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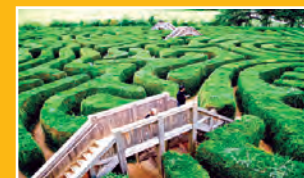
At the final Randoli Perahera

Pic. by Eshan Fernando



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Tales from the School Days (Under the Tamarind Tree)

Tales from the School Days (Under the Tamarind Tree) retells interesting stories related by three school friends who made it a habit to meet at their favourite spot under the Tamarind tree at school.

This is the latest book authored by former Assistant Principal (Primary) of Royal College, Colombo, Mr. Heras Fernando who has authored several books including educational, fiction and true stories for school children.



Hey kids,

Here's your chance to win a copy of 'Tales from the School Days' (Under the Tamarind Tree)! Send in your essays along with your full details, to Funday Times.

Topic : A happy or interesting school day memory

Age Groups : 8 - 11 years / 12 - 15 years

Word Count : 200 words



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From a Young Reporter

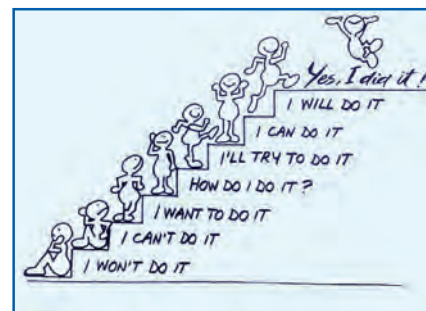
Believe in yourself

Sometimes you may think that you are a failure, but in reality, you are not.

You probably know about Bill Gates.

He is an American millionaire and he did not achieve his success in just a day. He had so many challenges in his life, but he did not give up. Why? Because he believed in himself. Just like you should too.

This is a really inspiring story and you too can achieve something great like the people who won the world. All it takes is your belief and your mindful thoughts. I know it may not be easy to just push out problems from your life, but at least trying would help. If negative thoughts enter your brain, kick them off with positive feelings! It's that simple.



Believing in yourself means having faith in your own capabilities...

Ruzaina Junkeer
(14 years)

Buddhist Ladies' College



Read-a-Book and win a voucher from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop

Read any book of your choice and write briefly about it.

What we want is not just a summary of the story but your views on the book.

The best account in the three age groups will be awarded book vouchers of Rs. 500 each from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop. Three winners will be selected each month.

Your account should not exceed 200 words.

Please indicate word count. Please fill in the coupon and attach it to your entry.

Read-a-Book Competition

Name :

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Date of birth :

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Address :

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School:

Tel:

Finished book on :

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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.



Young Reporters Coupon

Name:

Date of Birth:

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Young Reporters who have already enrolled with us, please send in new reports for publication.



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Maths in Action 56

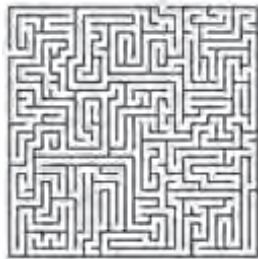
By R. N. A. de Silva

Amazing Mazes

Maze solving can be considered as the act of finding a route from start to finish given many options. In general, a maze is filled with dead ends. To qualify as a maze, a design must have choices in the pathway. If it has just one pathway that leads from the entrance to the target, it is called a 'labyrinth'. The difference between a labyrinth and a maze can be seen through the following diagram.



Labyrinth



Maze

The Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler was the first to analyze mazes mathematically which ultimately led towards many significant contributions to a branch of mathematics known as topology. In doing so, he founded the field of graph theory. If you think of a maze in an abstract way, you can consider it as a path which at certain points changes direction. Such a point is called a 'node'. A path connecting two nodes is called an 'edge'. Mathematicians draw sketches combining these nodes and edges which could easily lead to the successful path that should be taken.



