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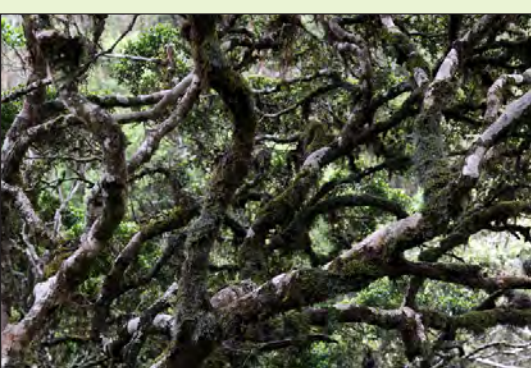
Horton Plains

Horton Plains was designated a national park in 1988. It is a protected area located in the Central Highlands of Sri Lanka. A plateau at an altitude of around 7,000 feet, Horton Plains is rich in biodiversity. Many species of fauna and flora found here are endemic to the region. The vegetation consists largely of grasslands and some forest areas. Large herds of Sri Lankan Sambar and many species of birds, endemic to Sri Lanka are seen. Leopard has also been spotted here. Three major rivers, Mahaweli, Kelani and Walawe originate in these plains. Located 8 km from the town of Ohiya, and 32 km from the hill resort town of Nuwara Eliya, Horton Plains is a popular tourist destination. The sheer drop and extensive view from World’s End and the beautiful Baker’s Falls are popular tourist attractions of Horton Plains.

We invite you to send in photographs taken by you, of Nature and Environment in and around your home. Please email your photos to us on fundaytimes1@gmail.com. The best photos will be published in Funday Times. Good luck!



Little World's End



Baker's Falls



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May 19

News in Pictures



Akrabat, Syria
A cave dug as a safe haven after military action has become a place where camp children gather to learn how people lived in the past.



Jerusalem, Israel
Archaeologist Barak Monnickendam-Givon works at an excavation site. The Israel Antiquities Authority said archaeologists had discovered a unique subterranean system hewn in the bedrock from the second temple period beneath a 1,400-year-old public building in the underground excavations under the Western Wall.



Bangkok, Thailand
A stuffed panda is placed on a chair as a means to enforce physical distancing at a restaurant.

Seville, Spain
Maria, who works at a birdseed stall, feeds pigeons at Maria Luisa park.



Srinagar Kashmir
Residents gather around the debris of a house damaged in a gun battle between suspected militants and government forces. Two Kashmiri militants including a rebel leader were killed in a rare 12-hour gun battle, sparking clashes between locals and police.



Beijing, China
Visitors of Miao nationality walk in front of the Tiananmen gate tower, as China prepares to hold the Chinese people’s political consultative conference.

May 18



Rome, Italy
Nuns visit St. Peter’s Basilica as it reopens.



Grasse, France
Workers pick Centifolia roses for the Christian Dior perfumery. May roses are blooming in Grasse, the birthplace of French perfumes. Wearing a mask and not smelling the flowers, was ‘pretty frustrating’, said horticulturist Carole Biancalana.

The Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon Rainforest is in South America. It is the largest tropical rainforest. It is several millions of square miles in extent. It covers some parts of Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Columbia etc.

The annual rainfall is about 700 mm. Some trees reach a height of 40 metres. Smaller trees and shrubs grow under them. Ferns and exotic wild orchids and a wider variety of plants and animals, economically important plants such as Brazil

nuts, cocoa, pineapple, rubber etc., are found here. Over 250 species are seen in this forest.

There are so many bird species, over 1500. About 3,000 known species of fish, 30 million different insect species are found in this tropical rainforest. Our job is to protect this rainforest for the future generation.

Ameera Luffar (12 years)
Mubarak Int. School



D. S. Senanayake

D. S. Senanayake was the first Prime Minister of Independent Sri Lanka. 'The Father of the Nation,' he has done a lot of work for the freedom of Sri Lanka.

He was born in Ambepussa. He did a lot of work as prime minister. He developed agriculture. He started the Gal-Oya Development Project.

Mr. Senanayake was a great person. He loved his motherland and the Sri Lankan people very much.

He was a great leader of Sri Lanka.

Randira Sandapahan (10 years)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

My best friend

My best friend is Sithum. He is nine years old. He is in Grade 4. He lives in my town. I love my friend so much. He is with me when I'm sad. I always share everything with him.

We stay in each other's house when we are free. I wish everyone has a friend like I have.

