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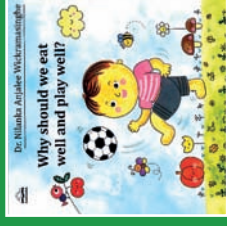
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**Best Wishes
for 2022!**



At the Book Signing and Reading of 'Heroes'

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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:

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Please underline the name most commonly used.

All competition entries should be certified by a parent or guardian as your own work.

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'Heroes'



Doris Pedris, author of 'Heroes - Capt. Edward Henry Pedris', signed copies of the book and read extracts from it to children at the Sarasavi Bookshop on December 15, 2021.

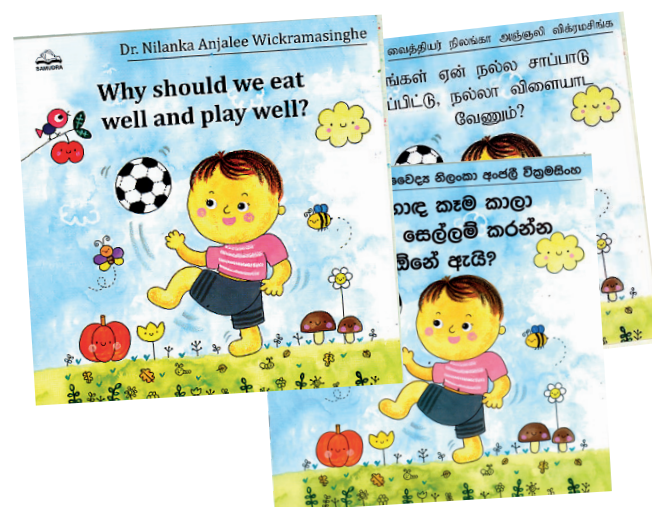
A free art workshop was also held by the Illustrator of 'Heroes' at the event.

Pix by Nilan Maligaspe

'Why should we eat well and play well?'

'Why should we eat well and play well?' is a children's book on nutrition written by Dr. Nilanka Anjalee Wickramasinghe, a lecturer in the Physiology Department at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. It is the first book to be published, of an upcoming series of 16 books on health and the human body for children.

The books are written in English and Sinhala and translated into Tamil by Dr. Athavann Thuraisingham and are beautifully illustrated by Indeewari Rathnayake. They deal with teaching the concepts of a balanced diet and exercise, in an attractive, colourful and simple manner.



The books are priced at Rs. 200 and are available at all Samudra Bookshops islandwide or can be ordered online from their online store.

Happy Birthday



Arham Shafraz
5 years on January 8



Nithum Induwara
9 years on January 4



Ranishkie Peiris
11 years on December 30



Shahana Shazly
9 years on December 23

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.



New Year 2022

Compiled by Cecilia Hewavitharana

*To celebrate the arrival of 2022,
here are a few fun facts about the New Year...*

According to the International Date Line (an imaginary line which cuts through the Pacific Ocean), Kiribati (in Kiribati) is the most eastern point (on land) on the world map and Baker Island and Howland Island are the most western points. Therefore, Kiribati is 26 hours ahead of the two islands and would be one of the first places on Earth where the new year dawns, while Baker Island and Howland Island would be the last places. (This also means that crossing the date line would amount to instantly travelling back or forward in time by about a day.)



International Date Line



Pope Gregory XIII

The beginning of the year

A year did not always start on January 1 and, at different times, was March 25 or December 25, before becoming January 1. The month was originally called Ianuarius and named after Janus, the Roman god associated with beginnings.

A new year begins on January 1st, according to the Gregorian calendar, which is the calendar followed by much of the world.

