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Age groups:
6 – 10 years
11 – 15 years
Word limit: 100 Words

6 – 10 years



My reflection in a bubble

I blew a little bubble,
One, two, three,
In the middle of the bubble,
Was a girl just like me.

I followed the bubble to see,
Who can she be,
I popped the bubble to see,
Then I realized it was me.

Fathima Afrah Inshad
Muslim Ladies' College,
Colombo 4

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11 – 15 years

Hopeful

We all might wish for something to come true,
And will always think it might be granted,
We'd never want to feel blue,
But what if there comes a day it really happened?

Some might ask for a toy,
That they would enjoy,
And some will wish for clothing,
That they would like to be wearing.

Amongst all these hopes,
There are people who cope,
Battling deadly diseases,
Fighting for their lives.

Many citizens deserve a second chance,
They too have strong desires,
To be happy, be able to sing and dance,
So please don't take what you have for granted.

Dulhara Alwis
Royal Institute Int. Girls' School

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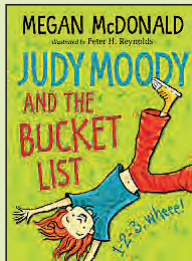
Word Count: 150

Topic: My Mother

Win: Judy Moody and the Bucket List by Megan McDonald

Judy Moody is the Queen of Lists. Then Judy reads Grandma Lou's mysterious Bucket List. It's the most thrill-a-delicious list ever: Ride an elephant. Sleep in a castle. See the pyramids of Egypt. Wow! Judy speeds off to make her own Bucket List.

But the Queen of Lists had better move fast if she wants to check everything off before fourth grade!



Age: 10 – 12 years

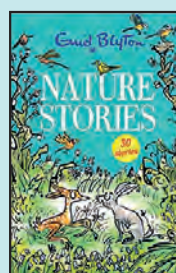
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Topic: Celebrating Mother's Day

Win: Nature Stories by Enid Blyton

Explore the great outdoors with the world's best-loved storyteller.

Meet the crab looking for a new shell and the bat who befriends a dormouse. Travel from forest to riverbank, back garden to beach, in this wonderful collection of stories that celebrate the natural world around us.



Write at the top of your Essay

■ **Book Competition** ■ **Essay Topic**

9 years and below

How I enjoyed going back to school

Esandi Ranasinghe
Musaeus College

10 – 12 years

Why learning English is important

Onadi Kotuthenne
Musaeus College

Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: What I know about Mother's Day

Win: Percy Jackson and the Battle of the Labyrinth by Rick Riordan

As the son of a Greek god, Percy has had his share of near-death disaster – and now his arch-enemy Luke wants to invade the camp via an ancient labyrinth.

If Luke succeeds, thousands of blood-thirsty monsters will attack.



Book Competition

13 – 15 years

The first man in space

Hibbah Dakkak
Oxford College, Nawalapitiya

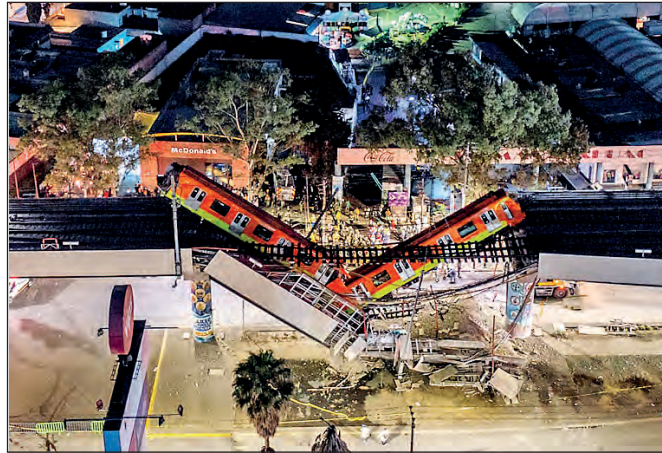
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News in Pictures



Hamburg, Germany

The Alster swans are accompanied by boats towards the Outer Alster. Every year, the animals are brought back from their winter quarters at the Eppendorf mill pond.



Mexico City, Mexico

An aerial view of the scene after an elevated section of metro track carrying train carriages with passengers, collapsed onto a busy road. The Line 12 accident reportedly killed at least 20 people and injured a further 70.



