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Full Name (including Surname),
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Please underline the name most commonly used.

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October 21, 2020

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Book Competition



9 years and below

A storybook character I like the best

Hana Yusuf
Ladies' College, Colombo

10 – 12 years

Finally back at school

Nadithi Kulasekera
Ladies College, Colombo

13 – 15 years

The day the power went off
Oliesha Herath
Good Shepherd Convent,
Kandy

Note

Remember to check out the winning Book Competition essays which are published every week on our Funday Times website www.fundaytimes.lk



Thiven Gamage
6 years on October 6



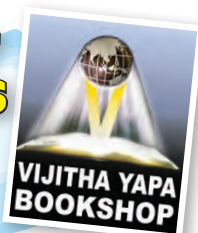
Zaina Fazlim
7 years on October 5



Tasneem Asgerally Hirani
4 years on October 4

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.

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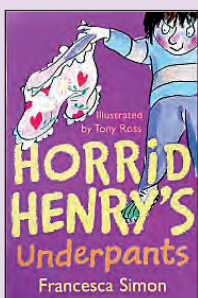
Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: My favourite teacher

Win: Horrid Henry's Underpants by Francesca Simon

This book contains four hilarious stories. Horrid Henry makes a deal with his parents in return for eating his veggies; accidentally wears girls' underwear to school; tries to prove he is sicker than his brother; and writes the meanest thank-you cards ever (and makes money on it too).



Age: 10 – 12 years

Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: World Animal Day

Win: Timmy Failure – We Meet Again by Stephan Pastis

From the New York Times best-selling creator of Timmy Failure comes a third adventure about the comically overconfident sleuth. His name is Failure. Timmy Failure. And his detective agency is on the verge of global domination. And yet the gods keep throwing curveballs. One thing is for sure. Timmy Failure will be triumphant.



Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: Caring for our elders

Win: The Vendor of Sweets by R. K. Narayan

The Vendor of Sweets, by R. K. Narayan, is the biography of a fictional character named Sri K. V. Jagan who is a sweet vendor of Malgudi. His conflict with his estranged son and how he finally leaves for renunciation, overwhelmed by the sheer pressure and monotony of his life is beautifully reflected in the story.



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September 30

News in Pictures



Stockholm, Sweden
Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg (C) holding a poster reading "school strike for the climate" takes part in a Fridays For Future protest in front of the Swedish Parliament (Riksdagen) in Stockholm.



New York, USA
A woman dines in a social distancing bubble at Cafe Du Soleil as the city continues phase 4 of its reopening. The fourth phase allows outdoor arts and entertainment, sporting events without fans and media production.



England
Caroline de Guitaut, Deputy Surveyor of The Queen's Works of Art, views the wedding dress worn by Princess Beatrice of York at her July 2020 wedding, which was originally worn by Britain's Queen Elizabeth in the 1960s, ahead of it going on public display at Windsor Castle.

London, England
Scaffolding coming down at Big Ben revealing its new roof.



Hanoi, Vietnam
People shop for decorations for the mid-autumn festival, also known as the Moon Festival, celebrated across east Asia this year on October 1.



Pucon Town, Chile
The Villarrica volcano is seen at night from Pucon Town.



Arugam Bay, Sri Lanka
Belgium's Lien Uten catches a wave during a surfing competition organised to revive local tourism with national and international participants present on the island at Arugam Bay in the east of Sri Lanka.

California, USA
Flames from the Glass Fire consume the Black Rock Inn, in St. Helena.



Mumbai, India
People push a bus through a waterlogged road after heavy rainfall in Mumbai.

Sources : The Guardian / AFP / Reuters



The Tangled Bird

By Manoshi de Silva

Nadun was walking in his home garden when something caught his eye. Something bright yellow was moving among the mango leaves. “This is not the mango season. So it can’t be a ripe mango,” thought Nadun. It didn’t look like a dry mango leaf either. “What could it be?” Nadun went under the tree to inspect what it was.

It took Nadun a while to identify that it was a bird, as it was high up the tree. It was not sitting on a branch or flying, but swaying like a yo-yo. Nadun couldn’t understand what was going on. So he shouted and called his father and his neighbour Shanika, to show this.