Julian and Gregorian Calendars

The Julian calendar was introduced by Julius Caesar in 45 BC, on the advice of astronomers and mathematicians such as Sosigenes of Alexandria, but the length of an average year had been over-estimated by about 11 minutes. This resulted in the calendar eventually not lining up with the seasons. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII promoted a reduction in the average year to correct the discrepancy caused by the Julian calendar. The new calendar came to be known as the Gregorian calendar. Currently, the Julian calendar is 13 days behind the Gregorian one and will increase to 14 days in the year 2100.

The United Nations has declared 2022 to be the international year of:

- ◆ Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture
- ◆ Glass
- ◆ Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
- ◆ Sustainable Mountain Development

'Auld Lang Syne'

Auld Lang Syne is a Scots language song sung on New Year's Eve in many English-speaking countries to bid the old year farewell. The words literally translate to "Old Long Since" and can be interpreted as "since long ago" or "for old times' sake".

Twelve Grapes of Luck

Eating 12 grapes at midnight (one for each stroke of the clock) is a Spanish tradition believed to bring good luck in the New Year.

New Year celebrations around the world



Paris, France



London, UK



Madrid, Spain



Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Sydney, Australia



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Times Square Ball Drop
- New York, USA

Tomahawk

Quiz
No.191

Questions for Tomahawk Quiz No. 191 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of December 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. 191' 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
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with the compliments of
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All Funday Times readers between 8 – 15 years
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are not eligible to participate.)

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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 191

1. Who were the colonial rulers of Ceylon at the time Captain Edward Henry Pedris was arrested?
2. What was the first book authored by Jane Austen?
Which book is considered her most famous novel?
3. Who were the first people to visit Baby Jesus?
4. Name the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral and state one of the cathedral's most well-known features.
5. Which country donates the famous Christmas tree seen decorated in London's Trafalgar Square every year?



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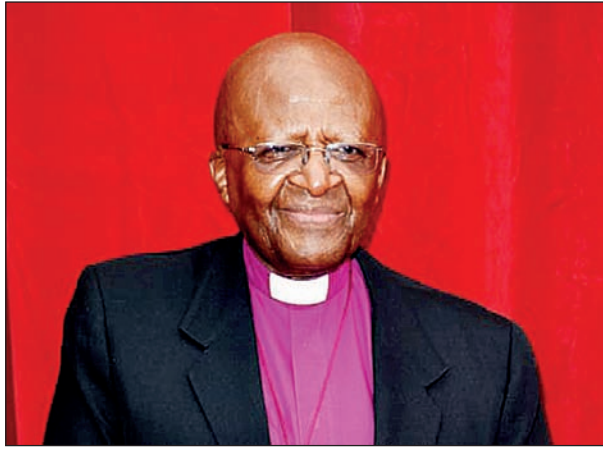
7 – 9 AGE GROUP

Circle the name of the fruit in each picture.

	apple pear peach
	grapes pear orange
	banana peach orange
	apple cherries grapes
	banana pear apple
	watermelon pear peach
	watermelon grapes pear
	orange cherries banana

December 28

News in Pictures



South Africa

The body of archbishop Desmond Tutu, the revered South African anti-apartheid fighter who died at the weekend aged 90, will lie in state for two days before his funeral on New Year's Day, his foundations have said.



Kolkata, India

Homeless children queue to receive a morning meal from Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by Saint Teresa, at its headquarters in Kolkata. India's government has blocked Mother Teresa's charity from receiving foreign funds.



Vladivostok, Russia

An ice-covered car from Japan is unloaded in the port of Vladivostok. Ship icing is caused by a humid sea wind, waves and sub-zero air temperatures.



Chesapeake, Virginia

One of four bears found sleeping in a tree on Bruin Drive in Chesapeake.

December 27



Moscow, Russia

Actors dressed as Father Frost perform in Domodedovo airport.



Managua, Nicaragua

A woman carries a mannequin representing Covid-19. It is due to be burned at midnight on 31 December.



Hebron, West Bank

Palestinian women clash with Israeli soldiers during the demolition of their under-construction house. According to Israeli authorities, the construction did not have the necessary permits.



