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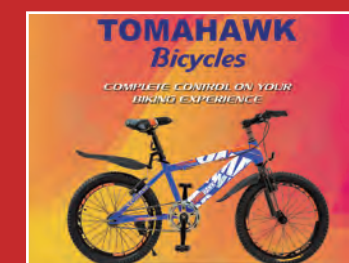
Beautiful ornamental fish

Pic. by M. A . Pushpa Kumara

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Please send competition entries to:

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8, Hunupitiya Cross Road,
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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:
December 1, 2021

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Age groups:
6 - 10 years 11 - 15 years
Word limit: 100 Words

Poetry Competition

This is your chance to get your poem published here. Entries should be in your 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.

6 - 10 years

Where are my toys?

"Where are my toys?"
"I put it right here!"
"Mummy have you seen them?"
"It must be somewhere near!"

She went everywhere to find it.
But she did not find them in a single place!
When she searched near the window
She found a doll's face!

Then she started to take the doll's face
Then she saw a truck!
And then she saw a car
At last she saw a duck!

"Here they are," she said to herself
Here is my unicorn box!
I've never thought of looking there
And at last, she saw a fox!

Seneli Perera
St. Bridget's Convent,
Colombo 7

11 - 15 years

A better place

We have only one planet
And it belongs to us all
We must stop pollution
As it's our only hope.

Stop burning polythene
Stop dumping waste
And stop feeding chemicals
To all the living race.

We can turn pollution
Into a great solution
Using waste as fertilizer
We can start a revolution.

It's time to change
To make a better place
Let's all start today
By an act for a day.

Ann Amodya
Ave Maria Convent,
Negombo

Please write **the date** at the top of your entry when sending poems for this competition.

Christmas Cover 2021

Hey Kids! It is time once again to think about the Funday Times Christmas Cover. We invite our readers to send in their paintings for the Christmas Cover Competition.

Entries for the Christmas Cover should be of a suitable Christmas theme. You could use any type of paints or crayons you like but try to make your picture colourful and creative. **All entries should be on A 4 size paper.**

Please write Christmas Cover at the back of your picture, along with your **Name, Date of Birth, Address, Telephone number (if any) and School.**

All paintings entered for this competition should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Uncertified paintings will not be considered for the prize.

Closing Date : December 10, 2021

The best picture will adorn the cover page of our Christmas issue.
The winner will also receive a prize.

This competition is open to children between 4 - 15 years of age.
Good luck and happy painting!

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Happy Birthday

Dinal Fernando
14 years on November 6

Photographs of members and non-members between 4 - 15 years, for the birthday page, should reach us at least ten days before the birthday, along with a letter from a parent giving full details.

From our Young Reporters

A Brief History to a Revolutionary Art

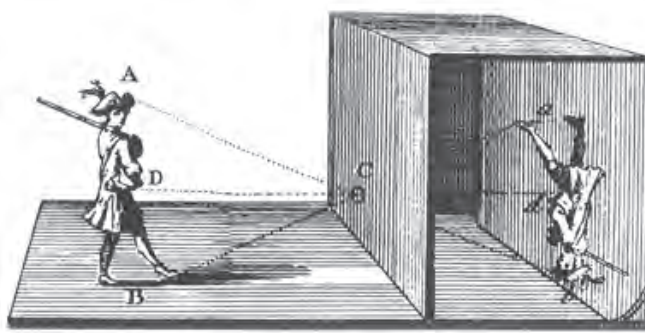
The ability to replicate a real life scene without alteration, as mere evidence or a memento, is a towering triumph indeed. 'Photography' has been evolving as a major industry since the earliest mention of the basic concept of projecting an image onto a surface, in the 5th century B.C.

This natural optical phenomenon of light rays passing through a small hole on one side of a room and projecting an inverted image of the object on the other became known as 'Camera obscura' (Latin for "dark chamber"). This is according to the law of physics that light travels in straight lines. The Iraqi scientist 'Alhazen' studied and documented this concept in his 'Book of Optics' in 1021 A.D., and the principles of analogue photography were born.

In the late 1820's, French inventor Joseph Nicéphore Niépce, experimented with a camera obscura by exposing a pewter plate coated with bitumen to light



'View from the window at Le Gras'



for 8 hours. He produced the world's first permanent image, 'View from the window at Le Gras'.

In 1839, the Daguerreotype by Louis Daguerre, which captured images onto silvered copper plates, became publicly available. It required only 2 – 3 seconds of exposure, hence was much effective as a prototype of modern film until its replacement in the late 1850s by emulsion plates. This was further improved to 'lightweight gelatine plates' called 'Dry plates', equal in quality. As exposure times decreased, handheld cameras progressed leading to 'mechanical shutters'.

