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Little Hawaiian dancers

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FROM THE EDITOR



22nd Anniversary

This week we celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of Funday Times. We thank all our readers for being with us through the years. We are sorry we cannot plan any celebratory events due to the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the current economic situation in the country. However, we will continue to give you the best we can in the Funday Times.

Here's a flashback of some of the fun events we have had in past years...



5th Anniversary in Kandy



10th Anniversary at Excel World



12th Anniversary at Nuga Gama



Art Exhibition 2003



Christmas Carnival with Cargills 2010



Christmas Carnival 2014



Avurudu Festival 2006



Snow World 2010



Fun Fest Quiz 2005 Winners



Junior Quiz with Nestle 2007 Winners



IWMI Junior Quiz 2014 Winners



Sisu Udana Essay Competition 2008 with Peoples Bank



IWMI Junior Quiz 2014



▲ Fun Activities with Newspapers 2013 ▼



Fun Activities with Newspapers 2018



Learning in the Library Awards 2011



Movie event at Majestic Cinema 2008



▲ Members event at Dilmah Aboretum, Moratuwa 2017 ▼



Archery event



Pottery Workshop 2012

▲ Members events at Nuga Gama, Cinnamon Grand, Colombo ▼



Art Workshop 2011



Water Day at Nuga Gama 2013



Environment Day at Nuga Gama



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:

August 31, 2022

Telephone: 2479337/2479333

Email: fundaytimes1@gmail.com

BRITISH COUNCIL

Age groups:

6 – 10 years

11 – 15 years

Word limit: 100 Words

Please note that copied poems will be disqualified.

6 – 10 years

The fairy

A sparkly pale blue dress,
With sparkling wings,
Complete with glittery wand in her hand,
She was the fairy that lived at the
top of the oak tree next door,
She hid in the mornings,
And flew around at night,
The dog knows her,
The cat knows her,
The parrot knows her,
The owl knows her,
Every child knows her,
All except the grownups because they
always say, "They're in your imagination."

Tehara Dissanayake
Methodist College, Colombo 3

Please write **the date** at the top of your entry.



Poetry Competition

This is your chance to get your poem published here. Entries should be in your handwriting and clearly certified by a teacher or parent as your own creation. Your poem should be posted to Funday Times with 'Poetry Competition' written at the top of the entry. The winner of each age category will be awarded a British Council Young Learner's Library membership.

11 – 15 years

Reflection

We dream of a future of flying cars,
Of rocket ships and outer space,
High-tech robots, life on Mars,
The 'peaceful' existence of our race.

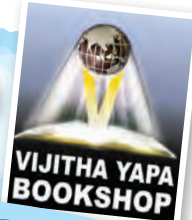
The Present a different path foresees,
Unless we adopt and change our
ways,
And though we try to plant more
trees,
We cannot stop Time's steady pace.

Poor tormented, tortured Earth!
Burned by the Sun's incessant rays,
While we slowly defile its worth,
The oceans drown in plastic waste.

Is there hope for the human race?
Will our planet rise and grow?
Can we blame the mirror's face,
For the truth that it does show?

Amalka Jayawardena
S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

Win super books from



Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: What you like best about the Funday Times

Win: Cavemice – The Fast and Frozen by Geronimo Stilton

A visiting rodent has arrived in Old Mouse City with astounding news. On his recent journey to a distant land, he spotted a mountain... moving! Holey cheese!

Geronimo Stilton sets off on a trip to the ice and snow to find out what lies behind this mystery. It's a fun-raising expedition!



Age: 10 – 12 years

Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: Do you enjoy reading the Funday Times and why?

Win: Five on a Secret Trail by Enid Blyton

When exploring an abandoned cottage at night, Anne sees a strange face at the window. Then the Five wake to see ghostly lights shining outside...

Who could be snooping around – and why is a nearby gang trying to make the friends leave?



Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: A Funday Times event I enjoyed

Win: The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Whisked from his comfortable hobbit-hole by Gandalf the wizard and a band of dwarves, Bilbo Baggins finds himself caught up in a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon...



Book Competition



9 years and below

Online classes at home

Pethmi Thennakoon

Mahamaya Girls' College,
Kandy

10 – 12 years

Hobbies you can do at home

Malsha Herath

Matale Int. School

13 – 15 years

Should Internet usage be limited?

Dananga Karunarathne

Lakdasa De Mel College,
Kurunegala

Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

Hiroshima Peace Park is a large green space in the centre of Hiroshima — once the thriving political and commercial heart of the city. On August 6, 1945, the world's first atomic bomb was dropped over the centre of Hiroshima City which suffered widespread damage and suffering. Four years later, this area of the city was designated as a memorial zone.

Today, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, designed by Japanese architect Kenzo Tange, encompasses 30 acres and is home to numerous memorial statues, monuments and a world-class museum. Arguably the highlight of the park is the Peace Memorial Museum.

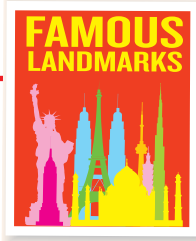
The museum focuses on the events of August 6, with personal images and paraphernalia from the aftermath of the bomb — including a pocket watch that stopped at 8:15 am, the time of the detonation.

Flame of Peace

First lit in 1964 in hope of a world without nuclear weapons, the flame continues to burn until they are abolished around the world. The pedestal that cradles the flame evokes the image of two hands joined at the base, palms facing the sky.

At the north end of the park, the Atomic Bomb Dome (Gembaku Dome) is a skeletal reminder of the horror of that historic day. At 8:15 am, the bomb detonated in the air directly over this area, incinerating much of the city in its path but sparing this building's metal framework, which remained intact.