Hayden Athukora (8 years)
St. John Paul II English Medium College

Reading

Reading is a good habit and a good hobby I enjoy. I read storybooks and newspapers. My father buys me a lot of storybooks. I have a library at home. When I am free, I like to read. We can improve our general knowledge by reading storybooks. Newspapers give a lot of news from everywhere.

I like stories of fairies and fables. My favourite book is 'Geronimo Stilton'. I forget myself when I read. I write what I read. Once you get a taste for reading, you will always want to read.

Fathima Fazroon (Grade 4)
Lead The Way Girls' Int. School, Dehiwala

My grand vacation

The April holidays last year were fun. No books to study and we were free from term tests. After getting our holidays I put all my books neatly into my cupboards and cleaned my table. The day after the parents' meeting, I woke up early and went down to see what there was to do.

To my surprise, I saw that a mop was on the floor. My mother and I started to clean the house. You see it was April – that means 'New Year'. We removed the cobwebs and washed the house from top to bottom. I folded all the clothes and cleaned the cupboards.

The next day we got ready to go shopping. First we brought the pots and went to buy new clothes. The colour last year was blue so we had to select blue colour clothes. My mother and I went to buy the sweets. I was so excited and there was only one more day for the 13th and I was bubbling with excitement. I couldn't wait.

The *nonagethe* period was at 1.49. The *Avurudu Udawa* was at 8.13. The firecrackers were heard loudly. At 10.40 my mother faced north and lit the stove. At 11.30 we dressed in our blue dresses and arranged the table with sweets and milkrice. At 11.53 we ate. Neighbours and relatives visited us and we visited them.

I spent the first few days after *Avurudu* playing and having fun. Then I returned to start studying. I wrote many essays to the paper and also sent arts. I got ready for the third semester of Grade Seven. I enjoyed myself till school was to start. I put cover on my books and spent the rest of the days playing and studying. I enjoyed the vacation very much.

G. K. Sri Saubhagya (14 years)
Willesden College Int.

My school

My school is Asian International School. We call it AIS. It is in Narahenpita. It has a lot of classes. There are girls and boys in my school. Our school principal is Mr. Harshana Perera.

I love my school.

Pooja Rachel (6 years)
Asian Int. School

My mother

My mother is Mrs. Vindya. She is very kind. She likes to eat milk-toffee. She likes to drink milkshakes.

I love my mother very much.

Dilshan Ibrahim (7 years)
Mattegoda

My pet

I have a pet. It is a dog. Its name is Brownny. It is very pretty. It plays with me. It likes to eat biscuits. It likes to drink water. It likes to play with balls. It loves me very much. When I come, it shakes its tail. It is brown, black and white in colour. When anyone comes, it will bark. When it is hungry, it will shake the tail. I love my pet very much.

Dhaaranika
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

My Grade 3 class teacher

I am Yusuf-ul-Haq. I am eight years old. I study at Matale International School. I was in Grade 3 in 2019. My class teacher's name was Mrs. Chethana. She is slim and short. She is fair and she has a good, kind look. She is a very good teacher. I will never forget her in my life. She teaches well in a good manner. She explains to us in very simple method so that we can understand well. She advises us when necessary.

I think every student in my class likes our teacher. We are small kids. We need love from our teachers. Our teacher is a second mother to us. She cares for us in our classroom and teaches good and bad. She never stops her teaching only limited to textbooks. She gives advance knowledge to us. I love my teacher. I respect her. I pray for my teacher.

Yusuf-ul-Haq (8 years)
Matale Int. School

A space adventure

One day I looked at the moon and wished that I could go to space. My wish came true.

I went in a spaceship. I saw a lot of planets in space. The stars were very big. The sun was very hot and I landed on Mars. The aliens came and talked to me and I also talked to them. I was very happy and thrilled to play with them. I thought this was my space adventure.

I returned home again. I told Mom and Dad about the space adventure. They laughed and told me, "it must have been a dream." But it was not a dream, it was true. I liked my space adventure.

Saravanan Ashwin (9 years)
Future Grads Int. Academy

If I won a lottery

If I won a lottery, I would have a lot of feelings at the same time. Mostly I would feel very happy. I would think about what I could do with the prize money. Perhaps I would keep half of the money for me and my family while the other half I would donate to various societies. I would also donate the money to the needy and poor people.

Most people would misuse the money if they had won a lottery ticket but I wouldn't do that. I want to set a good example by not misusing the money and being a good citizen in the future.

Ruzaina Junkeer (Grade 8)
Buddhist Ladies' College

Please send ARTICLES, POEMS and PAINTINGS by email to fundaytimes1@gmail.com.

Entries should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Also please mention the topic, your full name, date of birth and address in your entry. Articles should not exceed 200 words. Art should be on A4 size paper.



