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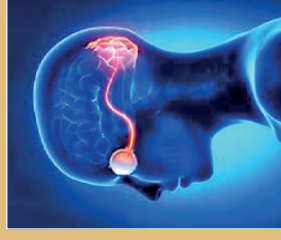
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Excavations at Fa-Hien Lena

Pic. by M. A. Pushpa Kumara

July 14

News in Pictures

NEWS



Berlin, Germany

Activists occupy the Molecule Man sculpture to draw attention to Liebig 34, a squat and collective in the district of Friedrichshain, which is threatened by eviction.



Sydney, Australia

A surfer jumps off rocks into the sea at Warriewood Beach. The Bureau of Meteorology has issued a severe weather warning for Sydney and large parts of coastal NSW.

Poyang, China

A building is toppled by flood waters in a village near Poyang lake, in Jiangxi province.



Paris, France

Soldiers march in face masks prior to the Bastille Day parade on the Champs-Élysées. The usually grandiose military parade has been redesigned this year to celebrate heroes of the coronavirus pandemic.

Kampung Kemensah, Malaysia

Customers eat lunch in a stream on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur.



Turets, Belarus

The comet Neowise or C/2020 F3 crosses the sky behind an Orthodox church west of the capital, Minsk.



Weymouth, England

A seal nicknamed Sammy appears on Preston beach. The animal is being watched over by volunteers who check on him regularly to make sure beachgoers are keeping their distance.

July 13

Veracruz, México

Inhabitants of Xico celebrate 'The night of the cowbells' where thousands of people take to the streets dancing to honour Santa Maria Magdalena. This party was held to ask for protection against COVID-19.



Los Angeles, USA

Black people and members of Latino and indigenous communities face each other in front of City Hall during the Black and Brown Unity March against police brutality and racial discrimination.

Source : The Guardian

From a Young Reporter

How optical illusions baffle the mind...

Ever wondered how important 'Eye-Mind Coordination' is? Our eyes' retina takes in light and converts it into electro-chemical impulses.

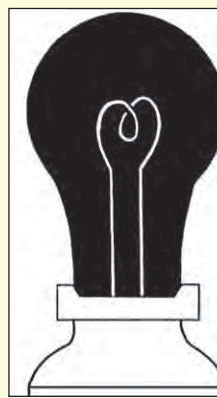


It cannot process visual detail on its own. So, the optic nerve, a cable made up of nerve fibers, links the eye to the 'visual cortex' of our brain, thus systematically interpreting the visual information in less than a fraction of a millisecond!

The word "illusion" comes from the Latin word 'illudere', meaning "to mock." Optical illusions occur when our eyes send information to our brain that tricks us into believing something that does not comply with reality. It simply means seeing something that really doesn't exist or is rather contrasting to the true event by colour, light and patterns to create images that

can be misleading to our brains in a mind-blowing way.

Check out this famous light bulb illusion. You'll be surprised by the results! All you have to do is stare at it for a minimum of 25 seconds before immediately looking at a blank white paper or wall. You should see a dazzling white bulb.



This effect of an image reappearing after exposure to the original image due to photochemical activity in the retina is termed, 'afterimage'. Our brains decipher negative and positive images in an interesting way, according to investigators and have a connection with psychology.

A similar thing happens with this black-and-white drawing of the revolutionary Che Guevara.



Our brains reverse the negative image and turn it into a positive. When the black content in the glass bulb disappears (becomes white), an illusionary colour similar to the original background is obtained within the shape: colour is reversed. When you stare at a negative photo, similar to the one of Mona Lisa below, your brain interprets the neuron signals as the opposite colours, creating a full-colour image.

Optic illusions make use of these special processes to trick our minds. Illusions can offer scientists new insights on how vision and the brain work and enable us to see the world around us, proving they're more than an intriguing entertainment. So, it's important that we be aware of good habits for a healthy visual system.



Priscilla Rambukkange (14 years)
Hillwood College, Kandy

Win super books from



Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: My favourite indoor games

Win: Fun for The Secret Seven by Enid Blyton

The Seven are very fond of Mr. Tolly and his horse Brownie, so are determined to help when Brownie gets sick.

Things get worse when the children hear that a gang of dangerous horse thieves is on the prowl.

They need to find their friend and his horse somewhere safe to hide out. But where?



Age: 10 - 12 years

Word Count: 150 - 200

Topic: A person I admire (Not a family member)

Win: The Mystery of the Burnt Cottage by Enid Blyton

Someone has set fire to Mr. Hick's cottage, but who could it be?

The Find-Outers have their very first case to solve - and a list of suspects to investigate.

But it's not easy finding clues with local policeman Mr. Goon getting in the way...



Age: 13 - 15 years

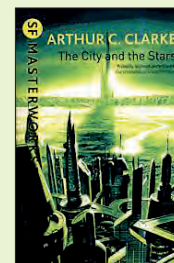
Word Count: 200 - 250

Topic: The importance of Biological Diversity

Win: The City and the Stars by Arthur C. Clarke

There had been cities before, but never such a city as Diaspar. For millennia its protective dome shut out the creeping decay and danger of the world outside.