Aqraba, West Bank

A Palestinian girl watches from the balcony of her house as Israeli soldiers conduct a security operation in the village east of Nablus. Suspected Palestinian gunmen carried out a drive-by shooting at a nearby junction the previous day, leaving three Israeli civilians wounded, one of them in critical condition.

Bingol, Turkey

A drone photo shows an aerial view of nomads and their animals on their way to cooler uplands.



May 3

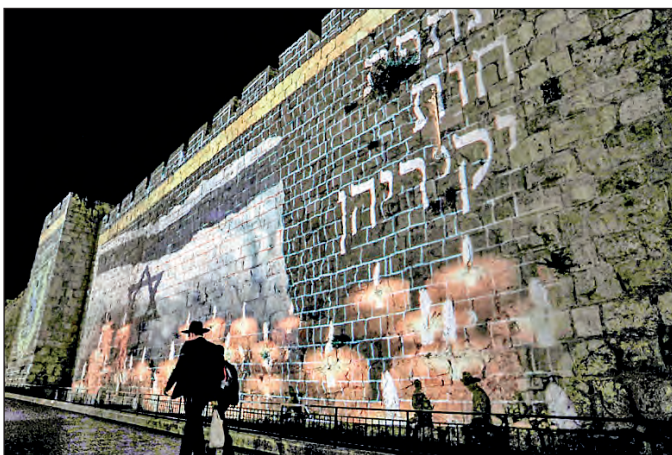
Rome, Italy

Visitors admire a Raphael painting inside the Vatican as it reopens today.



Madrid, Spain

People queue to cast their votes during the regional election. Over 5 million Madrid residents are voting for a new regional assembly in an election that tests the depths of resistance to lockdown measures.



Jerusalem

A projection of lit candles is displayed on the old city walls as part of a national day of mourning for victims of the disaster at Mount Meron.

Brussels, Belgium

The optical phenomenon of a halo is captured around the sun above Neder-Over-Heembeek.



Mersin, Turkey

The Batman-costumed taxi driver Omer has become a local hero during the pandemic, delivering groceries to elderly people and giving gifts to the children.

Source : The Guardian



Edward Jenner

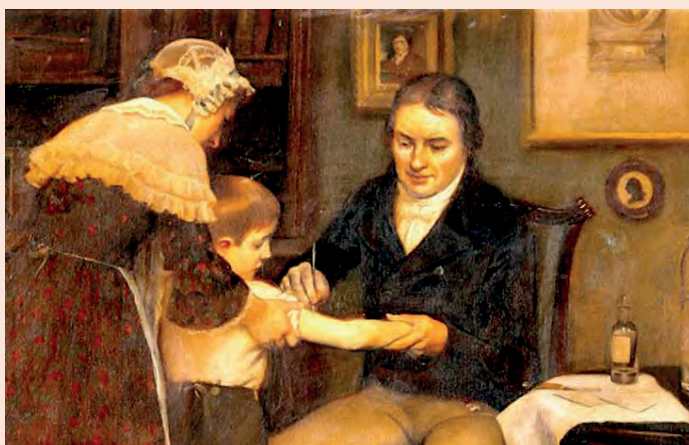
Edward Jenner was a very famous English scientist whose name has gone down in medical history. Also known as the 'Father of Immunology', Edward Anthony Jenner is famous for his discovery of the smallpox vaccine. This was the world's first-ever vaccine to be developed successfully and remains the only effective preventive treatment for the fatal smallpox disease. His work saved so many lives. His discovery was a huge medical breakthrough; in 1980, the World Health Organisation declared the dangerous disease smallpox an eliminated disease.

Early Life and Career

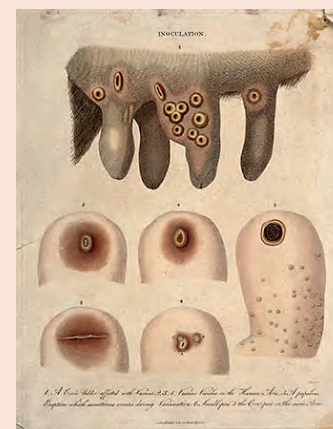
Edward Jenner was born on May 17, 1749, in Berkely, Gloucestershire, England. His father (who died when Edward was just five years old) was a preacher for the parish. He was the eighth of nine children. He received his training at Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire for seven years as an apprentice to Daniel Ludlow (a surgeon).

