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Next day's homework at a school in Puttalam

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Please note that competition entries (except Reeves Art) 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),
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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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Closing Date:
September 30, 2020

Book Competition



9 years and below

Why kids love chocolate.

Shevan Jayasinghe

St. John Paul II EMC,
Wennappuwa

10 – 12 years

What were some of your favourite toys? Do you still enjoy playing with them?

Nishane Fernando

St. Peter's College,
Colombo 4

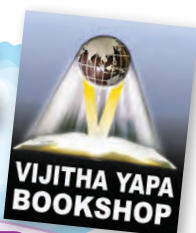
13 – 15 years

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

Dulhara Alwis

Royal Institute Int. Girls' School, Colombo

Win super books from



Age: 9 years and below

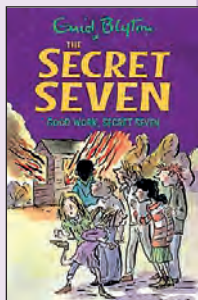
Word Count: 150

Topic: Do you think thunderstorms are scary? Why or why not?

Win: Good Work Secret Seven by Enid Blyton

When their father's car is stolen, Peter and Janet are the only ones who catch a glimpse of the thieves!

The Seven decide to track down the criminals but when they realize they're on the trail of a dangerous gang they don't feel quite so brave! Have the friends taken on too much this time?



Age: 10 – 12 years

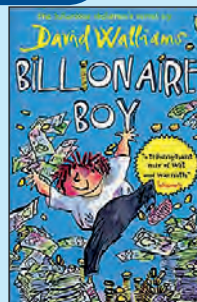
Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: What is your favourite movie? Write your review of the movie and why you think people should watch it.

Win: Billionaire Boy by David Walliams

Meet Joe Spud, the richest 12-year-old in the world. Joe has everything he could ever want; his own Formula One racing car, a thousand pairs of trainers, even an orangutan for a butler!

Yes, Joe has everything he wants, but there's just one thing he really needs; a friend...



Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: Write instructions for how to make your favourite snack. Be sure you add your favourite tips and suggestions for how to select the best ingredients!

Win: 50 More Crime Stories (Goodwill's)

Witness mysteries and crimes that are sure to puzzle and horrify. Virtually every kind of crime story is here. It will fascinate, intrigue and satisfy as you attempt to discover who the real criminals are.



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■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic



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Correct method of hand washing
Wash your hands 20 seconds



Wet hands with water



Apply enough soap to cover all hands surfaces.



Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa



Plam to plam with fingers interlaced



Backs of fingers to opposing plams with fingers interlocked



Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right plam and vice versa



Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left plam and vice versa



Rinse hands with water



Dry thoroughly with a single use towel



Use towel to turn off faucet



and your hands are safe



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Voronoi Diagrams

Maths in Action 48

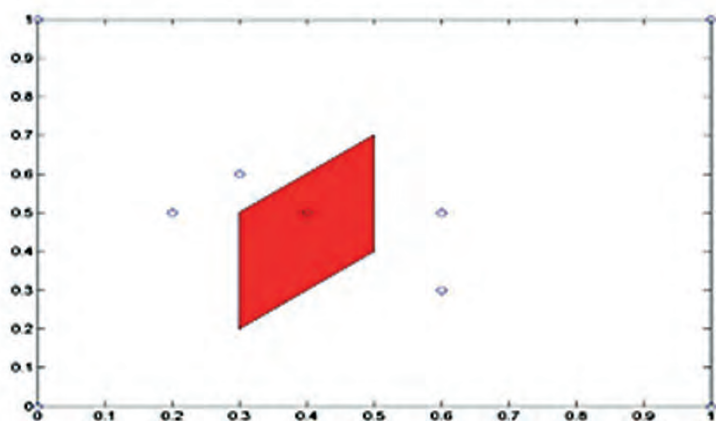
By R. N. A. de Silva

When you use your mobile phone to talk to another person, the phone converts your voice into an electrical signal and transmits to the nearest cell tower of your network provider, through radio waves, before it converts back to sound for the person at the end to follow. The network provider may have many cell towers and your call is connected to the closest tower. How do you find out where the closest tower is? A Voronoi diagram will provide the answer.