Once, it held powers that ruled the stars; but then, the legends said, the invaders came, driving humanity into this last refuge.



Book Competition

9 years and below

My father
Yusuf Jawath
Lyceum Int. School,
Nugegoda

10 - 12 years

A fun day with my dad
Suhasha Wijesinghe
Ladies' College,
Colombo 7

13 - 15 years

The refugee crisis around the world
Chanithma Joseph
Taxila C. C., Horana

Winners



Fa-Hien Lena

Fa-Hien Lena (Cave) or Pahiyangala as it is also known, is a prehistoric cave associated with the Chinese priest Fa-Hien who is believed to have stayed there in the 5th century AD. The cave is located in the Kalutara district. It is situated about 400 metres above sea level. It is about 150 feet in height and 175 feet in breadth and the depth is 280 feet. This is the biggest natural cave identified in Sri Lanka. It was first investigated by the Department of Archaeology in 1968.

Fa-Hien Lena was excavated in two locations in 1986. In addition to stone tools made of quartz and chert, these deposits produced human skeletal remains from the earliest layer onwards.

The cave is legendary for being the home of Late Pleistocene human fossilised skeletal remains, which were discovered in the cave's sediments during excavations in the 1960s and the 1980s.

An international team of scientists, from Germany, Australia and Sri Lanka, studied bone tools and artefacts that were recovered during the 2009 to 2012 excavations of Fa-Hien Lena.

The study provides the earliest evidence for bow-and-arrow use, and perhaps the making of clothes, outside of Africa, dating back around 45,000 to 48,000 years ago.

Fa-Hien Lena is the most important prehistoric cave to have been excavated in Sri Lanka.

Sources : Sri Lanka Department of Archaeology & Science Advances



View from the road



Approach to the cave



At the cave

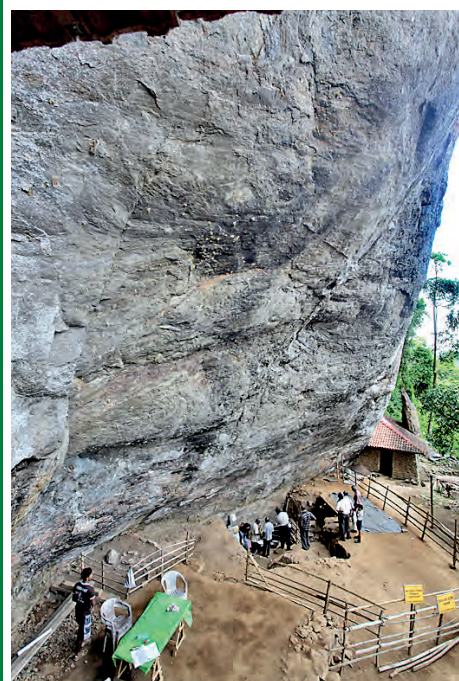


Buddha statue in the Viharaya



1986 excavation site

Pix by M. A. Pushpa Kumara



Excavation site

Excavations at Fa-Hien Lena from 2009 - 2012



Site where skeletal remains were found



Bone artifacts



Shells



Stone artifacts



Animal bones



Tools made from
bone fragments

KIDS IN COLOUR

Kids in Colour together with Reeves Art Competition is conducted monthly. A topic is given for each month. Three winners from three age groups will be selected. Winners will be announced on the second Sunday of each month and all winners will receive an attractive gift pack from Reeves.

Please note that all paintings should be certified by a teacher or parent, refer page 2 for further details.

All paintings should be on A4 size paper. Please write Reeves Art Competition at the back of your entry, together with your name, date of birth, address, telephone no., and school.

Topic for July - Perahera
Closing Date : July 31, 2020

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Myself



Nulara Jayawickrama (8 years)
Methodist College

Temple



Gavesha Pathiratne (Grade 4)
Royal College

Forest



Himath Dewnaka (Grade 5)
Nalanda College

I want to be a pilot



Ruzaq Junkeer (9 years)
Carey College

Cooking as a hobby

Cooking is a hobby a lot of people like to do. When you cook to earn a living you can't do it leisurely. But as a hobby, you can do it at your own pace. Most people start to cook with easy-to-make food and then later on, make food that is hard to prepare.

When you cook, you need to be calm and patient. This is an extremely important thing to remember in the culinary world. Before you start to cook, you need to find a recipe for what you are going to make. Then you have to find the needed ingredients and utensils. Also, when you cook you have to be very careful because you will be using fire and sharp utensils.

I enjoy cooking because it is fun and interesting. I believe that cooking is a great hobby because it is something you can do with happiness.

Isali Siribaddana (10 years)
Musaeus College

Water should not be wasted

Water is an essential need of man, animals and plants. We can't live without water. We use water for many purposes. We use water to drink, clean, to make electricity and irrigate land. Therefore we need a lot of water to satisfy our needs.

We waste water in many ways. Water is polluted by putting garbage in water resources. Rain water is not saved and it is wasted. Global warming creates scarcity of water. Therefore, we should not waste water and save every drop of water to keep the earth cool and calm.