Ashcombe maze In Victoria, Australia

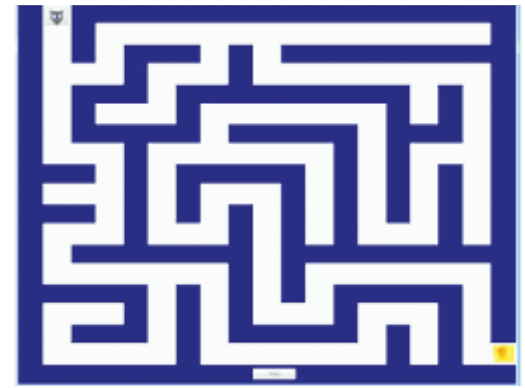


Botanical maze in Hawaii known as the 'Pineapple maze'

Thus, many maze solving algorithms are related to graph theory.

One such method is called the Tremaux's algorithm. This was discovered by the French architect Pierre Tremaux. This is supposed to work with all mazes although it does not guarantee to find the shortest route. It works according to the following directions.

- ◆ As you walk down the maze, draw a line on the path.
- ◆ At a dead end, turn around and walk back the way you came.
- ◆ At a junction you've not seen before, take any new path.
- ◆ At junction you have been to before:
 - If you are on a new path, turn back the way you came.
 - If you are on a path you've marked before, take a new path if you can.
- ◆ Never go down a path already marked with two lines.
- ◆ When your path reaches a junction, you choose an exit.



Most of the time, mazes are provided as puzzles to find the escape path; but there are also mazes that can be visited.

Some of these magnificent mazes constructed in different parts of the world are shown in the pictures that are on this page.



Longleat maze in Wiltshire, England



Peace symbol maze in Northern Ireland to celebrate the signing of the Good Friday agreement.



Yangcheng Defeng Dream maze in China

Math Plot - 56

Try to find the solution to the following puzzle. You may send solutions with reasoning to ndesilva@osc.lk within the next three days. Please include your full name, date of birth, home address, contact details and the name of your school along with the solution.

Anju's parents have six sons including Anju and each son has one sister. How many people are there in the whole family?

Math Plot 55 – Solution

The answer is '47 cards'

The winner is
Aflal Ahamed of Nangalla M.V.
Congratulations!

Tomahawk

Quiz No.186

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 186 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of July 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. 186' 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
Tomahawk Mountain Bikes
with the compliments of
Tomahawk Bicycle Mall

All Funday Times readers between 8 – 15 years
are eligible to participate.

(Those who have already won a bicycle
are not eligible to participate.)

Closing Date: August 31, 2021



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QUESTIONS — Quiz No. 186

1. Name the only Grand Slam tennis championship played on a grass court.
2. What is Bonsai?
3. Where is Temple Mount situated?
4. What is the mathematical process Google Translate uses to translate text from one language to another?
5. Who is the youngest person to travel to space and what was the name of the spacecraft he travelled in?



Please send competition entries to:

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C/O the Sunday Times
P.O. Box 1136, Colombo.
Or
8, Hunupitiya Cross Road,
Colombo 2.

**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),
Date of Birth, Address,
Telephone No. and School.

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, will be disqualified.

Closing date for weekly competitions:

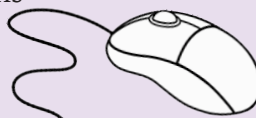
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You can also send in your art & articles and entries for the online competitions & quizzes through this site. Please email the editor at fundaytimes1@gmail.com or call us on 2479337/2479333 with your suggestions and feedback and for any clarifications you need.



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Please log on to the
Funday Times website on
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Sunday Times epaper on
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**for this week's
Funday Times.**

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

Jokes



**WHY WOULD A MUSIC
TEACHER MIGHT
NEED A LADDER?**

THE REACH THE HIGH NOTES.

**WHY DIDN'T THE
SUN GO TO COLLEGE?**

**BECAUSE IT
ALREADY HAD
A MILLION
DEGREES!**



**WHAT FOOD DO MATH
TEACHERS EAT?**

SQUARE MEALS!

Let's read with Room to Read!

Dear Children,

Today's story is called 'The Clever Tortoise.'

The tortoise sees the monkeys eating wood apples and wants to taste them. But first, he has to figure out how to crack open the hard shell. Can you help him?



The Clever Tortoise

Author : Prashaanth Ramalingam
Illustrator : Nuwan Chathuranga Athulasiri
Translator : Alisha Berger

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

This book was first published by Room to Read Sri Lanka in 2012.

