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Swamp hens on a walk

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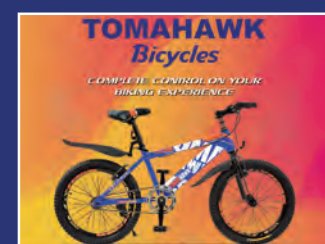
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**BRITISH
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Age groups:

6 – 10 years

11 – 15 years

Word limit: 100 Words

6 – 10 years

Beautiful night

Little Star
you shine so bright,
Beside the glimmer
of the clear night sky,
Dear Moon
you watch over us so,
Under your light
we also glow,
Dear night
we bid you farewell,
Until you meet us once again.

Oshani Jayasinghe
Musaeus College, Colombo 7

Please write **the date**
at the top of your entry



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

Life changed

After taking bed tea,
Wore my uniform feeling free,
Now stay home, no school,
No playground, no pool.

Lot of memories give me pain,
Turning around inside my brain,
Life goes on, no time to stay,
Life has changed to another way.

Going out covering smile,
Without knowing it changed my style,
About their child, parent fears,
There are some who do not care.

Schools and parks are waiting to see,
With no masks our faces free,
Until a day to have fun with friends,
For a pandemic it shall be the end.

Niruni Navodya
Princess of Wales College, Moratuwa

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that copied poems
will be disqualified.



From a Young Reporter

Animal Habitats

An animal habitat is a place
where a certain type of animal
species lives. They have adapted
to that specific environment and have
the three basic needs to live which are
air, water and food. The habitat provides
shelter and space for the animals.

There are different habitats in this
world which can be classified based on
climate and other factors. For example,
hot deserts, mountains, rivers, lakes,
rainforests, burrows, marshy lands
and cold deserts like in Antarctica,
which are home to various types of
unusual creatures.

There are bacteria living below
the ice of Antarctica and also in the
Mariana Trench, which is the deepest
place in the ocean and on Earth.

According to current information,
Kampecaris obanensis, who is considered
as the oldest land animal to live on land,

lived near a
lake in a
semi-arid forest
environment.

The Dodo
bird, which is an
extinct flightless
bird, lived in
Mauritius which
is an island in
the Indian Ocean
close to Africa.

Saolas, who are considered as an
endangered species, only live in
the Annamite mountains of
Vietnam and Laos.

The habitat of wombats
(an endangered species) is the
temperate forest-covered areas
of southwestern Australia.

Giant pandas who are also considered
as an endangered species live in



temperate forests high in the mountains
of south-west China.

Considering the above facts, we can
conclude that there are numerous kinds
of animal habitats and we should make
it our duty and responsibility to protect
them.

Thinuli Kuruppuarachchi
(11 years)
Methodist College, Colombo 3

World Post Day

By Cecilia Hewavitharana

World Post Day was declared as October 9 by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1969, as it is the anniversary of its establishment in 1874, in Bern, Switzerland. The theme for 2021 will be “Innovate to recover”, referencing the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Universal Postal Union

The UPU is a specialised agency of the United Nations, responsible for setting the rules for international mail exchanges. It is also the second oldest international organisation in the world.

The History of Post

The earliest evidence of postal systems dates back to 2000 BC in Egypt and 1000 BC in China, with the earliest known postal document dating back to 255 BC in Egypt.

The relay system of transmitting messages and letters was likely developed in China. In the 6th century BC, the Persian Empire used mounted messengers who also used the relay system and had posthouses along the way.

World's Oldest Working Post Office

Opened in 1712, what is considered to be the world's oldest working post office is in Sanquhar, Scotland.



Sanquhar Post Office

Messenger God

In Greek mythology, the god, Hermes, was the messenger of the gods, who wore a winged cap and shoes and was able to travel between the worlds of the divine and mortal, as well as the underworld. His Roman and Etruscan equivalents were Mercury and Turms, respectively.

Post in a Digital World

With the advances in technology (such as email and instant messaging), the postal system, which began as a means to transmit letters, now has a variety of other uses as well. For example:

- ♦ Post offices provide banking services in areas where it would not be economical for banks to open branches.
- ♦ Pensions and other social security benefits are paid by many governments by allowing the vouchers to be cashed at the post offices.
- ♦ Taxes are sometimes collected through post offices, normally through the sale of tax stamps.

Today, there are over 650,000 post offices and 5.3 million staff globally and it is safe to say that, no matter what the future brings, the postal system will still be serving the world in some way.

