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Little students of Immy Kids International, Nawala had an enjoyable time at their Beach Party recently.

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Happy Birthday



Yumeth Dissanayaka
15 years on August 23



Hasandi Malinsa
5 years on August 19



Sandul Senarathne
11 years on August 15

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.

Courage

By Manoshi de Silva

Chenuli loved to dance. Every Saturday, she went to a dancing school and she never missed a single class. She was very excited when her teacher announced that they were going to have a concert soon. The teacher said that there would be different dance acts for different age groups. "Your group will be doing a 'bird dance'. There will be different characters, but the main role will be the 'peacock' and the best dancer will get to play that role," said their teacher.

"There will be an audition next week. According to your performances, I will decide who plays which character," said the dance teacher. She asked them to practice well what was taught at the earlier classes, because all the previous lessons were going to be a part of the dance.

Chenuli came home very excited. "I want to play the main role, the peacock," she told her family. "But I am scared I won't get selected." "It takes a lot of courage to take part in a competition and you are willing to do that. Do your best and also have enough courage to accept the result you get," advised Chenuli's mother.

Chenuli practiced every single opportunity she got. "I am courageous!" she told herself. "I will give my best shot!" On the day of the auditions, the teacher got each student to dance individually. Chenuli danced carefully following all the instructions given by her teacher. She did the best she could, but was still nervous.

After the last student danced, the teacher wrote all their names on a paper with the selected characters and read it in class. Chenuli's heart skipped a beat when her name was announced as the main character; the peacock. She was so happy she couldn't hide her smile.

"Now remember Chenuli," said her teacher, "you have to practice more than the others." Chenuli nodded in agreement and that's exactly what she did every single day. She practiced her steps at every opportunity she got. "I am scared that I will make a mistake at the concert," she told her mother.

"You had the courage to face the audition, you also have the courage to perform in front of a big audience. Trust in yourself and practice hard," encouraged her mother.

Chenuli's teacher gave her mother the peacock costume pattern. Then she briefed Chenuli's mother on how the costume should be stitched. Chenuli's mother went with her and bought the dress material. Chenuli touched the soft material in excitement. Then they went to a tailor and took her measurements and handed in the material to get it stitched.

Days went by fast. Chenuli was thorough with the dance moves of her entire act. A few days later she received her peacock costume. She had a fit-on and it looked so glamorous that she couldn't wait to wear it and dance at the concert.

One week before the concert, Chenuli's group had their rehearsal; which was the final practice before the big day. All the students came in their costumes. Everybody admired Chenuli's beautiful costume. Their teacher instructed them on what they should and shouldn't do.

Chenuli danced beautifully in her beautiful costume. She didn't make a single mistake. The teacher praised her and so did everyone else. Chenuli was so happy. She bought concert tickets for everyone in her family. Even her grandparents promised to come to see her dance.

Two days before the concert, Chenuli dressed in her costume and looked at herself in the mirror. Then she danced around her room and came out of her room dancing without stopping. She took one step backwards while dancing and accidentally kept her foot on the top stair. Chenuli then lost her balance and slipped down the stairs. She fell down a few steps but managed to hold the railing and stop.

Chenuli checked her hands and legs for any wounds, while still sitting on the



floor. She thankfully noticed that there were none. She then tried to get up. But only then did she feel a terrible pain near her ankle. Chenuli screamed in pain. Her parents came running and took her to the hospital at once.

Chenuli couldn't stop crying after the doctor left. It was not just the pain that made her cry but what the doctor said. He said that she should not walk for awhile let alone dance, because her leg was injured badly. He said that it would take time to heal. But the concert was only two days away and her leg was in a white cast.

Chenuli's mother sat near her and gave her a hug. "Are you a courageous little girl or not?" she asked Chenuli. "I am. I was courageous in taking part in the audition and even courageous enough to dance in front of a big audience at the concert!" cried Chenuli.

"But do you know what takes more courage?" asked Chenuli's mother. "It takes a lot more courage to face disappointments successfully. Things don't always go as we plan. Sometimes in life things go wrong and we have to learn to accept it and face it with courage. And that's not easy. But if you have what it takes to deal with disappointments, then you are indeed a courageous little girl!"

"I informed your teacher about this and she said she will get another girl to play your part and get your costume altered to her size. Do you think you can help her play your part?" asked Chenuli's mother. "Yes, the concert must take place. I will help her in any way I can," said Chenuli. "Next year I will try again and get the main part!" "That's my courageous little girl!" said Chenuli's mother giving her a big hug.

Tomahawk

Quiz
No.198

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 198 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 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. 198' seen at the top of this page and paste it on your postcard.

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1. Name the world's tallest tree and two places where it is grown?
2. Which is the world's largest water lily?
3. What was Dr. Thomas Barnado well known for?
4. Name three ways of cultivating your food in a home garden.
5. Where is Sora Bora Wewa located?



