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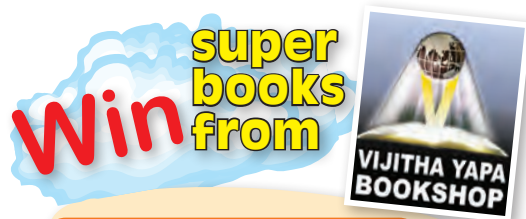


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Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: How you enjoyed Children's Day this year.

Win: Horrid Henry – Tricks and Treats by Francesca Simon

Horrid Henry loves Halloween. He can't wait to go trick or treating. But surely, Mum doesn't expect him to go out with Peter dressed as a fluffy pink bunny?



Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

Age: 10 – 12 years

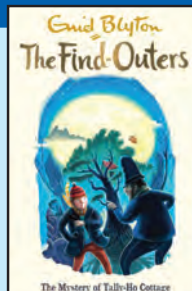
Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: Halloween

Win: The Mystery of Tally-Ho Cottage by Enid Blyton

Buster has sniffed out a mystery! The Lorenzos of Tally-Ho Cottage have disappeared along with a priceless painting, but they left behind their treasured poodle.

It's up to the Find-Outers to discover what's really going on...



Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: An UN Agency that you think is important.

Win: The Unexpected Guest by Agatha Christie

A stranger runs his car into a ditch in dense fog and makes his way to an isolated house. He discovers a woman standing over the dead body of her wheelchair-bound husband, a gun in her hand. She admits to murder and the unexpected guest offers to help her concoct a cover story. But is it possible that Laura Warwick did not commit the murder after all?



Book Competition



May 16

10 – 12 years

How I occupy myself at home

M. A. M. Aaqil
Gampola Int. School

13 – 15 years

The Ramazan Festival
Ifadha Deen
Leeds Int. School,
Galle

June 13

10 – 12 years

How you can help to keep your environment free from pollution
Kiyara Chand
Logos College

13 – 15 years

What you know about World Environment Day
Sachini Ayodhya
Ashoka Colege, Horana

British Council Young Learner Art Competition 2021

Global Winner



Sanuli Jasenth Liyana (8 years), a student of the British Council Sri Lanka was a winner at the Global Young Learner Art Competition 2021. Her drawing is titled 'Exploring the deep blue sea'. Her artwork was selected out of all the winners and runners up for Sri Lanka from all categories.

8 years and below



1st runner up – Tharuli Jasenth Liyana
Drawing: 'Enjoying the beauty of nature'

9 – 11 Age Category



Winner – Sassen Lomitha Amarathunga
Drawing: 'What makes me happy'

9 – 11 Age Category



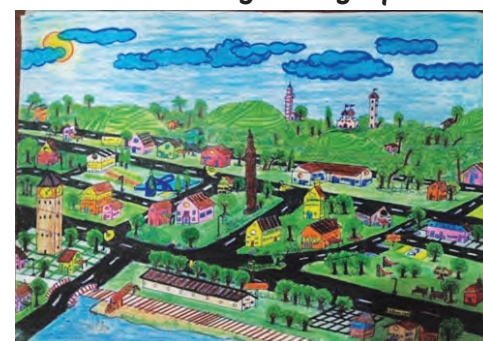
1st runner up – Nikshi Vibusha
Drawing: 'On an endless adventure'

12 – 15 Age Category



Winner – Senuthi Koswatte
Drawing: 'Things that make me happy'

12 – 15 Age Category



1st runner up – Hemika Jayasinghe
Drawing: 'Comfortable green city'

Halloween Night

By Manoshi de Silva

Tehan and his little brother Harith migrated to America with their parents, because their father got a new job in that country. It took some getting used to, because everything was new and different in their new home and neighbourhood. The boys still missed their old home, friends and relatives very much. Tehan was kind of excited to experience new things but Harith was still very sad and homesick.

Back in Sri Lanka, everyday was nice and warm and the trees were always covered in lush green leaves. But Tehan and Harith noticed that the trees in their new neighbourhood were shedding leaves, which were turning into shades of yellow and brown. "Why are the trees dying?" Harith asked their mother. "This is the Autumn season. The trees shed their leaves and prepare for the cold winter which is around the corner!" she explained. "You will get to experience Halloween celebrations at the end of this month. That's a popular celebration during this season!"