During his training, an interesting thing happened that led to his famous discovery in later years. He overheard a girl say that she could not get the dreaded smallpox disease because she had already had another disease known as cowpox. This evoked a desire inside Jenner to carry out research on this information.

Through his work as a country doctor Jenner came to understand that that cowpox not only protected against smallpox but could be transmitted from one person to another in order to protect them from the deadly disease.



Dr. Jenner performing his first vaccination on James Phipps, a boy of age 8. (May 14, 1796)



Jenner's discovery of the link between cowpox pus and smallpox in humans helped him to create the smallpox vaccine.

People were not convinced about Jenner's discovery and he was widely criticised. His critics (especially the Church) claimed it was disgusting to inoculate someone with material from a diseased animal. An 1802 cartoon showed people who had been vaccinated sprouting cow's heads!

Edward Jenner was made Physician Extraordinary to King George IV. His work on smallpox made him very famous in his lifetime and he received honorary degrees and tributes including a special medal from France, gift of a ring from the Empress of Russia and a string and belt of Wampum beads and a certificate of gratitude from North American Indian Chiefs.

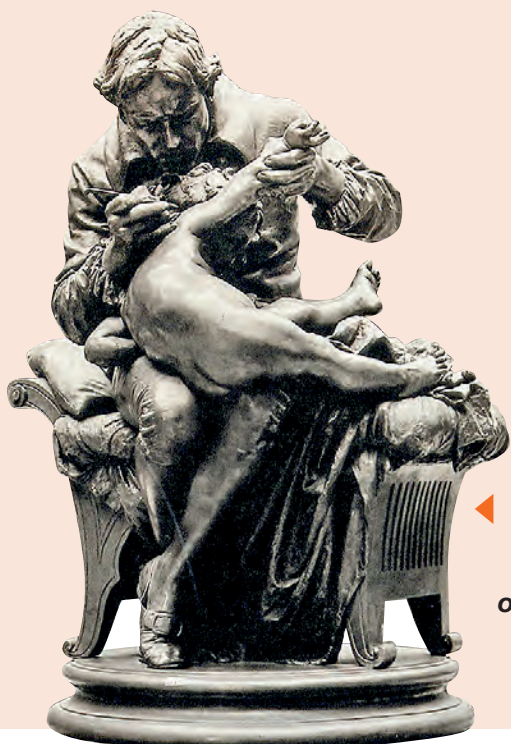
Dr. Jenner spent his later life working on vaccination and inoculating people for free; his work bankrupted him.

Jenner was also a very keen and gifted naturalist and published studies about birds including the cuckoo.