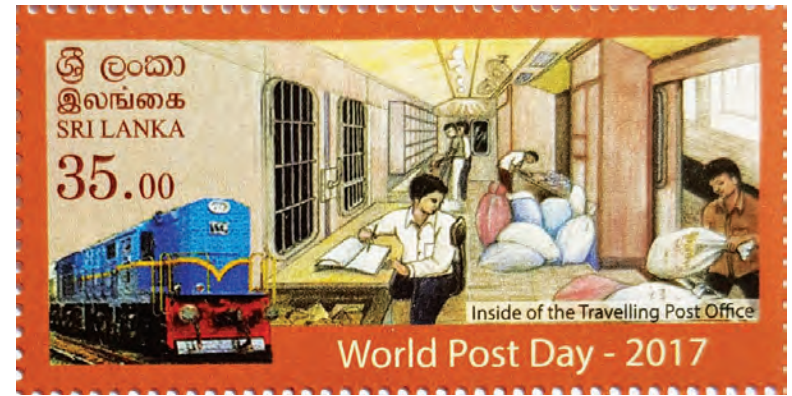
World's Highest Post Office

Opened in 1983 and with an elevation of 14,567 feet, the highest post office in the world is located in the village of Hikim in Himachal Pradesh, India.

To deliver the mail to the nearest town, of Kaza, postmen have to make a gruelling 46 km round-trip everyday across mountain passes, on foot.



Hikim Post Office



Commemorative stamp illustrating the inside of the Travelling Post Office

Pigeon Post

For thousands of years and even during the two World Wars, pigeons were used to deliver messages. Certain types of pigeons can find their way back to their original location from any place, so releasing the pigeon at a different location with a message tied to its leg, enabled the message to be received at that original location.



Pigeon with a message attached to its leg

Penny Black

The world's first adhesive postage stamp (called the 'Penny Black') used in a public postal system was issued in 1840 in Great Britain.



Penny Black

Tomahawk

Quiz
No.188

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 188 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of September 5, 12, 19 and 26, 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. 188' 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: October 31, 2021



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QUESTIONS — QUIZ NO. 188

1. Name three of the most widely spoken languages in the world.
2. When rock climbing, who is a 'belay buddy'?
3. What is the famous pyramid shaped mountain situated in the Alps?
4. In which month is World Maritime Day held and what is the theme this year?
5. What is the symbol for infinity and who invented this symbol?

KID'S ART

Celebrating Children and Elders



Sithuli Dissanayake (Grade 3)
Hillwood College, Kandy

The Happy Tiger



Melshan Nanayakkara (10 years)
The British School in Colombo

Iron Man and Hulk



Amaan Yusuf (Grade 1)
Royal College



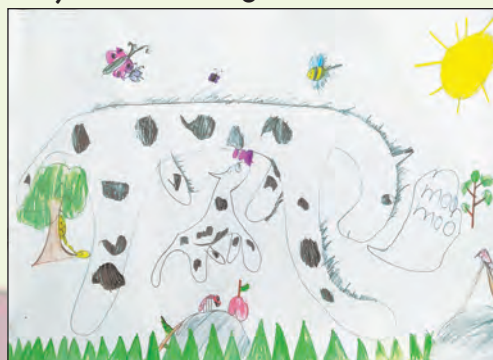
Akshaya
Uthayatheepan
14 years on October 5

Dancing Girls



Anuki Waduge (Grade 1)
Ladies' College

Baby cow drinking its mother's milk



Kiara Halahakone (Grade 3)
Bishop's College

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The Library of Celsus



A marble statue of Celsus

The Library of Celsus is an ancient Roman building in Ephesus, now part of Anatolia, Turkey. It was built in honour of the Roman Senator Tiberius Julius Celsus Polemaeanus, known as Celsus.

Celsus paid for the construction of the library with his own personal wealth. Celsus was Consul in 92 A. D., Governor of the Roman province of Asia in 115 A.D., and a rich and popular local citizen. He was a native of nearby Sardis and amongst the first Greek men to become a consul in the Roman Empire. He is honoured both as a Greek and a Roman on the library itself.

The library was built by his son, Gaius Julius Aquila (Consul 110 A.D.) and completed in 135 A.D. The library was built to store 12,000 scrolls and to serve as a monumental tomb for Celsus.

