

FUN DAY

TIMES



the **SUNDAY TIMES**

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 26, 2021



Enjoying Christmas

Pic. by M. A. Pushpa Kumara



EVENTS
PAGE 2

KIDS' WORLD
PAGE 3



COMPETITIONS
PAGE 4

follow us on
www.fundaytimes.lk



Please send competition entries to:

Funday Times
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:

January 12, 2022

Telephone: 2479337/2479333

Email: fundaytimes1@gmail.com



Little Angels Montessori, Nugegoda held their Christmas celebrations on December 13, 2021.
Pic. by M. A. Pushpa Kumara



The Pre-School students of OKI International School, Wattala held their Christmas party together with Santa at the school premises.



Siyath Dissanayaka
12 years on December 22

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.

Tomahawk Quiz WINNERS!

Tomahawk Quiz winners collected their bicycles from the Tomahawk Bicycle Mall in Bambalapitiya recently.



◀ **Tomahawk Quiz No. 188**
Sanuja Pathiraja



Tomahawk Quiz No. 183 ▲
Neil Toolikkaa



◀ **Tomahawk Quiz No. 179**
Ishfaq Ahmad



Christmas Stockings

Christmas stockings,
The kind I love,
Santa fills them up,
I wonder how?

Maybe he's invisible,
Only children can see,
Maybe he uses magic,
To fill them up for him.

Christmas stockings,
Filled to the brim with things I love,
I'd love to thank Santa,
But I've always wondered how.

Maybe I'll catch Santa,
The next time he comes,
That might be a little unkind,
Because Santa's always kind.

Janiru Thotagamuwage (9 years)
Lyceum Int. School, Nugegoda



Sithuli Dissanayake (8 years)
Hillwood College, Kandy



Ruzaiq Junkeer (10 years)
Carey College, Colombo



Hasindu Bandara (13 years)
Monacosh Int. School, Hakmana

On Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve,
I set the table neat,
I eat a great deal,
And call it a grand feast.

When it's bedtime,
And the last sound dies,
I'm all ears,
When Santa says, "Ho! Ho! Ho!"

He's down the chimney,
And up he goes,
I'm lucky I saw him,
The night before.

Amna Rishard (12 years)
Benhill College, Gampola



Ameera Luffar (13 years)
Mubarak Int. School



Sandali Semasinghe (10 years)
Hillwood College, Kandy



Please remember that **ARTICLES, POEMS and PAINTINGS** sent, will not be published unless they are certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Also please mention the topic, your full name, date of birth and address in your entry. Articles should not exceed 200 words. Art should be on A4 size paper.



Sandanu Senaratne (13 years)
Ananda College, Colombo



Ashika Nadeem (9 years)
Presbyterian Girls' School, Colombo



Tomahawk

Quiz No. 190

Questions for Tomahawk Quiz No. 190 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 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. 190' 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: December 31, 2021



fundaytimes1@gmail.com



@TOMAHAWKBICYCLEOFFICIAL

245 B, GALLE ROAD, COLOMBO 04
BAMBALAPITIYA - 011 250 7307



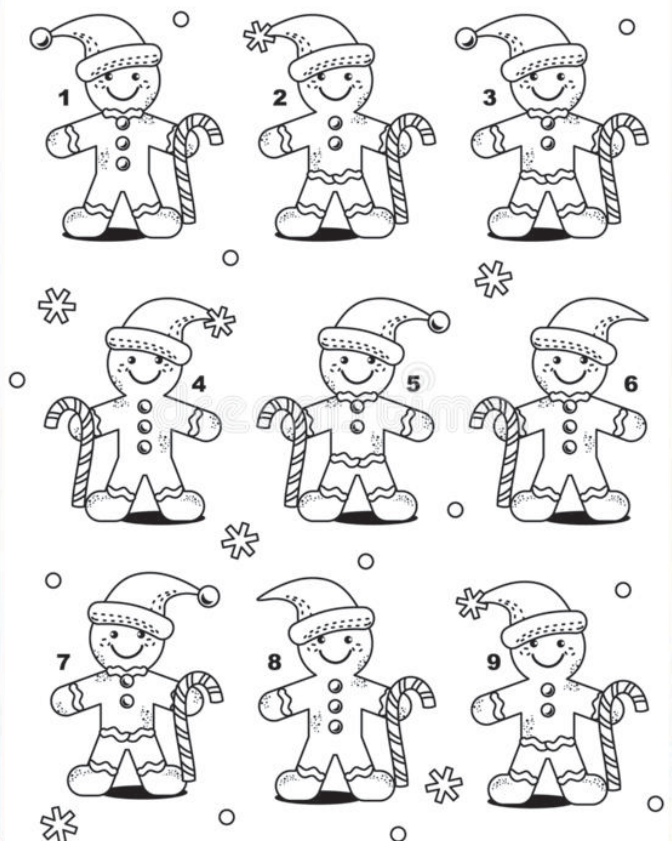
@TOMAHAWKBICYCLES

QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 190

- When is World Tsunami Awareness Day held?
 - Name two natural defenses that help mitigate the impact of a tsunami on land.
- Who produced the world's first permanent image and what was it named?
- Give the scientific name for the tree which produces the beans that chocolate is made from. What is the literal meaning of this name?
- Finding the best possible route between several points, is a well-known problem to mathematicians. What is this problem called?