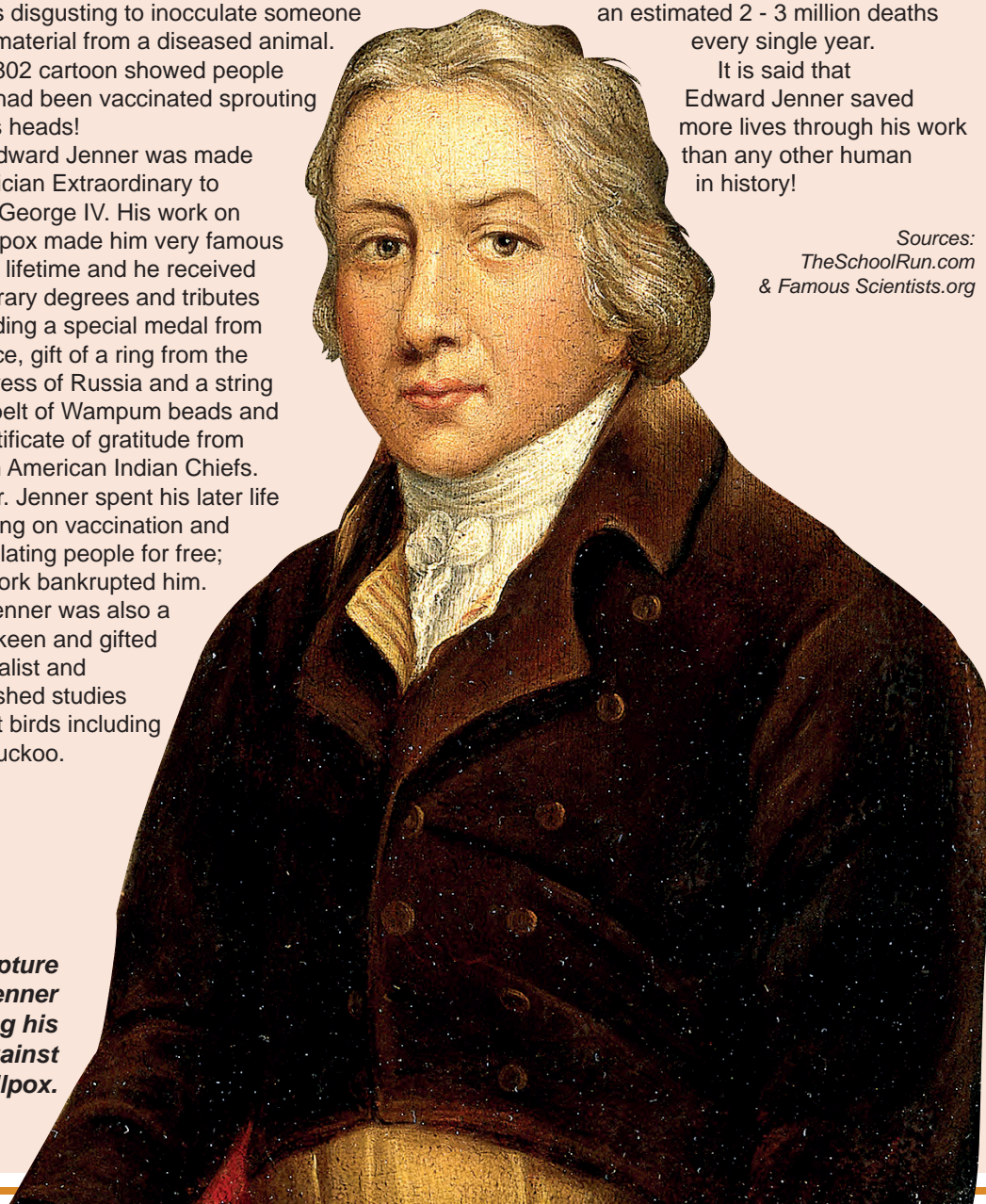
After Jenner's death lots more vaccines were developed. Vaccination now prevents an estimated 2 - 3 million deaths every single year.

It is said that Edward Jenner saved more lives through his work than any other human in history!

Sources:
TheSchoolRun.com
& Famous Scientists.org



1873 sculpture of Jenner vaccinating his own son against smallpox.



The Mother's Day Surprise

By Manoshi de Silva

Shanaya gave her mother the Mother's Day card she made, along with the small handbag which she bought with the money collected in her till. Her mother admired the bag and thanked her a lot. She then took the card to her hand and looked at it smiling happily. Shanaya sat near her mother and watched her read the card.

There were a lot of framed photos hanging on the wall behind where her mother was seated. One photograph caught Shanaya's eyes. It was a picture of her grandmother. She stared at it for awhile. "Ammi, aren't you giving *Aththammi* anything for Mother's Day?" she suddenly asked her mother. "Well, *Aththammi* is not anywhere nearby," replied her mother looking thoughtful suddenly.

Shanaya's grandmother lived in Deniyaya. That was far away from Shanaya's house which was in Colombo. They visited her during school holidays and on some long weekends. But Shanaya spoke to her over the phone on most days.

"But it's Mother's Day!" said Shanaya, "she'll be happy if you took her a gift or something."

"She doesn't really celebrate these types of things Shanaya," replied her mother.

"You know how traditional and old fashioned your *Aththammi* is. She doesn't pay much interest in celebrating these types of days."

"I remember once at school, we had to make a Mother's Day card for handwork. Our teacher said that everyday should be celebrated with the ones we love and not just one day," said Shanaya.

"This is what I am saying," said her mother.

"But she also said that there is nothing wrong in doing something a little special, on a day set aside to celebrate the ones we love. Just to show them that you appreciate them and to make them feel happy," continued Shanaya.

Shanaya's mother was silent. She looked at the elderly lady's photo on the wall for awhile. "But today is Mother's Day!" she said finally. "We don't have

enough time to plan anything special to surprise your *Aththammi*!"

"We can get together and make her a card," said Shanaya, "and bake some cupcakes."

