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Baddagana Veherakanda archaeological site



Inner moat



Alakeshwara archaeological site



Peripheral wall of the ancient fort



Kotte Raja Maha Viharaya



Peripheral wall of the ancient fort



Ambalama at Pita-Kotte



Outer moat



Present Parliament building



Diyawanna Oya



Kabok Tunnel



Map of Kotte during the Kotte period



Commemoration stone  
of the Jubilee of  
H. M. Queen Victoria 1887

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## News in Pictures

May 26



**Bangkok, Thailand**  
Customers observe physical distancing at a food court.



**Bethlehem, West Bank**  
A Christian worshipper touches a 14-pointed silver star, believed to be the exact spot where Jesus Christ was born, in the grotto of the Church of the Nativity. The site reopened after Palestinian authorities eased coronavirus restrictions in the occupied area.

May 25



**Idlib, Syria**  
Children celebrate Eid al-Fitr in the rebel held town of Idlib. Muslims around the world are celebrating the three day festival marking the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

**Georgia, US**  
A beluga whale calf swims alongside its mother in a tank at the aquarium in Atlanta. Staff say the calf was born recently to its mother, 20-year-old Whisper.

## Kids NEWS



**Milan, Italy**  
Air force planes fly over Duomo Cathedral to mark the founding of the Italian Republic in 1946.



Source : The Guardian



## Keeping pets

Keeping pets is one of the most popular leisure time activities among people. It is a hobby that brings happiness and knowledge for people in many ways.

Many children like to keep pets. Mostly cats, dogs and parrots are kept as pets because it is easy for them to find such animals and birds in their surroundings.

When keeping pets, one must have knowledge about the lifecycle of the particular animal or bird. However as students we must understand that all animals have equal rights to live in the environment because they are also a part of nature.

**Sama Selvaraj (Grade 7)**  
**G. M. M. V.**



## Saving for the future

Saving for the future is a very good habit. It is very useful for people. Today, some people earn a lot of money. But they do not save money for their future.

Wise people save money for their future. Foolish people use money carelessly. They spend every penny they earn and they don't want to think about their future.

Small children are encouraged

by their parents to save money in a till. If we save money for our future, then we can use it when we get older. Then we don't have to depend on others. If you save money today, you will be able to have a prosperous future.

**Tharumuthu Jayasuriya (Grade 11)**  
**Sujatha Vidyalaya, Colombo**

## Vesak

Vesak is a religious festival. It is celebrated in May every year. It is celebrated by Buddhists. It shows three important events. They are the Birth, Enlightenment and the Passing Away of Lord Buddha.

We go to temple on that day. We make Vesak lanterns and we decorate our houses with colourful bulbs, flags, paper streamers and buckets. At night, we go to visit the Vesak lanterns and pandals. It is a very colourful festival celebrated in Sri Lanka.

**Chamidu Pawantha (Grade 8)**  
**Gungamuwa K.V.**



**Limath Dharmasena (9 years)**  
**Sheffield Int. School, Kotte**

## Evening sky



**Aamina Gaffoor (10 years)**  
**Royal Institute Int. Girls' School**

## The effect of insecticides on our food levels

Insecticides are a group of chemicals used to repel or kill insects that are harmful. Insecticides were used by man for a very long time. Earlier, it was natural – like ash, soap water or marigold. But with the development of synthetic insecticides, it is being used in great quantities.

Insecticides can harm in many ways. They harm non-target species including pollinators such as bees. Run-off chemicals can harm aquatic wildlife. It creates an imbalance of biodiversity and

a huge harm to food production through the diminishing number of pollinators. Due to the uncontrolled use of insecticides, food may become limited and will lack variety which will cause a fight for nutrition and many may die due to starvation.

So it is best to use natural insecticides and use rationally to maintain a healthy balance in the natural world which will in turn lead to a better future.

**Shilpa Amarakoon (12 years)**  
**Musaeus College**

## My mother

My mother's name is Nisansala. My mother is 38 years old. My mother is a housewife. My mother likes to eat chocolate. My mother likes to drink avocado juice. My mother's hobby is reading books.

My mother loves me so much. I love my mother so much.