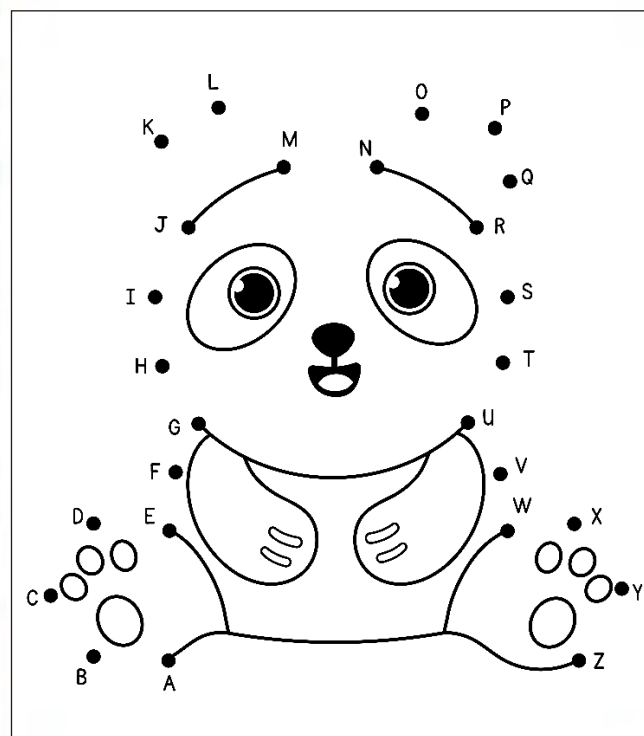
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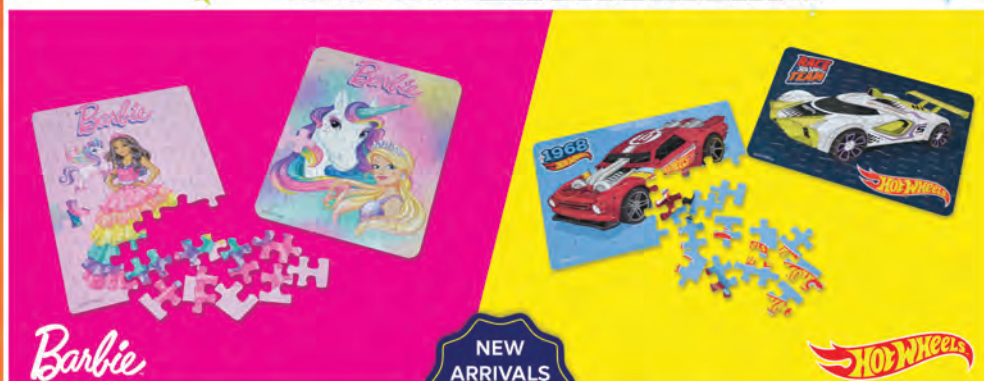
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The ocelot quietly stalks through the grass in a Mexican forest. It crouches, then - bam! - pounces on an unsuspecting mouse. Dinner is served.

Ocelot

The rodent probably never saw this wild cat coming. Its unique spotted coat helps it blend into the forest while it hunts for prey.



The ocelot's camouflage also helps protect it as it sleeps during the day on tree branches or in bushes. Although the cat is twice the size of an average house cat, ocelots are prey for harpy eagles, pumas, jaguars and anacondas.

Night Cat

Ocelots are nocturnal, meaning they're most active at night. They use their sharp vision and hearing to hunt rabbits, rodents, iguanas, fish, frogs, monkeys and birds.

When they're ready to eat, the wild cats don't chew their food — instead they use their teeth to tear meat into pieces and then swallow it whole. Like a domestic cat, an ocelot's raspy tongue can clean a bone of every last tasty morsel.

Cute Kittens

An ocelot family usually includes a mom and one or two young. The kittens are born with their spots but have gray coats



Common Name – Ocelot

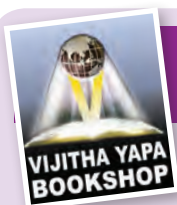
Scientific Name – *Leopardus pardalis*

Type – Mammal

Diet – Carnivore

and blue eyes that turn golden brown when they're about three months old. Ocelots live with their mom for about a year and then leave to find their own territory.

Source: National Geographic Kids



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Madagascar is home to the world's second 3D printed school!

August 8, 2022

The beautiful island country of Madagascar has a dire school shortage. About a third of Malagasy children have no access to education because the schools are too far away or severely overcrowded. Thinking Huts, a non-profit dedicated to increasing global access to education, believes that 22,000 new schools are needed to fulfill the demand. The organization plans to tackle the issue with a series of 3D-printed schools, the first of which was completed in April 2022.

The 765-square-foot honeycombed structure, named Bougainvillea, is located on a university campus in Fianarantsoa, a town in south-central Madagascar.

It was developed in partnership with 14Trees, which built the world's first 3D-printed school in Malawi in July 2021. The single-storey school will house 30 engineering students.

Construction began with the printer pouring a cement-like mixture in a pattern to create the walls. The entire process took just 18 hours! Once the cement dried, a Madagascan crew swooped in to attach the locally manufactured roof, door and windows.

