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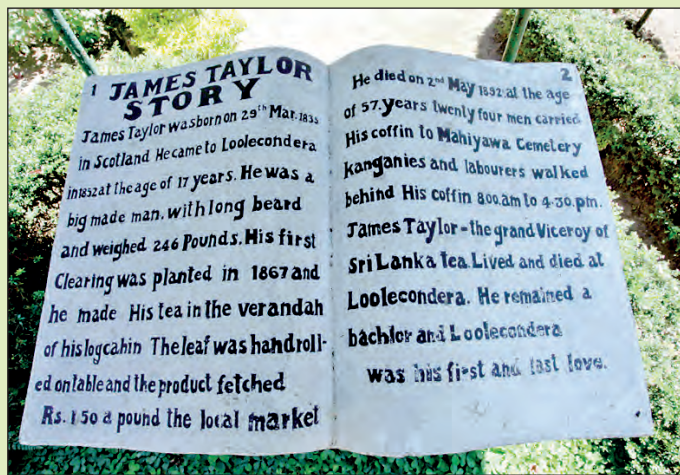
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View from James Taylor's seat



James Taylor's seat



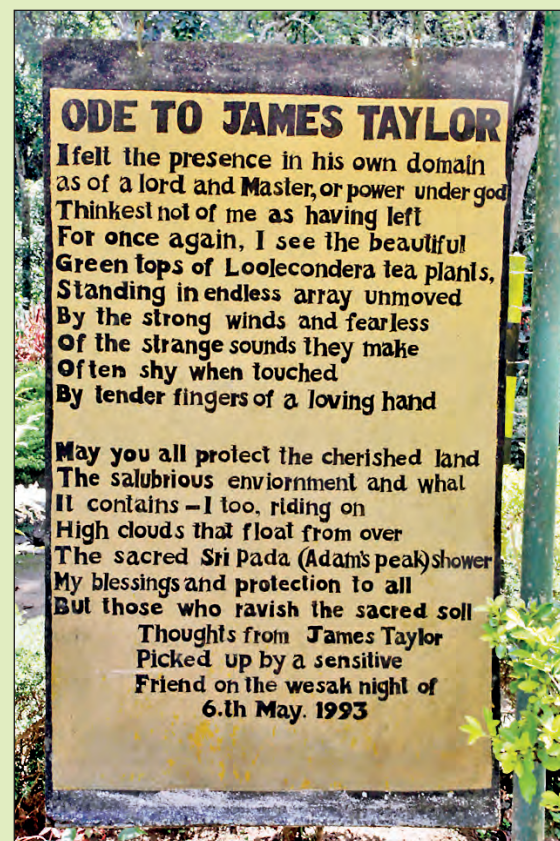
Ruins of Taylor's original bungalow



James Taylor's well 1865



Original tea field planted by James Taylor in 1867



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The origin of Ceylon Tea

James Taylor is known as the Father of Ceylon Tea. Born in Scotland, he arrived in Ceylon in 1852 as a 17-year-old. He was billeted at Loolecondera Estate in Galaha, a coffee plantation in the Kandy District.

With the onset of the coffee rust disease, Taylor visited India in 1866 to learn about growing tea. Upon his return, Taylor planted a 19-acre plot of tea on Loolecondera in 1867 - Field No 7, which was the first commercial plot of tea.

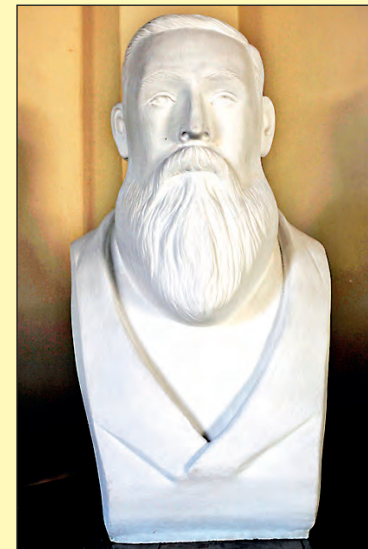
The coffee plantations were all but decimated within a couple of years. Taylor's initiative enabled a new industry to hastily replace an old one which had been brought to its knees. It breathed new life into the perilous situation that investors, owners and planters had found themselves in.

