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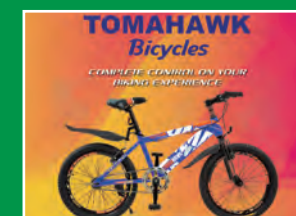
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Puttalam school kids enjoying their break

Pic. by Jayarathna Wickramaarachchi

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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:
June 22, 2022

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Junior Crossword – No. 968

Across

6 A cleaning kitchen appliance

8 Chewed up and swallowed

10 The subject of a book or talk

13 Make

14 Find these in a toolbox

17 Cut food up with this

19 Doing aerobics

Down

1 A Scottish garment

2 Skinny

3 Quick

4 Buy things here

5 Cricket player

7 Allowed

9 Of the same length

11 Frequently

12 Cat's foot

15 Above

16 Wear this on a foot

17 Touch lips with someone

18 Taverns

Please enter your full name, date of birth, home address, mobile number and school.

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Solution - No. 966

B	A	C	K	W	A	R	D	S
R	E	F	R					
A	N	G	R		R	A	I	S
L	U	S	A	N	X			
C	H	E	W		T	I	C	K
O			R	D				
H	A	R	D	E	R		C	H
O	I	P	S	O	C			
L	A	D	L	E		W	O	R
E	A	A	S					
P	R	E	T	E	N	D	E	D

Praveen Gopallawa, Rajagiriya

Aazim Sherifdeen
 8 years on May 26

Sudoku 329

Compiled by Peter Fernando

1. In the large square you can see three features:

Vertical columns
 Six vertical columns with six small squares in each column.

Horizontal columns
 Six horizontal columns with six small squares in each of them.

Grids
 Six boxes or grids with six small squares in each of them.

2. Insert Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the small squares in a way so as not to repeat the same number twice.

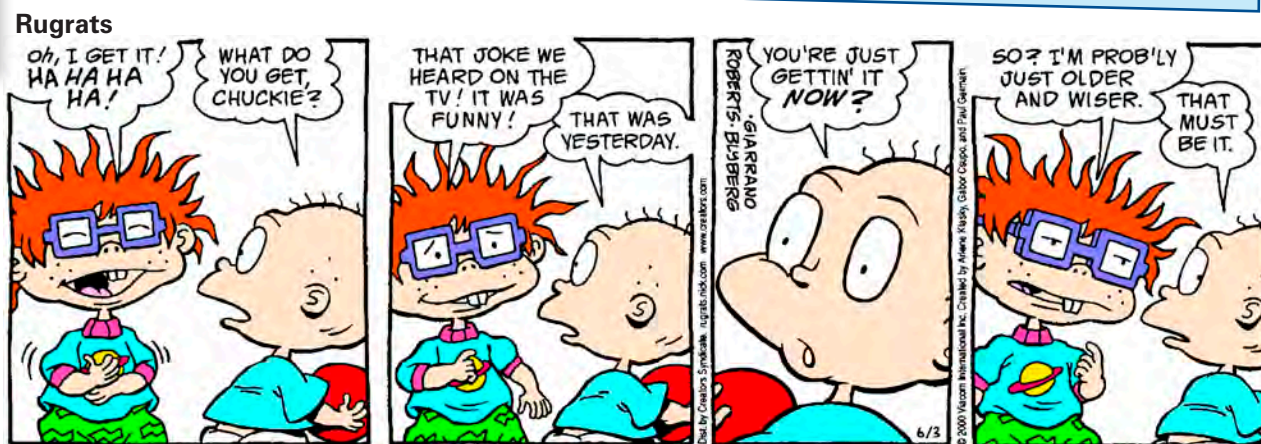
Now try to complete Junior Sudoku 329 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

Solution – No. 327

4	1	2	5	3	6
3	5	6	4	1	2
6	3	1	2	4	5
2	4	5	1	6	3
5	6	4	3	2	1
1	2	3	6	5	4

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World Environment Day 2022

by Cecilia Hewavitharana

From June 5 – 16, 1972, the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment was held in Stockholm, Sweden. It was a landmark event as it was the first world conference on the environment, and resulted in the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as well as the declaration of the celebration of World Environment Day (WED) two years later.

WED has been celebrated every year on June 5, to raise awareness on various environmental issues. WED 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of that conference and will be hosted by Sweden under the slogan “Only One Earth”, mirroring the 1972 conference.



Ecosystem Restoration

According to the UNEP, our current way of life is using up resources equivalent to that of 1.6 Earths (in its present state). While some ecosystems have been damaged past the point of recovery, many can still be restored.

