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Staying safe at school

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Please send competition entries to:

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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:

September 9, 2020

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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.



Shifna Dilshad
14 years on August 23



Yumeth Dissanyaka
13 years on August 23



Shazab Ahsan
10 years on August 19

Book Competition

August 23

9 years and below

My favourite colour and why I like it
Seneli Perera
St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo

10 – 12 years

A noisy evening
Sasen Amaratunga
Gateway College, Colombo

13 – 15 years

How technology has affected us
Ranudi Rajakaruna
Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo



August 16

9 years and below

My favourite indoor game
Dulnitha Navarathne
Kingswood College, Kandy

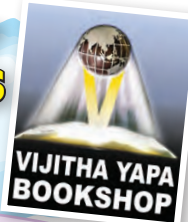
10 – 12 years

The person I admire (Not a family member)
Kannan Thamilkumara
Lyceum Int. School, Panadura

13 – 15 years

The importance of Biological Diversity
Disali Weerasinghe
Girls' High School, Kandy

Win super books from



Age: 9 years and below

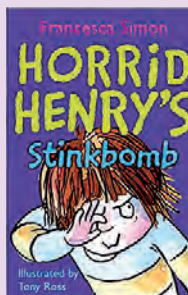
Word Count: 150

Topic: Why kids love chocolate

Win: Horrid Henry's Stinkbomb by Francesca Simon

A stinkbomb becomes a deadly weapon in Horrid Henry's long-running war with Moody Margaret; he uses all his guile to win the school reading competition, only to find the longed-for prize is not what he expected.

His fiendish plots will make you ache with laughter.



Age: 10 – 12 years

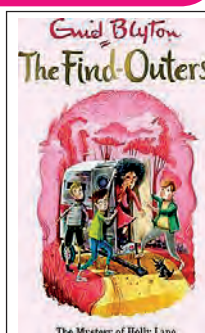
Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: What were some of your favourite toys when you were very little? Do you still enjoy playing with them?

Win: The Mystery of Holly Lane by Enid Blyton

Money has been stolen from the old man living in a bungalow called Hollies. And before the Find-Outers can begin their investigation, all the furniture in the house disappears too!

Will the mystery be solved with so few clues?



Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: Do you have a favourite song? Write about the type of music you like to listen to.

Win: Spider's Web by Agatha Christie

Clarissa, the wife of a Foreign Office diplomat, is given to daydreaming. "Suppose I were to come down one morning and find a dead body in the library, what should I do?" she muses.

She has the chance to find out when she discovers a body – in her drawing room!



Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic



Funday Times 20th Anniversary

Dear Readers,

Funday Times turned 20 years this month. We thank you all for being with us through the years. We have celebrated our anniversaries in previous years with a variety of features and events.

This year we have added some new colourful logos to enhance the design of the Funday. As you would have found, we are now incorporated as a pull-out in the ST2 section of the Sunday Times.

Since we are unable to get together for an Anniversary event due to the current situation, we are conducting a special Anniversary Competition for you with prizes sponsored by Hilton Colombo.

We hope you continue with us and we will endeavour to give of our best to make Funday Times your favourite kids' newspaper.



Essay Competition

9 years and below

Why I like the Funday Times

Word Count: 150 words

10 – 12 years

My favourite feature in Funday Times

Word Count: 150 – 200 words

13 – 15 years

Has reading the Funday Times helped you? If so, explain how it has.

