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Kids having fun at their sportsmeet

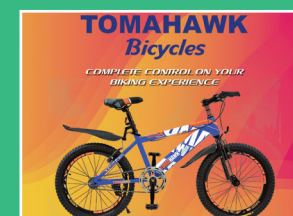
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Thineli Jayawardana
12 years on April 8



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5 years on April 7

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Asian International School held its Elementary School Sports-meet after a lapse of two years, on March 23, 2022 at the Havelock Sports Grounds. The importance of co-curricular activities was evident, as the youngsters enjoyed themselves back on the field.

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DOGS



Of all the animals on Earth, dogs are the only ones that have been honoured with the title of 'Man's Best Friend'. So, here is a glimpse into the world of our canine companions.

By Cecilia Hewavitharana

Canine Geneology

All dogs trace their origins to one species of wolf (now extinct and about which very little is known) and even though the appearances of modern dogs



Sled dogs

have changed greatly, they have retained some old habits: before sitting down, dogs (from Labradors to mixed breeds) turn round and round in one spot (sometimes even paw and scratch at the area) regardless of where they are, because their ancestors would have to flatten grass or plants to make it into a comfortable bed.

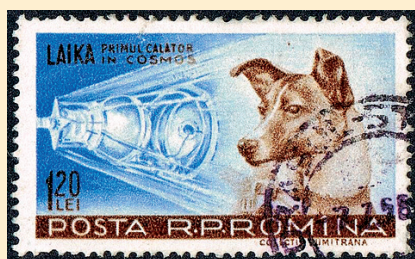
Notable dogs

Laika – A mixed breed (mongrel) from the streets of Russia, who became the first animal to orbit the Earth in 1957.

Fido – A rescued street dog in Italy, who, for 2 years, would accompany his owner to the bus stop and return again at the end of the work day to greet him. His owner died during a World War II bombardment and never made it to the bus stop. Fido continued to wait for him every day, until he died 14 years later, near the bus stop.

Hachikō – A white Akita in Japan who would meet his owner at the Shibuya Train Station every day when he returned from work. His owner died suddenly at his workplace and Hachikō continued to wait for him every day at the train station, until his death over 9 years later.

Bosco – A black Labrador who beat human candidates to be elected as the Mayor of Sunol, California, USA.



Stamp commemorating Laika



Statue of Fido



Hachikō

From companion to commodity?

Owning a purebreed or cross-breed to some is seen as prestigious or a status symbol. In Sri Lanka, this has led to breeding turning into a business, where dogs are often treated poorly and cruelly neglected or abandoned on the streets once they can no longer provide puppies for the breeders to sell.

Similarly, people who buy these dogs simply to show them off, often end up neglecting them once the novelty of owning such a dog wears off. This results in mental health issues, such as anxiety and depression, and in worse cases, even physical health problems, which are sometimes fatal.

The non-profit organisation 'Tails of Freedom' rescues such dogs, nurses them back to health and finds them suitable homes once they are mentally and physically ready.

The important fact however, is that every dog, whether a pure breed, cross breed or mixed breed, is capable of unconditional love.



Mixed breed pups

Domestication and Breeding

Dogs were domesticated by humans at different times in different regions over thousands of years. The reasons for domestication



Basenji – a breed of hunting dogs

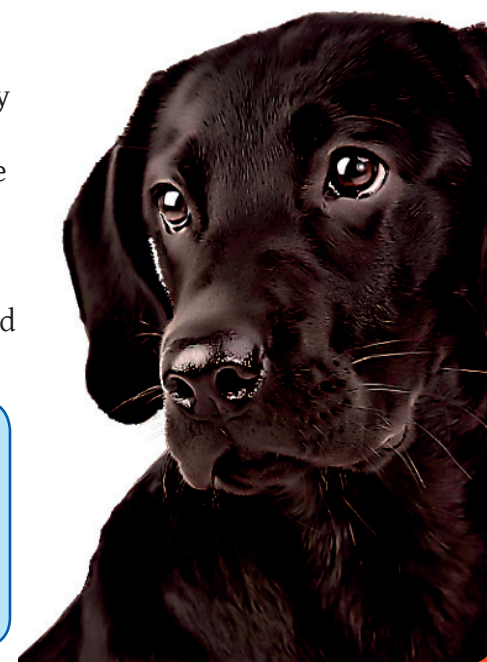
varied and humans eventually began selectively breeding dogs for specific purposes.