In 2021, the United Nations declared the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (from WED 2021 to WED 2030), to encourage the protection of ecosystems around the world.

Why is it so important that ecosystems are restored?

The survival of the human race depends on nature and the inter-connected ecosystems of the planet. In economic terms, half the GDP in the world relies on nature and for every dollar channelled towards restoration, there is a return of up to USD 30 in economic benefits.

Ecosystem – a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment.



Deforestation

It has been estimated that 1 million species are under the threat of extinction due to habitat loss and other pressures on ecosystems.

Annually, around 7 million people die prematurely due to air pollution – this is equivalent to 1 out of every 9 deaths.

How can we restore ecosystems?

When you think of ecosystem restoration, you might think of a large-scale reforestation project, but the wonderful thing is, even simply planting a tree in your garden is an act of restoration. No matter how big or small, every act is a step in the right direction. However, it is ultimately up to governments and the private sector to make the large-scale changes needed to save the planet on time and up to individuals to raise awareness and urge them to do so. After all, out of the billions of planets in the universe, there’s only one that we can call home.

As the Cree proverb goes,

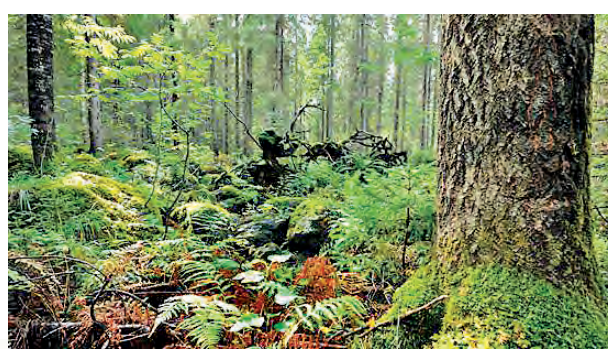
“Only when the last tree has been cut down, the last fish been caught and the last stream poisoned, will we realise we cannot eat money.”



Water pollution



Air pollution



Tomahawk

Quiz No.196

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 196 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 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. 196' 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.

One lucky winner
will receive a brand new
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with the compliments of
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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: June 30, 2022

Tomahawk Quiz No. 194

- ▶ Ifthikar Zain, Katugastota
- ▶ Riya Vijayakumar, Colombo 15



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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 196

1. What is an 'Astroid'?
2. Name the movie for which Audrey Hepburn won an Academy Award.
3. Where is the Shwedagon Pagoda situated?
4. What was the special ability that King Midas wished for?
5. a) What is the scientific name of the tea plant?
b) When is International Tea Day celebrated?



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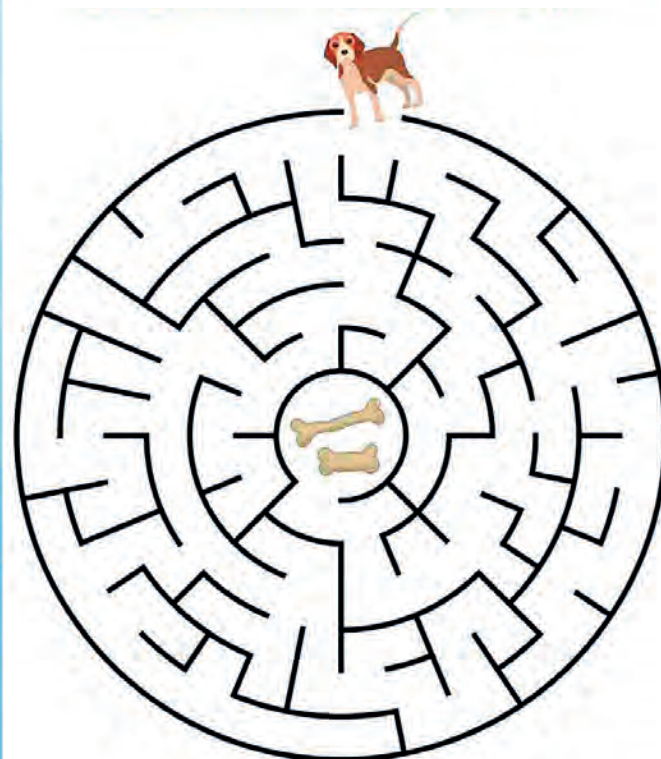


- ▶ Shanek Hettiarachchi, Kelaniya
- ▶ Aadila Ahmed, Colombo 2
- ▶ Thinaya Thilakaratne, Nugegoda
- ▶ Yumna Faizel, Mawanella
- ▶ Sandasi Weerawardana, Pita-Kotte

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7 – 9 AGE GROUP

Help the dog reach the bones.