Nadun’s father came and looked up. “Aiyo, what a sad thing! That bird is tangled in something,” exclaimed Nadun’s father. Shanika came out just then. “Shanika, can we borrow your father’s ladder?” asked Nadun’s father. “*Thaththa* is at home. I’ll ask him to bring it!” said Shanika, running back home.

Soon Shanika’s father came with the ladder. Nadun and his father felt happy to see him, as he worked in a veterinary hospital and knew a lot about animals and birds. Nadun’s father held the ladder securely as Shanika’s father climbed up the ladder and then on to a higher branch. With the help of a piece of dry branch, he managed to reach the string the bird was entangled in. He cut the string carefully and climbed down carefully holding the bird.

Everybody gathered around him curiously, to see the bird. It couldn’t fly as the string was still tangled all around it. The bird looked very distressed and frightened. “What kind of bird is this, Uncle?” asked Nadun. It was a beautiful bright yellow bird with a black head. “This is an Oriole,” replied Shanika’s father. “The string has cut into its wings. It must be wounded. It will be some time before this fellow can fly off again.”

“This is such a beautiful bird!” said Shanika and Nadun nodded in agreement. The bird looked at them with its ruby red eyes.

It had a beautiful red beak as well.

“Uncle, can I please have him?” asked Nadun, “I’ll put him in a nice cage and look after him really well as my pet.”

“*Putha*, these are not pets. These are wild birds and they belong in the wild. It’s not fair to hold them like prisoners just because they look beautiful,” said Nadun’s father shaking his head in disagreement.

“That’s correct,” said Shanika’s father.

“When birds like these are held in captivity, they don’t live long at all. It’s a very wrong thing to do!” Nadun agreed a bit reluctantly but deep in his heart he knew that it was a wrong thing to keep the bird locked in a cage. Shanika’s father carefully cut and removed the string with a pocket knife.

“But if it’s injured and can’t fly, how can we let it go?” asked Shanika. “No, we shouldn’t release him at once. A predator like a cat will catch it. We should cure it first. We need to put medicine on the wounds and it should be put on a proper diet,” said Shanika’s father. “The best thing to do when you find a wild animal or bird is to hand them over to the Wildlife Department. They have the correct knowledge and experience to treat, rehabilitate and release injured animals and birds.”

Nadun picked up the pieces of string that Shanika’s father cut and dropped. “Isn’t this kite string?” asked Nadun’s father. “Yes,” replied Nadun, feeling very guilty. “Last week when my kite got tangled in the mango tree, I got it removed. But I didn’t bother to remove the kite string, although I could have done it easily.” “This bird is very lucky because you saw it on time!” said Shanika’s father. “So many birds die or get injured because of kite string tangled on trees.”

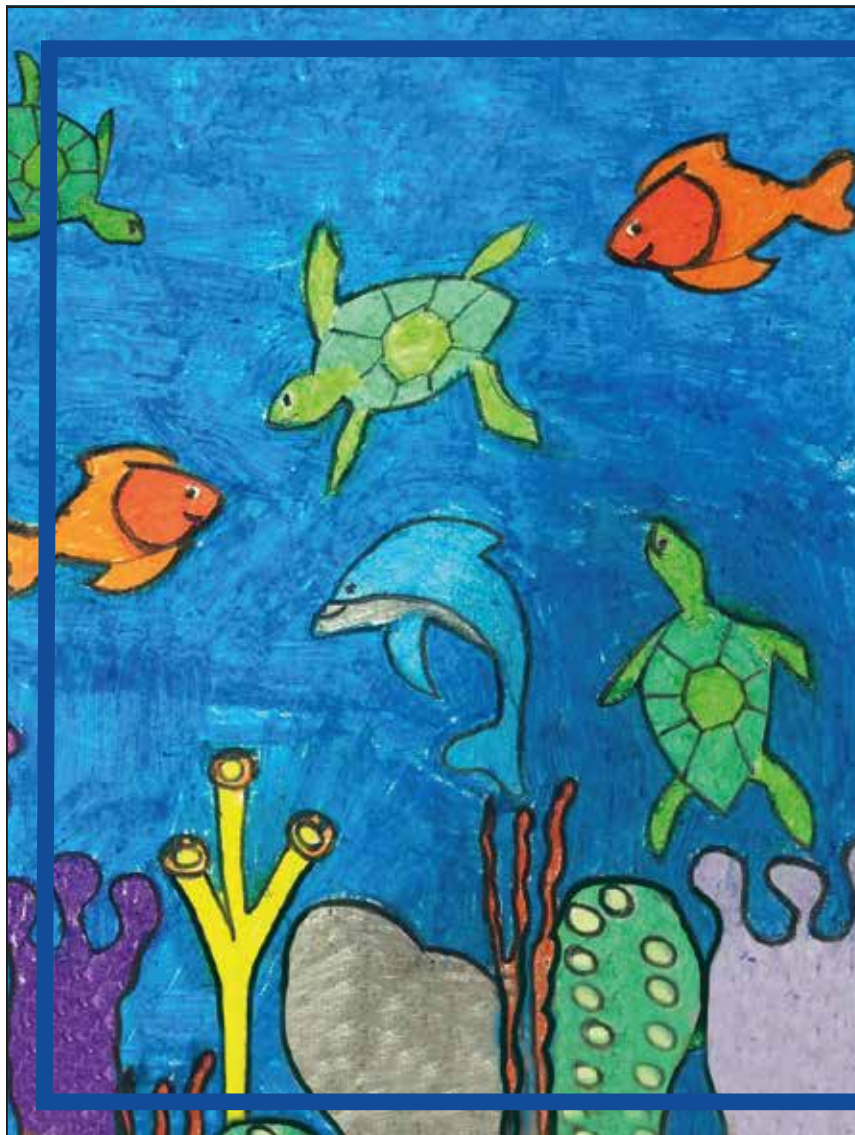
“Really?” said Nadun feeling very surprised.