Word Count: 200 – 250 words



Digital Art Competition

Age Group: 8 – 15 years

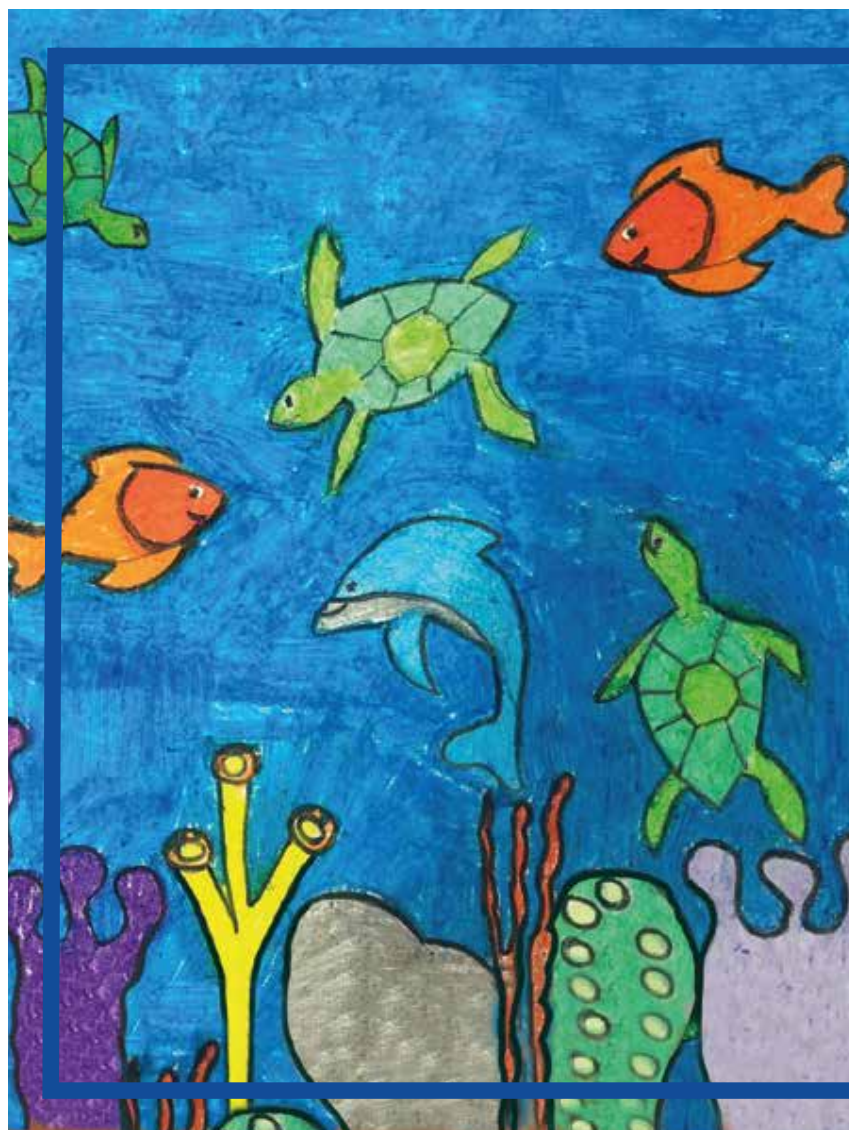
Entries can be sent on a topic of your choice. Please mention the topic on your email.



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

Closing Date: September 16, 2020



Save the Ocean!

Hilton Hotels Sri Lanka together with Big Spark by Gateway and SOS Children's Villages present "Save the Ocean" a CSR project for children.

Children! Get creative. Upload your creations and help save the ocean. With every 10 submissions, 1 kg of plastic waste will be collected and a baby turtle will be released to the ocean.

Attractive prizes to be won!

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

- Draw a poster on the theme, "Clean the Beach to protect our Ocean".
- Essay, Creative Writing or Poetry on "Protecting our Ocean".
- Build your own Creative Aquarium at home.
- Design your own Robots for the Ocean Exploration or Conservation.
- Design a Game using any coding platform with the theme "Save the Ocean".

Age Groups: 3 – 7 years | 8 – 12 years | 13 – 16 years

Entries Close on 15th November 2020

TO ENTER YOUR SUBMISSION: visit <https://flipgrid.com/savetheocean2020>

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This article is part of a continuing series on Sri Lanka history

The opposition to the Catholic faith



1 The nobles did not pay much heed to the delegate Abelos. He went back to Colombo. Meanwhile, it happened to be a bad time for the Company. The government agents the king had appointed, ordered the Dutch to vacate the Korales.



2 The Sinhala government agents acquired those lands. The people who were under the Dutch authority living in the eastern coastal areas said that they could not pay taxes. The governor however decided not to give up the possession of the areas that were invaded.



3 When the Dutch administration commenced, the Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims lived side by side. But the Dutch attempted to spread the reformed Christian religion which was widespread in their mother country to these people.



4 In order to reach this end, they first captured the Catholic churches and schools. The Catholic priests were banished from the country. If they came across any Catholic priest who still lived here, he was arrested and sentenced to death.