This week's trivia

How did the tortoises crack open the wood apples?

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...

The monkeys were eating wood apples.

The tortoises wanted them too!

"We want tasty wood apples too!" said Kibba, the Tortoise.

"But how do we crack them open?" asked the others.

"Monkeys, please help us crack open the apples!" called Kibba.

"Ooh! Ooh! We can't! We won't!" The monkeys made fun of the clumsy tortoises.

The tortoises tried to bite into the fruit. But they couldn't! **Boo!**

They tried to knock it open with their awkward tortoise feet. **Boo!**

They tried to break the fruit with their heads. **Boo!**

They tried to soak the fruit to make it soft...

but the apples just bobbed on top of the pond. **Boo! Boo! Boo!**

All the tortoises cried. "We want to try the tasty wood apples!"

Meanwhile, the mean old monkeys kept teasing the tortoises.

They threw wood apples and giggled.

The raining fruit gave Kibba an idea!

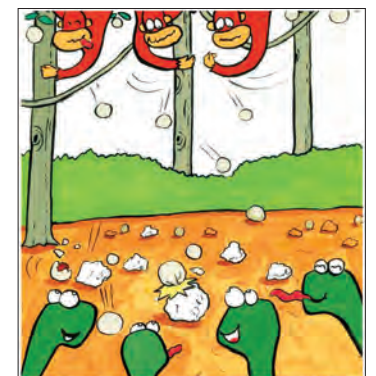
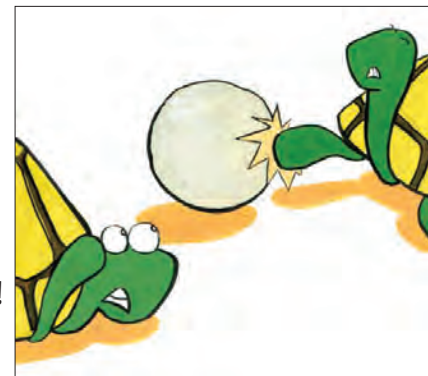
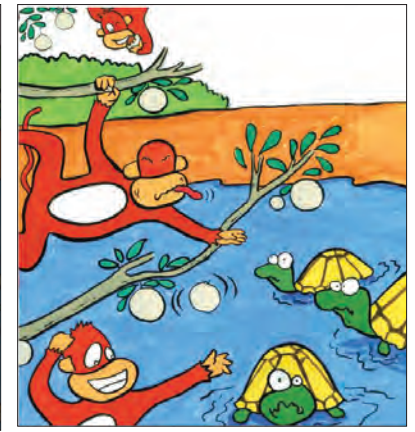
Kibba told his friends to spread stones under the trees.

And then, when the monkeys threw wood apples on the ground...

TAGAD! TAGAD! CRACKKKK!

Yum! Yum! Yum! At last, the tortoises could have their tasty party!

-The End-



Access the full story with illustrations via Room to Read's [Literacy Cloud](https://literacycloud.org/stories/1614-the-clever-tortoise/). <https://literacycloud.org/stories/1614-the-clever-tortoise/>

Cartoon Time!

Hey Kids! We plan to put in more cartoons in the Funday Times and what's more they will be your own cartoons.

So, here's a chance for you to try your hand at producing your very own original cartoons.

Draw a little cartoon with a caption. It could even be a small cartoon story in a strip (not more than three boxes). The best cartoons you send will be published in the Funday Times. So good luck to all you cartoon fans!

Send in your cartoon!



Please remember that the cartoons you send in should be your original work and not copied or traced from anything. They should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher.



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Riddles

WHAT
CAN YOU HOLD IN
YOUR LEFT HAND,
BUT NOT YOUR
RIGHT?
Your Right Elbow

WHAT
DO YOU HAVE TO
BREAK BEFORE YOU
CAN USE IT?
An Egg

WHAT
BELONGS TO YOU,
BUT YOUR FRIENDS
USE IT MORE THAN
YOU DO?
Your Name

WHAT
GETS BIGGER WHEN
MORE GETS TAKEN
AWAY?
A Hole

August 24

News in Pictures



Les Cayes, Haiti

A girl helps secure her family's tent at a camp set up on a soccer field after the August 14 earthquake.