Celsus is buried in a sarcophagus beneath the library, in the main entrance, which is both a crypt containing his sarcophagus and a sepulchral monument to him. It was unusual to be buried within a library or even within city limits, so this was a special honour for Celsus.

History

The library was built in Ephesus, a Greek city in Asia Minor. The building is important as one of few remaining examples of an ancient Roman-influenced library. It also shows that public libraries were built not only in Rome itself but throughout the Roman Empire.

The interior of the library and all its books were destroyed by fire in the devastating earthquake that struck the city in 262. Only the facade survived. About 400 A.D., the library was used for other purposes.

The facade was completely destroyed by a later earthquake, likely in the late Byzantine period.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the facade was restored. It now serves as a prime example of Roman public architecture. The building had a single hall which faced east toward the morning sun, as Vitruvius advised, to benefit early risers. Beside the entrances are four pairs of Ionic columns on pedestals. A set of Corinthian columns stands directly above the first set, adding to the height of the building. It is thought there once may have been a third set of columns.

This type of facade with inset frames and niches for statues is like that found in ancient Greek theatres, and so is described as "scenographic".

Source: KidzSearch



Library of Celsus, side view



Virtual reconstruction of the Celsus Library



October 5

Technology blackouts: Why did Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram stop working?

Social media platforms Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram are back up and running after a six hour outage.

Facebook said the blackout had been caused by an internal technical issue, which not only affected Facebook's services, but reportedly also employees' work passes and email. More than 3.5 billion people worldwide use Facebook, Messenger, Instagram and WhatsApp.

An outage of this size for such a long time is a rare event. But here are five other times technology fails have caused major disruption.



The millennium bug



In 1999, there was real concern about something called the 'millennium bug'. Some experts warned that many computers would crash when their date flicked over to 01/01/2000.

Big sums of money were spent by governments all over the world to prepare for the event, but as midnight struck on January 1, nothing happened. The dangers associated with the 'millennium bug' have since been described as a myth by lots of people.

However, IT programmers who were involved in battling the bug insist that their hard work and planning prevented the real threat.

Facebook fails for the first time

This week's Facebook outage wasn't the first time the social media giant has had a complete blackout. Back in 2008, when social media was still relatively new, Facebook went down for a whole day.

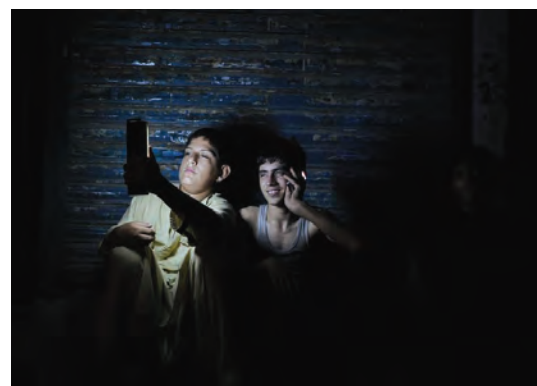
At that point in time, the platform had 80 million users worldwide. Now, Facebook is the most popular social media site on earth, with almost three billion active users.



Biggest power cut of all time hits India

In the summer of 2012, India was struck by two of the biggest power cuts of all time, with 620 million people affected by outages - that's about 9% of the world's population!

Everything and everyone came to a standstill as electricity failed, trains got stuck and traffic lights stopped working in 20 of the country's 28 states. The blackout was blamed on the extreme heat in India which saw record levels.



A whole country without connection

The whole of Armenia was left without internet in 2011 after a 75-year-old woman scavenging for copper to sell as scrap accidentally sliced through an underground cable and cut off the internet services! Three million Armenians were affected in total.

To rub salt in the wound, she wasn't even in Armenia when it happened! She'd been digging in neighbouring country Georgia, which provides 90% of Armenia's internet.



British Airways grounded

More than 640 British Airways planes were grounded in May 2017 after an IT glitch caused all the company's computer systems to fail. About 75,000 customers were left stranded as the company was forced

to cancel all its flights.

Two years later another computer problem caused over 100 flights to be cancelled.



Source : CBBC Newsround

October 5

News in Pictures



Buenos Aires province, Argentina
Rescuers push a stranded beached humpback whale back to the sea, in Lucila del Mar.



Albuquerque, USA
Joey and Lilly, the Little Bees balloons, attract crowds during the international balloon fiesta.