Aththammi loves vanilla cupcakes. That doesn't take much time."

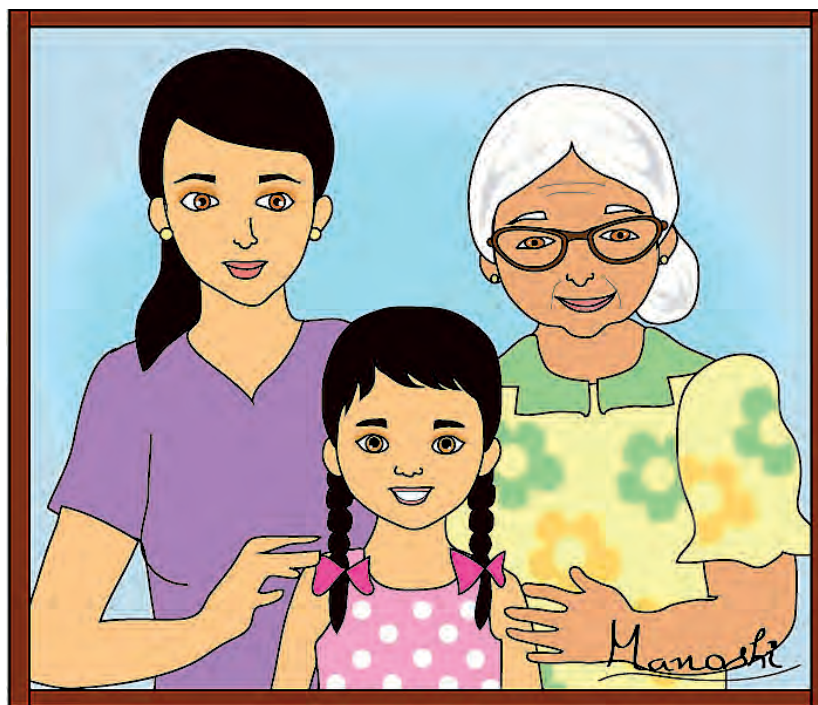
"Shanaya, we can't travel to Deniyaya now!" said her mother.

"We can *Ammi*, it's still very early in the morning. Let me ask *Thaththi*," she said running to her father, who was still asleep. He opened his eyes slightly and listened to Shanaya's plans. Shanaya came out of the bedroom with her father and looked at her mother. "Please," said Shanaya, "let's surprise *Aththammi* today!"

Finally Shanaya's parents agreed with her. A card was made quickly with glitter and shiny stickers. Shanaya helped to make the cupcake batter and in less than an hour everything for her grandmother's Mother's Day surprise was ready. Then they got dressed and left quickly.

It took quite a few hours to reach Shanaya's grandmother's house. The gate was closed as she was not expecting any visitors. When Shanaya's father opened the gate, the dog barked and *Aththammi* slowly came to the verandah, to see who had come. She looked worried to see them, wondering if something was wrong because they never came suddenly this way without informing her in advance.

But when Shanaya's mother gave her the cupcakes and the card, Shanaya's grandmother looked very surprised. Shanaya worshipped her grandmother and both her parents also joined in. "It's a Mother's Day surprise *Aththammi*!" said Shanaya and her grandmother shook her head in disbelief. But she was smiling from ear to ear, unable to hide



her happiness.

After having a wash, they enjoyed the home-made cupcakes over a nice pot of tea. "My teacher once said that the people we love and care about should be appreciated!" said Shanaya. "And she also said that it should not be done on just one day but every day!" Her grandmother smiled nodding her head in agreement. "But we thought to surprise you today, to let you know how special you are *Aththammi*!" continued Shanaya, looking at her grandmother's sparkling eyes.

When Shanaya's grandmother went inside the house to advise the maid about making lunch, Shanaya's mother gave Shanaya a hug. "Thank you for this '*Aththammi*'s Mother's Day surprise' idea of yours. I know this made her as happy as I was to receive your card and gift!" she said.

After lunch, a photograph of Shanaya, her grandmother and mother, was taken by Shanaya's father. "This will be framed and added to the photo wall in our house!" he said smiling. "And let's give one to *Aththammi* also," said Shanaya, "then she will always remember today's surprise!"

