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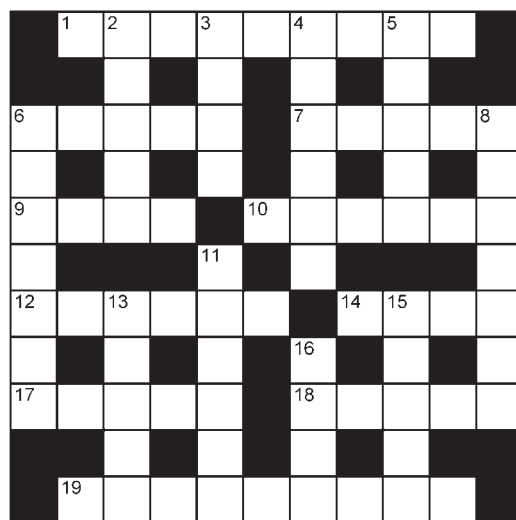
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## Junior Crossword – No. 956



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### Across

- 1 Not liked
- 6 A woman getting married
- 7 This is ground up for making flour
- 9 Second-hand
- 10 A type of aeroplane without an engine
- 12 A medical professional
- 14 Hot stuff from a volcano
- 17 Took part in a speed contest against others
- 18 A greeting
- 19 A thick warm bed cover

### Down

- 2 Unpleasant sounds
- 3 Unlock
- 4 Sick
- 5 In front in a race
- 6 Large rock
- 8 Cyclone or violent wind storm
- 11 A dog that might have its coat clipped
- 13 Spiny desert plants
- 15 Let something happen
- 16 A storage building

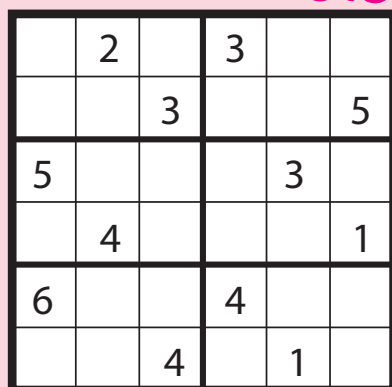
### Solution - No. 954



## Sudoku

318

1. In the large square you can see three features:



### Vertical columns

Six vertical columns with six small squares in each column.

### Horizontal columns

Six horizontal columns with six small squares in each of them.

### Grids

Six boxes or grids with six small squares in each of them.

2. Insert Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the small squares in a way so as not to repeat the same number twice.

### Solution – No. 316

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| 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| 4 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 2 |

**Compiled by Peter Fernando**

Now try to complete Junior Sudoku 318 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

## Jokes

What happens when you tell an egg a joke?



**A: It cracks up!**

How do you repair a broken tomato?



**A: With tomato paste.**



**Nihinsa Stephanie**  
8 years on March 2



**Kavishka De Silva**  
7 years on March 7



**Suhanya Gamaarachchi**  
9 years on March 9

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.



March 3

## News in Pictures



**Jangebe, Nigeria**

Children react as they gather for the arrival of the rescued JSS Jangebe schoolgirls.



**Dnipro, Ukraine**

Melaniia Tur performs in the Ukrainian Rhythmic Gymnastics Cup at the Olympic Reserves sports complex.



**Andaman Sea, Thailand**

A naval officer swims to shore with a cat on his back after rescuing it from a sinking boat.

**Torassieppi, Finland**

The northern lights over Lapland.



March 2

**Delhi, India**

Indian Youth Congress activists carry liquified petroleum gas cylinders during a protest against fuel and cooking gas price hikes.



**Karo, Indonesia**

Mount Sinabung spews volcanic material during an eruption in North Sumatra. The 2,600-metre volcano is among more than 120 active volcanoes in Indonesia.



**Brussels, Belgium**

The European commissioner for justice, Didier Reynders, holds up a stuffed toy as he addresses a media conference on the Safety Gate rapid alert system for dangerous products at the EU headquarters.



**Hsinchu, Taiwan**

A worker at the Lefoo village zoo cleans Emma, a five-year-old female southern white rhino, with mud before her journey to Japan's Tobu zoo for breeding.