**Thenu Karunarathna (Grade 1)**  
**Sussex College, Kandy**

## My village

My village is Wennappuwa. My village is very big. There are many churches in our village. There are many natural resources such as flowers, trees, ponds and animals. There are two government schools called St. Joseph's and Holy Family. There are different lands and houses. There are many banks. There is a police station in our village. There are small shops such as ice-cream shops, bag shops, shoe shops too.

There are supermarkets like Keells and Cargills. There are many buildings. The big building is called Ceylinco Life. There is a beach also. There's a clinic in my village. There are many salons in my village. There are many Catholics even Buddhists too. There are a few hotels. There are many pigeons too. There's a money exchange too.

The people are good. There is a river. There are small bookshops. In our village, there's a big shop called Mary Stores. There are big farms and animal farms and even vegetable farms.

I like to live in my village.

**Carol (Grade 5)**  
**Jennings Int. College, Nainamadama**

## Water

Water is very important for mankind. The sources of water are rivers, the sea, lakes, ponds, wells etc. We use water for bathing, drinking, washing plates and dishes, for ships – in transportation, for agriculture etc.

We must not pollute water. Some people pollute water. The ways of polluting water are

by dumping garbage in the rivers, throwing rubbish in lakes, washing clothes and bathing animals in waterways etc.

We must protect water since we cannot live without it. So my message to you is please protect water, do not waste it.

**Reema Ghazni (10 years)**  
**Najaa Int. School, Mt. Lavinia**

## Dalada Maligawa

The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is situated in Kandy, Sri Lanka and is the most venerated Buddhist site in Sri Lanka. The temple enshrines one of the Sacred Tooth Relics of the Buddha. It was brought to Sri Lanka from India by Princess Hemamala and Prince Dantha, hidden in the princess's hair.

The Kandy Esala Perahera in August is conducted from the Dalada Maligawa every year.

**Lasini Jayarathna (Grade 5)**  
**Royal Int. School, Kegalle**

## My pet

I have a pet cat. Its name is Rosy. My cat is very cute. My cat is brown in colour. It plays with me. My cat likes to drink milk. It follows me wherever I go.

I love my pet cat very much.

**Senudi Vidanage (Grade 1)**  
**Royal Int. School, Kegalle**

## Myself

My name is Thisen. I am 11 years old. I have one sister and no brothers. My sister's name is Chenuthi. I go to Ranabima Royal College, Kandy. I am in Grade Six. My sister's school is Swarnamali Girls' College, Kandy. She is in Grade Three.

My father's name is Ravindra. My father works in the Health Department, Kandy. My mother's name is Upendra. She works in the Lawyers' Office Complex, Kandy. My teacher's name is Miss Damayanthi. I live at SAARC Village, Ulapane. I go to school at 7 o'clock in the morning. I come back home at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

My pet is a dog. It is brown in colour. Its name is Tommy. My friend is Gimhan. I like to eat milkrice. I like to drink fruit juice. My favourite subject is English. My favourite hobbies are collecting stamps and reading books.

**Thisen Meddegoda (10 years)**  
**Ranabima Royal College, Kandy**

## Water Pollution

Water is one of the main resources that helps life exist in our planet. People use fresh water for their needs. Yet we end up polluting our very sources of life.

First of all, water pollution is the result of industrial and agricultural discharge of waters into rivers, lakes and seas. The main cause of water pollution is the discharge of large amounts of oil and industrial wastes into natural water resources. This causes contamination of water. Around 70% of industrial waste is dumped into water. So, 80% of water pollution is caused due to domestic sewerage. More than six billion pounds of garbage, mainly plastic, end up in the ocean every year.

Where there is water, there is life. Without water, there cannot be a living thing. Our Earth is the only known living planet. Water creates life supporting atmosphere.

So, every drop of water is precious. Water pollution is a great problem. It needs world cooperation to prevent water pollution. Water is God's gift. So let us preserve and protect the valuable water which is another name for life.