A squirrel



Seneth (12 years)
Brilliant Stars Int. College, Matara

Dora the Explorer



Tharumuthu Jayasuriya (Grade 11)
Sujatha Vidyalaya, Colombo

Mount Sri Pada



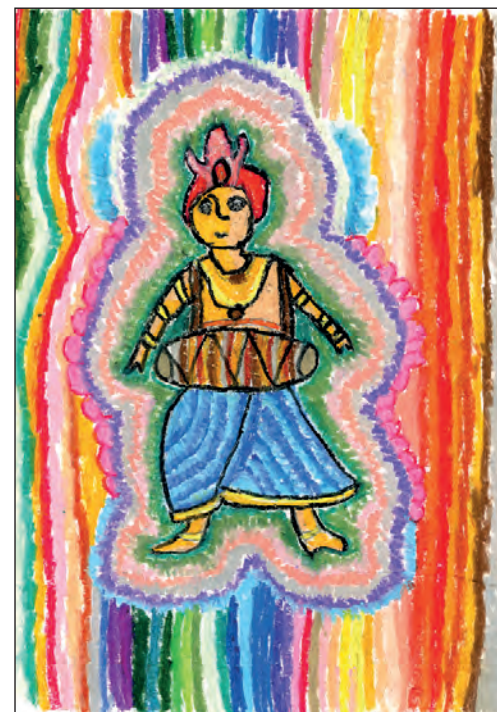
Nelith Madapatha (7 years)
Lyceum Int. School, Panadura

My house



Minuki Chenaya (Grade 1)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

A drummer



Dimath De Silva (6 years)
Dharmasoka College, Ambalangoda

Arc de Triomphe

The Arc de Triomphe is one of the most iconic monuments in Paris. It is one of the world's best-known commemorative monuments. The Arc's construction was ordered by Napoleon Bonaparte, the French Emperor in 1806. It was completed in 1836 and the total cost was 9.3 million French francs.



Jean Chalgrin

Quick Facts:

- The Arc de Triomphe was built to honour of those who fought and died for France in the French Revolutionary and the Napoleonic War.
- It is the second-largest triumphal arch standing today. It stands 50 metres in height, 45 metres wide and 22 metres deep.
- The ceiling of the arc is decorated with sculpted roses.



Aerial view

- The Grave of the Unknown Soldiers is located at the foot of the monument. It was added to honour the memory of those who died during World War I.
- In 1923, a flame of remembrance was first lit and it is rekindled every evening so that it will never go out.
- The design of this monument was inspired by the Arch of Titus, a Roman marble triumphal arch.
- There are four reliefs on each of its pillars representing the values and virtues of the French armed forces.
- The four main sculptural groups on the pillars are; Le Depart de 1792, Le Triomphe de 1810, La Resistance de 1814 and La Paix de 1815.
- The names of all French victories and generals are inscribed on the inner and outer surfaces of the structure.

