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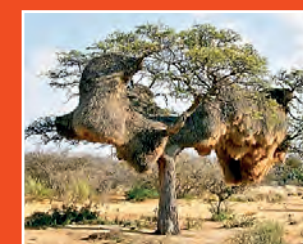


**Preparing for Vesak**

Pic by M. A. Pushpa Kumara



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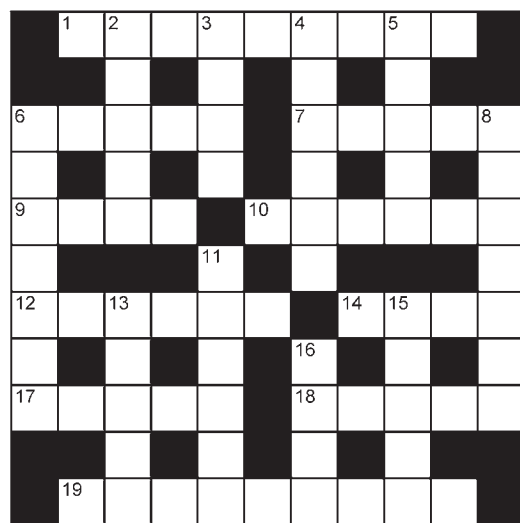
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## Junior Crossword – No. 961



### Across

- 1 Leaving on a journey
- 6 A book for photographs
- 7 Find these on fingertips
- 9 Milk producers
- 10 Grains breakfast food
- 12 Get away from
- 14 Sunrise
- 17 Attempted
- 18 Winner's award
- 19 Fare-payer

### Down

- 2 Arm joint
- 3 Sleeves cover these
- 4 Browed by the sun
- 5 Sound that is loud and unpleasant
- 6 Very old
- 8 Complete quiet
- 11 A playing card
- 13 Porcelain
- 15 Similar
- 16 Twirl around



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**Sanadee Wickramasinghe,**  
Matara

## Solution - No. 959



## Sudoku

**323**

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

### Vertical columns

Six vertical columns with six small squares in each column.

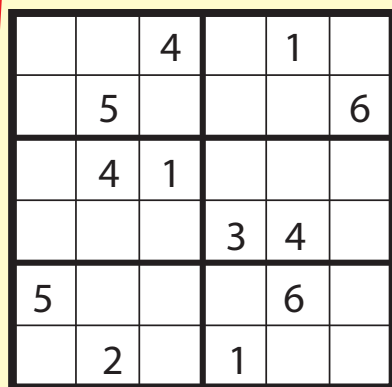
### Horizontal columns

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.



**Compiled by Peter Fernando**

Now try to complete Junior Sudoku 323 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

## Solution – No. 321

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



**Chanud Hettiarachchi**  
6 years on May 22



**Rienna Saravanan**  
4 years on May 9

Ginger Meggs



# Win super books from



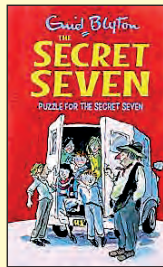
Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: A new pet

Win: Puzzle for the Secret Seven by Enid Blyton

The Seven see a home going up in flames and are determined to help the family who lived there. But the fire is not the only surprising event. Soon a very valuable violin is stolen.



Could the two incidents be connected? The friends mean to use all their detective skills to find out.

Age: 10 – 12 years

Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: How I occupy myself at home

Win: The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

Dorothy and her faithful dog Toto, get caught in a cyclone that takes them from their home to the mystical land of Oz. Dorothy learns that there is only one person who can help her get back home – the Wizard of Oz, the mysterious magician who rules over the fabled Emerald City.



Together with friends she meets along the way, she faces many adventures. Will Dorothy ever find her way back home?

Age: 13 – 15 years

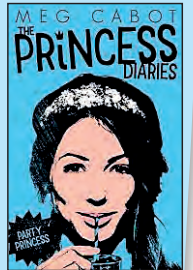
Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: What you know about the Ramazan Festival

Win: The Princess Diaries – Party Princess by Meg Cabot

So - parties. You just go, mingle and dance, right? But what are you supposed to do about your bodyguard?

Gosh! This partying thing is going to be harder than Amelia thought...



Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition

■ Essay Topic



## Book Competition

9 years and below

How I celebrated the New Year  
**Dulain Methmira**  
Horizon College Int.,  
Malabe

10 – 12 years

A storybook character I admire  
and why  
**Kalani Weerawansa**  
Swarnapali Girls' School,  
Anuradhapura

13 – 15 years

How I spent my previous  
vacation  
**Tharuka Kuruppuarachchi**  
S. Thomas' Preparatory  
School, Colombo 3



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Photographs or illustrations would enhance the report.