At the beginning, James Taylor made his tea in the bungalow verandah with the leaf being hand-rolled on tables. Clay stove and charcoal fires were used for firing the oxidized leaves. It was a long process of trial and error. His first teas sold locally, were declared delicious.

The first shipment of Ceylon Tea to London was carried by 'Duke of Argyll.' From an initial export of a mere 23 pounds, tea production on Loolecondera and the country expanded rapidly and by 1890, exports had risen to more than 20,000 tons. So too did the glowing reputation of Ceylon Tea, as the industry continued to expand heavily, moving into the 20th century.

Source: Dilmah website

At the Hantane Tea Museum



James Taylor



First roller cum drier used by Taylor



First drier



28 inch economic roller used in 1890



Loolecondera teas marketed by Euro Scan



Old boiler

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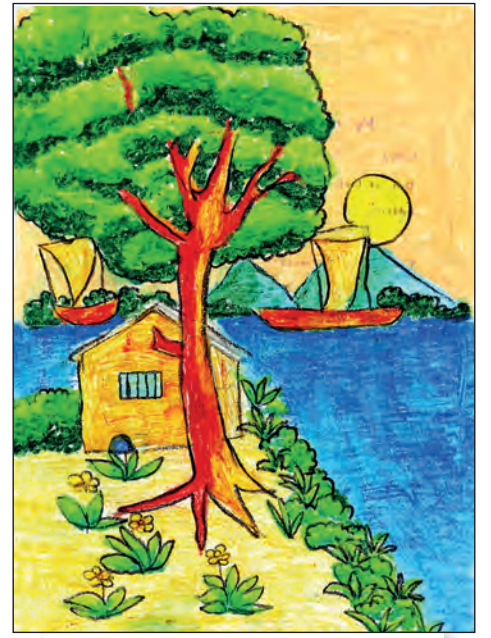
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Scenery



Binudi Ravisinghe (9 years)
 Sujatha Vidyalaya, Matara

A rainy day



Vosandi Warnakulasooriya (7 years)
 Clifton B. V., Colombo 9

Butterfly design



Nethupama Wijerathne (Grade 3)
 Holy Cross College, Gampaha

Myself



Shahina Rimzan (Grade 2)
 Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Rainy day



Theudas Semika (13 years)
 Ku/St. Bernadette's Model School, Polgahawela

There is no Planet B



Over the last 100 years the world climate has become hotter by a couple of degrees. This may seem like nothing to most people but these couple of degrees can change our beautiful Earth and push our entire species towards extinction. Disasters like the rise in sea level, heat waves, droughts, floods, heavy rainfall, frequent earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural calamities and extreme weather conditions will affect us all. So it is high time we seriously start implementing various mitigating measures, otherwise all of these disasters will explode like the nuclear bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

So why does this impact us humans? Well, we have all the money, cars, medicines, oil factories, and advanced technology – so we can obviously survive the effects of climate change. But today all the comforts in this world come through the burning of fossil fuels. When fossil fuels are burned, they release carbon-dioxide and other greenhouse gases, which in turn trap heat in our atmosphere, making them the primary contributors to global warming and climate change.

However, there are so many powerful political forces in this world who do not want to understand these things.

Let us try our bit to contribute, influence and make the elders and policy makers understand that because of their inaction and political benefits they are forcing our beautiful planet and the human species towards extinction. Even the mightiest of the Dinosaur species who ruled the world millions of years ago could not withstand the colossal impact of climate change.

If we lose our planet, we have nowhere to go. If we lose our home where will we stay? We need our homes and so do all the other species in this world. This is our planet. God has created humans as the most intelligent species in the world and handed over the mantle to us, to make this planet prosper and make it the most beautiful place in the entire Galaxy where Life can thrive among all the diversity. Let's pledge to support and care for every species in this world through our actions.