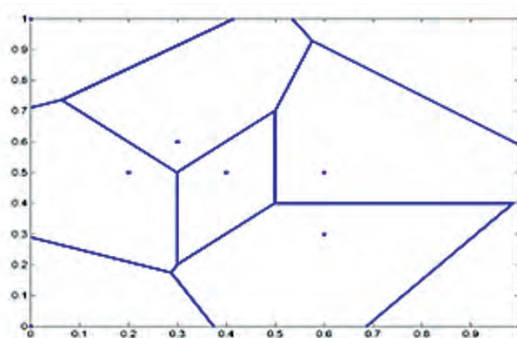
A Voronoi diagram is a simple concept based on the minimal distance needed to reach a point of interest. It is named after the Russian mathematician Gregory Voronoi (1868 – 1908). Boris Delaunay, a student of Voronoi, developed a method of obtaining triangular regions, which is an important aspect when creating Voronoi diagrams. These diagrams can be constructed by hand or using computer imaging software.

Let us consider the situation of obtaining the Voronoi cell (region) containing D, if you are given four points A, B, C and D. First, you need to plot these points on coordinate axes. Now draw the perpendicular bisectors of AD, BD and CD. The triangle obtained is the Voronoi cell containing D. You will notice that every point in the cell is closer to D than A, B or C. Try it, using the following coordinates. A(1,1), B(3,5), C(5,3) and D(3,3).

The diagram below shows the Voronoi cell containing the middle point given 4 other points around it.



To complete the Voronoi diagram, the process has to be carried out for all points. In the diagram, if you also consider the four corner points of the coordinate axes, the following diagram can be obtained.



Drawing Voronoi diagrams by hand is a time consuming and complicated process. Mathematicians often use mathematical or imaging software to make it simpler.



Voronoi diagrams have applications in many fields. Biological structures can be illustrated using them.

In aviation, they are used to identify the nearest airport in case of diversions. In mining, they can help estimate mineral resources based on preparatory drill holes.

In epidemiology, they can help in the identification of the source of infections.

Voronoi diagrams can also be used to find a location as far as possible from the existing locations such as supermarkets, petrol stations and even schools.



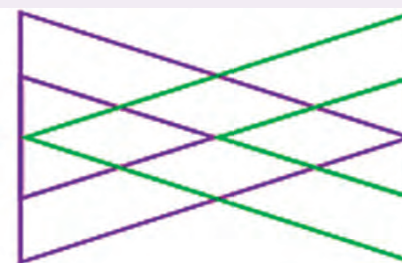
Math Plot – 48

Try to find the solution to the following puzzle. You may send solutions with reasoning to

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within the next three days.

Please include your full name, date of birth, home address, contact details and the name of your school along with the solution.