"I would love to have a framed copy of this photo," said Shanaya's grandmother. "But I don't need that to remind me of today. I will always remember my special 'Mother's Day surprise' by my daughter and granddaughter!" she said smiling happily.

Loving mother

Hundreds of stars in the sky
Hundreds of trees in the world
Hundreds of fish in the sea
Hundreds of birds flying in the sky
But only one mother for me!

Muhammed Sanoordeen (15 years)
Colombo South Int. College

A butterfly speaks

Everybody calls me 'butterfly'.
My wings are pink and orange. I like
to drink nectar from the beautiful
flowers. Every morning I like to go in
search of food. My friends come with
me to go to Adam's Peak.

Some naughty children try to
catch innocent, harmless butterflies.
Kids, please don't hurt any creatures,
no matter what their size is.

Eshalie Buvanija (6 years)
Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo 5

Things I see when I take a walk

I like to take a walk every week.
My family and I go on a walk every
Sunday. It lets me feel calm for the rest
of the day. I love to go outside my house
and visit the park. I hear birds chirping
in the trees and the air is very fresh.
My street is really quiet so I can hear
even the smallest sounds that animals
make. There are a few bikes in my street
but not many cars. I like to ride my bike
with my brother in our street.

Sometimes we walk, sometimes we
bring our bikes to the park. Every time
we go to the park it is very busy. I see
people playing or racing in the cycling
track inside the park but there is not
much noise. When we ride our bikes or
walk inside the park we see the beautiful
lake surrounding the park, birds, water
lilies, paddyfields and more beautiful
scenery. After we finish we always go to
a nearby Sri Lankan boutique hotel to
have our breakfast.

I really love the park very much as
it is one of the best places to have some
fun and relaxation.

Thinuga Ratnayake (Grade 5)
Lyceum Int. School, Nugegoda

A trip to Katharagama

I got up at
5 o'clock and we put
our bags into the car.
We left at 5.30 a.m.,
and we had breakfast
at 8 o'clock. We went
to Katharagama and
we climbed the
Wedihiti Kanda.

We climbed it by a jeep. I went on the trip
with my family.

We went to Hotel Chenro. Then we went
to Sella Katharagama and Kiri Vehera and
I bought a flute. We saw a lot of peacocks.
My mother bought *kalu dodol* too. We saw an
elephant. We worshipped Lord Buddha and
God Ganesh.

It was an unforgettable trip in my life.

Tenuka Samararatne (9 years)
Rajagiriya



Happy Birthday Sis

Happy Birthday Sis,
May 7 is a day you never miss,
You are now fourteen,
And now you are teen,
Your lucky colour is green,
And you are always keen,
You study in Bishop's College,
And now you have more knowledge,
You love your puppy,
And you are lucky,
Because it's your birthday,
So say hip, hip, hooray!

Lavernaesh Ummashankar (12 years)
St. Peter's College, Colombo 4

Journey of a sky king

The great bald eagle started its flight,
The hunters were stamping on mud
to fight,
The wetland was long,
The hunters were wrong,
Their thought was to cage
And the eagle was in its last stage
The hunters missed the shot in rage

Here approached a saver,
Who the eagle thought was a mage,
A friend who never plundered, a vulture,
The vulture jumped over the gun,
Hunters went out of fun,
The eagle was safe
Hunters heard the vulture crave.

Moiz Hussain (12 years)
Burhani Serendib School

Parrot



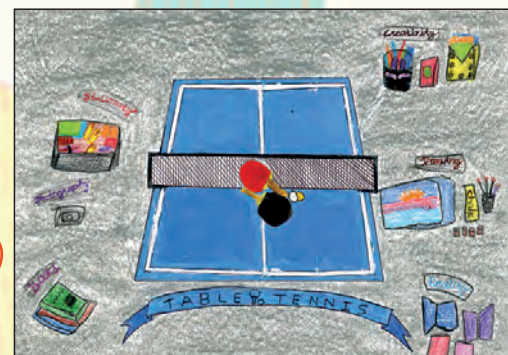
Mishenka Bandara (8 years)
S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia

Scenery



Yumna Fazlim (9 years)
Muslim Ladies' College, Colombo 4

Hobbies



Aaminah Azmi (14 years)
St. Paul's Girls' School, Milagiriya

Sunset (using warm colours)



Methula Palliyaguruge (Grade 3)
Gateway College, Colombo

Builders



Methupama Wijerathne (Grade 8)
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

My mother



My mother is Nisansala.
She is beautiful and kind.
My mother looks after me
and helps me to do my
homework.