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## Back to school



Are you back to school? Have you met old friends and made new friends? What is the best thing about being back in school? Write and draw and be as creative as you like for our 'Back to school' collage to be published on the British Council Sri Lanka Facebook page. Parents are welcome to share their experiences too!

Open to all

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Submissions to: [Mrinali.Thalgodapitiya@britishcouncil.org](mailto:Mrinali.Thalgodapitiya@britishcouncil.org)



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From our Young Reporters

## Ramazan

Ramazan (also known as Ramadan) is a holy month of fasting, introspection and prayer for Muslims, the followers of Islam. It is celebrated as the month during which Prophet Muhammad received the initial revelations of the Quran, the holy book of Muslims. Fasting, is one of the five fundamental principles of Islam. Muslims break their daily fasts by starting meals.

### When is Ramazan celebrated?

It falls on the ninth month out of the 12 months in the Islamic calendar. Ramazan 2021 begins at sunset on Monday, April 12 till Wednesday, May 12. In the lunar calendar, the date is based on the phases of the moon.

### Rituals

- During Ramazan, Muslims practice fasting from sunrise to sunset for one month till the Ramazan festival
- Sighting of the moon determines the beginning of the fasting month
- Reading and reciting the Quran during the month of Ramazan
- Local traditions differ in different countries to sign the finishing period of fasting. Eg: Egypt displays a decorated lantern as 'fanous'.
- Muslims traditionally break their fast by eating dates.
- The celebration of El al-Fitr marks the official end of Ramazan by exchanging sweets with friends.



Manidi Prabasha  
(14 years)  
Sacred Heart Convent,  
Galle

### Some countries that celebrate Ramazan

- Saudi Arabia
- United Arab Emirates
- Egypt
- Indonesia
- Turkey
- Sri Lanka

### Famous Ramazan foods



Falafel



Chicken Shawarma



Mutton Resala



Kebabs



Haleem



Dum Biriyani

## The Oscar Awards 2021

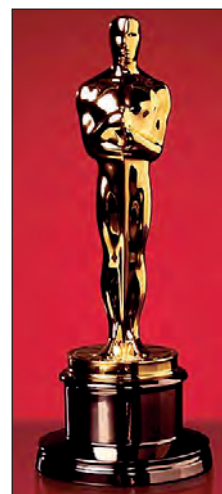
The 93<sup>rd</sup> Oscar Awards ceremony, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS), honoured the best films of 2020 and early 2021. It was held on April 25, two months later than originally planned on February 28, due to the impact of COVID-19 with a fewer number of guests. It took place at the Union Station and Dolby Theatre, Los Angeles, California, USA and the nominations were announced on March 15.

The Academy Award for Best Picture was won by 'Nomadland' along with two more awards, The Academy Award for Best Actress to Frances McDormand and the Academy Award for Best Director to Chloe Zhao, the first Asian woman

ever to win the Academy Award for Best Director.

The Academy Award for Best Actor was awarded to Anthony Hopkins for his role in the film, 'The Father'.

The Best Supporting Actor was Daniel Kaluuya while the Best Supporting Actress was won by Youn Yuh-jung for her role as Soon-ja in the film 'Minari'. The Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay was awarded to the film, 'The Father'.



Academy Award winners for Nomadland



### Interesting Facts

- Anthony Hopkins, 83, is the oldest person ever to win the Academy Award for Best Actor.
- The 93<sup>rd</sup> Oscar Awards ceremony ended with the announcing of the Best Actress and Best Actor.
- Nine actors of colour have been nominated for awards this year – the most in Oscar history.
- For the first time this year, two women have been nominated for Best Director.
- Leslie Odom Jr., is the first man to receive both acting and song nominations for the same movie.
- The Golden Globe winner for Best Supporting Actress hasn't missed an Oscar nomination since 1976. However that changed this year.

Chanithma Joseph (14 years)  
Taxila C. C., Horana



# Amazing Animal Homes

By Cecilia Hewavitharana

*Complex architectural designs are often associated with humans but some animals have been shaping the landscape with awe-inspiring structures long before humans. Here are a few such extraordinary examples:*



Vogelkop Bowerbird Nest

## Bowerbird Nests

These nests built by the male bowerbird to woo a female include a 'front yard', which is stylishly decorated with various things they can get their beaks on.