**Abdull Haadhi (13 years)**  
**Matale Int. School**

## Seaside



**Dilshan Ibrahim (7 years)**  
**NSIS College**

## The flying aeroplane



**Thanushika Mohan (8 years)**  
**Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy**

## Seahorse



**Inuli Dilandhi (Grade 3)**  
**Royal Int. School, Kegalle**



# Queen Elizabeth II



**Queen Elizabeth II is the current queen of the United Kingdom. She has been queen since February 6, 1952, making her the longest-reigning British monarch in history. She was crowned on June 2, 1953, after a year of mourning for her father. While the political landscape both in the United Kingdom and the world has undergone drastic changes during her reign, Elizabeth II has remained a popular monarch and is much beloved throughout the world.**

### Growing up a Princess

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was born on April 21, 1926 at 17, Bruton Street in London, England. At the time, her grandfather George V was King of the United Kingdom and her father was the Duke of York. This made young Elizabeth a princess. Growing up, Elizabeth went by the nickname "Lilibet."

As a princess of the United Kingdom, Elizabeth lived a pampered life. She was educated by private tutors at home and enjoyed riding horses at her family's country home in Windsor Great Park. Her younger sister, Princess Margaret, was born in 1930 and her family was close.

However, Elizabeth was not a spoiled child. Many adults who came into contact with her commented on how mature and grounded she was even at a young age.

### Heir to the throne

Everything changed for Elizabeth in 1936. First, her beloved grandfather, King George V, died and her uncle became King Edward VIII. Elizabeth was now second in line to the throne after her father.

However, it wasn't really expected that she would be queen. Her uncle Edward would likely have children and one of them would assume the crown.

Then, the truly unexpected happened. King Edward abdicated the crown and her father became king. Now Elizabeth was next in line to the throne.

As the future queen, life for ten-year-old Elizabeth took a dramatic turn. She now had to prepare to lead the country and her every move was chronicled and scrutinized by the public and the press. Young Elizabeth dealt with the pressure expertly. She had grown up with a strong sense of duty and had a strong bond with her parents to fall back on when needed.

In the early 1950's, Elizabeth's father became ill with lung cancer. As his condition worsened, Elizabeth was forced to take on some of the duties of the British Monarch. In 1952, she was visiting Kenya while filling in for her father on a state visit when she got the news that her father had passed. On February 6, 1952 Elizabeth acceded to the throne as Queen of the United Kingdom and all the Commonwealth's realms.

### World War II, marriage, and children

The years between becoming the heir apparent to the throne and becoming Queen were marked by three major events: World War II, her marriage, and the birth of her first two children.

When World War II began in 1939, it was suggested that the Queen, Elizabeth's mother, flee England and go to Canada. However, her mother refused to leave the king. Elizabeth, along with her sister and mother, did leave the city of London, however. They spent much of the war at Windsor Castle. Elizabeth gave her first radio broadcast in 1940 on the BBC's Children's Hour.

She also took an honorary position in the Auxiliary Territorial Service (the women's branch of the British Army) where she trained as a mechanic and driver.

Elizabeth was eight years old when she first met her future husband Prince Phillip of Greece and Denmark. Years later, after courtship, they announced their engagement in July of 1947 and were married in Westminster Abbey on November 20, 1947. Their wedding was an international event with millions of people listening to the BBC broadcast around the world.

The young married couple had their first child, Prince Charles, around a year later. They would go on to have a total of four children: Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward.



Source : Ducksters

## Fun Games

By Manoshi de Silva


Game: I Spy

Number of players: Two or more.


How to play: This is a simple game that doesn't need any equipment. All you need is a keen eye to spot something difficult for the other player to guess.

First look around and notice any object within your vision. Once you decide on an object, say "I spy with my little eyes, something that begins with the letter..." and say only the first letter of the object that you noticed.

The other player has the chance of asking five questions for clues, in order to guess the object correctly. But he/she cannot ask direct questions like, where it is exactly or what it's used for etc.



You don't have to feel bored while staying at home! There are so many little games you can play with your loved ones at home. You don't really need a playground or a big crowd to have fun!