Source : The Guardian

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## ***Learn Bird Watching***

**Mathura Arunthavam (15 years)**  
**Vembadi Girls' High School, Jaffna**



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# The Galapagos Islands

The **Galápagos Islands** (*Archipiélago de Colón* in Spanish) are a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean which now belong to Ecuador. The islands are famous for having many native animals, including giant tortoises, that are found nowhere else on Earth. These animals helped Charles Darwin towards his theory of evolution by natural selection after he visited the islands in 1835.

About 97% of the islands are a national park, all except the inhabited parts. The **Galápagos National Park** is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, a marine reserve and a biosphere reserve.

## Place

The Galápagos Islands are on the equator, 973 km (604 miles) from Ecuador in South America. There are 19 islands with a total of 8,010 square km (3,093 sq. miles) of land.

The islands were made from volcanoes, and volcanoes are still making the islands of Isabela and Fernandina today. The most recent volcanic eruption was Cerro Azul in May 2008 on Isabela Island.

Galápagos tortoise



Darwin's Arch at Darwin Island



In 2001, about 18,000 people lived in the Galápagos Islands. Most people have come from mainland Ecuador to live in the islands within recent years (about 3500 people lived on the islands in 1972). Most people are from the Mestizo ethnic group, which are the descendants of Spanish and Native American peoples.

People live on only five of the 19 islands of the Galápagos: Baltra, Floreana, Isabela, San Cristobal and Santa Cruz. Puerto Ayora is the biggest town, where about 10,000 people live. Puerto Ayora is on Santa Cruz Island.

The second biggest town is Puerto Baquerizo Moreno on San Cristobal with about 5,600 people. Puerto Villamil is the town of Isabela Island, where about 2,000 people live. There are approximately 30,000 people living in the Galapagos as of 2012.

Tourism has steadily grown over the last two decades; in 2012 it was estimated that 200,000 tourists would visit the Galápagos Islands.



Blue-footed booby



## Galápagos Province

The islands are one of the 24 provinces of Ecuador.

The capital of the province is Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, a town with 5,600 people.

There are three cantons in the province. Each canton has a seat, which is a town like a capital. All of the islands of the province are in one of the three cantons.



Grapsus grapsus

## Noteworthy species include:

### Iguanas

- Galápagos land iguanas, *Conolophus* spp.
- Marine iguana, *Amblyrhynchus cristatus*, the only iguana that feeds in the sea.



Marine iguana

### Chelonia

- Galápagos tortoise (Galápagos giant tortoise), *Geochelone elephantopus*, known as *galápagos* in Spanish, it gave the name to the islands.
- Galápagos green turtle, *Chelonia mydas agassisi*, a subspecies of the green turtle.

### Birds

- Flightless cormorant, *Phalacrocorax harrisi*
- Great frigatebird and magnificent frigatebird
- Blue-footed booby, *Sula nebouxii*, popular among visitors for their large blue feet which they show off in courtship.
- Galápagos penguin, *Spheniscus mendiculus*, the only living tropical penguin.
- Waved albatross, *Phoebastria irrorata*, the only living tropical albatross.
- Galápagos hawk, *Buteo galapagoensis*, the islands' main scavenger and "environmental police".
- Four endemic species of Galápagos mockingbirds, *Nesomimus*, the first species Darwin noticed to vary from island to island.
- Thirteen endemic species of tanagers, popularly called Darwin's finches. Among them is the Sharp-beaked ground finch *Geospiza difficilis septentrionalis* which is sometimes called the "vampire finch" for its blood-sucking habits, and the tool-using woodpecker finch, *Camarhynchus pallidus*.



Galápagos penguin

### Mammals

- Galápagos sea lions, *Zalophus worlbeaeki*, closely related to the California sea lion, but smaller.

### Echinoderms

- Sea cucumbers, the cause of environmental battles with fishermen over quotas of this expensive Asian delicacy.

Source: Kids Encyclopedia Facts

## Famous Landmarks Quiz 24

Q: Where are the Galapagos Islands situated and what are they famous for?



## Famous Landmarks Quiz 23

Praveen Gopallawa, Rajagiriya





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To become a hero one day  
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they shall say.

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well.

They are from around Sri Lanka as well,  
They make sure you are intelligent and  
strong,  
And that your list of achievements is  
long.

