

**Time's Kid of the Year; New mystery at Stonehenge; the Aussie surfing blind; and discovering a woolly mammoth tusk.**

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, August 19 ...

In Squiz Kids Today ... Time's Kid of the Year; New mystery at Stonehenge; the Aussie surfing blind; and discovering a woolly mammoth tusk.

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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Have you ever mixed dish soap with laundry detergent just to see what it does? Or maybe you caught the slime bug and hassled your parents for the common household ingredients to mix up your own batch.

Well that's how 15 year old kid in the United States started out - and now he's been named Time Magazine's Kid of The Year.

His name is Heman Bekele and yesterday he was honoured with the prestigious title of Time's Kid Of The Year for the work he has been doing to eradicate skin cancer.

Yes - you heard right. A 15 year-old who's been in the science lab with adults working on a bar of soap which could one day be used to help fight skin cancer.

When he was only four years old, Heman moved with his family to the USA as an immigrant from Ethiopia - a country in eastern Africa. He had seen lots of people working in the fields without sun protection - so decided he work on a simple way to deliver a skin cancer protecting chemical to the body's skin and came up with the idea of soap - because everyone uses it. Except maybe my teenage son. But that's another story.

And it all began when he was much younger and as a kid used to mix what he called 'potions' using common household ingredients.

So - the next time your parents ask you what that container is under your bed, bubbling away with a mixture of the stuff you've found under the kitchen sink or in the laundry cupboard - tell them you're working on becoming Kid of The Year.

## ***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 England – where scientists are scratching their heads after making a startling discovery at Stonehenge.

Stonehenge is the collection of enormous, ancient rectangular stones arranged in a circle in a field to the south of the English capital, London. Stonehenge was built over 5,000 years ago using more than 80 stones - some of which weigh more than 22 tonnes, or more than two African elephants. But how the stones were moved there has baffled historians for centuries.

Because 5,000 years ago, there were no cranes or trucks to transport them - and geologists worked out that the quarry that the stones came from was over 200 miles away in a place called Wales.

But now things have gotten curiozier, with the discovery that one of the big stones comes from a quarry in Scotland - over 400 miles away. With some historians now wondering if perhaps the stone was transported over water - be it by the sea or rivers and streams.

How good is an ancient mystery? I've stuck a link to some cool kids facts about Stonehenge in today's episode notes ..

## ***ANIMAL KINGDOM***

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On the subject of ancient mysteries - a man in Mississippi in the United States has uncovered a doozy after excavating an almost intact mammoth tusk.

Excavating is a fancy word for digging up.

Mammoths of course are the great big hairy elephants that walked the Earth before the last Ice Age.

And experts reckon the one that was found in a riverbank in the southern state of the USA could be anywhere between 12,000 to 75,000 years old ... wowsers!

And get this: these mammoths used to weigh more than 10 tons - which is one and half times bigger than their relative, the modern day elephant.

Now that's a trunk that would take a lot of packing (DAD JOKE ALARM) - ah, there goes the dad joke alarm. Not one of my better efforts, I'll grant you. But it's a Monday, cut me a break.

## **SPORT TIME**

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We've barely recovered from the Olympics ... all that time spent sitting on the couch in the wee small hours of the morning ... and now we can't wait for the Paralympics - which begin not this Wednesday in Paris, but the following one.

And that's because we know it will be full of incredible athletes who refuse to let a disability stop them achieving amazing things in their chosen sport.

Which brings us neatly to Aussie surfer Matt Formston .. about whom a new documentary has just been made.

Matt surfs with the best of them - and has even taken on the biggest waves in the world at Nazare in Portugal ... where at their peak, the surf can get to 30 metres ... that's like if you put two semi-trailers end to end and pointed them into the sky.

And while that's remarkable, the most incredible thing about Matt is that he has been blind since he was a kid.

He surfs blind. And not just any waves. But the biggest ones in the world. And he grew up playing rugby and cycling and doing all the stuff other kids do.

I've stuck a link to the trailer of his new doco in today's episode notes .. just to get you primed and ready for the Paralympics ...

## **CCC**

Oh, and there goes the Classroom Companion Clarion, reminding us that it's Monday and that means Christie - Squiz Kids' resident primary school teacher - has prepared a classroom worksheet tied to this story in the podcast ... Get ready to dive into the world of design as you create an eye-catching poster about surfer, Matt Formston! Whether you're making it sleek and professional or bright and playful, grab your markers, and let's see who can make the most surf-tacular poster in the classroom!

## **BOOK WEEK PROMO**

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Yippee-ki-ay people! It's Book Week!

And that means lots of you will be trooping off to school this week dressed as your favourite character from a book. Or dressed as whatever superhero costume you have in your cupboard ... we know how it goes.

And because we want to celebrate the excellent and the A-for-efforts - we've got Allen + Unwin book packs to give away to the best and worst Book Week costumes.

All you have to do is upload to an adult's Instagram account a photo of your outfit - tagging us @squizkids or using the hashtag Squiz Kids.

We'll share them on our socials to get into the Book Week spirit of things ..

Enter as a family, an individual or a class - and teachers - there's a prize for you too.

'Cos you got to be in it to win it ...

## **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 country in eastern Africa where Time's Kid of the Year comes from?
2. An ancient tusk belonging to what sort of massive, extinct mammal has been found in Mississippi?
3. Name the ancient stone monument in England whose rocks still baffle historians.

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Monday, Aug 19... today is International Orangutan Day .. a day to reflect on just how incredible a creature the orangutan is - and celebrate the efforts around the world to conserve and protect them - i've stuck a link in your episode notes.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Aaron from Castle Hill, Jamie and Ashton from Pacific Pines, Alicia from Toorak Gardens, Nina from Mt Annan, Teddy from Grovedale, Oscar from Bayswater, Francis from Ermington, Bowen and William from Vermont, Lucy and Poppy from Yass, Audrey from Mount Gravatt, Cathie from Subiaco, Sophie from Turvey park and Emin from Sydney.

Belated shoutout go to... Skye from Moama and Rio from Glenelg.

Today's classroom shoutouts go to... class 3SN and Mr Norman at Carlingford Public School, Mrs Scrivener's class at Harrington Public School, class 3B and Mrs Handley-Stuart and class 6C and Mrs Barden both at Mount Crosby State School, class 5D and Miss Tiricola at Footscray City Primary School, class 4MH and Mrs Hoyne at Montrose Primary School and class a 2B and Miss Bennett from Kahibah Public School

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

1. Ethiopia
2. Mammoth
3. Stonehenge

Don't forget .. if you've got a birthday coming up and you want a shout out - or if you want 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 a special Squiz The World episode as we pay a virtual visit to the wonderful country of Argentina ...

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