## Sociable Weaver Nests

These large nest structures, with hundreds of separate nesting chambers, can house up to 400 birds and have sharp straw spikes lining the entrances to ward off predators.



Sociable Weaver Nests

## Prairie Dog Burrows

Prairie dog burrows are clustered to create towns, which can span acres, housing 5 to 35 of these rodents per acre.

Built to withstand extreme temperatures as well as fires and floods, their burrows include chambers at different depths, each serving a specific purpose. For instance, the 'nursery' chamber is situated deeper, so that the young are better protected from fluctuating temperatures as well as predators.



Prairie Dog Burrows

## Animal Homes

### Caves

(Bears, Lions, Wolves, Tigers, Bats)

### Burrows and Holes

(Rabbits, Prairie Dogs, Foxes, Ants)

### Mounds

(Termites, Ants)

### Nests

(Birds, Squirrels)

### Tree Hollows

(Owls, Squirrels, Porcupines, Raccoons, Black Bears)

### Hollow Logs

(Weasels, Skunks, Bobcats, Otters, Foxes)

### Shells

(Snails, Tortoises, Turtles, Crabs)

### Hives

(Bees, Wasps, Yellow Jackets)

### Webs

(Spiders)



## Termite Mounds

Termite Mounds

Certain colonies of termites build mounds reaching heights of 10 feet going up to 30 feet, and include air-conditioning through ingenious air circulation as well as gardens of fungi, maintained by the termites.



## Weaver Ant Nests

Built using the silk produced by ants to bind live leaves together, the nests could comprise just one leaf or a multitude of leaves.



Sources: Popular Mechanics, National Geographic & BBC



## My Mother

Born upon thy hands,  
You taught me how to stand,  
In every way, you made my life  
grand,  
But most of all, you helped my life  
expand.

When I am good or bad,  
Even happy or sad,  
Also when dad gets me mad,  
You are the one, who makes me  
glad.

When I was just a little boy,  
You bought me all my favourite  
toys,  
And you would do anything,  
for that little boy,  
To see his smiling face of joy.

You always taught me what was  
right,  
You also taught me never to fight,  
You made me study, with all my  
might,  
And because of that, today I see  
the light.

Through all these years and  
months, till this date,  
You were my first friendly mate,  
To call out thy name, I can't await,  
Thou art my Mother great.

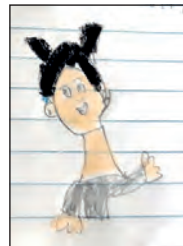
**Joshua Segarajasinghe (Grade 9)**  
St. Peter's College, Colombo 4

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Articles should not exceed 200 words.  
Art should be on A4 size paper.  
Remember to write the date that you send your entries.



## Myself

My name is Nithipriya Weerasinghe.  
I have lots of dolls.  
I share them with my little  
sister. I also have a bow  
collection; explorer bow,  
visiting bow, zoo bow, party  
bow and playground bow.  
I live near Malabe  
near a beautiful lake.  
I often ride my bike there. I'm a happy girl.  
I am seven years old. I can fly!



**Nithipriya Weerasinghe (Grade 2)**  
Musaeus College

## My country Sri Lanka

My country is Sri Lanka. It is situated  
in the Indian Ocean. It is a beautiful island  
with many lovely beaches. There are many  
trees, attractive flowers, waterfalls and  
mountains. It has both wet and dry zones.

Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and  
Christians live in our country. The national  
bird is the Jungle Fowl. The national game  
is Volleyball. The national flower is the  
Blue Water Lily.

I love my country.

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

## Godzilla



**Hiviru Gardiarachchi (9 years)**  
LPF Academy, Dehiwala

## Butterflies



**Yashan Ibrahim (5 years)**  
Mattegoda

## The Earth



**Shenuki Fernando (Grade 5)**  
Methodist College, Colombo 3

## If I could be Harry Potter just for one day...

King's Cross 9 ¾ leads to a school  
called Hogwarts. In that school, a famous  
boy called Harry Potter is learning magic.  
I always wondered what it would be like  
to be Harry Potter just for one day.

I would do some silly magic to distract  
Snape. I will take a Firebolt and play  
Quidditch. I will help Dumbledore's Army.  
I will make a remembrance spell for  
Neville. I will take control of the  
Dementors. I will make the Malfoy family  
into dungbombs for Fred and George.