"What is Halloween?" Harith wanted to know. "I know what it is," said Tehan. "It's a celebration where people decorate their houses with scary looking stuff and go 'Trick-or-Treating' getting sweets from the neighbours." "Yay! We'll get a lot of sweets!" shouted Harith in excitement. "But you'll meet a lot of ghosts, monsters and witches on the way!" said Tehan raising his hands up and pretending to claw his little brother.

Harith was very scared of the dark and of spooky things. Tehan knew about this and was trying to tease his small brother a little. Harith looked very scared and was about to cry. "I don't like Halloween then and I am not coming out that night!" he sobbed. "Tehan stop teasing your brother!" said their mother. "Aiya is teasing you Harith. There won't be any real ghosts out there!" she said trying to console the small boy.

Tehan went out with his father a few days later and brought some pumpkins to carve into Jack-o'-Lanterns. He even bought some decorations in the shape of bats and a scary mask for him to wear

when he went out Trick-or-Treating. But Harith didn't even look at any of these things. Tehan thought it would be funny to frighten his small brother. So he wore his scary mask and hid behind their bedroom door. The little boy who walked in didn't expect to see this and he got extremely scared. He howled and cried so much that it took his parents a very long time to calm him down.

Tehan got a good scolding by his parents who told him that he wouldn't be allowed to go out on Halloween night if he did something naughty again. Although Tehan promised that he wouldn't do anything like that again and apologized to his little brother, it was not possible to make Harith's fear go away. He got even more scared of Halloween and didn't even come out to see the decorations when they were hung around their house.

On the last day of October, Tehan and his father started to hollow out the pumpkins and carve them into funny faces. Their mother promised to make a yummy pumpkin pie with the insides that was scooped out. Tehan felt sad to see his small brother sitting in a corner sulking alone. "Harith come here. I'll help you to make a Jack-o'-Lantern!" Tehan held his brother by his little hand and brought him to the table. They made a few lanterns together and Harith finally looked a little happy.

That evening Tehan noticed that Harith was still looking a little nervous. Tehan didn't want to wear his scary mask and frighten his little brother again. So he made Harith wear it and took him in front of the mirror. "See it's not a scary monster, it's just you," the big boy explained to his brother. "And every other monster you see on the street today is just a kid wearing a



mask just like you!" Harith looked less worried after this explanation. And so he agreed to go Trick-or-Treating with his big brother.

The two kids went to a few houses around which were decorated with illuminated pumpkins. The little boy didn't feel afraid of these because they too had made Jack-o'-Lanterns and left them on their porch with candles inside them. As the two of them walked about, Harith slowly looked around. There were ghosts, witches, werewolves and monsters everywhere. But they were all carrying sweets in their hands and were laughing and talking with each other happily. So Harith knew that they were only kids like himself. Also although Harith was afraid of the dark and he never went out in the night, he realized that there was nothing scary about it. Everything around was just the same except that the sun was not in the sky but the moon and a few stars were.

The boys had their baskets full of chocolates, toffees and other sweets by the time they returned home. And the best part was that their mother had made a lovely pumpkin pie for them to enjoy.

Harith was full of smiles. He didn't look upset anymore. "I am not scared of the dark or spooky things anymore," smiled the little boy. "Halloween was not as scary as I thought it would be. It was fun!"

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), 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:

November 17, 2021

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Tower of Hanoi

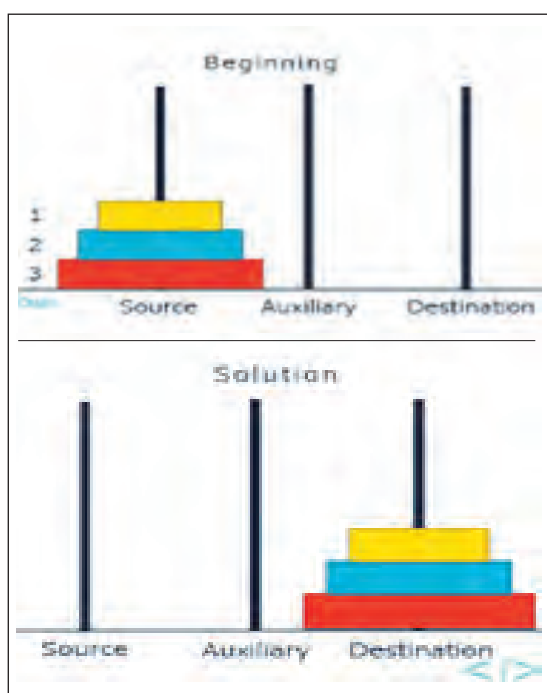
Maths in Action 58

By R. N. A. de Silva

The Tower of Hanoi is a mathematical puzzle invented by French mathematician Edouard Lucas in 1883. It consists of a series of circular disks of different sizes, arranged on three rods.