Before a company called 'Kodak' was established in New York, photography was exclusively for professionals. The Kodak box camera was loaded with a 100-exposure roll of film. In the late 1940s, 35mm film cameras became cheap enough for the majority of consumers to use.

Priscilla Rambukkange (15 years)
Hillwood College, Kandy



Kodak No. 2 Brownie box camera



Fun Fact



The first colour photo was taken by Thomas Sutton, in 1861, using the three-colour concept.

Peahen sighted in front yard

Peahens fall into the category of birds in the animal kingdom. Peahens eat insects, worms, rats, lizards, etc. They are known to be omnivores and are found mostly in villages.



The peahen that was sighted in Ratmalana on a few occasions, is a rare sighting in an urban area. This peahen was spotted in my front yard on March 14, 2021 and I was lucky enough to capture it on camera.

Faiq Faraz (9 years)
Royal College,
Colombo 7



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



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Tomahawk

Quiz
No.189

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 189 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 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. 189' 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.)

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QUESTIONS – Quiz NO. 188

1. Name three countries that celebrate Children's Day on October 1.
2. Which country issued the world's first adhesive stamp and what is the stamp named?
3. What is Origami?
4. When is UN Day celebrated and what does the blue colour in the UN flag represent?
5. Name the mathematical puzzle invented by French Mathematician Edouard Lucas.



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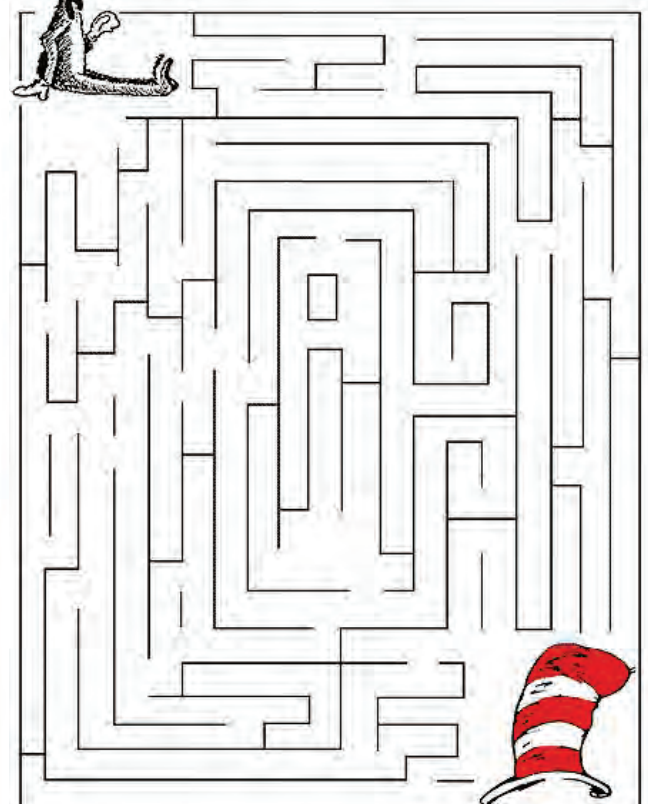
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7 – 9 AGE GROUP



The Cat in the Hat has lost his hat.
Help him find it.



Win super books from



Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: My favourite TV programme

Win: Big-Eyes the Enchanter and other stories by Enid Blyton

Big-Eyes is planning a wicked spell made of moonshine, starlight, the roots of mountains and much more. But when he misses his chance and messes up the magic he gets his comeuppance for his evil plotting.

Extra tales from Jinky the jumping frog, the naughty sailor doll and cheeky Trit-Trot the pony are also included.



Age: 10 – 12 years

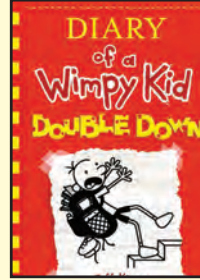
Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: How are we affecting the Environment

Win: Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Double Down by Jeff Kinney

The pressure is really piling up on Greg Heffley. His mom thinks video games are turning his brains to mush, so she wants her son to put down the controller and explore his “creative side”.

When he discovers a bag of gummy worms, it sparks an idea. Can Greg get his mom off his back by making a movie... and will he become rich and famous in the process? Or will doubling down on his plan just double Greg's troubles?



Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: What you know about Climate Change

Win: The Trials of Apollo – The Burning Maze by Rick Riordan

For his latest mission, Apollo, now an awkward mortal teenager called Lester, must journey through the Labyrinth to free an Oracle who only speaks in puzzles and defeat a third vicious blood-thirsty Roman Emperor.

He will have to do everything without any godly powers. Looks like he will be needing help from new friends and old...



Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic



Tales from the School Days (Under the Tamarind Tree)

Tales from the School Days (*Under the Tamarind Tree*) is the latest book authored by former Assistant Principal (Primary) of Royal College, Colombo, Mr. Heras Fernando.

Annually many students gain entry into popular schools in Colombo, being successful at the ‘Year 5 Scholarship Examination.’ Three such students, from distant places, away from Colombo developed a good friendship.

At a corner of the school, close to its hostel, there is a well grown Tamarind tree. These three friends made it a habit to meet under the Tamarind tree in the evenings,

after finishing their school work.

It became their favourite spot to have a good time and recall the daily happenings at school. They also talked about places of interest in their respective home towns. Stories told by their elders also played a part. The three friends would enjoy their evenings together by relating such stories among themselves.

Heras Fernando's book retells such stories that were fondly recalled by those three schoolmates. Most relate to wild elephants in the jungles, including their habits and the encounters of the villagers with wild elephants.



The stories in the book spectacularly describe hitherto unknown facts about the behaviour of baby wild elephants.

Other stories on the toddy industry along the coastal areas and chena cultivation in the deep south are vividly described, capturing the harshness, suspense and horror associated with them.

Some others include descriptive accounts of Ella, Demodara and the horticulture of the up-country areas.

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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November 9

SpaceX astronauts splash down to Earth safely after six months on board ISS

Four SpaceX astronauts have landed safely back on Earth after a six month mission on the International Space Station.

The Dragon capsule landed safely in the ocean off the coast of Florida in the United States, and was met by a recovery ship soon afterwards.

The SpaceX capsule, known as 'Endeavour', successfully parachuted into the sea after a thrilling re-entry to the Earth's atmosphere.



NASA astronaut Megan McArthur looked delighted to be back home after her six-month mission.

The flight was shown live via a NASA web stream and some lucky spectators from the Gulf coast even managed to catch a glimpse of it streaking across the sky.

It was compared to a meteor as the capsule left a bright, fiery trail similar to that seen behind comets.

The crew on board were advised to wear space nappies for the 20-hour return journey as the toilet onboard the Dragon capsule was declared out of order before departure.



The Dragon capsule, containing four astronauts Thomas Pesquet, Megan McArthur, Shane Kimbrough, and Aki Hoshide splashed back down to Earth on Monday.

It was due to a leak after a tube from the loo became un-glued, making it unusable for the crew.

During the mission, the crew carried out multiple experiments including growing their own chilli peppers to make tacos!

Climate change: Met Office launches new experiment in Amazon rainforest

The Met Office (the national meteorological service for the UK) has announced that it's launching an experiment that will measure the Amazon rainforest's response to climate change.

Speaking at an event at COP26, researchers explained they will pump controlled amounts of carbon into small areas of the rainforest in Brazil in a process called Free-Air Carbon Dioxide Enrichment (FACE).

The experiment - named AmazonFACE - will then measure how this carbon affects the trees, and use this information to get more accurate predictions of how rainforests can help in the fight against climate change.

It's the first time this has been done on a large scale in a rainforest, with the researchers saying it will be "one of the largest open-air laboratories in the world".

The Met Office will work in partnership with Brazil's National Institute for Amazon Research (INPA).

They anticipate that the first two plots will be starting the experiment by the end of 2022.

Meteorology is an area of science that looks at the world's atmosphere, and how it impacts weather. Meteorologists are the people who predict the weather so we can have the forecasts on the news.

Why is the Met Office doing this experiment?

Forests are very important in the fight against climate change, as they take in the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide that is responsible for



The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest and is crucial in helping us tackle climate change.

warming our planet.

Lots has been said at the COP26 climate conference about why we need to protect our forests, and a pledge has been made to stop and reverse deforestation.

But the Met Office thinks this experiment will allow us to see how trees will react when there's even more carbon in our atmosphere in the future.

Source : CBBC Newsround

November 9

News in Pictures



Dhaka, Bangladesh

Hindu devotees sit with lamps and pray in earnest for favours at the Shri Shri Lokanath Brahmachar Ashram temple during the Rakher Upobash.