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From our Young Reporters

Dolphins

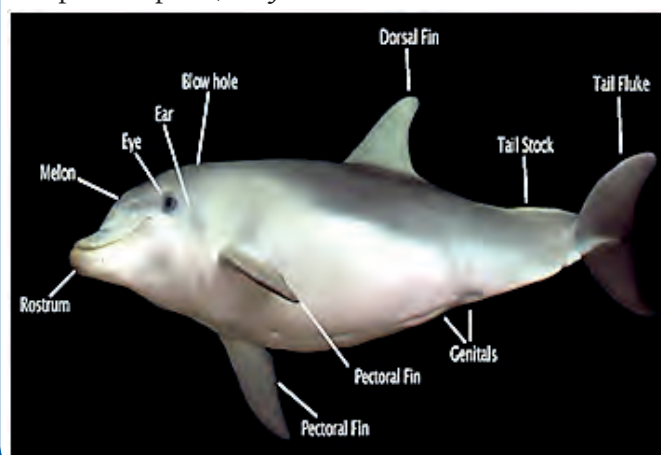
Dolphins are friendly and intelligent mammals. Their bodies can be grey, white, black, bluish grey, peach or light pink according to their species. A group of dolphins are called a pod.

Birth

A female dolphin stays pregnant for about 12 months but it can change according to the species. When a dolphin is born, the mother pushes it to the surface so it can breathe. A baby dolphin is called a calf.

Species

There are 49 species of dolphins
Eg: Orca, Bottle-nose dolphin, Striped dolphin, Baiji and Tucuxi.



Habitat

Dolphins live in oceans and seas, harbours and bays, but this can change if the dolphin likes warm or cold water.

Breathing

A dolphin breathes air, so they have to go to the surface. When they reach the surface, their blow hole opens and when they go back under water the blowhole closes.

Movement

Dolphins have pectoral fins, which help them steer. The dorsal fin helps with stability. They have strong muscles in their fins so they can go really fast. Their veins and flukes help keep their bodies warm.

A dolphin can swim up to 30 miles per hour.



Fun Facts

- ◆ Dolphins have two stomachs.
- ◆ They can dive up to 10,000 feet.
- ◆ They can live up to 40 years.
- ◆ Sharks are afraid of dolphins.
- ◆ Dolphins help sick or injured members of their pod.
- ◆ They never chew their food.
- ◆ Dolphins are very playful and almost as intelligent as humans.
- ◆ Some whales are actually dolphins.
- ◆ Killer whales are the largest dolphins.
- ◆ A dolphin is close to being as fast as a cheetah.
- ◆ They are found all around the world.

Sathini Batuwana (9 years)
Musaeus College

Voice of the Garden - Bees

Bees are small and fascinating insects with wings and a yellow and black body. There are about 20,000 species of bees and over 500 species of them live in colonies. Bees look the same as wasps but they have more hair and thicker bodies. They have a small poisonous stinger at the back of their body to defend themselves when they face a threat.

Bees feed on pollen and nectar collected from flowers. They are attracted to blue and yellow flowers and visit them more often. They collect the pollen into a pollen basket on their back

legs when they visit a flower.

Inside a bee colony, there are about 3000 to 40,000 bees. They are categorised into three kinds as the queen, the drones and the workers. The queen bee is the mother of all the bees in the colony and lays about 600 to 700 eggs per day. The drones are the male bees. They do not have a sting. The worker bees are female bees. They clean the hive, produce the wax, collect food, guard and feed the larvae and keep them warm.



When the bee colony becomes overcrowded some bees fly off to a different location. This event is called swarming. It is part of the annual lifecycle of the bee colony.

Bees are important insects as they pollinate plants and provide honey, which is a very healthy medicine.

Albert Einstein once said, "The day bees vanish from earth... man will go not long after".

Many bees are slowly disappearing all over the world due to harmful human activities nowadays and it is our duty to protect these creatures.

Ann Amodya (14 years)
Ave Maria Convent, Negombo





THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2022



Our Commonwealth

In 2022, on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee year, Her Majesty The Queen will celebrate 70 years as Head of the Commonwealth.

The Queen's seven decades of service to the Commonwealth are an inspiring example of the steadfast commitment and important contribution we can all make to our societies.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2022 will ask entrants to explore the positive impact that can be achieved through dedication and selfless commitment to our Commonwealth.