In cold regions, breeds such as the Siberian Husky and Alaskan Malamute were bred to be sled dogs; Old English Sheepdogs and German Shepherds were bred to be herding dogs; and, Beagles and Dachshunds were bred to be hunting dogs. However, nowadays, dogs of various breeds are trained to sniff out everything from explosives to diseases such as cancer.

So-called violent breeds

There is a common misconception that certain breeds, such as the Pit Bull, Doberman Pinscher and Rottweiler, are violent, but in reality, the temperament of a dog largely depends on how it has been treated.

Therefore, a Pit Bull who has been treated with kindness would likely be more affectionate than a Labrador who has been treated cruelly.





Tomahawk

Quiz
No.194

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 194 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2022.

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. 193' 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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All Funday Times readers between 8 – 15 years
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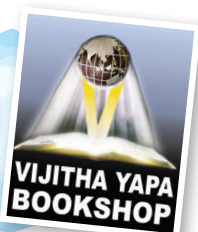
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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 194

1. Name two of Alexander Graham Bell's most famous inventions.
2. In which country is the Giant's Causeway situated and what type of rock are its columns made of?
3. What is the theme for World Water Day 2022?
4. Who is the current president of Ukraine?
5. Name the French mathematician who discovered many theorems about the 'cycloid' and state a modern use of its mathematical properties.

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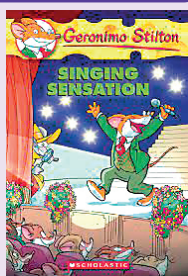
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Topic: How I celebrate the Sinhala and
Tamil New YearWin: Geronimo Stilton Singing Sensation
by Elisabetta Dami

Welcome to the world
of Geronimo Stilton!

Geronimo runs a
newspaper but his
true passion is writing
adventure stories.

When his friend Champ
Strongpaws enters him
in the New Mouse City Song Festival
Geronimo is in for an enormous
adventure!



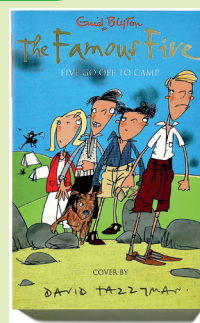
Age: 10 – 12 years

Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: An 'Avurudu' Festival
I have been toWin: Five go off to Camp
by Enid Blyton

The Five are on a
camping trip when they
discover an old railway
yard and a tunnel.

Is there really a
spook-train – and
where does it go?
The gang follow the
tracks and discover
a most unusual underground
destination.



Age: 13 – 15 years

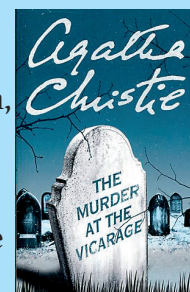
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Topic: Special 'Avurudu' customs

Win: The Murder at the Vicarage
by Agatha Christie

A careless remark
for a man of the cloth,
comes back to haunt him,
when Colonel Protheroe
is found shot dead in the
Vicar's study.

This first Miss. Marple
mystery tests all her
powers of observation
and deduction, as she soon discovers
the whole village seems to have had
a motive to kill the Colonel.



Book Competition

WINNERS

9 years and below

The wild animal I like best
Reuel Rambukkange
Trinity College, Kandy

13 – 15 years

Celebration of Women's Day
Ifadha Deen
Leeds Int. School, Galle

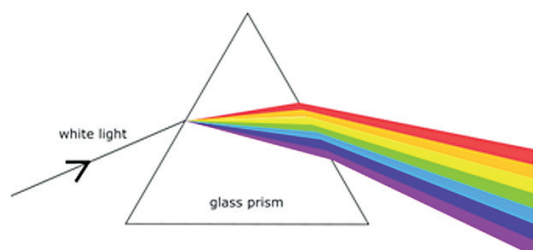
Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

From a Young Reporter

The Physics to our colourful world

'Colour', the aspect that makes our everyday vibrant, is a way of perceiving life based on visible light. In the 1660s, the 'visible spectrum' was discovered by Isaac Newton using a prism. He showed that clear white light such as sunlight was composed of seven colours.