My mother loves me
and I love her too.

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

My new school

I started at St. Thomas Catholic International School this year.
My first class is Primary 1A. It is beautiful. In the school we have a play area. There are many places in my school, like the canteen, chapel and classrooms.

My principal is Rev. Fr. Kennedy Perera. My class teacher is Ms. Ishara Dilki. I am so lucky to stay here as I am enjoying the environment and morning Mass. I will learn a lot here and be a very good person for my country.

Fiorina Fernando (Primary 1)
St. Thomas Catholic Int. School,
Seeduwa

Waterfall



Pomidu Riyan (Grade 1)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Study time for my test

I sat at my desk,
To get ready for my test.

I started with my favourite subject,
It was English subject,
I turned the pages,
First to study phrases,
I studied from first,
And ended at last.

Then there is Maths,
That makes your brain fix,
From whole numbers,
To direct numbers,
And again from mass,
To solids.

And there were other subjects,
Which were easy for my brain,
So tomorrow is my test,
After my test,
I can get some rest.

Umama Yehiya (11 years)
Hapugasthalawa

Weather

Weather is important for human beings. It helps us grow plants and vegetables. Some countries have four seasons. They are Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. In Sri Lanka there are only two seasons, Yala and Maha.

Children like the rainy weather because they can play in the rain and make paper boats. The farmers cultivate during rainy weather. Rainy weather is cold but sunny weather is hot. Sportsmen like sunny weather because they can play games. Sometimes weather brings happiness to people.

We cannot change the weather but it changes from time to time. So we must make the best use of the weather.

Senuth Rupasinghe (Grade 3)
St. Joseph Vaz College,
Wennappuwa

My cute little chicks



Induwara Wijayapura (Grade 5)
Loyola College, Negombo

Still Art



Anuji Nissanka (Grade 11)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Friends are wonderful

Everybody has friends. But they should be good. They must help us. Good friends make our life easier. I have a lot of good friends. They come to visit me. I also go to visit them. We should not have bad friends.

Good friends are always an invaluable source in our life. They are wonderful.

Nethupama Wijerathne (Grade 4)
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

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



Tomahawk

Quiz
No. 183

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 183 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 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. 183' 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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Tomahawk Quiz No. 182

► Sadev Pereira, Moratuwa

► Deneth Rathnayake, Medawachchiya



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QUESTIONS — QUIZ NO. 183

1. Where is the Sistine Chapel located and what is it famous for?
2. Name a popular game played during Easter.
3. The 250th Birth Anniversary of Beethoven was commemorated with a sculpture exhibition. Where was this exhibition held?
4. Who is Charlie Chaplin and what was he famous for?
5. What do triangle shaped traffic signs mean?



Or



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Book Review

By Yomal Yapa

Andare: the Sri Lankan Royal Jester is a collection of old folk tales retold in English and French by Nathasha Samarasinghe. These are the hilarious stories of Andare, who it is said was a vital part of the court of King Kirthi Sri Rajasinghe.

The Kandyan kingdom at this time was under threat from European colonists, and the court needed

someone like Andare who is said to have joined royal service very young. The book contains 15 funny stories – from his childhood onwards.

Retold in simple English and French, these tales take you to Lanka in times gone by. The colourful illustrations by Ananda Dissanayaka are lavish with detail, and capture the period beautifully.

The stories show many facets of Andare and also of the role of a royal jester, a European tradition of which we don't hear much in Sri Lanka before Andare.

Andare was at times duped as the fool, at times outwitted – but mostly he manages to pull pranks on the king or others, and provoke merry laughter.

The book is a valuable learning aid for young students of French as well as English – as the text is translated closely and

the French is accurate and concise.

Even for Sri Lankan children who have been brought up with the stories of

Andare, the book is thus a meaningful gift. For kids abroad, they would be a novel experience.

Even as a little boy, Andare was a prankster, and more often than not he managed to make his elders laugh, as we see in the story 'The Price of the Little Hoppers'. In this story he gets even with an old lady who cheated him by selling him underweight hoppers for his breakfast.

In 'The reputation of the King' we see him at his wiliest, when he saves himself from the gallows.

The collection is guaranteed to entertain and educate.

