



# FUN DAY TIMES

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**Please send competition entries to:**

**Funday Times**  
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P.O. Box 1136, Colombo.  
Or  
8, Hunupitiya Cross Road,  
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**Please note that competition entries are 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:**

**August 26, 2020**

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Vimeth Kaluthanthri**  
11 years on August 12



**Sandul Senarathne**  
9 years on August 15



**Kiyasha Floyd**  
7 years on August 7

Photographs of members and non-members between 4 – 15 years, for the birthday page, should reach us at least ten days before the birthday, along with a letter from a parent giving full details.

## Jokes

**Q:** What dog keeps the best time?

A watch dog.



**Q:** What is the longest word in the dictionary?

“Smiles”,  
because there is a mile between each “s”!



## Book Competition

**Winners**

**9 years and below**

Homework is important  
**Yusuf-ul-Haq**  
Matale Int. School

**10 – 12 years**

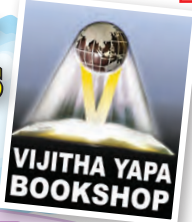
My favourite city  
**Fathima Nufla**  
Thihariya Int. Girls' School

**13 – 15 years**

Are e-books better than traditional paperback books?  
**Lihini Wijesekara**  
Lyceum Int. School, Wattala



# Win super books from



**Age:** 9 years and below

**Word Count:** 150

**Topic:** The dessert I like the most

**Win:** The Enchanted Bellows by Enid Blyton

Bubble and Squeak are little imps that make bellows and one day they have a very naughty idea...

Discover more in this magical collection of stories from Enid Blyton that will take you on a journey through Fairyland and beyond.



**Age:** 10 – 12 years

**Word Count:** 150 – 200

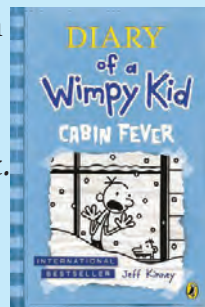
**Topic:** A funny incident that happened to me

**Win:** Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Cabin Fever by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley is in big trouble. School property has been damaged and Greg is the prime suspect. But the crazy thing is he's innocent. Or at least sort of.

The authorities are closing in, but when a surprise blizzard hits, the Heffley family is trapped indoors. Greg knows that when the snow melts he's going to have to face the music.

But could any punishment be worse than being stuck inside with your family for the holidays?



**Age:** 13 – 15 years

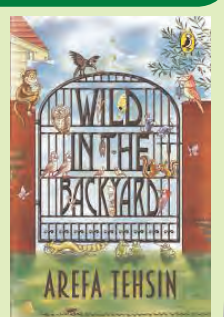
**Word Count:** 200 – 250

**Topic:** Sri Lanka's Indigenous People

**Win:** Wild in the Backyard by Arefa Tehsin

Wilderness and wildlife aren't just confined to the forests; there is a whole lot of wild in our own backyards! Some of these critters are awake with us in the day. Others wake up when we go to bed.

Discover the hunters and the hunted, the diggers and the tunnellers, the raptors and the roaches roaming around under our very noses.



**Write at the top of your Essay**

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic





**August 4**

## News in Pictures



**Beirut, Lebanon**  
Smoke rises after an explosion rocked central Beirut.



**Kandy, Sri Lanka**  
Fire dancers perform in front of the historic Buddhist Temple of the Tooth during the Esala Perahera festival in the ancient hill capital of Kandy.



**Kathmandu, Nepal**  
Children wear masks and festive costumes as they take part in the Gai Jatra procession. Nepalese Hindus celebrate the religious festival by asking for salvation and peace for family members who have passed away.



**Kunming, China**  
An Asian elephant calf rolls reed leaves with its trunk at Kunming zoo. The calf was born on June 10.



**Yangon, Myanmar**  
The state counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi leaves the southern district court after submitting her application to run as a candidate in the upcoming general election.



**London, England**  
The sun rises behind the skyline of St. Paul's Cathedral and the city.

**Pikelot Island, Federated States of Micronesia**  
An Australian army helicopter lands on Pikelot island, where three men were found after being missing for three days. The men were spotted when their SOS sign was seen by searchers on Australian and US aircraft.

**August 3**



**Florida, USA**  
NASA astronauts Robert Behnken, left, and Douglas Hurley are seen inside the SpaceX Crew Dragon Endeavour spacecraft onboard the SpaceX GO Navigator recovery ship shortly after having landed in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Pensacola.