M. Sajinth (Grade 7)
S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia

Please remember that **ARTICLES, POEMS and PAINTINGS** sent, will not be published unless they are 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.



Puppets around the world

Puppets are found all over the world. They are carved from wood and are dressed and then painted. Puppets are found in countries such as Italy, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Japan, Scotland and USA etc.

Puppetry helps us to develop our imagination, creativity and observation skills. It can be used in literature, painting, sculpture, music, dancing and drama etc. It gives us an inexpensive knowledge about myths and legends. It helps us to develop language and communication and is used in many cultures and traditions. It appeals to all age groups. Puppets even help us to solve our own emotional problems.

There are puppet shows all around the world. There are many types of puppets such as Cantastoria, Carnival/Body puppet, Finger puppet, Hand/Glove puppet, Human arm puppet, Light curtain puppets and Marionette. They are controlled using wires or strings. Some famous puppets are Shockheaded Peter, McDermott, Julian Crouch etc.

Puppets are gifts. It is our responsibility to save this tradition for the next generation like in Ambalangoda in Sri Lanka where they have a generation of puppetry.

Nadithi Kulasekera (10 years)
Ladies' College, Colombo

Helping hands



Aamina Najibdeen (15 years)
Brilliant Stars Int. College, Matara

My family



Tharindi Herath (Grade 5)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Wildlife



Fathima Shahla (12 years)
Benhill College, Gampola

Destroy Coronavirus



Eshini Liyanaarachchi (14 years)
Kandy Royal Int. School

My pet

My pet is a parrot. Its name is Nini. It has a green body and a red beak. It is a very beautiful bird. It is a girl. Its favourite food is mango. My pet can talk. It plays with my sister and me. It lives in a cage. Our family loves her very much.

Every morning she greets me 'Good Morning.' When I go to school I say good bye to her. When I come back she is very happy. When someone enters our house she shouts to warn us. She likes us to be near her every time. She is a good friend too. I don't like to keep her in a small cage. We let her out in the morning. She makes many bird friends. We have a small bird's bath. She likes to stay near that bird's bath. She has a very sharp beak. She likes to fly. Our father made a bird house for Nini. I love my pet and she loves me.

Fathima Riyafa (Grade 4)
Bambridge Int. School,
Dharga Town



My favourite cartoon

My favourite cartoon is 'King Kong'. It is about a gorilla. King Kong has a lot of friends. Danny, Panchi, Emmy, Lucas are some of them. Danny can talk with the gorilla.

I love to watch this cartoon so much.



Fathima Azka (8 years)
Seethadevi Girls' College, Kandy

King Dutugemunu

Dutugemunu was a great king in Sri Lanka. He ruled Anuradhapura Kingdom. He was a better king to the people. King Dutugemunu built many lakes and sacred places in Sri Lanka. Ruwanwelisaya is his greatest creation.

He ruled Sri Lanka for 24 years.
He united Sri Lanka.

Randira Sandapahan (Grade 5)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

How I spent the Covid vacation

Schools closed on March 20 due to Covid-19. Curfew was imposed day and night. Mom's office and father's office were closed because of the pandemic. We couldn't even go to neighbours places. I had to play with my brother. I got up late in the morning but my mother did not scold me. I played tennis hitting the ball to the wall. I couldn't meet my friends who play tennis with us.

My mother prepared some food using recipes, in weekends. My brother played the chess online app Lichess. We started a small garden. I planted ladies' fingers, spinach, tomato, brinjal and curry leaves.

We watched Mr. Bean, Voice Teens, tennis matches, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets and all seven episodes.

My mother helped me to do school work too. I practice skipping to maintain my weight. We did *shramadana* to clean our house.

We saw vehicles carrying fruits and vegetables to sell. We couldn't ride bicycles in the street because of the curfew. We celebrated Sinhala and Tamil New Year under curfew. We made milkrice, sweets etc., for the New Year. We couldn't buy new clothes because all the shops were closed.

We couldn't go to the temple on Vesak full moon day. We were fed up with the curfew. School did not start yet but we participate for zoom classes online.

We are eagerly waiting to meet our friends in the near future.

Hirun Kalupahana (Grade 6)
Richmond College, Galle

Tomahawk Quiz No. 173

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 173 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 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. 173' 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. 173

- Who is known as the Father of Ceylon Tea?
Where and when was the first plot of tea planted in Sri Lanka?
- Who was Hattie McDaniel? What was she especially known for?
- Who is believed to have founded the original Father's Day?
- Where is Dunhinda Falls located? What is it known as in English?
- What is the Seattle Space Needle and why was it constructed?



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7 – 9 years

Winners

- ▶ Dulnitha Navarathne, Kandy
- ▶ Thameem Ibrahim, Mattegoda
- ▶ Nethupama Wijerathne, Urapola
- ▶ Dinuja Fernando, Kandy
- ▶ Amy Roshanth, Kalmunai North

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7 – 9 AGE GROUP

Find your way through the maze
to reach Mickey Mouse.