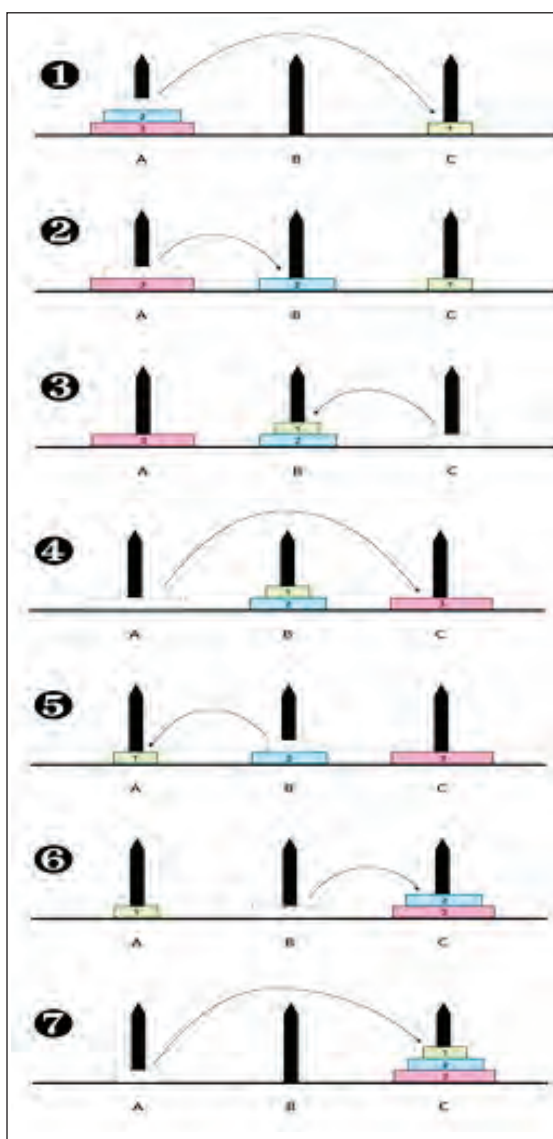
Initially the disks are stacked on one rod, arranged so that they decrease in size from bottom to top. The aim is to move the entire stack to another rod obeying the following rules:

1. Only one disk may be moved at a time.
2. Each move consists of taking the upper disk from one of the stacks and placing it on top of another stack or an empty rod.
3. No disk may be placed on top of a disk that is smaller than it.



Try to solve the puzzle with three disks, before reading further.

With three disks, the puzzle can be solved in 7 moves, as shown above.



Now try to solve the puzzle with 4 discs, following the same procedure as outlined below:

- ◆ First move the top three disks to an empty rod.
- ◆ Then move the largest disk to the only remaining empty rod.
- ◆ Then move the top three disks on the rod containing the largest disk.

You will notice that you require 15 moves to solve a puzzle with 4 discs.



Earlier we saw that we require 7 moves to solve the puzzle with 3 discs.

$$7 = 2^3 - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 15 = 2^4 - 1.$$

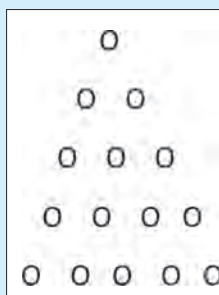
Mathematicians have shown that the minimum number of moves required to solve the puzzle with n disks is $2^n - 1$.

Math Plot - 58

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.

Place numbers 1 to 5 arranged in the circles of the bottom row in any order. The numbers for circles above can be found by adding the two numbers in the circles immediately below together.

What arrangement of the numbers 1 to 5 in the bottom row gives 49 at the top circle?



Math Plot 57 – Solution

2:34, 3:45, 4:56 and 12:34.

The winner is **Lihini Wijesekara** of **Lyceum Int. School, Wattala.**
Congratulations!

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.

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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?



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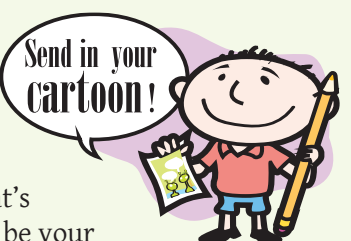
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Cartoon Time!

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!

Please remember that the cartoons you send in should be your original work and not copied or traced from anything.