Aarrosh Chakrabarti (Year 8)
 Colombo Int. School

All the World's a Beauty

All the world's a beauty
 With the sky and the trees
 And the stars and the breeze
 All the world's a beauty

When you wake up at dawn
 When no one's around
 If you choose to go out
 You'll feel the beauty around
 With the sun rising
 And the clouds fluffed
 With the cold morning air
 And the wind never rough

All the world's a beauty
 With the sky and the trees
 And the stars and the breeze
 All the world's a beauty

Watch a tree grow
 From a seed below
 And you'll feel happiness pour
 From around into your soul

Look at the buds
 That blossom into flowers
 And see their beauty
 Smell their fragrance

The trees singing in the wind
 The birds chirping as they sing
 Nature's cries, happy and sad
 These are all that makes this beautiful land

All the world's a beauty
 With the sky and the trees
 And the stars and the breeze
 All the world's a beauty

At dusk you can see:
 Colours swimming high above the sea
 Stars beginning to twinkle at night
 And Mother Nature saying good night

All the world's a beauty
 With the sky and the trees
 And the stars and the breeze
 All the world's a beauty

Ifadha Deen (14 years)
 Leeds International School, Galle

Saturn

Saturn is the sixth planet in our Solar System. It is the second largest planet. Saturn has rings around it. The rings are made out of ice. It has eighty two moons. The largest moon is Titan. It is the only moon with an atmosphere. Saturn is a gas giant. It is mostly made out of Hydrogen and Helium. Because of that it has a low density.

Saturn protects Earth from getting hit by asteroids because of its strong magnetic field.

The spacecraft Cassini crashed onto Saturn after it lost fuel. The spacecraft Voyager 1 tried to take pictures of Titan but because of Saturn's gravity it made a slingshot above the Solar System.

Saturn looks like a beautiful planet. So I wish astronauts will be able to visit and explore it one day.

Hiranga Suraweera (Grade 4)
 Trinity College, Kandy

Animal Rights

Nature has given us a rich variety of animals. There are various types of animals in the world. Some of them are endemic species. Hundreds of years ago, elephants, leopards, antelopes, bears, rabbits, deer all roamed freely across the forests. Those days, people hunted animals only for food. They only killed enough to provide for their needs without putting the survival of the species in danger.

In Sri Lanka, there has always been a natural balance between animals, people and the rest of nature. But all over the world, animals are killed not only for sport but also for their valuable skin, tusks and horns.

Now many animals have been denied their natural habitat. Over the years the number of animals living in our forests,

has dropped dramatically. In places where there had been hundreds of animals now only a few remain.

Today, it seems that the government has made a separate ministry to protect wild animals. A lot of public awareness programmes are conducted too. People are taught about the importance and the rights of animals.

We should help the government and conservation groups to protect wild animals. We should tell our friends about animal rights too. Even though we are the supreme people of the creation, animals are here for the beauty of the world and it is not in our hands to banish their rights.

Nethumya Jayawickrama (14 years)
 Methodist College, Colombo

How I celebrated my birthday

My birthday falls on April 21. I was very happy on this day. It was my eighth birthday.

My father agreed to celebrate it. I invited some of my close friends. On the birthday I got up early in the morning. I decorated the house with flowers and balloons. My sister helped to decorate.

My friends and family members gave me lots of gifts. I cut my birthday cake and gave pieces to everybody.



Nethupama Wijerathne (Grade 3)
 Holy Cross College, Gampaha

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.

Space Needle - Observation Tower

The Seattle Space Needle is an observation tower and was built in 1962. It is one of the iconic landmarks located in the city of Seattle, Washington. It was created in honour of the World's Fair 1962.

The Space Needle's top, an aircraft warning beacon, reaches 605 feet and the Observation Deck is at 520 feet. It is fastened to its foundation with 72 bolts, each 30 feet in length. It had the second revolving restaurant in the world, Sky City Restaurant that revolves at 500 feet. Diameter of this restaurant is 94.5 feet.