5 Catholics were forced to come to Dutch churches for all their religious activities, including weddings. A law was enforced that the children should learn the Dutch religion. Even their funeral ceremonies had to be conducted according to the Dutch funeral rites.

By Halaliye Karunathilaka
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Illustrated by Saman Kalubowila

The arrival of Father Joseph Vaz



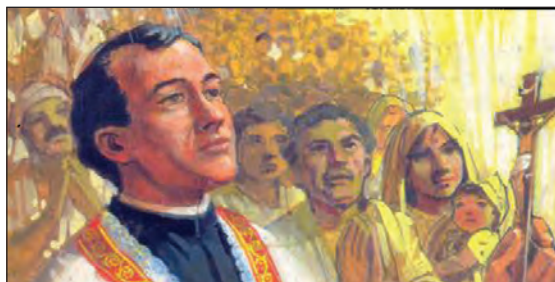
6 In 1659, the Dutch rulers ordered that all slaves were to be prohibited from following Catholicism. They were compelled to learn the Dutch language. If they disobeyed this rule, the punishment would be to shave their heads. The Dutch however, found it difficult to enforce this rule.



7 However, the descendants of the Dutch began to speak the Portuguese language, as time went by. However much rules were passed and punishments determined, the followers of the Portuguese never changed. They began to observe Catholicism publicly. Because of this, they suffered shame, blame and much difficulties.



8 By this time, there were a number of people both Sinhala and Tamil, who had embraced the Catholic religion. Force or favour could not make them give up this religion. This is mentioned by the historian Tenent.



9 It is to free these followers from various difficulties, that foreign priests started coming to Sri Lanka. The most important one was Father Joseph Vaz, who belonged to the Konkani Brahmin clan, who was ordained in Goa in the Oratorian order.



10 He was able to reach Jaffna in disguise after undergoing various difficulties. He had to escape from the Dutch guards. He tried to have a small Christian Mass in a house in 1687 on Christmas Day. But the Dutch soldiers interrupted it.

To be continued....

Our History - Quiz 10

Q: Name the important foreign priest who came to Sri Lanka during the Dutch period.



Our History - Quiz 9

► Kavidi Madagedara, Gampaha

News in Pictures

August 18



London, UK
Collection managers dust the upper part of a colossal seated statue of Ramesses II (c1279 -1213 BC) in the British Museum in preparation for the museum's reopening on August 27 after the coronavirus lockdown. The museum has embarked on the biggest single programme of cleaning in decades.



Caloocan, Philippines
Filipinos queue for a coronavirus test at a government facility.



Bormes-les-Mimosas, France
Ceremony to commemorate the allied landings in Provence.



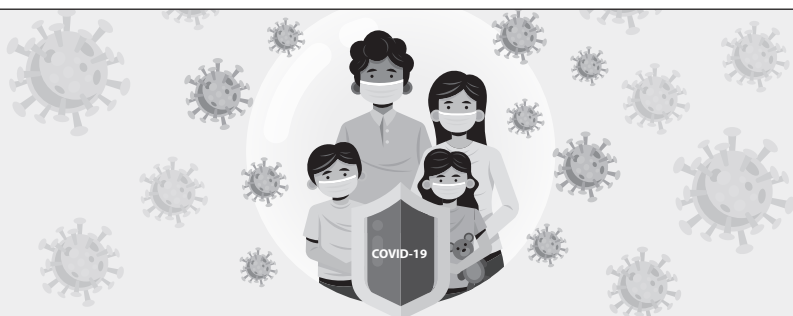
Mumbai, India
Potter Yusuf Zakaria Galwani (left) and his staff work on idols of the elephant-headed Hindu god Ganesha at his workshop at Kumbharwada, in the Dharavi slums. After the coronavirus pandemic affected his pottery business, Galwani, a Muslim, began making Ganesha idols for an upcoming festival.

August 17

Los Angeles, USA
A postal worker loads a USPS truck in Van Nuys days after Donald Trump announced his opposition to funding for the United States Postal Service, claiming mail-in voting increased the chances of fraud in the November elections.