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Read-a-Book for September

9 years and below

Senuri Gunawardana

Bluebell Woods

– *Evie's Secret Hideaway*

by Liss Norton

10 – 12 years

Thinuli Kuruppuarachchi

Journey to the River Sea

by Eva Ibbotson

13 – 15 years

Priscilla Rambukkange

Sandhills of Yamboorah

by Reginald Ottley



October 26

COP26: Climate change - what do all the words mean?

COP26, the climate change conference is taking place in the Scottish city of Glasgow. Even if you're really interested in climate change, sometimes the scientific language used to talk about it can be tricky to understand.

This handy jargon-buster would explain some of the key terms you'll be hearing at COP26.

1.5 degrees

The planet's temperature is getting warmer. Scientists say that we need to stop the rise from getting over 1.5 degrees Celsius in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

It is compared to pre-industrial times, which means before the industrial revolution, which was a period of technological advancement that saw the beginning of large scale carbon emissions by humans.

The average global temperature has already gone up by about 1 degree Celsius.

Carbon footprint

This refers to the amount of carbon emitted over a certain period of time, for example, your carbon footprint is bigger if you drive somewhere, than if you walk.

Individuals and groups of people such as companies can have carbon footprints.

Products can also have a footprint, which refers to how much carbon is emitted when they are made.

Carbon neutral

If something is carbon neutral, it means that the amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) it releases into the atmosphere is the same amount as it takes out.

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is a major cause of climate change.

Climate change

Climate means patterns of weather over a long period of time.

Climate change means these patterns start to look different, and we can start to see extreme weather patterns emerging that we're not used to, such as heatwaves or long periods of heavy rain.

COP

This stands for Conference Of the Parties. It's the name of the annual climate change negotiations organised by the United Nations (UN). The meeting in Glasgow is the 26th time this has happened, so it is known as COP26.

Emissions

Emissions are any releases of gases that contribute to global warming, such as CO₂.

They can be smaller individual emissions such as from car engines, or they can be larger, such as those from coal-burning power stations.

Global warming

The rise in the planet's average temperature: Scientists say that humans are the main cause of this happening.



Glasgow, where the climate change conference is being held

Greenhouse gases

Greenhouse gases are the gases that are responsible for global warming. The main ones are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons).

Renewable energy

Energy from a source that isn't depleted when it's used. Common examples of renewable energy are wind, solar (from the Sun) and water (hydro electricity).

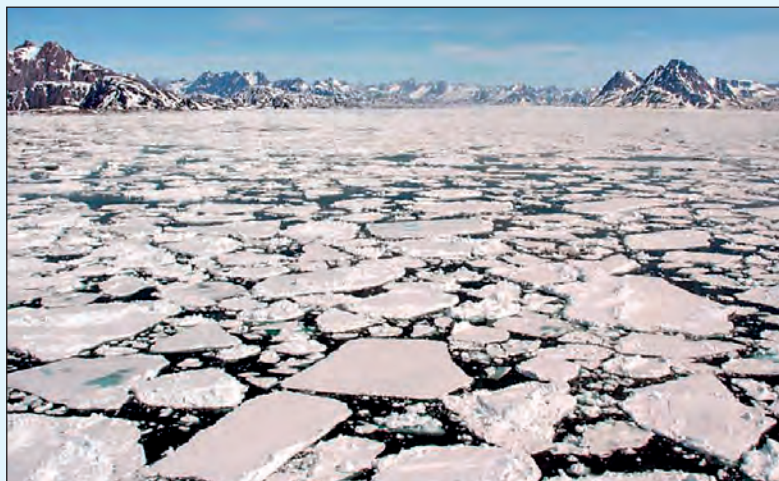
IPCC

This stands for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. It's a group that was set up by the United Nations and World Meteorological Organisation.

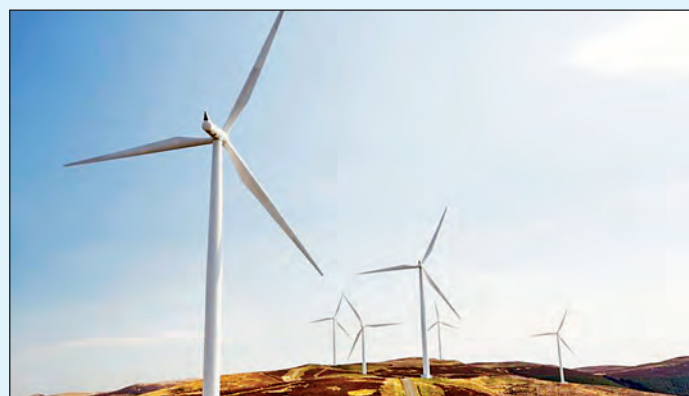
Its role is to analyse scientific research on climate change.