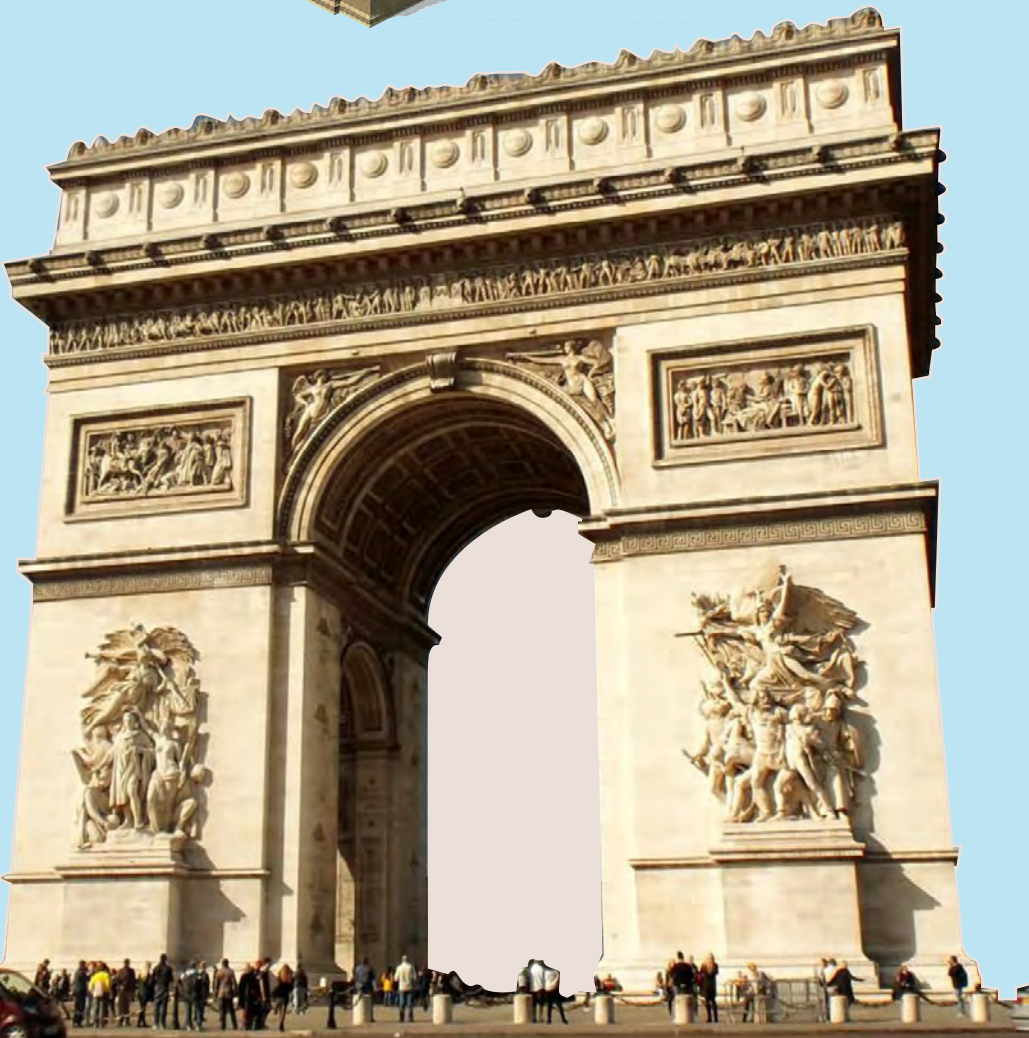
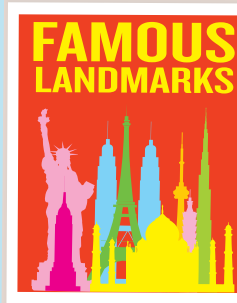
Easy Science for Kids



Free French forces on parade after the liberation of Paris. (1944)

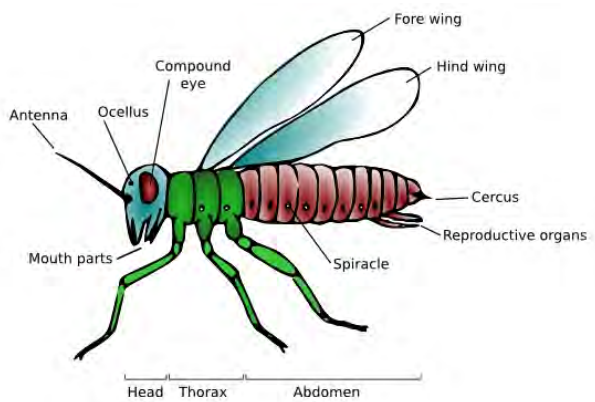


FRANCE



Insects

Fascinating Facts



- ♦ Insects are very small invertebrates. That is, they do not have a back-bone. Instead there is a protective, water- proof covering called the exoskeleton made up of chitin.
- ♦ The body is divided into three parts – head, thorax and abdomen.
- ♦ All the appendages are jointed structures.
- ♦ Head contains a pair of mandibles (or jaws) and a pair of antennae which act as 'feelers.' A pair of compound eyes made up of a large number of smaller eye-like units called ommatidia, permit a nearly 360 degree field of view, for catching prey or for easy escape.

- ♦ Each of the three segments of the thorax has a pair of legs. One or two pairs of wings may be present in the thorax of insects that can fly.
- ♦ The abdomen, which usually is made up of ten segments, has no appendages.
- ♦ They breathe through spiracles, which are tiny holes in the exoskeleton of the thorax and abdomen.
- ♦ They have an open circulatory system, like a blood bath, in which their organs are bathed in blood. The heart is a chambered structure, running along the animal's back. It contracts and sends blood to other parts of the body. This blood is yellowish or greenish, and is called haemolymph.
- ♦ Insects are cold-blooded, which means that their body temperature changes on how warm or cold the air around them is.
- ♦ They hatch from eggs.
- ♦ Insects will communicate to signal each other, warn about predators to attract a mate or send a message.