4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Find and colour the two identical Gingerbread men.



100 piece Christmas Puzzle

Christmas Colouring & Activities!

Panther Educational Activities are specifically designed to assist brain development in a child. Available at all leading supermarkets and book shops.

www.panther.lk | facebook.com/panther.toys/ | +94 777 441 144

A lucky winner each week will win a 100 piece 'Santa' puzzle during the month of December.



Or



fundaytimes1@gmail.com



Why do we have Christmas Trees?

When you think of Christmas, one of the first images to spring to mind is probably a Christmas tree, covered in twinkly decorations, lights and tinsel.

But where did the tradition of having a fir tree in our house and decorating it like this come from?



Decorated Christmas trees are one of the most famous symbols of the festive season.

Many people think the tradition of Christmas trees in Britain started with the Victorians. This refers to the time when Queen Victoria was on the throne, from 1837 until 1901.



Prince Albert and Queen Victoria

Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert were known to be very big fans of Christmas and made a lot of the traditions that we know today more popular.

However, the tradition actually dates back further than that.

It originally came from Germany, where Prince Albert was actually born, and was introduced to England during the Georgian period, when King George III was on the throne. He had a German wife called Charlotte, who it is thought used to decorate a tree for her family in the 1790s.



The tradition of decorating a tree for Christmas comes from Germany.

However, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert are said to be the ones who made it extremely popular and fashionable to decorate a tree at Christmas like this, which is why a lot of people think that they started the tradition in Britain.



This old photograph shows a family in 1947 gathered around their Christmas tree sharing their presents.

At first, people used to put their trees on tables, as they were smaller.

But when it became possible to get bigger trees from Norway, people began to put their trees on the floor, with presents underneath.

The reason that fir trees are traditionally used is because they are evergreen, which means they are still bright green with lots of leaves - even during the winter.



Traditional Christmas trees are evergreens.

Ever since 1947, Norway has donated a tree to London to say thank you for helping them during World War II.

A special ceremony is held in Norway in November, when the tree is cut down in the forest in Norway. Then, it comes over to the UK by sea, before being driven to London on a big lorry.

It is then put up in Trafalgar Square in London using a special crane. It is decorated in the traditional Norwegian way, with strings of lights going down the tree, rather than criss-crossing it.



The Mayor of Oslo Marianne Borgen and the Lord Mayor of Westminster Steve Summers cut down 2016's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree in Oslo, Norway.

Source : CBBC Newsround

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 on entry.

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



Read-a-Book Competition

Name :

Date of birth :

Address :

School:

Tel:

Finished book on :

Jokes

Q. Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?



A. Rude-olph!

Q. What is the first thing elves learn in school?



A. The "elf"-abet!



mail to  Or  fundaytimes1@gmail.com



Christmas trees around the World



This Christmas tree is in Bethlehem, where the story began. The tree-lighting ceremony here with fireworks and huge crowds is a big tourist and religious attraction. The tree stands in Manger Square, next to the Church of Nativity seen in the background.



Another famous tree is at the Rockefeller Center in Manhattan, New York. For more than eight decades, a tree has stood here at Christmas time. Traditionally it is a Norway spruce measuring at least 75 feet tall and 45 feet in diameter



The famous Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square in central London, not far from Buckingham Palace.



Los Angeles in the USA, combines a Christmas tree display with two palm trees also lit up to celebrate the season of goodwill!



A gigantic tree with a star on top stands in Amsterdam city centre in the Netherlands. The Christmas tree on Dam Square shows off the royal palace in the background.



In Beirut the capital and largest city in Lebanon, the tree has wings and is surrounded by a model of the port area to symbolise rebirth, after a massive chemical explosion there in 2020 destroyed a huge area of the port and city.



In Spain in the city of Seville in Andalusia, thousands of people came to see the lighting of the tallest digital Christmas tree in Europe - which stands 40 metres tall!



In the Vatican City umbrellas are out to see the lighting of the tree in Saint Peter's Square - a tree donated by the Trentino region of Italy.



In Australia it's a different scene. This photo shows people gathering at Federation Square in Melbourne. Because Australia is in the southern hemisphere, Christmas comes during summer time!

Back to the US for one more quirky tree. You can actually go inside this attraction in Stonington, Connecticut. The tree is made up of nearly 350 modern lobster pots and decorated with hand painted buoys and lights.



Source : CBBC Newsround



December 21

News in Pictures



London, UK
A rehearsal of St. Paul's Cathedral choir.



Sanya, China
Divers wearing mermaid costumes take part in the first Chinese Mermaid Performance Contest at the Atlantis resort.