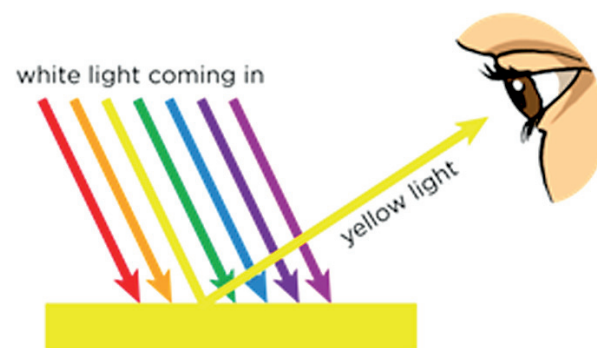
Our eyes' retina contains millions of rods and cones; light-sensitive cells that process light into nerve impulses which are sent to the brain to interpret colour.

Additive colour is how we see colour by light itself and is created by blending coloured light. The primary additive colours, red, green and blue, produce white when combined equally and give the secondary colours when combined varyingly.



Additive colour combination

When light hits an object, part of it is absorbed while the rest is reflected to a distinct wavelength than others. If all wavelengths are reflected, it appears white. If it reflects none, absorbing all — it appears black.

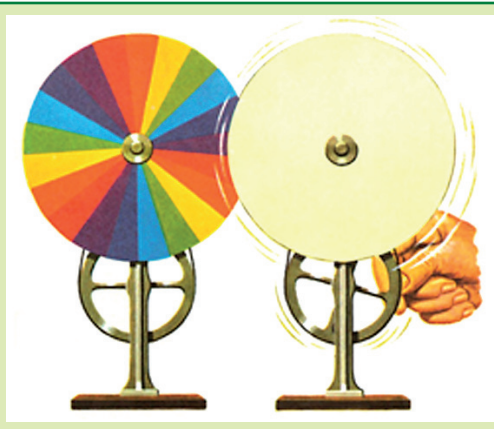


In this instance, the surface has absorbed all wavelengths except 'yellow', which it reflects.

DIY: The Colour Wheel

This model was Newton's demonstration to prove light's responsibility for colour vision.

1. Divide a paper circle into seven equal segments.
2. Colour them in the order of the rainbow.
3. Pin it onto a stick at the centre.
4. Observe while spinning the disc around.

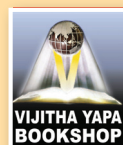


Fun Fact

- The subtractive primary colours red, yellow and blue are found in art.



Priscilla Rambukkange (16 years)
Hillwood College, Kandy



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Turkey opens world's longest suspension bridge

March 29, 2022

On March 18, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan opened a huge bridge that sets a new record for the world's longest suspension bridge. The "1915 Canakkale Bridge" crosses Turkey's Dardanelles Strait, linking Europe and Asia.

The country of Turkey is mainly in Asia. But part of it extends into Europe. The Dardanelles Strait is a thin band of water that separates the two parts.

The new bridge allows people to drive across the Dardanelles Strait in about six minutes. Before the bridge, the fastest way to cross the Strait was by boat. The trip was about an hour, but waiting to get on and off the boat could take hours longer.



Turkish President at the opening

The new bridge is a suspension bridge, which means that its middle section hangs between its two supports without any other supports underneath. Before this, the suspension bridge with the longest middle section was the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, which connects two islands in Japan. The central section of the new bridge is just over two kilometres

(1.25 miles) long – about 105 feet (32 metres) longer than the previous record.



The bridge is called the "1915 Canakkale Bridge". It's meant as a reminder of a big World War I struggle in the Dardanelles Strait in 1915. Over eight months, Turkey defeated an attack by navy ships from England and France trying to land soldiers in Gallipoli – now called Gelibolu.

The bridge, which runs from Gelibolu to Canakkale, was built by Turkish and South Korean companies working together.

NewsForKids

April Fools Day

March 29, 2022

For pranksters, there is no better holiday than April Fools' Day. Celebrated annually on April 1, it is the only day of the year when fun, harmless hoaxes go unpunished.

The mischievous holiday has murky origins. Some believe it started in 1582 when France transitioned from the Julian calendar – which began the year around April 1 – to the currently used Gregorian

calendar. Those unaware, or unwilling, to accept the date change were pranked. Others think the holiday started as a cheerful way to mark the start of spring.

