



# FUNDA Y TIMES



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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:

May 11, 2022

Telephone: 2479337/2479333

Email: fundaytimes1@gmail.com

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.



Avurudu celebrations at Immy Kids International, Nawala.



Vidura College, Kelaniya held their Avurudu Festival on April 7, 2022.

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**KIDS IN COLOUR** With **REEVES**  
Colours For Young Artists

Kids in Colour together with Reeves Art Competition is conducted monthly. A topic is given for each month. Three winners from three age groups will be selected. Winners will be announced on the second Sunday of each month and all winners will receive an attractive gift pack from Reeves.

**Please note that all paintings should be certified by a teacher or parent, refer page 2 for further details.**

All paintings should be on A4 size paper. Please write Reeves Art Competition at the back of your entry, together with your name, date of birth, address, telephone no., and school.

**Topic - New Year Fun**  
**Closing Date : April 30, 2022**

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**Winners of Reeves Art Competition please contact us in order to collect your prizes!**

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**Note** Winners please contact us on 2479337/2479333 and arrange to collect your prizes. Winners from Colombo District please collect your prizes from **Ninehearts (Pte) Ltd.** Please remember to certify your entries as we had to reject several good entries that were not properly certified.

**March 2022 – Wildlife**

**4-7 YEARS**

**8-11 YEARS**

**12-15 YEARS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**



**Kaveen Gnanaweera**  
Horizon College Int., Nugegoda



**Ifthikar Rahma**  
Springfield College, Kandy



**Ruvindi Appuhami**  
St. Nicholas' Int. College, Negombo

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**



**Oshani Jayasinghe**  
Musaeus College, Colombo



**Aaminah Rushdhy**  
Ilma Int. Girls' School



**Fara Appuhami**  
St. Nicholas' Int. College, Negombo

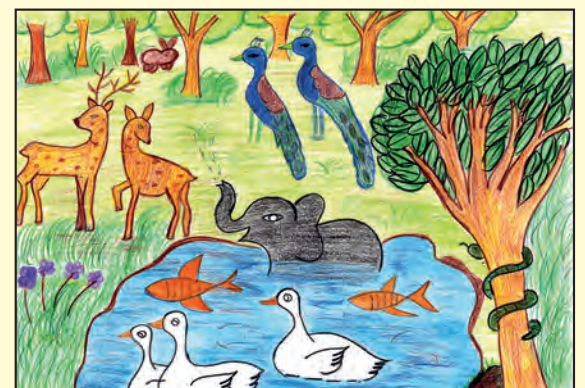
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**



**Mohamed Ammaar**  
Lyceum Int. School, Wattala



**Thinuli Pathiraja**  
WP/Jaya/Samudradevi B. V., Nugegoda



**Sachini Weththasinghe**  
Ashoka College, Horana



# 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. 194' 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: April 30, 2022**

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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 are 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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7 - 9 years



- ▶ Dylan Roshan, Wattala
- ▶ Akindu Samaraweera, Dehiwala
- ▶ Abdur Rahman, Colombo 2
- ▶ Sathini Sehasna, Boralessgamuwa
- ▶ Alex Wijenayake, Kurunegala

Winners please call Funday Times on 2479333/2479337 and arrange to collect your prizes.

### 7 - 9 AGE GROUP

Match the colour with its name.

red



grey



yellow



purple



blue



green



orange



brown



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# Bobcat

*A hungry bobcat crouches behind a bush, looking at the field beyond its leafy hideaway. Suddenly, a squirrel darts across the ground. As the squirrel draws near, the cat leaps from the bush and scoops up the prey in its mouth. It's dinnertime.*

## Bobcat Versus House Cat

Bobcats may look cute and cuddly, but these felines that live throughout North America are actually fierce predators. They can leap as far as 12 feet to catch prey and have been known to take down much larger animals, such as young deer.

The wild feline is about twice as big as a house cat — and a lot faster. It can run at speeds up to 25 to 30 miles an hour, and it's skilled at swimming. But the wild cat isn't totally different from a domestic kitty. Both use whiskers like fingertips to help them feel around their habitat and judge whether an opening is big enough to fit through. They're both also night owls with superb night vision that helps them see in the dark.

The bobcat is one type of lynx. The others are Canada lynx, Iberian lynx, and Eurasian lynx.



## Home Sweet Home

So when the sun comes up, it's time for the bobcat to go to sleep in its den. Their sleeping spot is usually in a hollow tree or cave of forests, mountains, and brushlands.