Source : The Guardian



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කොරෝනා වසර්ගය මුළු ලෝකයම බියපත් කළ මෙවන් මොහොතක ශ්‍රී ලංකාව තුළද ව්‍යාල සමාජ පෙරලියක් සිදුවූ බව අප සියලු දෙනාටම දැක ගත හැකි විය. අප පවුලේ සාමාජිකයන් අතර, අසල් වැසියන් අතර මෙන්ම අප අවට පරිසරය සමඟ ඇති බැඳීම් අලුත් වී ඇති බව අපට දැනේ. එමෙන්ම ශ්‍රී ලාංකිකයන්ද දැන් නව ජීවන රටාවන්ට හුරුවෙමින් පවතී. අධ්‍යාපනය, රැකියාව, ආහාර රටාවන් මෙන්ම තවත් බොහෝ දෑ තුළදී අප සෞඛ්‍ය ආරක්ෂාව සහ සමාජ දුරස්ථතා නව වැඩි අවධානයක් යොමු කිරීම විශේෂ ලක්ෂණයක් ලෙස දැකිය හැක. හෙට ලොව ජය ගන්නට වෙර දරන ද්‍රව්‍ය දරුවකි, මේ එලඹෙන්නේ කොරෝනා වසර්ගයෙන් සමජයට සිදුවූ බලපෑම දකින ආකාරය සිතුවමකින් ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමට ඔබට ලැබෙන මහඟු අවස්ථාවයි.

Age Group / වයස් කාණ්ඩය : 7-9 | 10-12 | 13-16

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Applying for the competition | තරඟය සඳහා ඉදිරිපත් වීම

Soft copy submission: Contestants can apply by uploading a scanned image or photograph of the drawing to www.sisudirimaga.lk web site on or before 10th September 2020.

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Hard copy submission: Contestants who wish to submit hard copies can submit their drawings to any of our branches along with a filled application form that can be obtained from any of the Fashion Bug branches islandwide on or before 10th September 2020.

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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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Stop Ocean Pollution



Okitha Pathiratne (Grade 7)
Royal College, Colombo

Sunset at the seaside



Neha Vijayakumar (Grade 1)
M.D. Gunasena Int. School

My garden



Sandamini Jayasinghe (5 years)
Musaeus College, Colombo

Sunset at the hill side



Riya Vijayakumar (Grade 5)
M.D. Gunasena Int. School

My brothers



I have two brothers.
My elder brother's name is Heshan. He is 15 years old. He is in Grade 10. He goes to Ananda Sastralaya. My younger brother's name is Kiseth. He is three years old. He goes to pre-school.

Sometimes I fight with my elder brother. My younger brother fights with me because he takes my toys. I like to play with my brothers. I am very lucky to have two brothers.

I love my brothers and they love me too.

Thewin Sithsuka (Grade 4)
Ananda Sastralaya, Kotte

Courtesy

First of all, what is courtesy? Since it is an important factor in our lives, people should know what it means. Courtesy means polite behaviour towards others. Being a courteous person means being decent in speech, good mannered and being considerate of others.

It doesn't take much effort to be courteous to one another. 'Thank you', 'I am sorry', 'You are welcome', 'Excuse me', and 'Please,' are just a few of the magic words that will instantly make you a more polite citizen in society.

Courteous people are admired and respected by society. How many times have we really been courteous to others? Take government officials for example, due to their lack of courtesy, they are not respected nowadays.

Your family or friends may have shown you how to be courteous. It doesn't matter how – the most important thing is that you are. 'Treat others, as you want to be treated.'

Aanjali Fernando (13 years)
St. Lawrence's Convent, Moratuwa

Unexpected Change

I remember the exact day that made a change to my life. It was March 12, during my first term exams. I was coming home from school, planning on how I would spend my April holidays. But everything changed in a split second. As I arrived home, my mother announced that schools were to be closed and there will be an all-island curfew.

From that day onwards, the days grew more and more monotonous. I missed school and my loving friends. Due to the lockdown I got involved in many other activities such as cooking, reading books, drawing and playing the piano.

I also learnt many lessons. For instance, due to the deadly Corona virus I became more responsible. I began to love and care for others living in the neighbourhood.

We began to help each other instead of being selfish. Another lesson I learnt was not to waste food and money unnecessarily. People were having a shortage of food and money. They began to value what they had. People began to have more responsibility for each other. Maintaining social distancing, wearing a mask whenever you leave the house and to wash hands, are a few rules that should be obeyed by all citizens.