“Yes, once we saw an Egret bird near a paddy-field, hanging from a branch with a kite string tangled around its leg,” said Shanika. “Did you manage to save it?” asked Nadun. “I am afraid that it was too late by the time we saw it!” said Shanika’s father. “Oh,” said Nadun, feeling very sad. “I never thought that a simple thing like this could be such a big danger to the birds!”

“Everything we leave out, which is not part of nature, is harmful and a threat to the animals and the birds!” said Shanika’s father. “We don’t realize these things or care enough to bother about this type of thing most of the time. We should pay a lot of attention when we dispose things, because sometimes it can be fatal for small animals and birds. So whenever there is a possibility of removing the kite string tangled on the branches safely without injuring yourself, of course, we must always do that!”

He removed the final piece of string from around the bird’s wing. “There, it’s all done now,” said Shanika’s father carefully holding the bird as it tried to flap its wings. “Soon this one will be fit enough to fly away back to his home!” Nadun smiled happily because the bird was saved in time. He promised himself never to leave kite string all over the branches, if there was a possibility of removing and disposing of it properly.



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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Read-a-Book Competition

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Living with CP Danush's Story

Who is Danush?



Danush is a young adult who is full of energy and life. When he was a baby, Danush was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy (CP) – a neurological disorder that affects muscle tone, movement, and motor skills. He is currently in the Vocational Training Unit at Dilmah's National Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy and other Developmental Disorders (NCCCPDD). Danush takes lessons on basic computer skills and engages in independent living skills. He cannot speak so he uses a method called eye gaze to communicate with his family and friends.

What does Danush want from you?

CP is only a part of Danush's life - his disability does not define him as a person. Danush doesn't want your pity or stares. He simply wants your love, care and support that will make him feel like any other ordinary boy.

calling all young artists out there!

Join Dilmah - MJF Foundation's island-wide CP awareness poster competition and help create a society that supports, accepts and empowers people with CP.

How to Enter

The competition is open for children from Grade 3 - 13
Dimensions of the Poster: A3
Preferred Medium:
Pastel, Water Colours, Oil Paints

Submission Date:

Starting Date: 12th October
Closing Date: 30th November

Submit your entries with your name and contact details to the following address:

Via Post

General Manager,
MJF Foundation, 111, Negombo Road,
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Theme	Age Category	National Level Prize
Cerebral Palsy	Grade 3 - 5	Bicycle
Children with Cerebral Palsy	Grade 6 - 9	Tab
Creating an Inclusive World for Children with Cerebral Palsy	Grade 10 - 13	Laptop

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Winners will be announced on 6th December

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 October. - Celebrating Teachers Day
Closing Date : October 31, 2020

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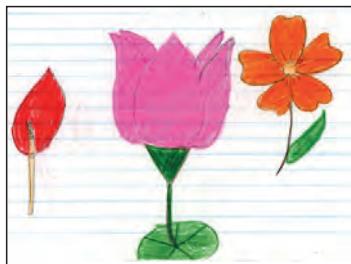


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Flowers

There are many flowers in the world. Flowers are very beautiful. Some flowers are fragrant. They are roses, jasmine and temple flowers. Some flowers are colourful. Dahlias and shoe-flowers are very colourful.