Regardless of how it began, April Fools' Day is now widely celebrated worldwide. Even corporations get into the spirit with elaborate pranks that have people fooled for hours, if not days.

Dogo News

Memorial service for Duke of Edinburgh

March 29, 2022



The Queen and other members of the Royal Family have attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Prince Philip.

Prince Philip died in April 2021 at the age of 99. He and the Queen were married for 73 years.

CBBC Newsround

Polish tree wins European Tree of the Year Award

March 25, 2022

A 400-year-old oak tree in Poland has won this year's European Tree of the Year contest. The goal of the contest is to encourage people to appreciate and protect trees. But after Russia invaded Ukraine, even this tree contest became political.

After Russia invaded Ukraine, governments and companies cut many ties with Russia to show



that they didn't approve of Russia's war. The ETY contest decided that it also had to cut ties with Russia. It banned the tree

that Russia had entered into this year's contest.

Poland's tree, known as the "Guardian of the Białowieża Primeval Forest" was by far the most popular tree in the contest this year.

ETY organizers say that Poland's strong actions in welcoming refugees from the war on Ukraine gave a new meaning to the tree's name of "Guardian".

The European Tree of the Year (ETY) contest has been running since 2011.

NewsForKids

March 29

News in Pictures



Narayanganj, Bangladesh

Workers sort through colourful piles of fabrics ready to be made into garments.



Cairo, Egypt

A child plays under lanterns laid out for sale on a market stall for the upcoming month of Ramadan.



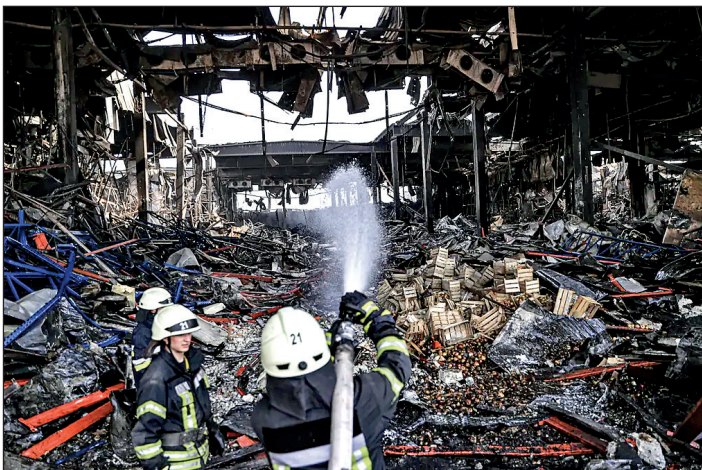
Morocco

Competitors take part in the Marathon des Sables between Ouet Aguenoun n'Oumerhiout and Rich Mbirika in the Sahara desert.



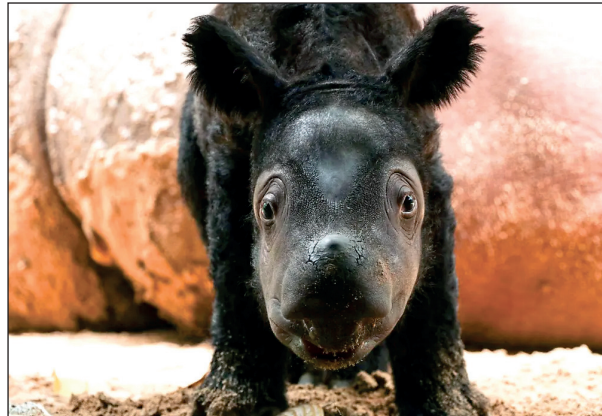
Chongqing, China

Tourists enjoy the azaleas in bloom at Fangniu village.



Kyiv, Ukraine

Firefighters in the Brovary district at a bombed logistics warehouse that contained 50,000 tonnes of food.



Lampung, Indonesia

A newborn critically endangered Sumatran rhino at Way Kambas National Park.

March 28

Lima, Peru

The character Chuto Jaujino dances the Tunantada, in front of the Archbishop's Palace of Lima.



Guangxi region, China

Rescuers stand in a silent tribute for victims of the China Eastern Airlines plane crash in Tengxian county.



Arica, Chile

Mummies of the Chinchorro culture, which were found at the start of the 20th century and are more than 7,000 years old.

Source : The Guardian