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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 Thursday, October 17...

In Squiz Kids Today ... The King comes to town; Aussies prepare for World Cup finals; the fake weather master plan; and scandal at the Conker Championships.

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

***THE LOWDOWN***

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How many times do you reckon you could run around an athletics track before collapsing in a heap?

Do you reckon you could do it, non-stop, for twelve and half days? I'm not sure I could do twelve and half minutes. But twelve and half days is exactly how long the remarkable Ned Brockmann spent running in circles around the athletics track at Sydney Olympic Park - crossing the finish line in the early hours of yesterday morning and achieving the remarkable feat of running 1000 miles.

After running 3760 laps of the track - and raising 2.5 million dollars in the process for a homeless charity - Ned fell into his mum's arms and said he couldn't wait to take a shower.

During the course of his marathon effort, Ned sustained all sorts of injuries - including his feet swelling three shoe sizes - and ran through thunderstorms.

And all to raise money for people less fortunate than him.

Ned Brockman - you are a deadset legend - and Squiz Kids salutes you ...

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Oh - don't forget to polish your shoes and do your hair ... the King and Queen arrive tomorrow.

King Charles and Queen Camilla will touch down in Australia tomorrow - spend three days getting over their jetlag - and then be ready to meet their Aussie subjects (that's you and me) from Monday in Canberra, and Tuesday and Wednesday in Sydney - including a barbecue in Parramatta. I wonder if Camilla likes onion with her sausage sanger?

### ***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 scandal has erupted at the World Conker Championships.

The world WHAT championships? The world CONKER championships ... a truly odd game whereby two people flick chestnuts on a string at one another until one of the chestnuts breaks. It was a popular playground game in England back when your grandparents were young ... can't imagine why it hasn't remained popular ...

So anyway: there's scandal in the world of conkers after it was discovered that the man who won this year's Conker Championships had a steel nut in his pocket. You there, up the back, stop sniggering.

Yes, that's right: the winner had a steel nut, painted brown to look like a chestnut, in his pocket, which some people are suggesting he used instead of an actual chestnut. An investigation is under way .. may the best nut flicker win, I say.

I've stuck a link in today's episode notes to video of the conker competition. Because it has to be seen to be believed.

### ***SPORT TIME***

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It's going to be a big weekend of cricket ahead as the semi-finals of the Women's T20 tournament in the United Arab Emirates get underway - with Australia battling a growing list of injuries to defend their title as T20 world champs.

Australia will face South Africa in the early hours of tomorrow morning in the first semi final. And then the West Indies will take on New Zealand on Saturday.

The winners of those two matches will face off in the grand final on Sunday in Dubai .. which will be early on Monday morning for any cricket tragics planning to stay up all night to watch it.

It's fast-bowling fingers and toes crossed for the Aussie team - who have so far gone through the competition undefeated (CHEER) ... You might remember Australia's all-conquering women's cricket team won the last T20 World Cup in South Africa .. and we're hot favourites to do it again this year - despite a spate of injuries including to our captain, Alyssa Healy. C'mon Aussies! You've got this!

## ***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 nose is pointed up to the heavens and twitching away following fake claims were posted to social media that NASA and Elon Musk had launched secret plans to control the weather.

Yep. You heard right. Control the weather. I mean, as if - outside of a science fiction movie or Despicable Me - anyone could actually do that.

But unfortunately: once the rumour was posted to Facebook, thousands of people failed to do what Squiz E the Newshound tells us to do whenever we come across any information posted to social media .. and that's to STOP. THINK and CHECK.

And because they failed to do that, they simply shared the post, and even more people saw it - creating what we call in Newshounds - our free media literacy program for primary school kids - a misinformation snowball.

Squiz-E had a sniff and discovered that the original post was made by what's called a satirical website ... a website that posts things as a joke. Unfortunately: the joke fell flat and before we knew it, the joke was on the millions who read it, believed it and passed it on.

And don't forget: if you're not one of the almost 3,500 classrooms around the country who haven't signed up to Newshounds - our free media literacy resource for primary school kids - you can do so right now at [squizkids.com.au](http://squizkids.com.au). You're welcome.

## ***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 frankly silly English playground game involving chestnuts on a string?
2. Which team will Australia play in its semi-final of the Womens' T20 World Cup?
3. How many laps did Ned Brockman run to achieve his goal of 1000 miles .. was it a) 1,420 b) 3,760 or c) 75,800 (B)

## **SHOUT OUTS**

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It's Thursday, October 17 ... birthday of pop singer Dami Im and AFL footy player and St Kilda great, Nick Riewoldt ..

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today... Willow from Guyra, Eli and Ashton from Wagga Wagga, Ashwin from Glen Waverley, Aadhya from Bridgeman Downs, Miles from Torquay, Yasmeena from Tailem Bend and Reid from Maitland.

Belated shoutouts... Selene from Nightcliff and Ishan from Pymble.

Classroom shoutouts go to... class 3WV with Mrs Verkuissen (pronounced: Ver-kroo-zen) at Jindalee State School, class 3/4S with Miss Bredin at St Mark's Catholic Primary School in Dingley, classes 4L and 4P with Mr Lonsdale and Ms Patras at Epping West Public School, class 5/6HD with Ms Handley at Cardiff South Public School and class 1F with Ms Sayed at Schofields Public School.

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

1. Conkers
2. South Africa
3. B - 3760

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 the Kids vs Adults weekly Quiz.

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