Lichfield, England

The Great Exhibition: Science light and sound show, opening at Lichfield Cathedral in the West Midlands, sees the inside of the 900-year-old cathedral bathed in light and sound projections that explore the world of science, how it has shaped our past and how it will influence our future.



Brasilia, Brazil

A Kayapo child on his mother's lap at the camp Luta pela Vida (which means 'struggle for life'), during a demonstration in defence of local indigenous people

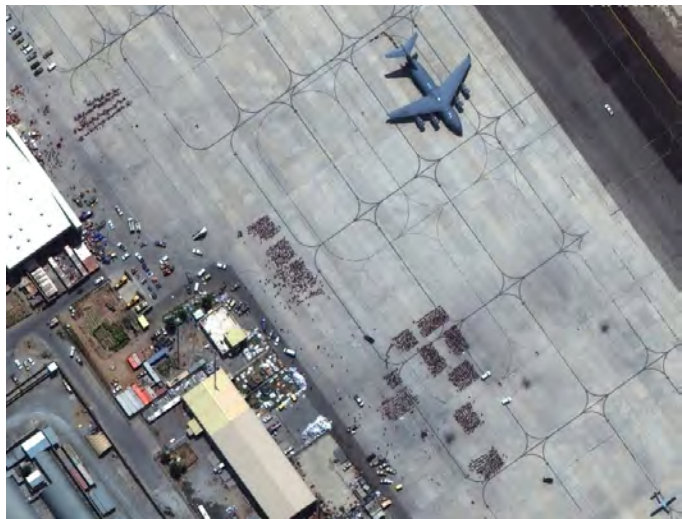
Tokyo, Japan

Japan's Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) aerobatic team Blue Impulse flies over Tokyo Tower ahead of the opening ceremony of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.



London, England

Extinction Rebellion protesters in Covent Garden block the streets with a giant table, symbolising their demand for the government to 'come to the table'.



Kabul, Afghanistan

Evacuations at Kabul's international airport. A firefight outside the airport killed an Afghan soldier early on Monday, highlighting the perils of evacuation efforts as the Taliban warned that any attempt by US troops to delay their withdrawal to give people more time to flee would 'provoke a reaction'.



California, USA

A firefighter works as the Caldor fire burns in Grizzly Flats.

Zhangye, China

Workers shovel crude salt at a salt pond.



Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Vietnamese soldiers look out from a truck as they deliver food in strict lockdown areas amid the coronavirus pandemic.



Source: theguardian.com

August 24

Paralympic Games opening ceremony

A spectacular opening ceremony has marked the start of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Fireworks blasted into the night from the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo, Japan, where competitors will take part in many of the track and field events.

The Paralympics feature athletes with disabilities competing in 539 events, across 22 different sports.

The Paralympics have always been in the same year as the summer Olympics. The name comes from the word Parallel Olympics, (which means running alongside) and was shortened to Paralympics.

Just like the Olympics, these Games were supposed to take place a year ago in Japan, but were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Was the Tyrannosaurus rex a picky eater?

The Tyrannosaurus rex is known to have been one of the most terrifying dinosaurs to have walked the Earth.

Standing at up to four metres tall with a huge body and razor sharp teeth, there's no doubt the prehistoric animal was a powerful force to be reckoned with.

Now, a new study suggests the predators may have been even scarier than first believed.

But it may also have been choosy about what it actually ate,

Scientists studying the dinosaurs at the Institute of Dinosaur Research at Fukui Prefectural University in Japan say the nerves in parts of the jaw of the Tyrannosaurus rex may have recognised small differences in the texture and movement of their prey.

This suggests the dinosaurs would have been able to recognise different parts of the animals they consumed and this would have led them to choose what they ate and to eat each part differently, rather than just gobbling everything up at once.

The team used what's known as computed tomography to reconstruct and analyse part of a Tyrannosaurus rex's jaw which was originally found in Hell Creek Formation, Montana.

They compared their reconstruction to other dinosaurs such as Triceratops, as well as living crocodiles and birds and this allowed them to find out more



about the vessels and nerves in the lower jaw of the Tyrannosaurus rex.