Sports is also a big goal,  
As for all students, it is a major role,  
Many trainers will mould you up,  
And will bring you right to the top.

St. Peter's brings back memories of  
friends,  
Who have left with so many good ends,  
Lots of great work we always do,  
And I am proud to say that,  
"I am a Peterite" too.

**Joshua Segarajasinghe (13 years)**  
St. Peter's College, Colombo 4

## Tyrannosaurus Rex

Tyrannosaurus rex whose name means 'King of the tyrant lizards', was built to rule. Tyrannosaurus rex was one of the most ferocious predators to ever walk the earth. With a massive body, sharp teeth and jaws so powerful that they could crush a car, this famous carnivore dominated the forested river valleys in Western North America during the late Cretaceous period, 68 million years ago.

This dinosaur's muscular body stretched as long as 40 feet – about the size of a school bus – from its snout to the tip of its powerful tail. Weighing up to eight tons, it had two strong back legs. It also had a keen sense of smell. This dinosaur had unexpectedly puny arms and the function of these little limbs is a source of debate among scientists. This dinosaur could only walk briskly at up to 12 miles an hour. T. Rex could kill a Spinosaurus.

**Hiflur Rahman (11 years)**  
Zahira College, Colombo

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## My favourite storybook

My favourite storybook is 'Can't wait to be Queen'. It is about two lion cubs ruling a kingdom. Their parents had gone away somewhere.

One lion cub is called Kion and the other is called Kiara and she is the queen. Their kingdom is called Pride Lands. There are hyenas trying to trap Kiara to get the kingdom. Kion and the LionGuard rescues Kiara. Then their parents come back home. They were so happy.

**Senuri Gunawardana (Grade 1)**  
Methodist College

## My Grandma

I love you,  
my Grandma,  
I think you love  
me too,  
Even if I'm  
horribly bad,  
When I fight and tell Amma about  
you



I am happy I've got a Grandma,  
I don't know why we fight,  
Even if I fight with my Grandma,  
I love her a lot in sight

I get angry with my Grandma,  
And I fight with her a lot,  
But I love my awesome Grandma,  
I just pretend to hate her a lot

Sometimes she gets very angry,  
But the next day she is friendly and  
wise,  
And so, she and I will play everyday  
Even if we are cross with each other  
sometimes

I'm happy I have you Grandma,  
I'm happy God chose you for me,  
I will always love you Grandma,  
Because I need you always near me.

**Suhanya Gamaarachchi (Year 4)**  
Horizon College Int., Nugegoda

## Tintin



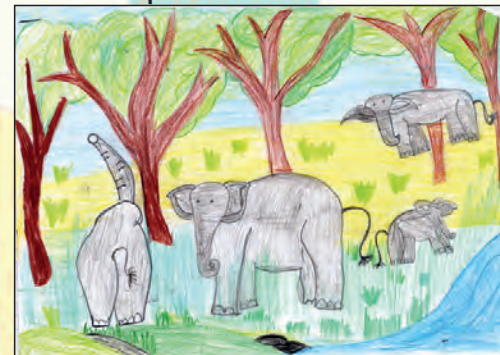
**Shalindu Perera (12 years)**  
Sheffield Int. School, Kotte

## I am going to school



**Yashan Ibrahim (5 years)**  
NSIS College

## Elephants in the wild



**Ruzaq Junkeer (9 years)**  
Carey College

## Hobbies



**Esandi Ranasinghe (7 years)**  
Musaeus College

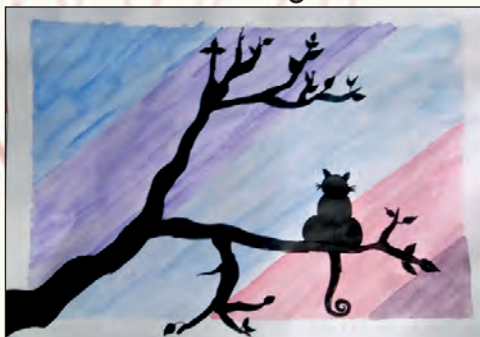


Let's be protected by  
washing our hands



**Fathima Afrin (10 years)**  
Negombo

Cat at night



**R. Pradhicksha (12 years)**  
Kotagala

My home garden



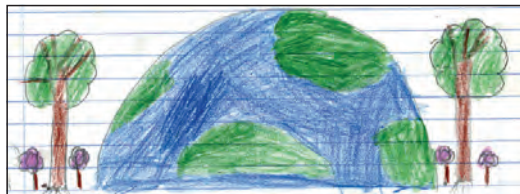
**Dulana Wickramathilake (5 years)**  
Lyceum Int. School, Panadura