Flowers come in various shapes. There are flowers with lots of petals. There are flowers that bloom in the morning. Some flowers bloom at night. Some flowers bloom in the water. They are lotus, olu and kumudu.

My favourite flower is the rose. It is beautiful and fragrant.

Tenuki Malinsa (Grade 4)
Sujatha Vidyalaya, Nugegoda

Teachers Day celebrations in our class

We decorated our class. We came very early to decorate it. Some of my friends brought cards, balloons, party streamers, party poppers and flowers. It took about one and a half hours to decorate it. We did it beautifully.

As the teacher came in, we yelled, "Happy Teachers Day, Teacher!" Our teacher was very surprised. We gave our cards and worshipped her. We all were very happy so we started our day happily too.

Sinelya Bethmage (9 years)
Musaeus College, Colombo

Pets

There are many animals that we keep as pets. The most common are cats and dogs. We keep them for pleasure. It is interesting to watch them and see how they behave.

Pets need a lot of love and care. They are very loyal to us and when they get old, we must not neglect them.

Some people rear pets such as tortoises, rabbits and parrots as pets. When we keep pets in cages we are taking away their freedom.

S. Piriyatharshan (Grade 4)
Kingston College Int., Colombo 6

Pros and cons of zoos

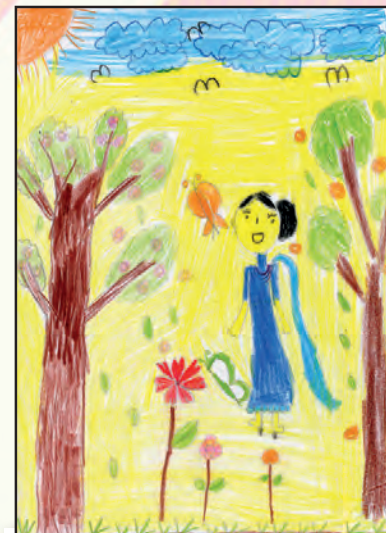
A zoo is a place where animals are kept in cages and people get the privilege to admire and study the animals. Some pros of zoos are that animals get to be studied and observed by people. Zoos educate the public about various species of animals. Animals and birds who are endangered are saved by zoos. Zoos provide a safer place for these endangered species.

On the other hand, zoos separate animals and birds from their environment and their own kind. Animals stay trapped behind cages, unable to live freely in the wild. The animals and birds in zoos receive a small quantity of food, just enough for survival.

Zoos have its advantages and disadvantages.

Aamina Gaffoor (10 years)
Royal Institute Int. Girls' School

My ENV teacher
(Sandra teacher)



Nadya Thilakarathna (10 years)
Sheffield Int. School, Kotte

The perahera in my temple



Thisumlee Balasuriya (7 years)
Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo

Playing cricket



Amila Priyankala (10 years)
St. John's College

Boat ride



Mumudi Gajadeera (7 years)
Horizon College Int., Malabe

At home during COVID-19



K. Aashrita (7 years)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

My home



Tasha Haputantrie (5 years)
'Serene' Montessori, Seeduwa

My garden



Melani Nathari (Grade 1)
Good Shepherd Convent, Panadura

Fish tank



Afsheen Anis (Grade 1)
Kanishta Balika Vidyalaya, Nawalapitiya

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.

Remember to write the date that you send your entries.



My pet

I have a pet.
It is a cat. Its name is Rosy. It likes to sleep with me. It likes to eat fish. Rosy likes to drink milk. Rosy is very cute.



I love my pet very much.

Senudi Sahansa (Grade 1)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Caring for our pets

We have lots of different pets such as dogs, cats, parrots, rabbits and fish. We have to love and always should care for them by feeding them, cleaning them and looking after them. If we do that, pets also know us and feel us.