The study revealed the distribution of nerves in the dinosaur's jaw would have allowed them to detect the best bits of their prey, similar to how humans can find out which foods they like the best through taste – and which ones they don't like so much!

Spider-Man: No Way Home - what's in the trailer?

The new trailer for the next Spider-Man film has dropped and it's packed with key info about the film.

'Spider-Man: No Way Home' is due out in the UK at Christmas 2021.

It will be the web slinger's third stand-alone film as part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU)



and it features some familiar faces as well as some blasts from the past.

So what's in there? Let's take a look.

At the end of the last film, Peter Parker had a shock as the world found out that he was Spider-Man.

Footage of his battle with Mysterio was leaked online which made it look like Spidey was the bad guy. It also leaked his real identity to the world.

In the new trailer Peter seems to be dealing with the fallout from that.

Boy wins £10,000 with upcycling app idea

Meet 11-year-old Otto who has created an app that could help more people upcycle.

Upcycling is transforming unwanted products that you can't use anymore, into new things that you can use.

Otto is the winner of the BT Young Pioneer Award and will get up to £10,000 in funding from experts to allow people all over the UK to use his app 'FrankEinstein'.

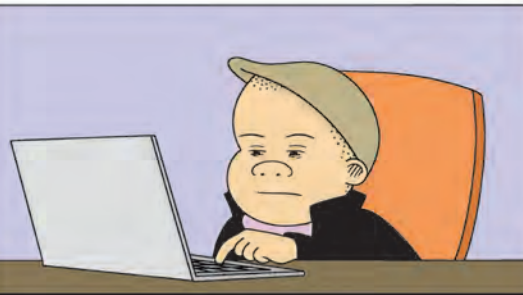


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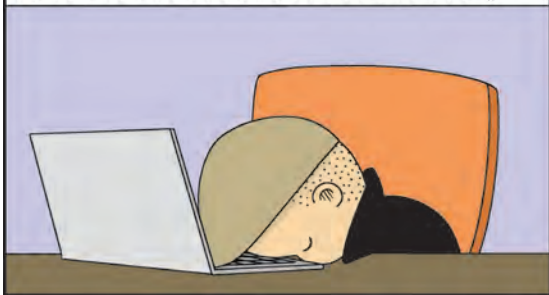
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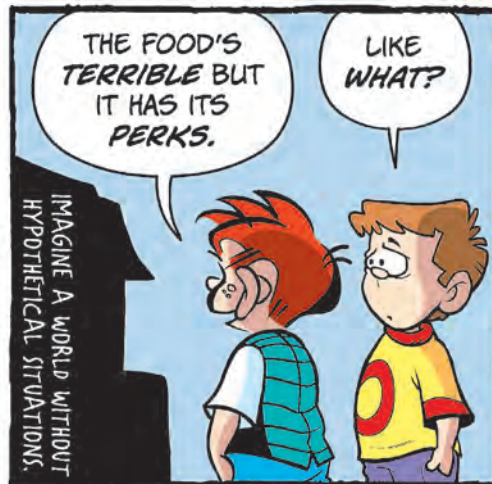
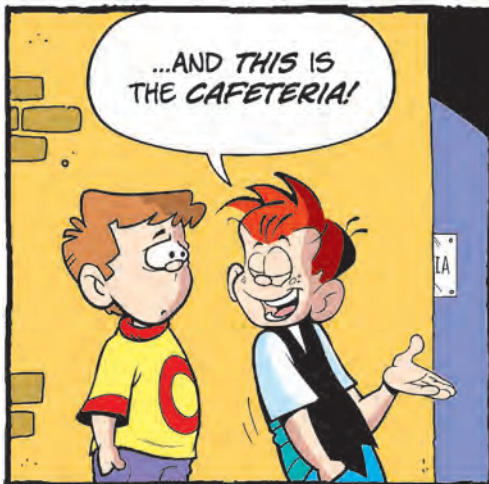
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ONE MISPELLED WORD IN
A FOUR-PAGE REPORT IS
ALL IT TAKES TO FAIL
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