Today, Peace Memorial Park is a place of remembrance, perseverance and hope for a peaceful tomorrow.



Hiroshima Peace Clock

Made of three iron pillars and supporting a spherical clock, this 20m-tower was completed in 1967. Its daily chime at 8:15 am serving as an apt reminder.

Prayer for Peace

Erected in 1977, this statue depicts a child in its mother's arms who blows a trumpet of peace.



Memorial Cenotaph

The Memorial Cenotaph is otherwise officially known as the 'Memorial Monument for Hiroshima, City of Peace'. Designed by Pritzker Prize winning architect, Kenzo Tange, the cenotaph's shape resembles an ancient clay house that helps shelter the souls of the victims from rain. The stone base houses a registry of the names of over 300,000 people who lost their lives during and after the bombing.



Children's Peace Monument

The Children's Peace Monument was built to commemorate Sadako Sasaki and the thousands of child victims from the atomic bombing. Sadako Sasaki was a young girl who was exposed to radiation from the atomic bomb blast, dying ten years later after a long battle with leukemia. Before she passed away, Sadako had a vision to create one thousand cranes — which she achieved — echoing the Japanese tradition that granted one wish upon doing so. Sadako's wish was for a world without nuclear weapons, and the paper cranes seen here serve as a reminder of this.



Source: Japan Travel

Korean Cenotaph

A monument dedicated to the Korean victims of the atomic bombing.



Peace Bell

The Peace Bell was created with the hope to abolish nuclear weapons and achieve world peace. Created by bell-caster Masahiko Katori, the bell is embossed with a singular, unified world map without borders — symbolising an interconnected globe at peace. The surrounding pond contains lotus flowers that come to bloom around early August.

Visitors are encouraged to ring the bell as they pray for world peace.



Atomic Bomb Memorial Burial Mound

Completed in 1955, this memorial mound mourns the ashes of the deceased that are unclaimed. The vault lies beneath containing the ashes of some 70,000 victims.

Famous Landmarks Quiz 33

Q: When was the first atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima? Name three important monuments in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park.

Famous Landmarks Quiz 32

Tharindu de Silva,
Galle





QUEUEING THEORY

Maths in Action 67

By R. N. A. de Silva

We have experienced many queues in Sri Lanka in the recent past. In the case of fuel and gas, the queues may have formed because of the inability to purchase them but in normal circumstances a queue is formed when there are more customers than people to serve them. We usually see queues of people in banks, supermarkets, theatres etc. There is a branch of mathematics that deals with queues. It is known as the Queueing Theory, and it deals with the behaviour of waiting lines.

Queueing Theory originated with the research carried out by Danish mathematician Agner Krarup Erlang in 1909. He worked with the Copenhagen Telephone Company and wanted to determine how many telephone circuits were necessary to prevent customers from waiting too long. The international unit of telephone traffic is named as 'Erlang' in his honour.

The basics of queueing include six elements.

- ◆ Arrival process
- ◆ Service & departure process
- ◆ Number of servers
- ◆ Queueing discipline (Such as 'First in - First out')
- ◆ Queue capacity
- ◆ Numbers being served



In 1961, the American mathematician John Little formulated a law that describes the relationship between the distribution rate of customers and the time spent by them. If the customer arrival rate is λ and the average service time for a customer is W , then the average number of customers denoted by L is given as $L = \lambda W$. If there are 21 people in line ($L = 21$) and 3 people are served in a minute ($\lambda = 3$), then the waiting time (W) is 7 minutes.

The modern basic queueing system attributed to Erlang and with modifications of Little's law, can be shown with two equations. If the arrival rate is λ , drop out rate is σ , departure rate is μ and the length of the queue is L , then;

$$L = \frac{\lambda - \sigma}{\mu}$$

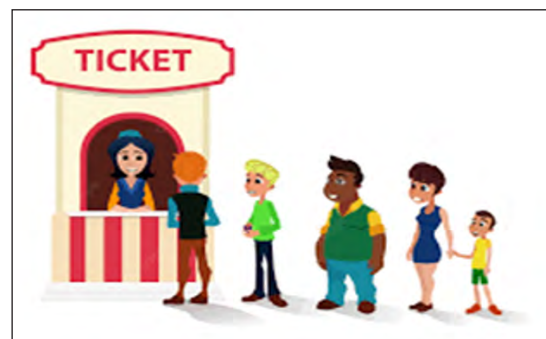
be shown that

$$W = \frac{1}{\mu} \ln \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$$

such as traffic engineering, computing, industrial engineering and project management. The emails you send and receive also go through a queueing process.

Assuming an exponential distribution for the waiting time W , it can

The queueing theory is applicable to many fields other than telecommunication

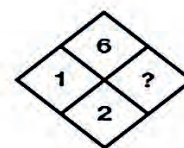
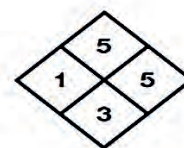
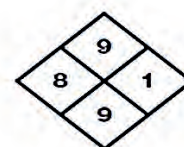
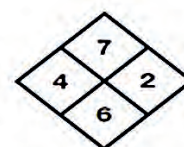


Math Plot - 67

Try to find the solution to the following puzzle.

You may send solutions with reasoning to ndesilva@osc.lk within the next three days.

Please include your full name, date of birth, home address, contact details and the name of your school along with the solution.



Find the missing number.

Math Plot 66 – Solution

The answer is

Alex – Bob – Eric – Cathy – Daisy.

The winner is

Jeremiah Kanagasabay
of Logos College, Colombo 6.
Congratulations!



Umar Shamroz
11 years on August 17

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.

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