TOP PRIZE

The top two winners from each category will be awarded with a **trip to London** for a week of educational and cultural events, culminating in a special **Awards Ceremony** at a royal palace.

AWARDS

All successful entries will receive a **Certificate of Participation** and a number of entrants will receive **Gold, Silver and Bronze** Awards for excellence in writing.

The Commonwealth is a voluntary network of 54 countries, based on a shared English language and the key values of democracy, equality, tolerance, human rights and the rule of law.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools, established in 1883. With thousands of young people taking part every year, it is an important way to recognise achievement, elevate youth voices and develop key skills through creative writing.

HOW TO ENTER

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is open for entries between **15 March and 30 June 2022**. For more information on how to enter the competition please visit, www.royalcwsociety.org

Follow @RoyalCWSociety on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for writing tips!

Email competitions@royalcwsociety.org with any questions.

SENIOR CATEGORY (14-18 years of age) Word count: 1500

1. Imagine you are a Head of Government delivering a speech to your counterparts at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Rwanda. Write a speech that highlights what you believe should be a priority for collective action within the Commonwealth.
2. Committed to the Commonwealth.
3. Her Majesty The Queen was born in the twentieth century, a period that saw enormous social change driven by visionary and committed leaders. Reflect on an inspirational leader from this period.
4. "Whilst experiences of the last year have been different across the Commonwealth, stirring examples of courage, commitment and selfless dedication to duty have been demonstrated in every Commonwealth nation and territory, notably by those working on the frontline who have been delivering healthcare and other public services in their communities." – Her Majesty The Queen, Commonwealth Day Message 2021.
Imagine you are working on the frontline. Write about your experience, explaining why you serve your community and why your service matters.



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JUNIOR CATEGORY

(under 14 years of age)
Word count: 750

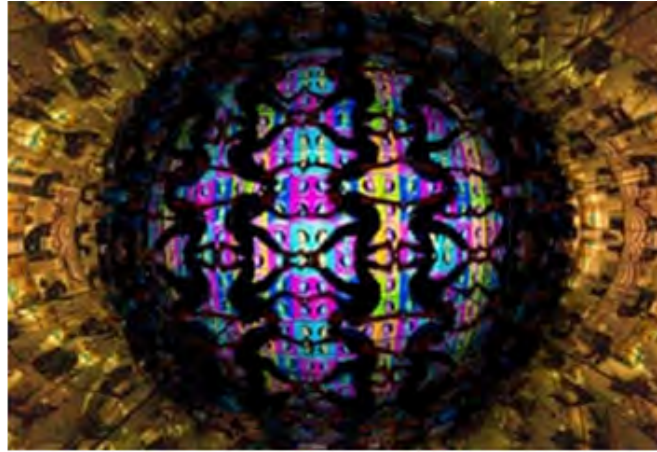
1. Imagine you are a grandparent in 2022. Tell your grandchildren a bedtime story about an inspirational person.
2. What are the best ways for young people to serve the Commonwealth in your view?
3. Our Commonwealth community.
4. Write a job description for a superhero needed to solve a problem in your community.

News in Pictures

June 1



Washington DC, USA
The K-pop band BTS join the White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre during a visit to discuss anti-Asian hate.



Edinburgh, Scotland
An interactive pop art graphic has been installed at the Giant Kaleidoscope at the Camera Obscura and World of Illusions to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee.

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Celebrations for International Children's Day.



May 31



Motala, Sweden
Rut Larsson, a 103-year-old Swedish woman from Mjölby, lands after jumping in tandem with Joackim Johansson from Linköping's parachute club.

Dubai, UAE
Hyunsuk Ku, 38, owner of Happy Bark Day, the first cafe in Dubai to offer coffee and cake to dogs only, serves one of her customers.



Vatican City
Pope Francis is shown a gift as he receives Ayatollah Alireza Arafati, the president of Islamic Seminaries of Iran, and entourage in a private audience.



Kabul, Afghanistan
Afghan boys play cricket at a cemetery. Cemeteries provide open spaces where children play football or cricket or fly kites, and where adults hang out.



Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
A parrot breeder and his birds are seen at the Damai Perdana hill during World Parrot Day.

Tokyo, Japan
Japan's Kawasaki Heavy Industries demonstrates a goat-like robot that can carry baggage and goods. The firm believes robots will help with labour shortages in the country's ageing society.



Source : The Guardian