Grasshoppers do this by rubbing their hind legs against one of their hard forewings, to make a chirp. The buzzing sound that a mosquito makes is made by the beating of the smaller pair of wings (called halteres.) Crickets make sound by rubbing their wings together. Cicadas are the loudest of all the insects, and they are able to make sounds with a special organ called a tymbal. The tymbal contains a series of 'ribs' that buckle one after the other, when the cicada flexes its muscles. Everytime a rib buckles, that rib produces a click. Ants leave trails using pheromones as chemical signals. As fireflies fly about, their bottoms light up when a chemical called luciferin in the lower abdomen combines with oxygen and other substances to produce a light- emitting reaction.

- ♦ They can be helpful like – bees that make honey and butterflies and bees that pollinate flowers to help in production of fruits.
- ♦ They can also be annoying – like mosquitoes, house flies and cockroaches.



Grasshopper



Bee



Butterfly



Cockroach



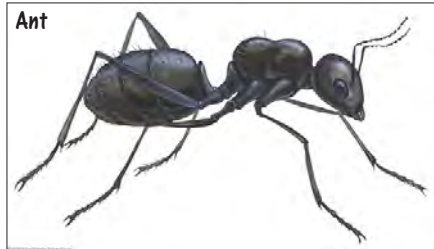
House fly



Dragonfly



Praying mantis



Ant



Mosquito



Cicada

From the Editor...

Since we are all working and studying from home due to the prevailing situation, please send your articles, art and entries by email to:
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Tomahawk Quiz No. 172

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 172 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of March 1, 8 and 15, 2020. All you have to do is to find the answers to the questions given. Write the answers neatly on a postcard. Cut the strip 'Tomahawk Quiz No. 172' seen at the top of this page and paste it on your postcard.

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Questions – Quiz No. 172

1. Name the country and city where Duomo Cathedral is situated.
2. During which war did Florence Nightingale first look after wounded British soldiers?
3. How many terms did Sirimavo Bandaranaike serve as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?
4. The Raj Ghat in India is a memorial to which famous Indian Leader?
5. Name three steps to take to avoid contracting the novel coronavirus disease.

Essay Competition

Age Group : 9 years and below
Topic : My pet
Word Count : 150

Age Group : 10 – 12 years
Topic : Keeping in touch with friends
Word Count : 150 – 200

Age Group : 13 – 15 years
Topic : The Ramazan Festival
Word Count : 200 – 250

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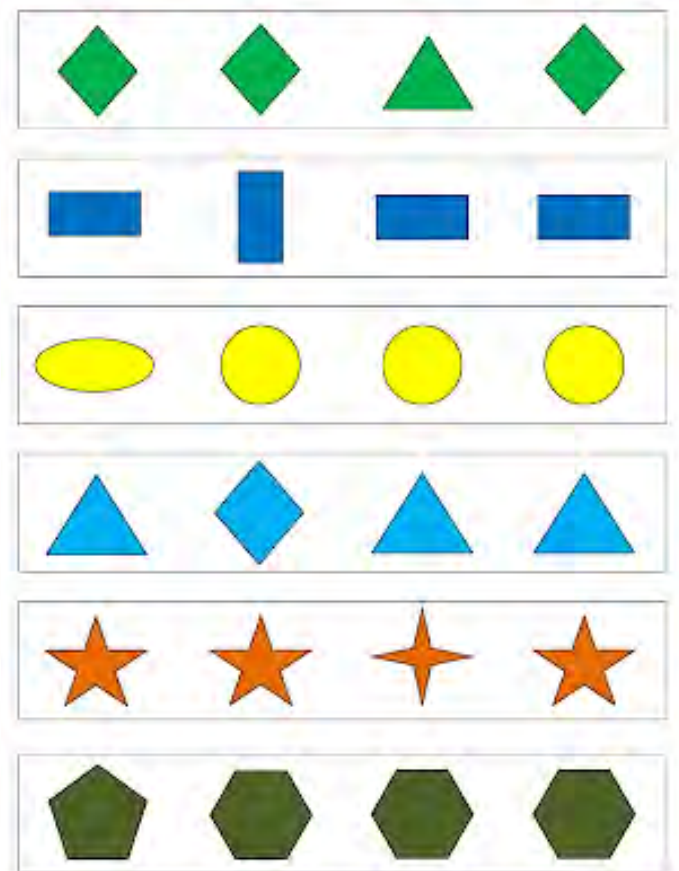
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Find the odd one out.



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**Jokes**

When you look for something, why is it always in the last place you look?

Because when you find it, you stop looking.



What is a witch's favourite subject in school?

Spelling!



What did the little corn say to the mama corn?

Where is pop corn?



What was the first animal in space?

The cow that jumped over the moon.



What kind of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree!



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