**Bristol, UK**  
A hot air balloon pilot checks her rigging inside the canopy before takeoff in a mass ascent with 43 balloon teams taking part. The event, is a socially distanced alternative to the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta.



**Yongzhou, China**  
Tourists in Shunhuang Mountain national forest park queue to experience white-water rafting.



**Cape Sounion, Greece**  
The moon rises over the ancient Temple of Poseidon.

Sources : The Guardian / Reuters



## Festival season

By D. C. Ranatunga

**T**his is the festival season. Unfortunately due to the present conditions, this year's festivals have taken a very low key. The biggest festival is the Kandy Esala Perahera held annually during this period. Then comes the Kataragama festival. Large crowds gather at these festivals.

The Kandy festival dates back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century and is connected with Lord Buddha's Tooth Relic being paraded around the city of Anuradhapura from where King Sirimeghawanna (Kith Sirimevan) 301 – 28 AD ruled. The later rulers followed the tradition. Old records indicate that the procession had to be stopped due to local wars.

Known as the 'Festival of the Tooth' throughout the world, large crowds from different parts of the world, gather in Kandy to see the festival. It is much more than a mere procession but includes the display of traditional customs. Although the majority of people who gather to witness the pageant is from the Buddhist and Hindu religious communities, the festival provides an opportunity for the others to witness much more than a mere procession. That is why it is referred to as 'the pageant'.

The festival lights up the Kandy town for ten days.

The pageant begins with the 'Kap Situveema' when a blessed young jackfruit tree is rooted and re-planted in the vicinity of each of the four Devalas dedicated to the four

guardian gods – Natha, Vishnu, Kataragama and the goddess Pattini. In the olden days, it was meant to shower blessings on the King and the people of Sri Lanka.

The first procession of the Sacred Tooth Relic begins with the 'Kumbal Perahera', believed to drive away evil spells and ill thoughts. The procession parades the streets for five days. It is, in a way, a semi procession, and the 'nilames' do not take part. The drummers and tuskers take part without any ceremonial costumes. The march is repeated for five days in several streets in the Kandy city.

The procession in the next five days is known as the 'Randoli Perahera' when the Sacred Tooth Relic is also paraded.



Kandy Esala Perahera

In the olden days of the Kandyan Kingdom, the chief queen of the king had taken part in the procession.

The queens of the kingdoms were not permitted to have any role in the procession of the Sacred Tooth Relic. However, as a sign of honour and respect to the queens, a palanquin is paraded. It is usually the last item of the procession.

After five more nights of the Randoli Perahera, the parade ends with 'Diya Kepeema'. It is a water cutting ceremony at the Mahaweli River at Getambe a few miles from Kandy. A day perahera is held across the city to mark the celebration.

The Perahera held now, dates back to the reign of King Kirti Sri Rajasinghe (1747 – 82 AD). However, at the time, the Tooth Relic was considered to be privately owned by the King. Although the public had not been allowed to worship the Relic, King Rajasinghe had wanted the relic to be taken in procession for the people to see and revere.

After the colonial British Empire defeated the Kandyan Kingdom in 1815, the custody of the relic was given over to the Buddhist clergy. The clergy had appointed a layman and called him the 'Diyawadana Nilame' to safe keep and handle routine administrative matters of the Tooth Relic.



Kataragama Esala Perahera





# Pocahontas



Portrait of Pocahontas

## Growing Up

Pocahontas was born the daughter of the chief of the Powhatan people. Historians estimate that she was born around the year 1595, in Werowococo, Virginia. Her father was more than just the chief of a small tribe, he was chief a large confederation of Native American tribes that populated much of eastern Virginia.

Despite being the chief's daughter, Pocahontas' childhood would have been similar to most Native American girls.

She would have lived in a thatched roof hut, learned how to make a fire and cook, searched for food such as berries and nuts in the woods, and played games with other children. As far as we know, Pocahontas had a peaceful and happy childhood.

## Strangers arrive

When Pocahontas was around twelve years old, strange men arrived from a far away land. They were English settlers. They established the settlement of Jamestown on an island at the edge of the Powhatan lands. They wore metal armour and had guns that made a loud noise when fired. The relationship between the Powhatan and the strangers was tense. Sometimes they traded with the strangers and other times they fought them.

## Pocahontas rescues Captain John Smith

One day the leader of the Jamestown settlement, Captain John Smith, was taken captive by some of her father's warriors. According to legend, Chief Powhatan was going to have John Smith killed when Pocahontas came to his rescue.