Qingdao, China
Workers inspect the damaged part of the 'Ever Given' container ship, berthed at a repairing dock in Shandong province. The Panama-flagged vessel ran aground in March in the single-lane stretch of the Suez Canal.

Vatican City
Pope Francis holds a private audience with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.



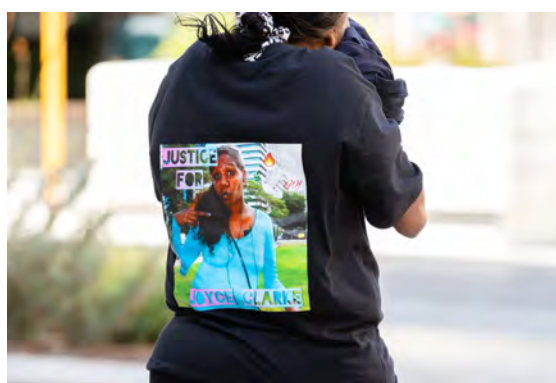
Baikonur, Kazakhstan
The actor Yulia Peresild, an ISS Expedition 66 main crew member, blows a kiss through a bus window as she leaves for the Baikonur Cosmodrome. The launch of the Soyuz MS-19 mission will feature in a film, a joint project by Roscosmos and Channel One.



West Malling, UK
People queue for fuel at a BP station in Kent. The Petrol Retailers Association, which represents almost 5,500 of the UK's 8,000 filling stations, said about 20% of forecourts in London and the south-east were out of fuel on Monday.



Hong Kong, China
Visitors view Machine Hallucination Space: Metaverse Lot 1, created by the Turkish-American new media digital artist Refik Anadol, at Digital Art Fair Asia.



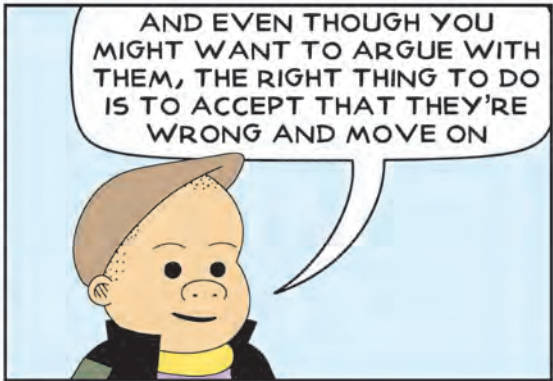
Perth, Australia
Family and supporters demonstrate outside the district court of West Australia where a police officer is charged with murder over the shooting of an Aboriginal woman.



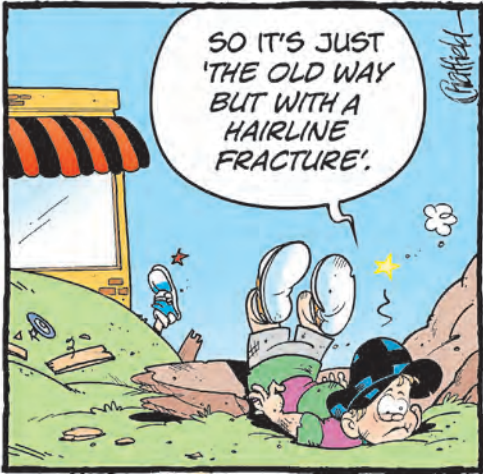
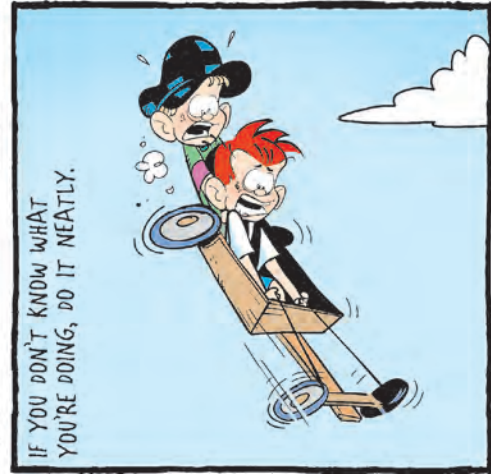
Sacramento, USA
Al Capone's platinum and diamond Patek Philippe pocket watch is displayed at Witherell's auction house in California. More than 170 items once owned by Capone, one of the most notorious gangsters in US history, are going under the hammer.

Source: The Guardian

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Ginger Meggs



Rugrats