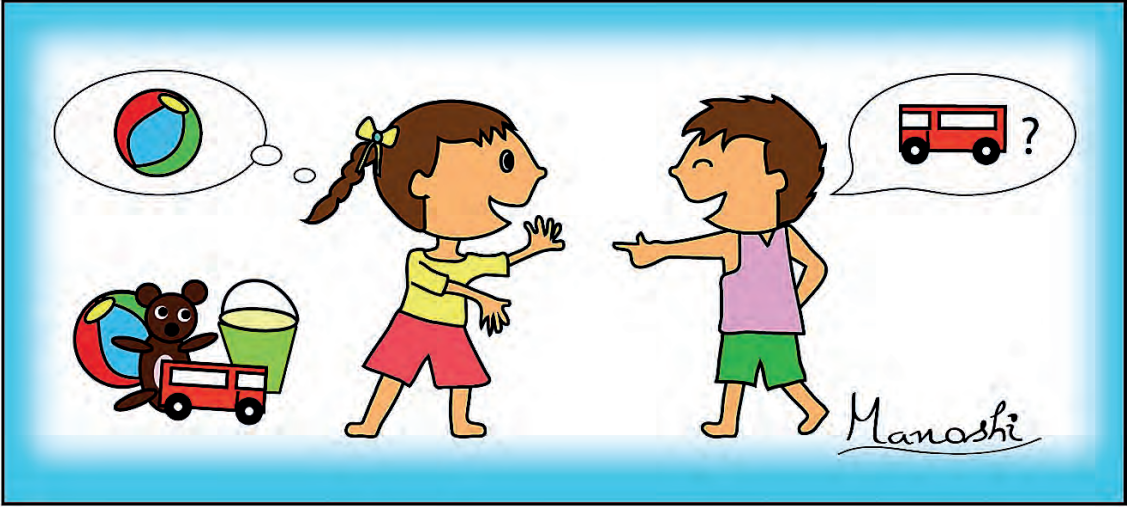


Name of the game: I Spy

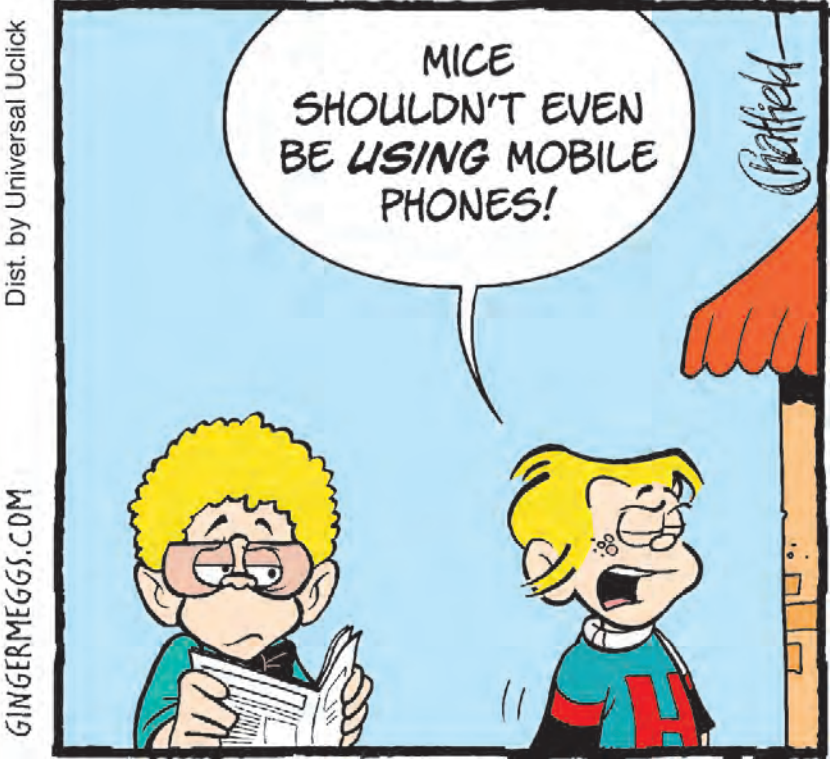
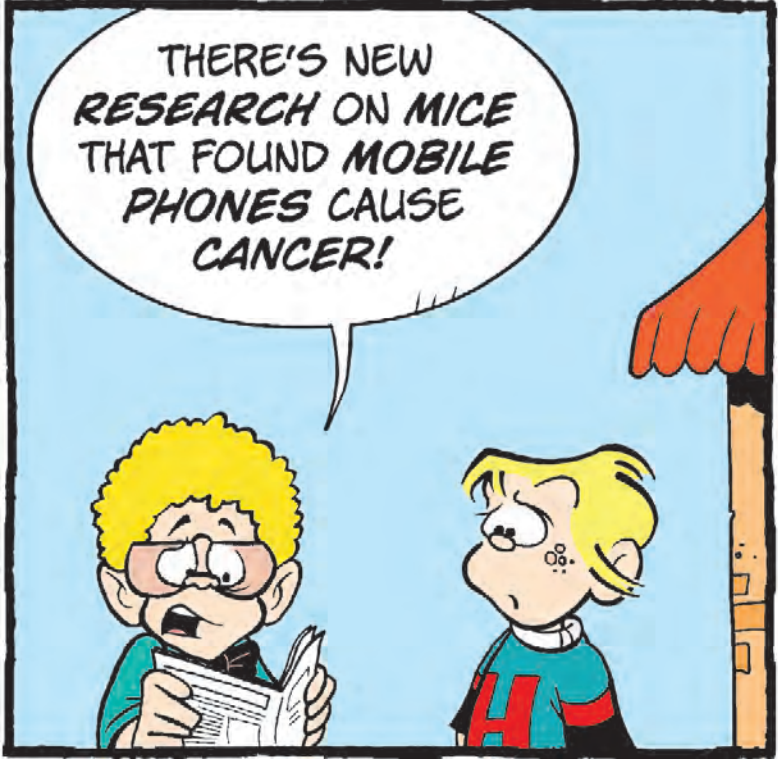
Questions such as colour, texture etc., maybe asked and depending on the object, the person who spied may allow questions to be asked, which won't give away the correct answer at once.