She pleaded for her father to spare Smith's life. Her father agreed and let Captain Smith go.

## After

Pocahontas rescued John Smith, the relationship between the Powhatan and the settlers improved. They traded with each other and Pocahontas visited the Jamestown fort often to talk to John Smith.

In 1609, John Smith was injured in a gunpowder accident and had to return to England. The relationship between the Powhatan and the settlers once again turned to violence.

## Captured

In 1613, Pocahontas was taken captive by English Captain Samuel Argall. He told Pocahontas' father that he would exchange her for the release of some English prisoners being held by the Powhatan. The negotiations between the two parties went on for some time.

While being held captive, Pocahontas met tobacco farmer John Rolfe and fell in love. Even after her father paid the ransom, she decided to stay with the English.

On April 5, 1614 she married John Rolfe at the church in Jamestown. Around a year later, she gave birth to a son named Thomas.

## Life in England

A few years after getting married, Pocahontas and John Rolfe sailed to London. While in London Pocahontas was treated like a princess. She dressed in fancy clothes, went to fabulous parties, and met King James I of England. She even got to meet with John Smith, who she thought was dead.

## Death and Legacy

Pocahontas and John Rolfe had planned to sail back to Virginia. Unfortunately, Pocahontas became very sick as they were preparing to set sail. She died in March of 1617 in Gravesend, England.

## Interesting Facts

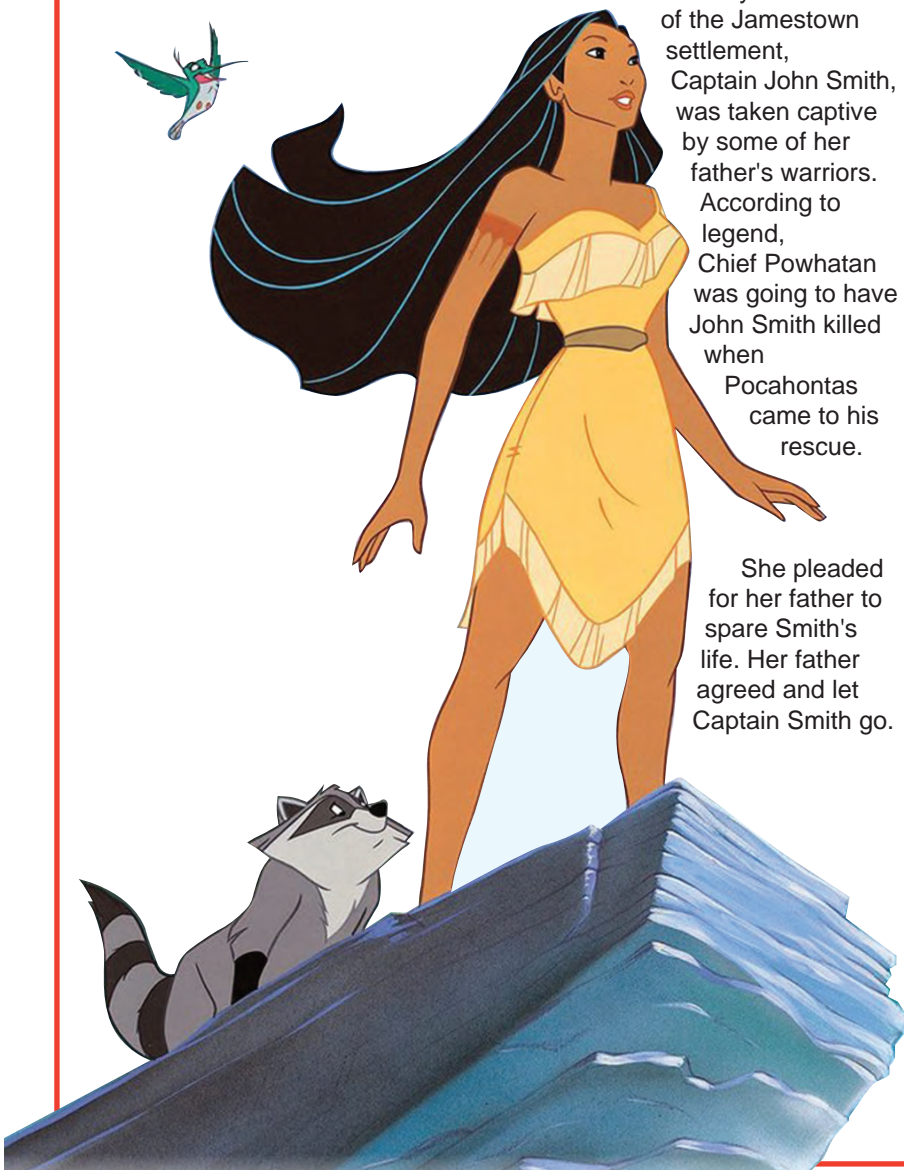
- Pocahontas was a nickname meaning "the naughty one". As a child she was given the name Matoaka. As she grew older, she was called Amonute.
- She was one of Chief Powhatan's favourite daughters and was called his "delight and darling."
- Before marrying John Rolfe, Pocahontas was baptized and took the Christian name Rebecca.
- Pocahontas often brought food to the Jamestown colonists and may have saved many of them from starvation.
- The Disney animated film 'Pocahontas' was released in 1995. In the movie, there is a romance between John Smith and Pocahontas. However, there is no historical evidence that they were anything more than friends.