Harbin, China

Ice sculptures at Ice and Snow World in Heilongjiang province.



Pekanbaru, Indonesia

An officer examines an agile gibbon, listed on the international red list of threatened species as a result of habitat destruction and the pet trade.



Sydney, Australia

Competitors set off at the start of the Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

2021 Year in Review:

To recap 2021, here are some of the stories that have most affected the world during the year.

January 7, 2021



Supporters of US President Donald Trump broke into the US Capitol building violently on January 6, as Congress met to count the votes of the Electoral College. The mob was encouraged to go to the Capitol by Mr. Trump.

February 1, 2021



It's been over a year since COVID-19 began spreading around the world. Since then, amazing progress has been made on getting the virus under control. But tackling the coronavirus quickly is still important, since the virus is also changing.

February 2, 2021



On February 1, the army took control of Myanmar, removing the country's elected leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, and her government from power. Ms. Suu Kyi and several people who work with her are being held by the military.

April 27, 2021



A new vaccine against malaria has shown strong results in early tests in the African nation of Burkina Faso. More tests are needed, but it's possible that the vaccine could wind up saving hundreds of thousands of lives every year.

June 21, 2021



The United States government acted quickly to create a new national holiday, Juneteenth. The name combines the words "June" and "nineteenth". It marks the day in 1865 that slaves in Texas were told that they were free.

July 22, 2021



The 2020 Summer Olympic Games were delayed as the coronavirus pandemic swept across the world. Even with a year's delay, it wasn't easy to move ahead with the Olympics. Finally the Games were held from July 23 to August 8, 2021.

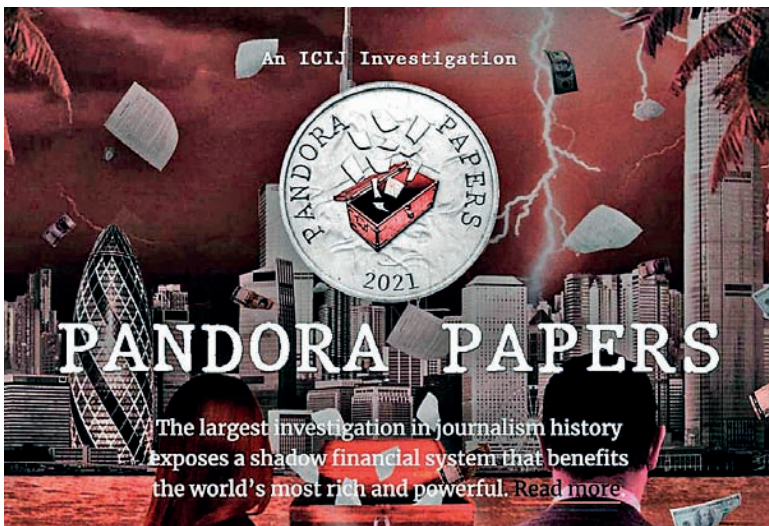
World-Shaping Stories

August 18, 2021



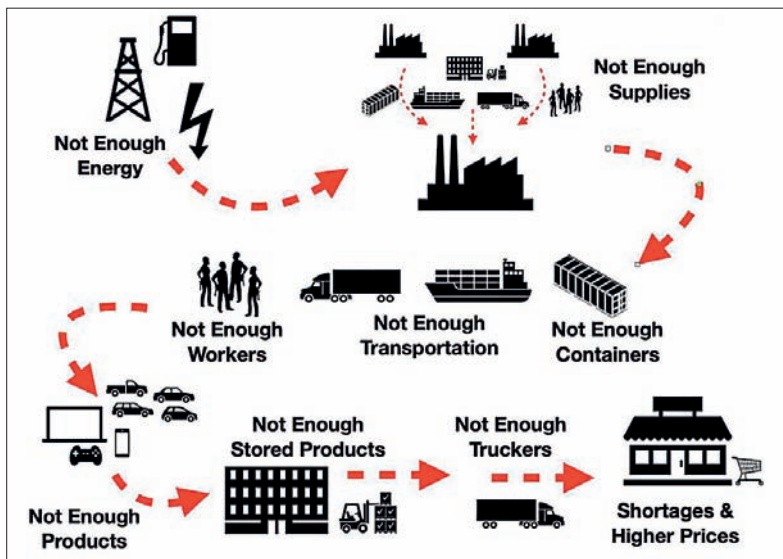
On August 15, the Taliban took control of Kabul, Afghanistan's capital. The Taliban now controls the entire country. Many people are shocked at how quickly the Taliban defeated the Afghan army, and are worried about the future of the country's people.