Shah Alam, Malaysia
Vehicles submerged in flood waters in the Taman Sri Muda neighbourhood, one of the worst-hit areas in Selangor state.

Mannheim, Germany
A Christmas shopper wears a mask while the German government is expected to decide on new measures to curb the spread of the Omicron Covid-19 variant.



Newgrange, Ireland
People revel in the sunrise as they welcome the winter solstice at the 5,000-year-old Stone Age passage tomb of Newgrange in the Boyne Valley.



Madrid, Spain
A hallway modelled on the set of '2001: A Space Odyssey' is part of a Stanley Kubrick exhibition at the Fine Arts Circle, displaying more than 600 pieces to explain the US director's filmography.

December 20

Madrid, Spain
Thousands of runners take part in the annual Santa Claus race which starts and ends at Plaza de Colón.



Guadalajara, Mexico
A Santa Claus diver with children at the Guadalajara zoo.



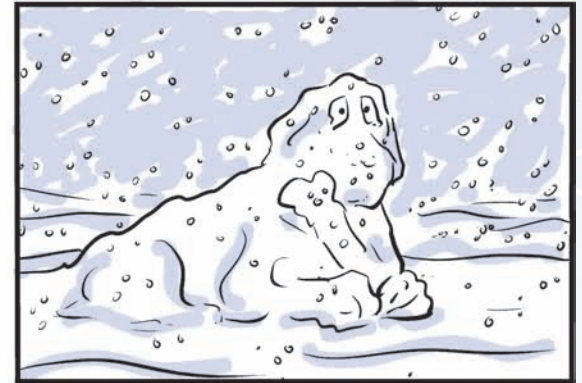
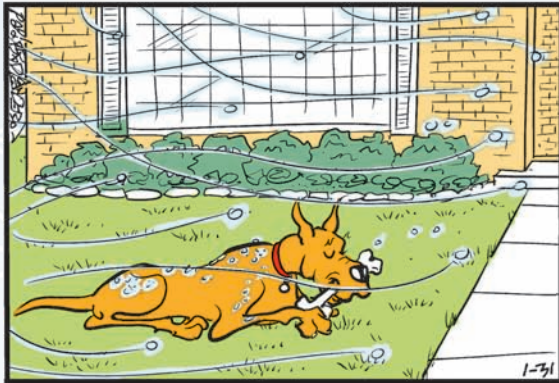
Lahore, Pakistan
Christians dressed as Santa, surround a nativity scene during a Christmas parade.



Careiro de Varzea, Brazil
A man dressed as Santa Claus visits a community living on the jungle shoreline to give presents to children in the Amazon basin.

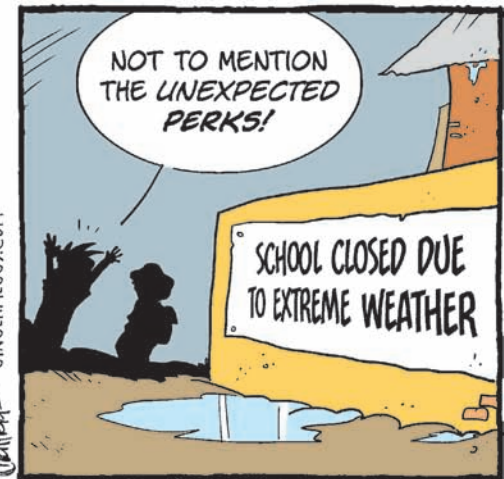
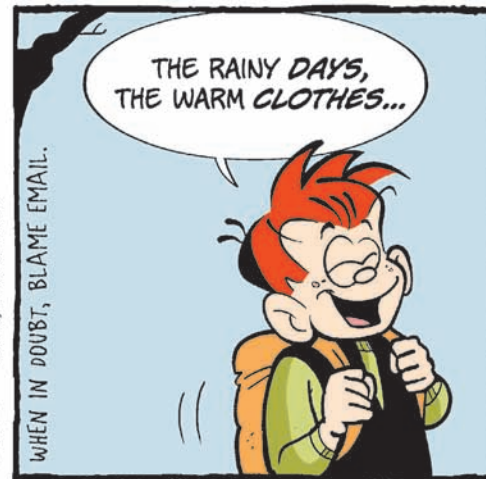


Venice, Italy
A typical boat of the lagoon festooned with tinsel leads vessels along the Grand Canal.



DOG GONE FUNNY SAN ANTONIO, TX
 PAT & SANDRA ZIMLICH HAD DAISY, A BEAGLE WHO LOVED BONES. ONE EVENING, THE ZIMLICHS HAD BREADCRUMB-CRUSTED PORK CHOPS, AND DAISY HAD A NEW BONE. DAISY PROMPTLY SET ABOUT BURYING HER NEW TREASURE. PAT FOUND THE BONE THAT NIGHT WHEN HE WENT TO BED. DAISY HAD BURIED HER BONE UNDER PAT'S PILLOW!

Ginger Meggs



Rugrats