Once the other person guesses correctly, he/she gets ten points and a chance to spy on a new object. If he/she fails to guess, the person who spied gets ten points and a chance to spy again on a different object. After a few rounds, the one with the most points win.

**Note:** Make sure you don't look at the selected object too often or the other person might guess it easily. Also this can be played with a neighbourhood friend while maintaining a safe distance, if there is no curfew in the area where you live. If not, it's still a fun game to play with a family member at home.



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Please note that competition entries are also accepted by email.

Please write the name of the competition and the date clearly at the top of your entry and include the following details:

Full Name (including Surname).  
Date of Birth, Address.  
Telephone No. and School.

Please underline the name most commonly used.

All competition entries should be in your own handwriting and certified by a parent or guardian as your own work.

Competition entries without the full details requested above, will be disqualified.

**Closing date for weekly competitions:**

**June 17, 2020**

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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.

Please get your entries certified as your own work by a teacher or parent.

**Two lucky winners**

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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.

## Book Competition

**9 years and below**

The wild animal I like best  
**Dinuja Fernando**  
Trinity College, Kandy



**10 – 12 years**

An interesting visit to a wild life park  
**Abdullah Jawath**  
Lyceum Int. School, Nugegoda

**13 – 15 years**

If you could meet a famous person, whom would you want to meet and why?  
**Sandul Kulasekera**  
Royal College, Colombo 7

**Win super books from**



**Age: 9 years and below**

**Word Count: 150**

**Topic: My favourite storybook**

**Win: The Little Lost Hen and other stories by Enid Blyton**

The little red hen has gone for a wander! Find out where he ends up in this delightful collection of short stories from the best-loved Enid Blyton.



**Age: 10 – 12 years**

**Word Count: 150 – 200**

**Topic: Are you looking forward to going back to school?**

**Win: Toto by Michael Morpurgo**

When a twister descends on their Kansas farm, Toto and his owner, Dorothy are transported to the mysterious Land of Oz, where they meet an extraordinary series of characters, including a scarecrow searching for a brain and a tin man longing for a heart.

But Toto and Dorothy are desperate to return home. So they set off with their new friends on an unforgettable journey down the yellow brick road – in search of the Wizard of Oz.