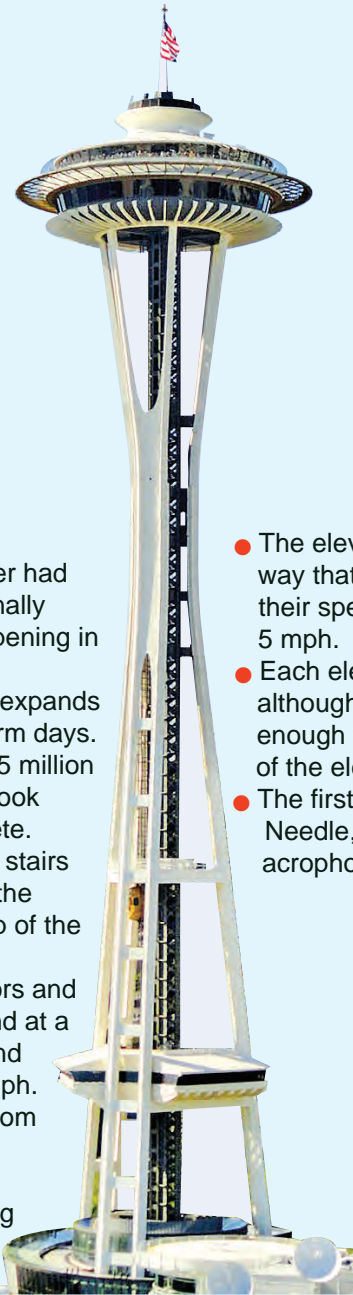
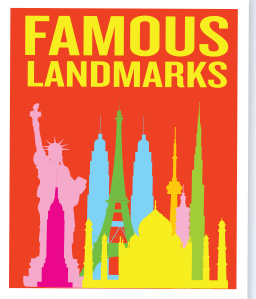


Quick Facts

- On the roof of the Needle, there are 25 lightning rods.
- The center of gravity for Space Needle is 5 feet above the ground.
- It is the most popular tourist attraction in the Northwest USA and receives over a million visitors every year.
- The original name of the Space Needle was 'The Space Cage' and the restaurant was 'Eye of the Needle'.
- It was designed by John Graham and came as a compromise between several different design ideas.
- This tower sways around 1 inch for every 10 mph of wind. It is built to withstand up to 200 mph wind velocity.

- Until 2008, the tower had not been professionally cleaned since its opening in 1962.
- The Space Needle expands about 1 inch on warm days.
- The tower was \$ 4.5 million to construct and it took 407 days to complete.
- It has a total of 848 stairs from the bottom of the basement to the top of the Observation Deck.
- There are 3 elevators and two of them descend at a speed of 10 mph and the third one at 5 mph.
- Actual travel time from ground space to the top house is 43 seconds by using the fast elevators.

- The elevators are designed in a way that during stormy weather, their speed can be reduced to 5 mph.
- Each elevator has 7 cables although one single cable is enough to hold the entire weight of the elevator.
- The first manager of Space Needle, Hoge Sullivan had acrophobia, a fear of heights.



Source: Easy Science for Kids

Kids4SL initiative

Q: Tell us about Kids4SL

A: I am Krish Sivagananathan, a 10 year old student in Grade 5. I came up with an idea to encourage children to participate in raising funds.

The website www.Kids4SL.com was developed with the aim to motivate children to support the Government of Sri Lanka's Covid-19 Fund.

The kids first need to decide on a fun activity they can do. Then ask friends and family to sponsor them. Once the activity is completed, they can ask their parents to collect the funds and transfer to Sri Lanka's COVID-19 Fund. A picture of their activity and the pledged amount can also be uploaded to the website. The total money collected by the children is recorded by the site.



Funday Times club members
Krish and Tashane Sivagananathan

Q: What was your inspiration?

A: I was inspired by 100 year old Capt. Tom Moore from the U.K., who walked for over 20 days raising money for the NHS and also 5 year old Henry Edwards who ran 2.6 miles every day for 10 days to raise money. My uncle Nathan in Sri Lanka also walked the length of the country to collect money to build cancer hospitals in the North and South (Trail Sri Lanka).

That was the first time I participated in a charity event and I also wanted to do something like that. I thought of riding my bicycle 5 km daily for 10 days (50 km in total) to raise money for the COVID-19 Fund and wanted other children to join in. My brother Tashane who is 5 years old has joined me. He daily rides 1 km on his bicycle. The website was created to spread the message amongst other children to start doing an activity to raise money.