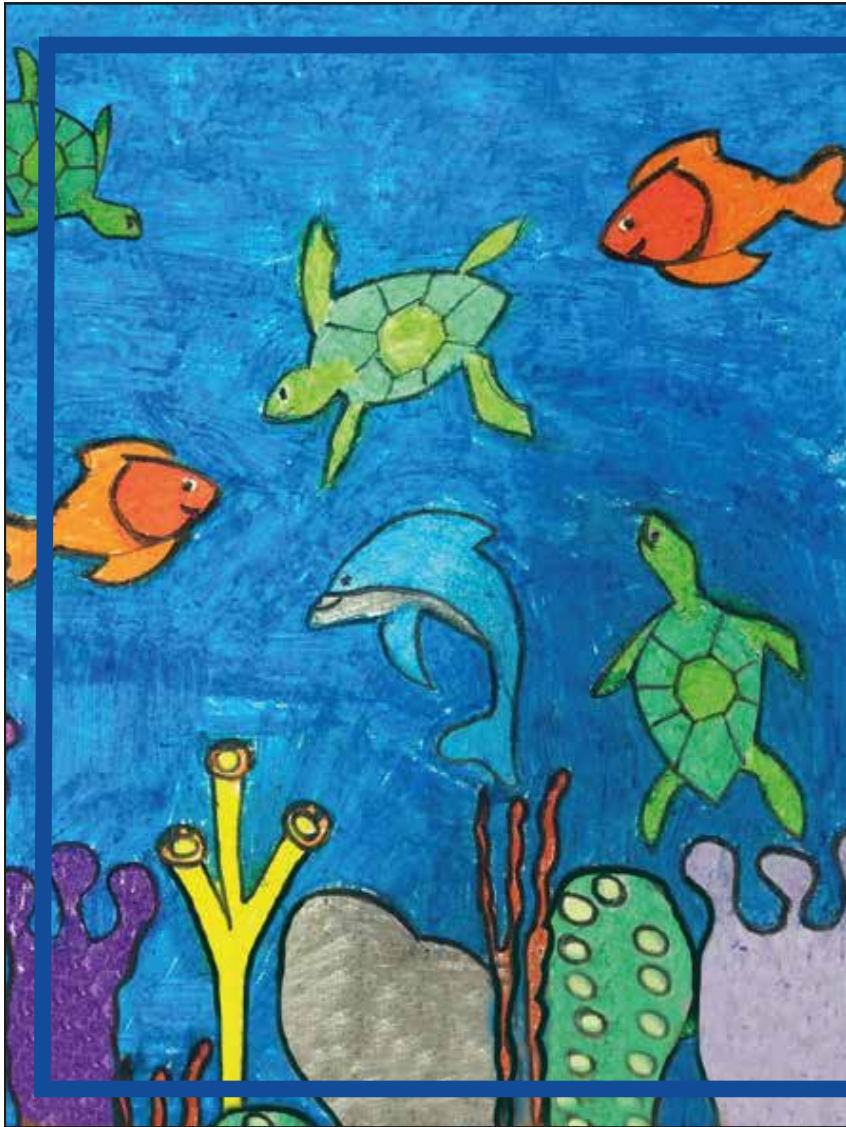


How many triangles are there in the above figure?

Math Plot 47 – Solution

The answer is 8.1 m.

The winner is
Shivathmika Parimalendran
of Methodist College, Colombo.
Congratulations!



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".

Ages 03 to 16 are eligible to participate

Entries Close on 15th November 2020

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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 Sept. - My favourite storybook characters
Closing Date : September 30, 2020

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COVID-19

This virus was not there in the past, it came in 2020. Many people have caught this virus. Doctors have been making medicines to kill it. This virus started in China and it spread to Italy, Spain and even Sri Lanka! Doctors are the people who have named it COVID-19.

Lots of people have been making hand-sanitizers and soaps which kill 90% of germs. Even on TV they show about COVID-19 and how to prevent it. People have died because of COVID-19.

So how can we kill it? Well wash your hands thoroughly. Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth. Don't touch lifts or buttons on the lifts and don't shake hands.



If you do touch a lift, then put hand sanitizer or wash your hands for 20 seconds or

more. Wear a mask if you are going somewhere and quickly have a bath when you come home.

Naveeta Fernando (8 years)
 Thalawathugoda

How I spent my last vacation

For the first time, we spent a long time at home. This is not the usual vacation period that we enjoy. We couldn't go outside, we couldn't meet friends and we had to stay at home. The cause for this was the COVID-19 virus.

During this vacation I did many useful things. We had a plantation programme called 'Let's Go Green JMCians' held by our school. In this programme we had to make a video of planting any type of seed and upload it to the JMC Facebook account. I planted tomato, chili, brinjal, kankun, capsicum and aloe vera. Now all the plants have grown and I feel happy seeing them.

Other than planting, I painted, drew pictures, read books, played my organ and I didn't forget to do my studies as well.

During this period we had a 'Digital Avurudu' organized by the JMC management. I participated in many games held. I enjoyed it very much. There was a Vesak programme too. I made a Vesak lantern and a Vesak card for that.

Online classes were also held by our school during this vacation. We did online classes through Zoom and MS Teams.

I spent my vacation doing many useful things. I wish that the world will be free from COVID-19 virus and also that there will be happiness again.

Dimuthu Mihiranga (Grade 9)
 JMC Int. College, Maharagama

A house for a mouse

I need a house
 Said the little mouse
 In that wall
 In the hall
 In some style
 I'll take a while
 To make my home
 With some foam
 And some straw
 I'll need some foil
 And some coil
 It will be neat
 Once it is complete
 I'll have a happy life
 With children and a wife.

Nulara Jayawickrama
 (8 years)
 Methodist College,
 Colombo 3

Unity



Nithumya Attanayake (Grade 3)
 Musaeus College

Doggy days



Aanjali Fernando (14 years)
 St. Lawrence's Convent

A tree



Vihass Peiris (9 years)
 S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia

Flying kites



Eshan Ibrahim (12 years)
 Isipathana College

View of the sea



Kavithi Wijesinghe (Grade 9)
Parakrama Vidyalaya, Bandarawatte

Vehicles

Vehicles are used for transport. I love all types of

vehicles, like bus, bike, car, van, train. Vehicles are used in many ways, by air, by road, by water.

My favourite vehicle is white.



Rishith Fernando (6 years)
St. John Paul II College, Wennappuwa

A fairy



Nethma Bimsarani (8 years)
Sujatha Vidyalaya, Matara

My family



Binudi Aloysius (Grade 1)
Mazenod College, Anuradhapura

Please save the world from COVID-19



Manal (10 years)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

The Father of Free Education

Christopher William Wijekoon Kannangara alias C.W.W. Kannangara is the Father of Free Education in Sri Lanka.

