

FUN DAY TIMES



Rural kids studying together

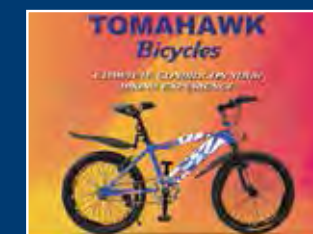
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**Please send
competition entries to:**

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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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Please underline the name
most commonly used.

**All competition entries should be
certified by a parent or guardian
as your own work.**

Competition entries without the
full details requested above,
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**Closing date
for weekly competitions:**

July 28, 2021

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Age groups:

6 – 10 years

11 – 15 years

Word limit: 100 Words

6 – 10 years

Anger

Anger is a bad thing
It gets the best of us
If you don't control it,
You'll lose the friends, you trust.

Anger is an emotion
Like happiness, sadness and fear.
If you don't control it,
You slap and even sneer.

Above all the emotions,
This very little thing
We would never guess,
All the trouble it would bring.

Don't think of it as an enemy,
That you must fight in a battle.
To bring back the world war
And make our fears rattle.

If you just think twice,
And count up back to ten,
Like a magic spell,
It will vanish then.

Nulara Jayawickrama
Methodist College, Colombo 3



Poetry Competition

This is your chance to get your poem published here.
Entries should be in your own handwriting and clearly
certified by a teacher or parent as your own creation.
Your poem should be posted to Funday Times with
'Poetry Competition' written at the top of the entry.
The winner of each age category will be awarded a
British Council Young Learner's Library membership.

11 – 15 years

Grandaddy

You're as tall as the
Empire State Building,
You go "ow" when your head
strikes the ceiling,
You don't need a ladder,
you're as tall as a ladder,
How tall you are, O' Grandaddy!

Scrolling through the one hundred apps,
Funny posts with plenty of mishaps,
Chatting and jabbering noon since morn,
With your friends on Facebook,
the list so long.

Watching videos crazed people make,
So hearty your laugh that our cats awake,
Wondering if it's an earthquake,
They get so scared and run post haste!

Aanjali Fernando
St. Lawrence's Convent, Wellawatte

Please note
that copied poems
will be disqualified.

Please write the date at the top of your entry



Backyard Wildlife Photography Competition for Kids



In celebration of World Environment Day 2021, the WNPS WILD KIDS
conducted 'BACKYARD WILDLIFE' Photography Competition



Overall Winner

**Nadal Aaron
Senapala**

Week 1

Caterpillar

Thanugi Devsara

◀ (8 years)



Week 2

Spider

**Nadal Aaron
Senapala**

◀ (13 years)



Week 3

Squirrel

**Yvan Risath
Thrimawithana**

◀ (15 years)



Week 4

Garden Lizard

**Yvan Risath
Thrimawithana**

◀ (15 years)

**Total number
of entries
submitted: 2,039**

Living Art

by Cecilia Hewavitharana

When people think of art created from nature, they would probably picture flower arrangements or sculpted rocks - the former is something that will perish shortly, while the latter is something that never lived. Here, you will read about the transformation of living things into art, while sometimes being functional too.

Tree Shaping



Example of Tree Shaping



Living Chair

Sometimes known as 'arborsculpture', this is the art of training living trees to create artistic and/or functional structures, using techniques such as bending, pruning, grafting, weaving, twisting, framing, braiding, creasing and girdling (removal of the bark).

Tree shaping has been practiced for hundreds of years, one of the best examples being the living root bridges in the Indian state of Meghalaya, where the aerial roots of banyan trees have been shaped to form suspension bridges.



Living Root Bridges, Meghalaya



Bonsai Forest

Bonsai

Meaning "tray-planted", Bonsai is the Japanese art form of training and growing living trees in shallow containers, with the aim of mimicking natural scenery in a pot.

The further from the original size of the tree, the greater the value. Bonsai sizes can vary from 1 - 3 inches (called 'Keshitsubo') to 60 - 80 inches (called 'Imperial') and were traditionally categorised according to how many people were needed to carry the tree.



Wisteria Bonsai



Saikei Landscape



Penjing Landscape

Art Forms Related to Bonsai

Penjing or Penzai - The Chinese art of miniature landscapes from which Bonsai derived.

Saikei - Translated as "plant landscape", it is the Japanese art of creating miniature landscapes using living trees, rocks, water and vegetation.

Hòn non bộ - The Vietnamese art of miniature landscapes, derived from Penjing, mimicking the natural scenery of islands and mountains.