Q: What type of activities can the children do during curfew?

A: Since all the schools are closed now, kids have free time to do an activity. It can be anything that they like to do. If the children have a garden, they could do a sports activity such as cycling, running, walking, skipping etc. If the children do not have a garden, they could do something indoors such as reading books, painting, baking, cleaning, playing a board game etc. This can be done as a family too.

Q: How do they get sponsorship?

A: The children can tell their parents, relatives, friends, teachers etc., and get the message across to as many people as possible about their activity and get sponsorship. The activity can be completed in one day or a number of days.

Q: What is your target amount?

A: It would be awesome if all the children together could raise one million rupees for the COVID-19 fund.

Q: What are your future plans?

A: I have raised Rs 50,000 for my first 10 days of cycling. If I can find more sponsors after I complete the ten days, then I will continue to ride my bicycle to collect more funds. So far my brother and I have collected Rs. 75,000 and we have a long way to go!

Q: How does someone contribute to the fund?

A: After completing an activity, each child can get their parents to transfer the money collected directly to the COVID-19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund of the Sri Lanka Government, at the Bank of Ceylon, Corporate Branch, Account Number: 0085737373. They can transfer online or deposit a cheque directly at any BOC branch. They can also donate via their mobile phone by dialling #207#.

Q: What is your message to the children?

A: As children, we can also make a difference by doing what we can in a small way.

I am inspired by many children across the world, who have done different things to raise money to support their countries. I hope we can join hands together to help our country to come out of the Covid-19 pandemic.

From a Young Reporter

Man on the Moon

As the largest object in the night sky, the moon has held a fascination for man since the earliest times. It wasn't until the late 1960's however, that the technology was developed to send a man to the moon.

The first unmanned moon landing was the Soviet probe Lunar 9, which touched down on the moon in 1966. Then the first men to orbit the moon were the astronauts on the US Apollo-8 in 1968.

On July 16, 1969, a rocket was launched from Kennedy Space Center in USA. On July 20, 1969, Commander Neil Armstrong became the first man on the moon. He said the historic words, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Apollo-11 was the spaceship that took the three American astronauts (Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins). Armstrong was the first man to step on the moon. He was followed by astronaut Aldrin. They collected soil samples. The third astronaut Collins stayed in the spacecraft.



When the first astronauts landed on the moon they found a landscape of cliffs and plains completely covered in many places by a fine white dust.



Astronauts of Apollo-11 placed a memorial plaque on the moon. It says, "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon July 1969, A.D. We came in peace for all mankind."

The Apollo program was over in 1972. Scientists got a lot of information about the moon from the soil samples which were collected by three of them. This first landing on the moon was followed by many more successful missions to the moon.

Mathura Arunthavam (15 years)
Vembadi Girls' High School, Jaffna



FUNDAY TIMES Young Reporters

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Closing date for weekly competitions:
June 24, 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.

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Questions – Quiz No. 172

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

Jokes

Why did the kid cross the playground?
To get to the other slide.

How do you get a squirrel to like you?
Act like a nut.

What does every birthday end with?
The letter Y.

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Colour the picture and find five sea animals and name them.




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.



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!

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;
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 Children's Books and Authors

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Age: 9 years and below
Word Count: 150
Topic: My favourite tree
Win: The Elves and the Shoemaker (Ladybird tales)


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Age: 13 – 15 years
Word Count: 200 – 250
Topic: Why oceans are important
Win: 2001: A Space Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke

Written when landing on the moon was still a dream, and made into one of the most influential films of all time, this work remains a classic work of science fiction fifty years after its original publication.



Age: 10 – 12 years
Word Count: 150 – 200
Topic: Posen Festival
Win: Five Have a Wonderful Time by Enid Blyton



The Famous Five are on holiday in horse-drawn caravans, and they've discovered a ruined castle nearby. But the castle isn't empty after all - there's a desperate face at the tower window. Can the Five find out who is hiding?

Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

Book Competition

10 – 12 years
 The actress I like best
Safiyah Rameez
 Highline Int. School

13 – 15 years
 A famous woman I admire and why
Priscilla Rambukkange
 Hillwood College, Kandy