Glasgow, Scotland

Climate change activists demonstrate in the Forth and Clyde canal dressed as world leaders, from left, Fumio Kishida of Japan, Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz, Canada's Justin Trudeau, the UK's Boris Johnson, Australia's Scott Morrison, Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil and US president, Joe Biden.



Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Cambodians hold up portrait photos of the former king Norodom Sihanouk and former queen Monique at the Independence Monument during a ceremony marking the country's Independence Day.



Grodno, Belarus

Migrants resting on the Belarusian-Polish border. Belarus says there are more than 2,000 people near the border, including women and children, who want to obtain asylum in the EU.



London, UK

The UK Office of Communications (Ofcom) has laid out new rules to preserve the iconic red phone boxes in areas with poor mobile coverage and where they are in frequent use. The guidelines should save about 5,000 boxes.



New York, USA

A waxing crescent moon sets behind the Statue of Liberty.



Frankfurt, Germany

A medical worker waits for patients at a COVID rapid testing van. Germany's infection rate has hit its highest since the pandemic began.



La Paz, Bolivia

Women survey lines of skulls displayed at a cemetery during a celebration of the Day of Skulls, a tradition rooted in ancient Indigenous beliefs meant to bring good fortune and protection by honouring the dead.



Bangkok, Thailand

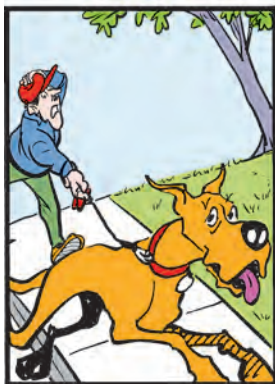
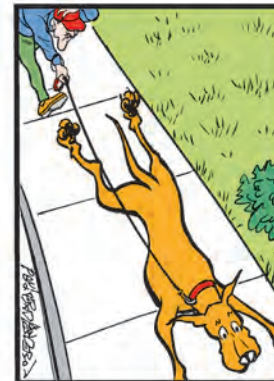
Thai dancers holding lotus flowers prepare to perform for worshippers of the Lord Brahma statue during a ceremony to mark the 65th anniversary of the establishment of the Erawan shrine.



Jakarta, Indonesia

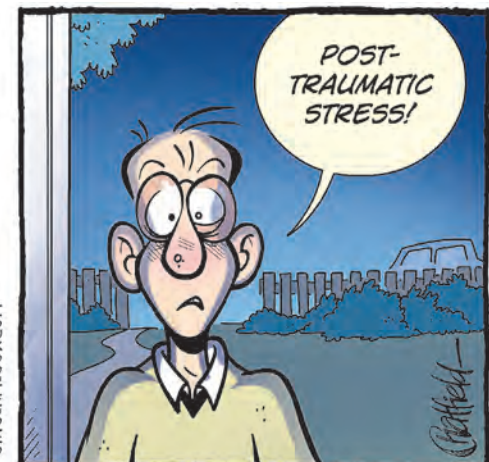
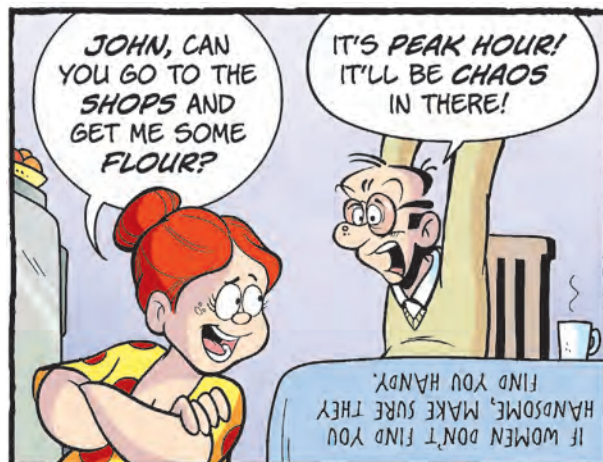
A boy relaxes in flood water at Kali Adem after a tidal flood. The Jakarta Regional Disaster Management Agency estimates the peak of rainy season and the potential for tidal floods in the capital will occur from January until February 2022.

Source: The Guardian



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JON PRITCHARD HAS **SNICKERS**, A TEN-YEAR-OLD RAT TERRIER. NO MATTER WHERE JON IS, OUTSIDE DOING **YARDWORK**, OUTSIDE **WASHING** THE CAR OR IN THE **SHOWER**, IF THE PHONE **RINGS**, SNICKERS HEARS IT AND **HOWLS** LIKE A SIREN! NO MISSED CALLS FOR JON!

Ginger Meggs



Rugrats