He was born on October 13, 1884. He was born to a Catholic family. He was a student of Wesley College, Ambalangoda and Richmond College, Galle.

After passing the Cambridge Senior Certificate Examination, he served as a teacher. While teaching, he sat for the Law examination and passed out as a lawyer.

He entered active politics at the General Election held in 1931. He entered the State Council to represent Galle. He was the first Minister of Education in Sri Lanka. He presented the Free Education Act in the State Council.

It was his Free Education Act which made a great effect on the people of Sri Lanka.

M.I.F. Zikra (Grade 7)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

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Art should be on A4 size paper. Remember to write the date that you send your entries.



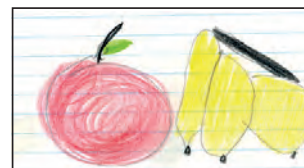
Fruits

There are many kinds of fruits like

banana, apple, strawberry, mango, in many colours. Fruits are tasty. They are good for us.

I love fruits very much.

Rushith Fernando (6 years)
St. John Paul II College, Wennappuwa



Worshipping Kiriwehera in Kataragama

My grandfather and grandmother used to worship Kiriwehera once a year with us.

After the delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we managed to do this in the last week of August.

The famous Menik River flows down searching for the ocean, in front of Kataragama Devalaya. As the Monaragala district is experiencing a drought, there was very little water in the river and we couldn't have the joy of swimming this time. The river was hardly flowing, filled with dirty water and sand dunes. We crossed the Menik River through a narrow bridge.

Katharagama area was experiencing dry season too, without a drop of rain for the past few months. People believe that 'Katharagama Deviyo' is one of the guardian

deities of Buddhism. The Bo tree behind the Devalaya called the Astapala Bodhiya, is a branch of the sacred Sri Maha Bodhiya in Anuradapura.

Kiriwehara is big stupa built by King Mahasena in the 3rd century BC. It is among the 'Solosmasthana,' the sixteen most sacred Buddhist pilgrimage sites in Sri Lanka. Our grandparents had brought 'Dolos-pirikara', 'Atapirikara' and 108 herbals to offer to Kiriwehera.

'Dolos-pirikara' was offered to the Astapala Bodhiya while the latter was offered to the Kiriwehera. Due to the bright and clear sky with moonlight, Kiriwehera was shining white and we had a very pleasant pilgrimage.

Chandu Kalupahana (Grade 5)
Richmond College, Galle

Tomahawk

Quiz
No.175

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 175 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 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. 175' 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
will receive brand new
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All Funday Times readers between 18 – 15 years are eligible to participate.

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QUESTIONS — QUIZ NO. 175

1. Where is the Lincoln Memorial located? Who designed the statue of Abraham Lincoln?
2. The Kandy Esala Perahera now held, dates back to the reign of which Sri Lankan king?
3. Who was Pocahontas?
4. During which colonial period did Fr. Joseph Vaz arrive in Sri Lanka?
5. Name the author of 'Kim'? Which other well-known book did he write?



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4 – 6 years

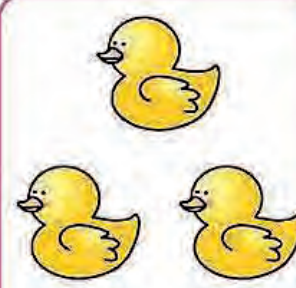

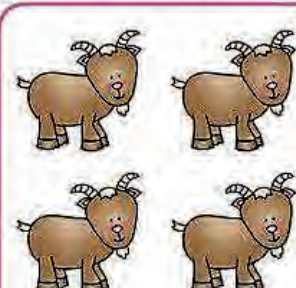
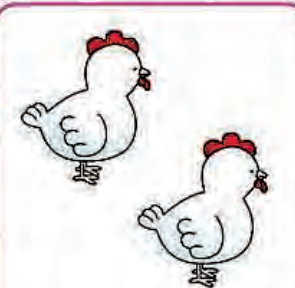


- ▶ Minuki Halloluwa, Kandana
- ▶ Ayyash Idrees, Dehiwala
- ▶ Mariam Shiraz, Colombo 6
- ▶ Kavishka De Silva, Kandy
- ▶ Fathima Safa, Dehiwala

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4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Count the animals and circle the correct number.

					
2	1	3	1	0	2
					
4	3	5	1	2	3