Under the sea



**Fathima Shahla (12 years)**  
Benhill College, Gampola

## Love Earth



We should love our environment.  
Then we can protect Earth by planting  
more trees, watering and looking after  
the plants we have.

We should not throw rubbish  
anywhere. Let's keep our places clean.

**Nadun de Silva (Grade 2)**  
Harischandra College, Negombo

## My favourite toy

My favourite toy is a doll. It is blue in  
colour. It's wearing a golden coloured  
crown. I called her Elsa. I like to play  
with my doll.

**Haya Hisham (7 years)**  
Sangamitta B. M. V., Aluthgama

## A hit song

Olivia Isabel Rodrigo is an American  
actress and singer, who is known for  
her roles as Paige Olvera on the  
Disney Channel series Bizaadvark and  
Nini Salazar-Roberts on the Disney+ series  
High School Musical: The Musical:  
The Series.

In January 2021 she released her  
own single called 'Drivers License'.  
Last month, Olivia Rodrigo's hit song  
'Drivers License' officially went to  
Number 1 on the Billboard Hot 100.  
This accomplishment is no small feat for  
any artist, and for a new artist like Olivia,  
who is only 18 years old.

'Drivers License' was also her first ever  
solo single she's released on her own, and  
to reach the Number One spot was a great  
milestone. Not just that but she was also  
recognized by other artists in the industry  
such as - Halsey, Taylor Swift, Niall Horan  
and more!

Her High School Musical co-star,  
Joshua Basset released his new single  
'Lie Lie Lie' and fans rumoured it was a  
response for 'Drivers License'. Recently  
Sabrina Carpenter released her single  
too in response to 'Drivers License' called  
'Skin'.

**Amanda Francis (14 years)**  
Lyceum Int. School, Wattala

## My favourite place

My favourite place is Italy.  
I was born in that beautiful country.  
Italy is very famous for Catholic  
people. Rome, Padua, Napoli, Milan  
are some of my most favourite places.  
Italy has four seasons, summer, spring,  
autumn and winter. Also Italy is very  
popular as a historical country.

I love Italy very much. I hope  
people can visit Italy soon again.

**Nihinsa Nithyanjali (8 years)**  
Holy Family Convent,  
Wennappuwa

## Let's breathe clean air

Nowadays our surroundings are  
always polluted as we see garbage on the  
road, smoke and dust where we breathe  
and also cutting down many nice trees.

Let's tell our elders not to harm the  
environment if we see them doing it.  
Also as kids we will help to protect our  
surrounding as little as we can from our  
home.

**Fiorina Fernando (6 years)**  
St. Thomas Catholic Int. School,  
Seeduwa

## My favourite person

My favourite person is my  
youngest sister. Her name is Chenuli  
Akenya. She is two years old.

Her favourite animals are dog, cat  
and rabbit. She is very pretty and  
kind. Her favourite colour is pink.  
She has very beautiful frocks. She has  
many toys and dolls. She plays with  
me every day. Her favourite food is  
noodles. She watches kids' songs and  
stories.

We all love my sister very much.

**Himashi Wijayathunga (Grade 6)**  
Kegalle B. M. V.



## Tomahawk

Quiz  
No.181

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 181 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of February 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2021. 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. 181' 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. 181

1. During which period did Sri Jayewardenepura become the capital of the ancient Kingdom of Kotte?
2. What is a person who communicates through secret writing known as?
3. When did Aung San Suu Kyi form the National League for Democracy?
4. What was the Children's National Tree Planting Programme known as?
5. Name three types of Keystone Species found in nature.



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## 7 – 9 AGE GROUP

Join the dots and colour the picture.