**Age: 13 – 15 years**

**Word Count: 200 – 250**

**Topic: How you can help to protect our environment.**

**Win: The Last Rhinos by Lawrence Anthony**

Lawrence Anthony has been described as 'the Indiana Jones of Conservation.' His South African game reserve is home to many animals he has saved. When he learned that there was only a handful of northern white rhinos left in the wild, in an area of the Congo controlled by the infamous Lord's Resistance Army, he was determined to save them from extinction.



**Write at the top of your Essay**

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic



**What's on in June 2020**



**Online event: Celebrating World Oceans Day on Sunday 7 June with marine biologist Nishan Perera**

An online live discussion with Nishan on conservation and creatures of the seas.  
**Date: 7 June 2020**  
**Time: 3.00 p.m.**  
**For: Open**



**Ocean glories**

Use your imagination and paint us life from the oceans in celebration of World Oceans Day on 8 June.  
**For: All children aged 5 to 17 years**  
**Closing date: 4 June 2020**

**Fun quiz for children**

See how many answers you get right. The big challenge is *not* to peek online. Look out for the Quiz on our Facebook page on Wednesday 24 June. The answers will be posted on Friday 26 June. Make a game of it with your friends and family and let us know if you had fun.

**It all happens here**

Details for events available on:

<https://www.britishcouncil.lk/library/events>

**Essay competition – World Oceans Day**

based on the programme on 7 June. Submit a short essay (maximum 50 words) on something that was inspiring from the session, and forward it to the British Council. Details on the webpage.  
**For: British Council Library members aged 13 to 17**  
**Closing date: 12 June 2020**

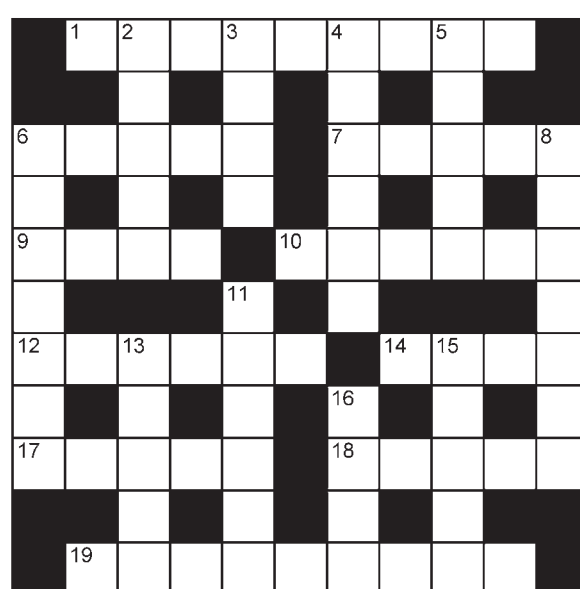


**June 21 is Father's Day**

Father's Day is a day of honouring fatherhood. Every father is special – and if you had to draw your father a card to tell him how special he is what would it look like? Share your creations with us.  
**For: British Council Library members only; Age: 5 to 12 years;**  
**Closing date: 14 June 2020**

*Little QUIZ Time!*  
*Children's Books and Authors*

## Junior Crossword – No. 941



All entries must be sent on a postcard and certified by a teacher or parent as your own work.

Please enter your full name, date of birth, home address, mobile number and school.

**Across**

- 1 Not remembered
- 6 Correct
- 7 Gets closer
- 9 Tins
- 10 Choose
- 12 Draw with this
- 14 This grows on heads
- 17 Half of fourteen
- 18 Think the same way as someone else
- 19 This large reptile lives in rivers and swamps

**Down**

- 2 A keyboard instrument
- 3 Fetches
- 4 Browned by the sun
- 5 Rub out
- 6 Find these in a cookbook
- 8 Release from captivity (3,4)
- 11 A meal outdoors
- 13 Not ever
- 15 A month
- 16 Magician's stick



**Winner**

**Sanuka Wickramanayaka,**  
Galle

**Solution - No. 939**



## Jokes

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?

**A stick.**



What time is it when the clock strikes 13?

**Time to get a new clock.**



How do we know that the ocean is friendly?

**It waves.**



Why can't Elsa from 'Frozen' keep a balloon?

**Because she will "let it go, let it go."**