Pets are animals but they love us when we care.

Oneli Perera (Grade 2)
Holy Family P. B. V., Wennappuwa

My favourite hobby

My favourite hobby is singing and listening to songs. My favourite singer is Ariana Grande. I listen to her songs every day after studying. My sister and I listen to songs every day. My sister downloads songs for me when she is free. I sing songs every evening, playing the piano. I mostly sing Ariana Grande songs. She has sung lots of songs. My favourite song is 'Santa tell me.' Ariana Grande is the best singer. I wish I could meet my favourite singer one day.

Nanduththara Meegaswatte (Grade 4)
Oxford Int. College, Badulla

Teacher's Day

What is the meaning of Teacher's Day? It is the day that we celebrate a teacher. We celebrate by surprising teachers with flowers, arrange a small party and gifts. We have to appreciate teachers everyday and obey them always. We have to be good with our teacher and listen to what she says, not only on Teacher's Day.

She uses the time to spend with us and never blames or punishes us.

So Teachers Day is the best opportunity to show gratitude to them.

Nicholy Fernando (Grade 5)
St. John Paul II
English Medium College

The lessons taught by COVID-19 to us as children

Everyone knows that the world faced a big problem, COVID-19. It taught us many positive lessons too. Not only bad effects to the society, there are good effects also.

It gave the opportunity to be with family together with children and grandchildren. Most of the time the father, mother and relatives are busy with their work load. They do not have time to talk with each other. Due to the lockdown, it gave the opportunity to be with family members.

Next, it gave time to be at home and engage in various hobbies such as gardening, writing, watching educational programmes, making crafts and enjoying with parents. We always go to class and are busy with our work load.

COVID-19 taught us to be clean all the time. Always we should wash our hands with soap and wash our body.

Further, COVID-19 gave us time to help our parents at home and understand their burden. During the coronavirus period people came out to help other people. They helped poor people and helpless people. In this way COVID-19 helped the society in a positive way.

Yusuf-ul-Haq (Grade 4)
Matale Int. School

Tomahawk

Quiz
No.176

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 176 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of September 6, 13, 20 and 27, 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. 176' 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. 176

1. What is the focus of International Literacy Day 2020?
2. Who was H. G. Wells and what is he best remembered for?
3. When was the Alhambra first constructed and for what purpose?
4. Who wrote 'Life of Pi'?
5. When did UNICEF become a permanent member of the UN?
What does it focus on?



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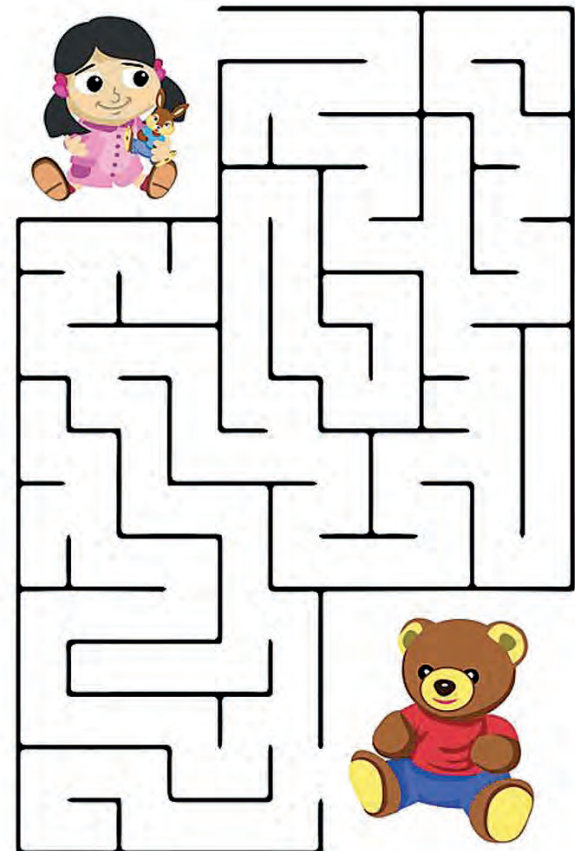
WINNERS

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- Yashan Ibrahim, Mattegoda
- Ishaniee Gnanaraja, Colombo 5
- Rasheed Rizvi, Wellampitiya
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4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Help the little girl find her teddybear.

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