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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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It's Monday, September 9...

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

THE LOWDOWN

Did you wake up early this morning to watch the closing ceremony of the Paris Paralympics?

What a spectacle it was ... and what a remarkable Paralympics it has been. For Australia's athletes and every Paralympian from around the world.

At the end of day 10 yesterday, Australia was sitting in 9th position on the medal tally - with China, Britain and the United States in first, second and third place respectively.

Australian kayaker Curtis McGrath led the golden charge on day 10 - picking up his third gold medal for the games - yes, that's three gold medals, folks.

Aussie sprinter James Turner turned it on on the athletics track too - taking his second gold for the games in the men's 100m T36 final.

And if you missed Aussie swimmer Alex Leary's record-breaking efforts from Friday - do yourself a favour and look them up. She's Australia's new national heroine.

Madison de Rosario is going for gold this morning as we go to air in the women's marathon - before the closing ceremony - which will see James Turner and Lauren

Parker - dual gold medallist in two separate para events, the triathlon and cycling road race - carry the flag for Australia.

Aussie para-athletes - you have done us all so proud!

SPIN THE GLOBE

Each day we give the world globe a spin and find a news story from wherever it stops - and today we've landed in Vietnam - and its neighbouring country the Philippines - where Typhoon Yagi has smashed both countries and left a trail of destruction.

A typhoon is essentially a cyclone. In our part of the world we call them cyclones, in the Indian or Western Pacific oceans they're called typhoons, and in the northern hemisphere around the Caribbean Sea, they're called hurricanes. Same big weather event, different name.

Yagi smashed into the coastline of Vietnam's northern provinces, sweeping boats out to sea and uprooting trees.

Meanwhile - over in the Caribbean, despite weather forecasters predicting a record season for hurricanes - it's been eerily quiet.

Eerie is a fancy word for strange, in an unsettling way.

The seas there are unusually calm for this time of year ... which has meteorologists worried this is simply the calm before the storm. Literally.

ANIMAL KINGDOM

While it's been eerily quiet in the Caribbean - it's been stinking hot in California - on the west coast of the United States. So hot, in fact, that bears have been coming out of the woods and cooling off in kiddie wading pools.

A family in Monrovia have captured on video a big black bear cooling off in their backyard wading pool - looking like he hasn't a care in the world.

They call him Snaggle, because he has a tooth hanging out the side of his mouth. And yes, I've stuck a link to the video in today's episode notes.

Tell you what, if a bear that big came into my backyard and decided it wanted to hop in my pool, I'd be saying: be my guest. Ain't no way I'd be taking on Snaggle ...

SPACED OUT

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Red alert! Red alert! Saturn's famous rings are disappearing before our very eyes!

But don't worry - they'll be back soon enough - as the planet prepares for a once every 30 year event that sees it tilt on its axis so that its famous rings are briefly invisible to us down here on Earth.

So you know Saturn, right? The planet in our solar system that has rings around it made up of pieces of comets, asteroids and shattered moons ... well, it's tilted on its axis just like the Earth. And every thirty years or so - which is how long it takes Saturn to orbit the Sun - it's on a tilt that means the rings are directly lined up, level to one another in a line between us and the Sun - such that the rings briefly disappear. It's expected to happen in March next year - with the rings returning soon afterwards. Boom ... mind blown.

AD STING

Mid-roll: Bounce (EB updated 9th Sept)

Hey kids ... what do you have planned for the school holidays? Can I suggest you work a bit of BOUNCE into your plans? Get yourself and your friends to your nearest BOUNCE indoor action adventure playground and join their Holiday Camp. Spend time with a coach honing your skills, refuel with a fruit platter and create awesome memories with an hour of free time. And mums and dads: the best bit? It's a drop-and-run affair. Win back your morning and get your kids out of the house and active with some freestyle fun. Check out a BOUNCE Holiday Camp via their website bounceinc.com.au. Use discount code SQUIZKIDS10 when you book online to get 10% off your entry these school holidays. T&C's in the episode notes.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROMO:

(sound of seagulls on beach) Ahh yes ... there it is folks - the lilting call of seagulls at the beach - reminding us that school holidays are almost here. Starting next week, we're in school holiday mode for a fortnight - meaning Bumper School Holiday Quizzes plus,

every Tuesday to Friday, Christie's famous Squiz Kids Daily Brain Teaser ... she poses a riddle in this podcast feed at 7am, posts a clue to our socials around midday, then drops the answer in this podcast feed at 2.30 pm - just to keep your brain cogs turning during the break. Subscribe to Squiz Kids in your favourite podcast app to make sure you don't miss a thing.

THE S'QUIZ

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 typhoon hammering South East Asia?
2. What do they call cyclones that happen in and around the Caribbean Sea?
3. Which planet's rings will be disappearing from view?

SHOUT OUTS

It's Monday, Sept 9 ... today is World Electric Vehicle Day .. and also we go to air, Italy's Jannik Sinner is taking on America's Taylor Fritz in the mens' final of the US Open ...

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today and tomorrow... Oscar from Ivanhoe, Samuel from Dubbo, Emma-Lee from Burpengary, Odin from Evans Head, Halley from Schofields, Isaac from Cannon Hill, Harrison from Grasmere and Millie from Goodna.

Belated shoutouts go to... Manny from Clyde North, Ryder from Jerilderie and Alexander from Picton.

Today's classroom shoutouts go to.... Class 4/5M with Miss Macfarlane at Mount Riverview Public School in the Blue Mountains, class 4RB with Mrs Broadbent and Mrs Reubnic at Antonio Catholic School in Morphett Vale, class 5/6 with Mrs Davey at St Patrick's Primary School in Walcha, Year 3/4 Adventurers with Ms Edwards at Bald Blair Public School and class 5B with Ms Bye at Gumdale State School.

The S'Quiz Answers:

1. Yagi
2. Hurricanes
3. Saturn

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 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 one of our favourite Squiz Kids Shortcuts ... this one on the World's Toughest Animals .. it's a cracker.

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