The days spent during this lockdown was an unexpected change to my life. I hope that Sri Lanka will be free from the deadly Corona virus so that we can return to our ordinary lives.

Ranali Kodikara (12 years)
Bishop's College

Singing



Ashvini Sharavanan (8 years)
Springfield College, Kandy

An exciting trip

During the school vacation I went to the zoo to see the animals. It was a very exciting trip. I went there with my family. I saw a lot of animals at the zoo. There was an elephant dancing event too.

I saw a lot of fish in the Min Medura. There were tigers, lions and leopards in the cages. We took our lunch from the canteen at the zoo.

It was very late in the evening when we came home.

Nethupama Wijerathne (Grade 3)
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

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A ship



Teveen Nawarathna (Grade 3)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

What I did during lockdown

A rumour went around school, saying that a fever called Covid-19 was spreading all over the world. Our teacher announced that schools will be closed for a long vacation. We were delighted and planned to go on trips, but had to wait days and days at home.

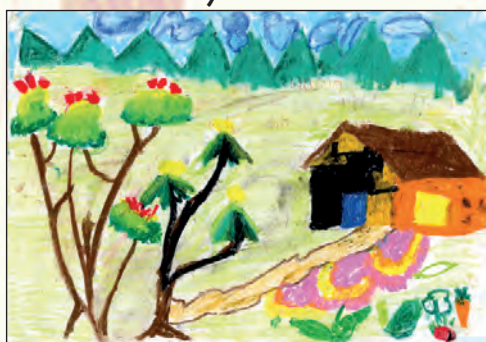
We became very lazy and lethargic. My mom and father did not report to work but did some home-based work. In the initial days, the government impose curfew island-wide and relieved it gradually, based on the severity of illness. All the people were asked to wear face masks, stay at least one metre away from each other and wash hands regularly. Police and public health inspectors were vigilant about this.

Ayya and I couldn't play tennis and were very worried. Our school big match scheduled for March was also postponed. My mom didn't even allow us to play with friends. If we went outside, we had to use sanitizers and wash our hands thoroughly.

During this Covid period, we helped our mom to bake pizza at home. We also learned to make biriyani at home. We planted ladies' fingers in our home garden. We didn't receive newspapers for some time in this period and so television, radio and social media were the main communication modes.

Chandu Kalupahana (Grade 5)
Richmond College, Galle

My home



Tinushi Thilakarathne (7 years)
Prince College, Ratnapura

The threat to Mother Nature

Our world is now in a state of danger. Pollution, Global Warming and many other kinds of threats are being faced by nature. This is not only a threat to our Earth, but to ourselves as well. We are challenging our own existence.

Harindranath Chattopadhyaya has written a poem called, 'The Earthen Goblet.' It shows the conversation between himself and a lump of clay, that is now turned into a vessel. The clay makes a sad remark, as he remembers the time when he was a part of the soil, where he was able to nurture the flowers growing on him.

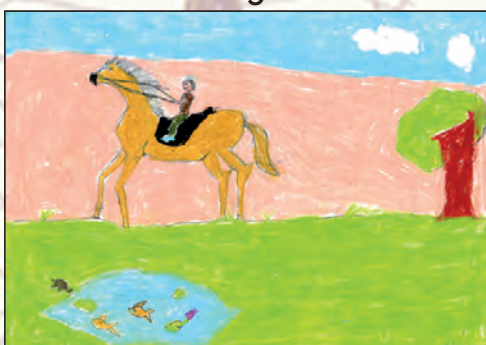
This indirectly shows the consequences of materialism, or in other words, how natural life is destroyed by humans.

A great example is the Muthurajawela marsh. Day by day, it is facing many threats. People destroy the wetland and build homes, restaurants and more. What people don't realize is that while they are building a home or a hotel, they are destroying the habitats of a countless number of creatures and bringing a threat to the plants and wetland. If this continues, I think there will be no place called 'Muthurajawela' in a few years.

Must we threaten our own lives or should we step back and stop challenging nature's as well as our own existence?

Lihini Wijesekara (15 years)
Lyceum Int. School, Wattala

I am riding a horse



Akindu Basitha (Grade 3)
Lyceum Int. School, Panadura

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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 AGE GROUP

Help the children go around the zoo
from Start to Exit and see all the animals.