Pocahontas saves the life of John Smith



Statue of Pocahontas at Jamestown





## 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 August - Interesting Hobbies**  
**Closing Date : August 31, 2020**

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# Reeves ART

## Winners

### Note

Winners please contact us on 2479337/2479333 and arrange to collect your prizes. Please remember to certify your entries as we had to reject several good entries that were not properly certified.

## July 2020 – Perahera

**4-7 YEARS**



**Dinura Edirisinghe**  
Horizon College Int. Malabe

**8-11 YEARS**



**Thinuli Pathiraja**  
Samudradevi B. V., Nugegoda

**12-15 YEARS**



**Suhasha Wijesinghe**  
Ladies' College, Colombo

**2nd Place**



**Abdur Rahman**  
Vidyawardana Vidyalaya, Kolonnawa



**Dulnitha Navarathne**  
Kingswood College, Kandy



**Rachini Adikari**  
Girls' High School, Kandy

**3rd Place**



**Nethum Wijesinghe**  
Horizon College Int., Malabe



**Ruzaiq Junkeer**  
Carey College, Colombo

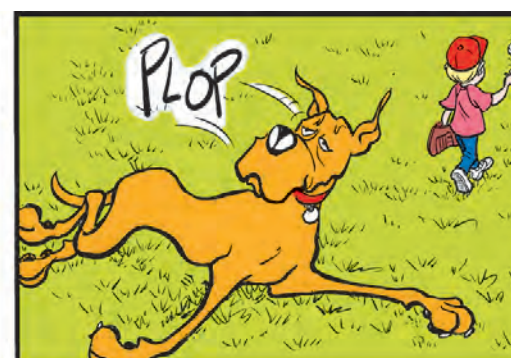


**Sivarajah Sivarathan**  
Mahajana College, Jaffna





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**DOG GONE FUNNY** WOOD-RIDGE, NJ

WHEN JODI CRISERA BROUGHT  
HER NEW SHIH TZU MIX,  
**MARCIA**, HOME FROM THE  
SHELTER, MARCIA  
ENCOUNTERED NELSON, A VERY  
**NOISY PARROT**. NELSON  
BEGAN SQUAWKING,  
SO MARCIA JOINED IN BY  
**HOWLING** LIKE A COYOTE.  
**BAYING AT THE MOON!**



## Tomahawk Quiz No. 174

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 174 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 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. 174' 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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All Funday Times readers between 8 – 15 years are eligible to participate. (Those who have already won a bicycle are not eligible to participate.)

Closing Date: August 31, 2020

## Tomahawk Quiz No. 173

- ▶ Jehan Cassim, Colombo 6
- ▶ Abinesh Ambikaibalan, Mannar



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## Questions – Quiz No. 174

1. Who created the first vaccine and when?
2. Name five books authored by Sybil Wettasinghe.
3. Where is the Empire State Building located?
4. Which is the most important prehistoric cave excavated in Sri Lanka?
5. What special discovery did an international team of scientists find from articles recovered in the excavations?



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### 4 – 6 years

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- ▶ Julian De Sylva, Nugegoda
- ▶ T. Thenukesh, Kandy
- ▶ Nuha Silmy, Dehiwala
- ▶ Runithi Navarathne, Kandy
- ▶ Sandamini Jayasinghe, Boralesgamuwa

### 4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Connect the dots and colour the picture.