Espalier

This refers to the method of training a plant to grow flat along a support, such as a wall, fence or trellis (a structure on which plants can be trained). The term is used for the plant and the support as well.

The technique originated in Europe as a method of saving space as well as to provide the required heat for plants in unsuitable climates.

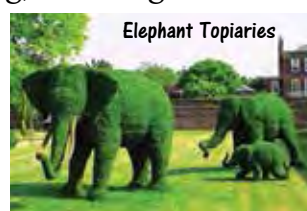
Vineyards have been using this method for thousands of years and still do.



Espalier

Topiary

This is the art of creating sculptures and decorative shapes from plants, by pruning, trimming and training them. The first topiary was supposedly created in Rome and was popular in European gardens for centuries, but topiary is also used in Bonsai and Penjing and can be seen in gardens in Asia, the Americas and Australia as well.



Elephant Topiaries



Animal Topiaries



Topiary Garden

Tomahawk

Quiz
No.185

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 185 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of June 6, 13, 20, and 27, 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. 185' 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 8 – 15 years are eligible to participate.

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QUESTIONS — QUIZ NO. 185

1. When was the first World Environment Day celebrated and what was its theme?
2. Name three types of ecosystems and three threats they currently face.
3. Who was the longest serving royal consort in British history?
4. What is the third tallest Buddha Statue in the world named and where is it situated?
5. Name the host country for the NATO summit held this year.

7 – 9 AGE GROUP

Match each butterfly to its shadow.



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NOTE

Please log on to the Funday Times website on www.fundaytimes.lk or check out the Sunday Times epaper on www.sundaytimes.lk for additional pages of this week's Funday Times.

We regret that we are unable to announce winners this week since we are working from home. Stay safe.

Marine pollution and challenges for conservation

Nishan Perera, marine biologist, avid diver, underwater photographer and a co-founder of Blue Resources Trust, shines a light on general marine pollution and some of the chronic problems facing our oceans. Join us online with your comments and questions and be part of the conversation.

Date: Sunday 18 July 2021
Time: 5.00 p.m.

Open to all – the event will be live on our Facebook page and YouTube channel

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The British Council Library welcomes back Nishan Perera, marine biologist, avid diver, underwater photographer and a co-founder of Blue Resources Trust, to speak at an online event on general marine pollution and conservation options and challenges.

Please join in the conversation on Sunday July 18, 2021 at 5.00 p.m. The event will stream live on the British Council Sri Lanka Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Young Reporters

If you are interested in joining as a Funday Times Young Reporter please fill in the coupon given and send it in to us along with a report or interview not exceeding 300 words. Photographs or illustrations would enhance the report.



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Let's read with Room to Read!

Dear Children,

Today's story is called 'Secret Owner'.

A bag has been stolen but nobody admits to stealing it.

How will the Arachchi find the real thief?



These storybooks are published by Room to Read, who believe that *World Change Starts with Educated Children.*

This week's trivia

What was inside the stolen bag?

Send your answer to literacylk@RoomtoRead.onmicrosoft.com and stand a chance to win a storybook by Room to Read!

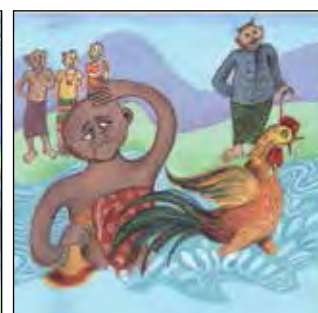
One lucky winner will be chosen every week and the prizes will be given at the end of the series.

Let's begin...

One day, Abaron stole a bag. It had a rooster inside it. He hid the bag in a tree and went into the forest. Aaron and Baaron saw Abaron stealing the bag. They wanted to teach him a lesson. They took the bag from the tree. Abaron saw Aaron and Baaron taking the bag he had hidden in the tree. He went up to them, but he was scared to ask for the bag. Aaron and Baaron began walking away from the forest. Abaron followed them. The three of them came near a stream. "I will take the bag across," said Aaron. "No! The bag might fall into the stream," said Abaron. "Yes, the bag is quite heavy," agreed Aaron. He winked at Baaron. "It might sink." "Let's cut the bag into two parts," said Baaron. "No!" shouted Abaron. "Don't cut the bag." "Go where you have to go," said Baaron. "We will certainly cut the bag in two." Abaron was worried about the rooster. He began shouting, "Thieves! Thieves! They stole my bag. Catch them!" Hearing Abaron's cry, the Arachchi came running with his assistant. "Whose bag is this?" he asked them. Aaron and Baaron winked at Arachchi. He understood. They all said, "It's not ours." "Is that so? Then throw the bag into the stream," ordered Arachchi. His assistant threw the bag into the stream. "Oh no!" shouted Abaron, and jumped into the stream. The rooster came tumbling out. Abaron had fallen for Arachchi's trick.