October 6, 2021



Reporters have revealed a massive collection of leaked documents showing how rich and powerful people around the world have been hiding their money and property "offshore" in order to avoid taxes. Many of the people are well-known world leaders.

October 20, 2021



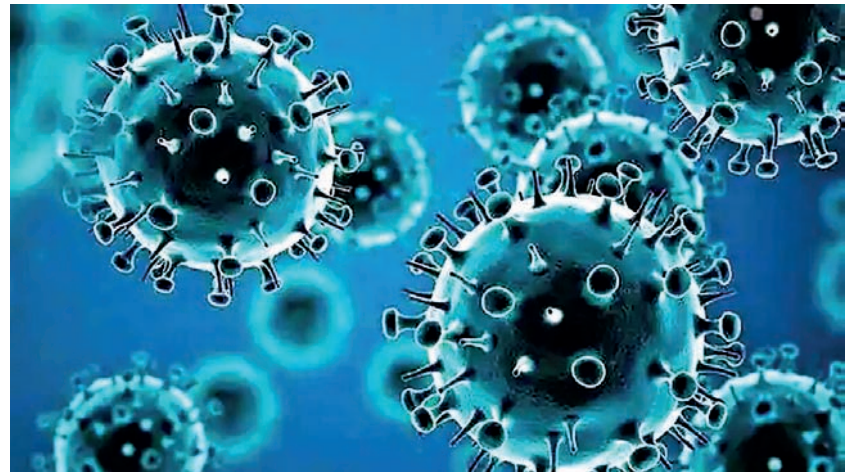
The world is facing a "supply chain" crisis. There are shortages of all kinds of products. And the problem is growing because the materials needed to make new products are either in short supply, or can't be moved to the places that need them.

November 15, 2021



On November 13, people representing nearly 200 countries agreed to a new climate deal called the Glasgow Climate Pact. The deal shows more progress than many people expected, but it's still not strong enough to avoid the worst effects of global warming.

November 29, 2021

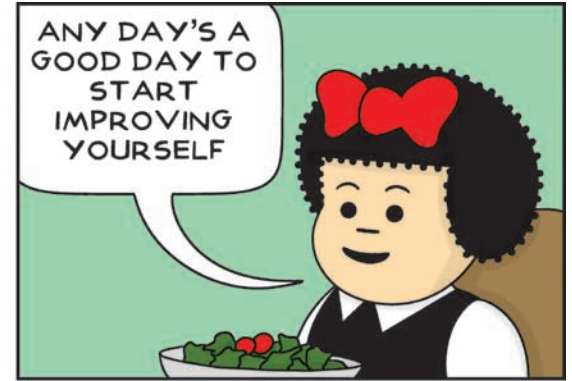


On November 26, the World Health Organization released information on a new version of the virus that causes COVID-19. The new variant, which has been named "Omicron", was first spotted in South Africa. Countries around the world are now racing to prepare for Omicron.

December 8, 2021



Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Joe Biden held a virtual meeting on December 7, to try to resolve a growing crisis on the border of Ukraine. Russia has over 70,000 soldiers near the Ukraine border. Many experts worry Russia is getting ready to invade.



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Rugrats