You probably wouldn't ever be invited over to a bobcat's home, though. These felines are solitary and territorial. They mark their domains with their scent as a way to tell other bobcats to back off.

Don't mess with these cute cats!

**Common Name** – Bobcat  
**Scientific Name** – *Lynx rufus*  
**Type** – Mammal  
**Diet** – Carnivore  
**Average life span in the wild** – 10 - 12 years  
**Size – Head and body** – 26 to 41 inches;  
**tail** – 4 to 7 inches  
**Weight** – 11 to 30 pounds

Source : National Geographic Kids



## 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 recent report or interview not exceeding 300 words. Photographs or illustrations would enhance the report.



### Young Reporters Coupon

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 Telephone: .....  
 School: .....  
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**Young Reporters who have already enrolled with us, please send in new reports for publication.**

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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.**

**They should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher.**





April 2022

## Sri Lanka: Why are people protesting in the streets?

Thousands of people in Sri Lanka, have taken to the streets in recent days to protest about living conditions there.

The nation is facing its worst economic crisis since gaining independence from the UK in 1948 and is facing food shortages, rising prices and power cuts.

Many say the government is to blame and they are calling for the Sri Lankan President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, to quit his job.

### Why are Sri Lankans protesting?

Mass protests started in early April across the country because the cost of living has become unaffordable.

People are paying up to 30% more for food compared with a year earlier, which has led to some people having to cut down not only on what food they buy, but also the number of meals they eat every day.

Shortages of fuel have seen long lines at petrol stations, while the crisis has also hit public transport services.

“Earlier I used to get a bus in 15 minutes, now I have to wait one to two hours. Sometimes the bus stops midway with no fuel.” one woman told the BBC.

### Why is there an economic crisis?

Sri Lanka’s problems come down to the fact that its foreign currency reserves are running out.

This is the amount of gold or money in foreign currencies – for example, British pounds or US dollars – that a country has in the bank at a particular time to help them pay for things they get from abroad.

It means Sri Lanka cannot currently afford to pay for basic foods and fuel, which it buys and imports from other countries.



Sri Lankans took to the streets in early April



There have been long queues for liquid petroleum gas as the amount of fuel available drops.

This has led to shortages, very high prices and power cuts for several hours a day.

The government blames the coronavirus pandemic, which stopped tourists coming to Sri Lanka – one of the island’s most important ways of earning money.

It also says tourists were frightened off by a series of bomb attacks on churches three years ago.

However, many experts say the economic crisis has not been dealt with by Sri Lanka’s various governments over the last few decades.

It failed to find new ways of making



Sri Lankans shout slogans

money and has heavily relied on selling tea, clothing and tourism, as well as importing lots of goods from abroad.

Instead of dealing with the issues, governments including Mr. Rajapaksa’s continued to borrow money from countries like China, leaving Sri Lanka with billions of dollars of debt to pay back.



The cost of living has skyrocketed in Sri Lanka.

Source : CBBC Newsround



**April 19**

**News in Pictures**



**Colombo, Sri Lanka**  
Doctors and nurses of the Lady Ridgeway children's hospital stage a silent protest over medicine shortages.



**Tokyo, Japan**  
Reporters look at the Geo-Cosmos, a spherical display made using organic electroluminescent panels showing a high-resolution image of the Earth, during a media preview at Miraiikan, the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation.



**Sana'a, Yemen**  
A 13-year-old child is treated for malnutrition at Sabeen hospital. The World Health Organization said last week it had launched a support programme for the treatment of 18,000 malnourished children in Yemen.

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**  
Students hurl stones during a clash with traders.



**King's Lynn, England**  
A field of colourful tulips. Their grower Mark Eves opens the field to the public from Thursday April 21, with all funds raised going to a local charity. Last year the event attracted more than 6,000 visitors.



**North Shields, England**  
The MS Queen Victoria cruise ship operated by Cunard Line is moored at Royal Quays Marina after returning from Barbados.

**April 18**



**Chernihiv, Ukraine**  
Yehor, seven, holding a wooden rifle in front of destroyed Russian military vehicles.



**Szczecin, Poland**  
Children throw water at each other on Wet Monday, as part of Easter celebrations.



**Srebrenica, Bosnia**  
A woman reads a religious text at the memorial cemetery for victims of war crimes committed during Bosnia's 1992-95 war.

Source : The Guardian