to cast their ballots in the Mid-Term elections.

They're called Mid-Term elections because they take place half-way through the term of the sitting President.

Donald Trump has been in office for two years - and has another two years to go.

The mid-term elections, then, are like a sort of report card on the President's performance .. a chance for voters to give him - and it's so far only ever been a bloke in the White House - the thumbs up or the thumbs down on his performance. And this time: it was an emphatic thumbs down.

Trump's Republican party - the red party - lost seats right across the country as his political rivals, the Democrats - the blue party - saw voters swing behind them in dramatic fashion.

The Democrats now control the Congress - which is like our House of Representatives in Federal Parliament, or the lower house of government ... BUT also, astonishingly, they also control the Senate - which is the upper house.

Does that mean President Trump is removed from office? No. But it does mean that with Democrats in control of the Congress and Senate - things are going to get a lot harder for him.

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 Africa – where a pair of orca brothers have been filmed flipping great white sharks and feasting on their livers.

Euuuughh.

Yep - you heard right ... in an epic battle between the ocean's apex predators, orca siblings Port and Starboard - named because their dorsal fins are bent to the left and right respectively - have been leaving marine scientists open-jawed with amazement at the precision of the targeted attacks on great white sharks.

The orca brothers have been observed forcing great whites to the surface of the ocean, flipping them on their backs and biting out their livers - leaving the rest of the carcass to wash up on shore.

Why are they targeting the shark's liver? Because it's the organ that contains the most nutrients, according to marine scientists.

Cold, calculated, liver-loving killer whales ... epic ...

POP CULTURE CORNER

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Have you mogged anyone today? Do you make a habit of mogging wherever you go? Yeah - me too. I wish I could help it, but I can't. And as of today, mogging has officially entered the lexicon, having been named Word Of The Year by the good people at the Collins English Dictionary.

A few things to unpack here ,, what's the lexicon? That's a fancy word for the words we all use ... what's a dictionary .. aww come on, you're surely not THAT reliant on devices ... it's a book with definitions of all the words in a language ... and what's mogging?

It's '"the act of outshining or outperforming someone or something" – and you'll hear kids say it a lot about whether, in a photo, for example, they're pulling focus because they're just THAT GOOD LOOKING ... suffice to say, it's not something I'm able to do a whole lot of at my age.

So go forth and mog my young friends – mog your little hearts out- mog while you can and enjoy every moment of it.

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 today his snout is twitching after seeing a bunch of AI-generated videos pretending to be from the protests in France.

You might have heard us talking on the podcast about the widespread protests in France - which have seen thousands of French people take to the streets.

It's also led to the spreading of lots of fake videos on social media - including one that caught Squiz-E's eye of protestors climbing to the top of the Eiffel Tower and flying a Palestinian flag.

Now - why would someone create a fake video like that? Two reasons: 1. they are trying to trick people into believing something happened that didn't and 2. they are trying to create division and suspicion among the community using shock - by taking a well-known monument like the Eiffel Tower and suggesting it has been occupied by a certain group of people ... which it hasn't.

It's part of something you're going to hear a lot about in the coming months and years - and that's a thing called social cohesion .. which as our own Governor General Sam Mostyn put it simply when we spoke to her the other week ,, means how well we all get along with one another.

Because believe it or not .. there are people and organisations and yes - sometimes countries - out there who want to make sure we are all divided and angry and suspicious of one another.

But as Newshounds - we know how important it is to STOP, THINK and CHECK before believing everything we see online. And we also know how important it is to pass those lessons on to everyone in our family ...

Thanks Squiz-E – what would we do without you?

THE S'QUIZ

This is the part of the podcast where you get to test how well you've been listening ...

1. True or false: the Democrats are the blue party in US elections?
2. Orca hunter brothers Port and Starboard have been observed flipping great whites to feast on which organ?
3. Which word, meaning to outshine someone, has been named the Collins English Dictionary's word of the year?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Thursday, November 5 – it's Bonfire Night in the United Kingdom, Outdoor Classroom Day here in Australia - and International Day Against Bullying at School around the world ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids, celebrating a birthday today...Layla from Oran Park, Jasper from Yass, Jacob from Wallan and Piper from Warnervale

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 2U with Mrs Unsworth at Emmanuel College in Carrara, class 1 Yanada with Mrs Vacarella and Mrs Willard at Roseville Public School and to classes 5/6D and 5/6M with Mr Duncan and Mr Meeson at Belmont Primary School.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. True
2. Liver
3. Mog or mogging

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 or fill out the form on our website.

And finally: if you love Squiz Kids, we’d love you do us a favour and hit follow on Apple Podcasts or Spotify or wherever you’re listening to us. And while you’re there, why not share this episode with someone you think would enjoy it too? The only way we can continue to do what we do is by growing and in order to grow, we need your support -

Well - that’s all we have time for. Thanks for listening to Squiz Kids Today - we’ll be back again tomorrow with the Kids v Adults Weekly News S’Quiz ...

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