The pilot project took three weeks from start to finish and cost \$300,000.



Half the cost went towards the printer rental and equipment transportation. Maggie Grout, the 22-year-old founder of Thinking Huts, hopes to reduce the cost of future schools by raising funds to purchase a 3D printer.

Grout, a senior at the University of Colorado, Boulder, was just 15 when she started Thinking Huts. Adopted from a rural village in China when she was 18 months old, Grout realized that not all kids were as fortunate and wanted to help.

The idea for the 3D-printed schools came to her after brainstorming with her father on ways to use the technology for the greater good.



The 3D printer completed the walls of the school in 18 hours.



Maggie Grout (L) founded 'Thinking Huts' when she was 15 years.

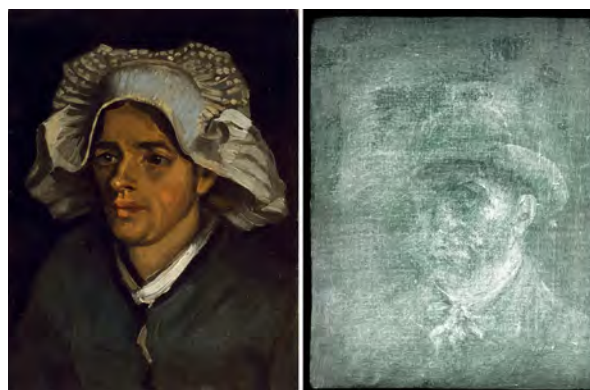
Hidden Van Gogh self-portrait discovered behind painting

August 10, 2022

Art experts at the National Galleries of Scotland in Edinburgh made an exciting discovery while preparing for an upcoming exhibition. The reverse side of Vincent van Gogh's 1885 painting, 'Head of a Peasant Woman', features a portrait of the famed artist.

The mysterious image is covered by layers of glue and cardboard. It was revealed during a routine X-ray of the painting. Gallery officials announced the exciting find on July 14, 2022. They suspect the materials may have been added in the early 20th century to protect the artwork prior to an exhibition.

The recently-discovered image is believed to be part of a series of experimental self-portraits Van Gogh painted while living in Paris with his brother, Theo, from 1886 to 1888.



An X-ray of Van Gogh's 'Head of a Peasant Woman' (left) has revealed a hidden image (right).

Since the artist could not afford to hire models, he frequently honed his portrait skills by painting his own face.

Gallery officials are trying to determine if there is a way to remove the old glue and cardboard without damaging the original painting. Meanwhile, visitors to the upcoming "A Taste For Impressionism: Modern French Art From Millet to Matisse"

exhibition will be able to view the X-ray image of the self-portrait through a specially-crafted lightbox.

This is not the first time Van Gogh has delighted the world with a self-portrait hidden behind one of his masterpieces. The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam is home to five similar double-sided paintings. The artist often reused canvases to save money. But, instead of painting over earlier works, he used the reverse side of the canvas.

'Head of a Peasant Woman' is part of a series of paintings Van Gogh created between 1883 and 1885. It showcases the working class of Nuenun, a small rural community in the southern Netherlands. The peasant woman represented in the painting is Gordina de Groot, a local farm worker. She also appeared in one of Van Gogh's most famous masterpieces, 'The Potato Eaters'.

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News in Pictures



Swarupkathi, Bangladesh

A floating guava market in the country's southern Barisal district. Known as the Venice of Bengal, it is abuzz with buyers and sellers as the guava harvest is at its peak. The guavas are grown in orchards along the river and transported by boat to market.



Pristina, Kosovo

Visitors view an installation art called 'Tell me your story' by the Japanese artist Chiharu Shiota at the 14th edition of the European Nomadic biennale.



Falces, Spain

Runners fall during the 'El Pilon' running-the-bulls in the village in Navarra. 'El Pilon' running-the-bulls is held on a hill where runners have to avoid the herd of cows on a 800 metre long and narrow slope with the mountain on one side and a steep cliff on the other.



Yangjiang, China

Fishing boats set sail in Guangdong province after the annual summer fishing ban in the South China Sea was lifted on Monday.



Pari Island, Indonesia

Edi Mulyono, a fisher and mangrove farmer (right) plants mangroves to protect the beach from further damage. Four Pari Islanders are taking legal action against Holcim, a Switzerland-based cement company, in a climate crisis lawsuit. Pari Island, home to more than 1,000 people, is facing serious problems caused by the climate emergency.

Medellín, Colombia

Silleteros (farmers) are bent under the weight of flower arrangements during a parade at the Flower Fair. The traditional *Silleteros* Parade is held to commemorate the beginning of farmers' selling *silletas* (flower arrangements) at the markets.



Donetsk, Ukraine

Svetlana, a captain in the Ukrainian armed forces (left) and Irina, an army volunteer, take a short rest on the frontline in Donbas.



Etosha, Namibia

Zebras drink from a waterhole in the national park.



Berlin, Germany

Thunderstorms gather over the city skyline.

Source : The Guardian