-The End-

Access the full story with illustrations via Room to Read's [Literacy Cloud](#).



July 6

News in Pictures



Bagram, Afghanistan
Bagram airbase after all US and NATO troops left.



Java, Indonesia
A stream of lava is released by Mount Merapi, Indonesia's most active volcano.

Luoyang, China
People watch water being released from the Xiaolangdi reservoir dam in China's central Henan province.



Caracas, Venezuela
Soldiers take part in a military parade to celebrate the 210th anniversary of Venezuela's independence.



London, England
Alvaro Morata of Spain has his spot kick saved by Italy's Gianluigi Donnarumma during the penalty shoot-out of the Euro 2020 – Semi Final football match between Italy and Spain at Wembley Stadium.

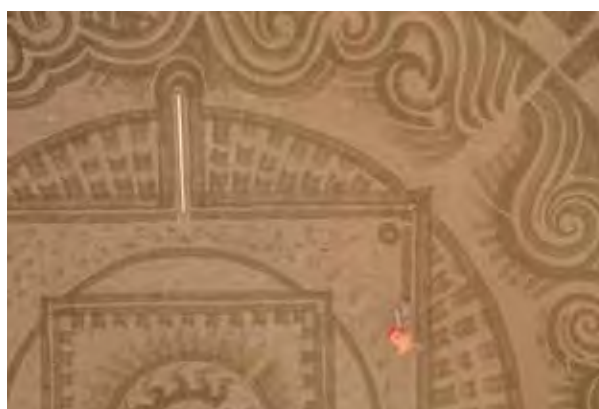


Cannes, France
Spike Lee, jury president, holds a clapperboard before the opening of the Cannes Film Festival.



Tegucigalpa, Honduras
A coati ejects a crab that entered its cage at the Rosy Walther Zoo in Tegucigalpa.

Nagoya, Japan
A statue of a girl representing 'comfort women', or the victims of Japan's wartime sexual slavery, is displayed during an art exhibition at the Citizen's Gallery Sakae.



Opuzen, Croatia
Artist Nikola Faler works on a sand drawing in the mouth of the River Neretva during the Zen Opuzen art festival.

Source: The Guardian

July 5

News in Pictures



Molesey, UK

Garden designer Felicity O'Rourke's show, titled 'Extinction Garden', based around the fuselage of a crashed aircraft, at the RHS Hampton Court Palace garden festival. The garden addresses the threat to our planet caused by our exploitation and destruction of its natural resources.



Cambron-Casteau, Belgium

A child reaches out to a Gentoo penguin as it swims in its enclosure at Pairi Daiza park. One of the biggest zoos in Europe, It has recently added ten Gentoo penguins.

Washington DC, USA

Members of the public gather on The Mall before a firework display to mark America's Independence Day on Fourth of July.



Tokyo, Japan

Lines for Covid test sample collections inside the main press and international broadcast centre building for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. The Games are due to start on July 23.

Atami, Japan

An aerial view shows the landslide site in Atami, Shizuoka prefecture, central Japan. About 1,000 rescue workers have been deployed to search for missing people. Three people have died in the mudslide.



Laurel, Philippines

A boy throws a line next to the rumbling Taal Volcano as it emits smoke near a fishing village in Batangas province. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology the highest level of volcanic sulfur-dioxide gas emission was recorded at the Taal Volcano and eruption may occur anytime soon. More than 3,000 residents from high-risk villages were evacuated after the volcano started spewing steam, filling the air with toxic gas and prompting health warnings.



Florida, USA

The damaged remaining structure at the Champlain Towers South condo building collapses in a controlled demolition in Surfside, Miami. The decision to demolish the building came after concerns mounted that the damaged structure was at risk of falling, endangering the crews below.



London, UK

Hephzibah Oluwadare of Great Britain stretches to play a forehand in her Girls' Singles first round match against Sara Bejlek of the Czech Republic.

Moscow, Russia

An applicant prepares as she waits for her turn to perform in front of the selection committee during the enrolment exam at the circus college in Moscow.





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Ginger Meggs



Rugrats