I will try my best to make a potion  
for Remus Lupin to stop him from  
transforming into a werewolf. I will buy  
new things for the Weasley family like  
robes, food, brooms and other things.  
I will play loads of Wizard Chess games.

I would love to be Harry Potter  
because he is brave. I would enjoy my  
life being Harry Potter, but I still love  
being with my family.

**Mumudi Gajadeera (Grade 3)**  
Horizon College Int., Malabe

## Our family trip



**Tamara Fernandez (6 years)**  
Holy Family Convent, Colombo 4



Rose



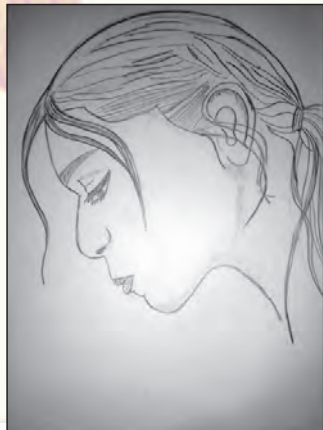
**Lisitha Gamanayake (8 years)**  
Gampola

Parrot



**Induwara Wijayapura (Grade 5)**  
Loyola College, Negombo

Thinking



**Sayuri Navodhya (14 years)**  
Bandaragama

Sunset



**Biwoni Moses (9 years)**  
St. Nicholas Int. College, Negombo

## Breakfast

Fruits for breakfast are really healthy for our body. Breakfast is a very important meal, it can either make or break your day. Having enough carbohydrates for breakfast and eating a balanced diet helps to maintain a balanced blood glucose level. If your breakfast is not nutritious, the low glucose level would make you tired and irritated.

Carbohydrates, fibre, protein, vitamins and minerals are essential in our breakfast. Nutritionists have told us to add grains, fruits and vegetables in our breakfast because it helps us to develop our knowledge.

As for main food, we could have some wheat, rice, oats and barley or anything that's made of grains for breakfast because these are rich in vitamins and minerals. Fruits can also be eaten. Dairy products too are good for our health. Calcium makes our bones and teeth strong, whereas protein helps us maintain a good body weight.

Breakfast should be eaten like a king.

**Varsha Suresh (Class 9)**  
St. Anne's B.M.V.

## My favourite toy

My favourite toy is a car. My dad gave it to me and I always play with it. It is yellow and white colour. It has black wheels and yellow doors.

It also has auto doors with a red door.

I love it so much.



**Nadun Methpriya (7 years)**  
Harischandra College, Negombo

## Myself

I am Biwoni. I am nine years old. I live in Negombo. My mother's name is Ruvini. My father's name is George. I study at St. Nicholas' International College, Negombo. I am in Grade 4. My best friends are Friba and Mareesha.

I like to eat doughnuts and I like to drink watermelon juice. My favourite cartoon is 'Franklin'. My ambition is to be a teacher.

**Biwoni Moses (9 years)**  
St. Nicholas' Int. College, Negombo

## The worthless gift

Nancy was a twelve-year-old girl. She was good with her studies. She was always first in the class in every subject. Moreover, she was at the forefront of other activities. Her parents were proud of her.

This time too Nancy was able to gain first place in every subject in the term examination. When she gets the highest marks in every subject, her parents give her a special gift. This time too her parents asked her what she wanted. All her friends had mobile phones of their own so Nancy asked for a phone.

At first her father didn't like it but Nancy persuaded him. So one day her father brought her a phone, Nancy stared at it until the holidays were over. She didn't want to eat. She refused to play with the children next door. Nancy couldn't remember anything because she didn't touch a book during the holidays. When the teacher was teaching, Nancy was in another world. As soon as she got home,

she threw away her school bag and picked up her phone.

The next exam came closer. Earlier, Nancy studied harder when an exam approached. But now she didn't care about the exam. She couldn't remember anything because she didn't study. Her exam results were not good. She was embarrassed. Her parents were ashamed. Her teachers were surprised.

Nancy regrets it now. She realized it was all because she was addicted to the phone. She thought she would never touch the phone again. Not only did she learn a good lesson, she learned that there is more to be done than just looking at a phone.

So then she had a great vacation. She studied well, played with friends and experienced the beauty of the environment. Her story is an example for us.

**Nisindi Dissanayake (Grade 10)**  
Negombo South Int. School



## 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.

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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 250<sup>th</sup> 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?



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4 – 6 years



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## 4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Spot five differences between the  
two pictures.