Facts about COP26

- The conference is taking place in Glasgow, Scotland, for the first time ever
- It was supposed to take place in November 2020 but was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic
- There was a twin conference in Milan that was specifically for young people, called Youth4Climate: Driving Ambition



Even though you will only find sea ice in the polar regions, it can have an effect on the climate in other parts of the world.



Wind turbines can be as tall as 200 metres

Source : CBBC Newsround

October 26

News in Pictures



Bakau, Gambia
A boy runs away from men dressed as Kankurang, which symbolises the spirit that provides order and justice and is considered a protector against evil.



Dordrecht, Netherlands
Princess Beatrix waves to cyclists at the opening of the Prince Claus Bridge in Dordrecht. The pedestrian and bicycle bridge connects the new district with the city centre.



Tokyo, Japan
The former princess Mako and her husband, Kei Komuro, at the start of a press conference to announce their marriage registration and her leaving the royal family, at the Grand Arc hotel.



Huixtla, Mexico
A man carries a child as he walks towards Mexico City to request asylum.



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
A boy sits on top of a samba school's old props after parades were cancelled due to coronavirus.



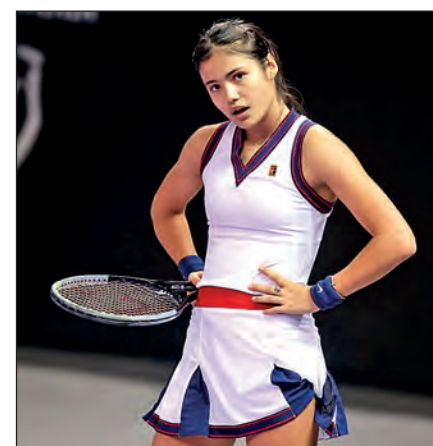
Melbourne, Australia
Horses steaming up after galloping during a trackwork session at Flemington Racecourse. Saturday is the first day of the Melbourne Cup four-day carnival.



Bala Murghab, Afghanistan
A child stands on dried out land as drought stalks the parched fields around the remote Afghan district, where the climate crisis is proving a deadlier foe than the country's recent conflicts.



Delhi, India
People on stretchers at an emergency ward of a government hospital as dengue cases in the city increase.



Transylvania, Romania
Britain's Emma Raducanu reacts during her match against Slovenia's Polona Hercog.

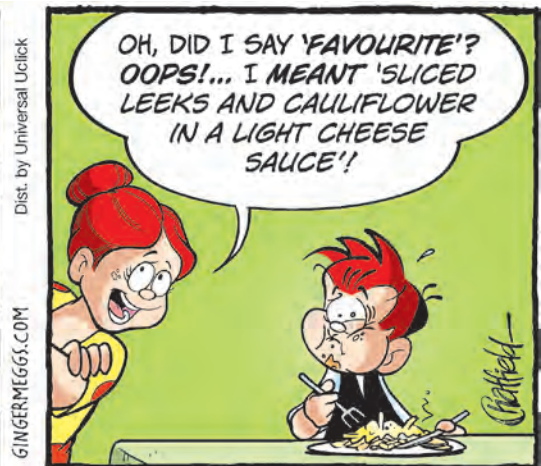
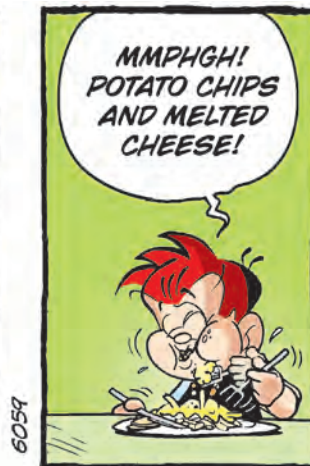
Source : The Guardian



DOG GONE FUNNY LAS VEGAS, NV

LINDA MORELLI HAS GIGI, A POODLE. THEY WERE IN THE KITCHEN, LOOKING AT EACH OTHER. LINDA THOUGHT, "YOU COULD USE A BATH." GIGI JUMPED OFF HER CHAIR, RAN OUT OF THE KITCHEN AND HID UNDER THE BED. GIGI CAN READ MINDS!

Ginger Meggs



Rugrats

