

FUN DAY TIMES



Fun at a Children's Park

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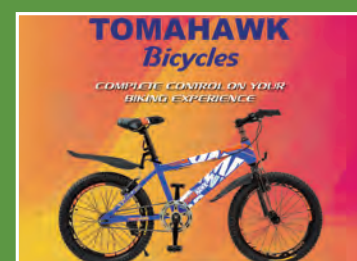
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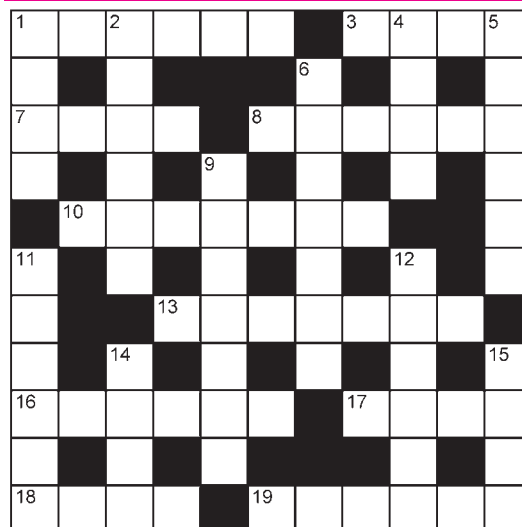
Hope you had an enjoyable Children's Day!

We are integrating the Funday Times printed pages with the online edition. Competitions, such as Tomahawk Quiz and Famous Landmarks Quiz will include questions from articles featured in our online pages as well.

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.

FROM THE EDITOR

Junior Crossword – No. 972



Across

- 1 Get
- 3 Exchange
- 7 Hear with these
- 8 Small glass ball
- 10 Bunch of flowers
- 13 A month
- 16 Tree foliage
- 17 A leg joint
- 18 Require
- 19 Cleaned with water

Down

- 1 Unlock
- 2 Extreme fear
- 4 Spiders make these
- 5 Fragments
- 6 Cautious
- 9 These shapes have four equal sides
- 11 Taken away illegally
- 12 Tree limb
- 14 Very uncommon
- 15 Give food to



Solution - No 970

T	O	B	S	E	R	V	E	D	
O	P	E	R	A		C	A	R	G
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mobile number and school.

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Thinuli
Goonewardana,
Battaramulla



Aaden Juriansz
13 years on September 23

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.

Sudoku 333

4					
		6		1	
5		3			
			2		3
	5		6		
					4

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 grid

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.

Solution – No. 331

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

Compiled by Peter Fernando

Now try to complete Junior Sudoku 333 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

Children's Day

Compiled by Cecilia Hewavitharana

Children's Day exists to raise awareness on the various issues faced by children and emphasise the importance of taking care of the future generation of the planet as well as the importance of preserving a future for that generation.

So, to mark the day, we'll be looking at a few children's book authors who have not only created stories that have won millions of hearts, but also done something to better the lives of the future generation. Authors (or other famous figures) donating to charitable causes or engaging in philanthropy is nothing unusual, but the ones mentioned here have either taken unusual approaches or addressed lesser-known issues.



Refugee Children

Children's Day is celebrated on October 1, in Sri Lanka, Guatemala and El Salvador. While it is observed nationally on different days, World Children's Day is on November 20, the anniversary of the adoption of the 'Declaration of the Rights of the Child' in 1959 by the UN General Assembly.



Beatrix Potter

Beatrix Potter (1866 – 1943) is the writer and illustrator of many children's stories, such as 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit', 'The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck' and 'The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies'.

The landscape of the Lake District (in England) was a huge inspiration for her characters and stories, so with the profits from her books, she bought many lands in the area to protect them from development.

On her death, she left 14 farms and 4,000 acres of land to the National Trust, to be preserved. In 1951, much of the Lake District area (including the areas owned by the National Trust) was designated a national park, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2017.



Illustration from 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit'



2018 film based on Beatrix Potter's characters



Windermere (in the Lake District), the largest lake in England



Enid Blyton

Enid Blyton (1897 – 1968) wrote around 700 books and 2,000 short stories, such as 'The Famous Five', 'The Secret Seven' and 'The Five Find-Outers', but she also devoted much of her time towards fundraising efforts. She also set up clubs for children to join and engage in fundraising activities themselves: the Busy Bees helped animals, the Famous Five Club raised funds for a children's home, the Sunbeam Society helped visually-impaired children, and the Magazine Club raised funds for children with spastic cerebral palsy. They succeeded in raising a lot of support for charities that helped differently-abled children and the PDSA (People's Dispensary for Sick Animals), a charity in the UK which provides care for sick and injured animals of the poor, either free of charge or at cost. Blyton also raised awareness of charities and causes in her magazine.



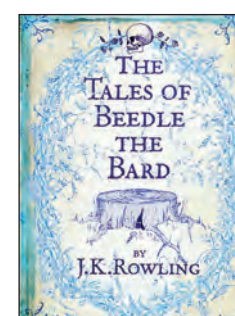
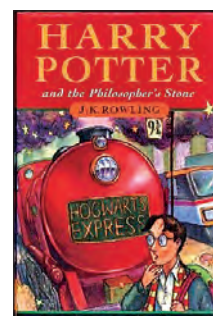
The Famous Five 1995 TV Series

J. K. Rowling

J. K. Rowling (1965 -) is the author of the much-loved Harry Potter books – a series that, when the curtain of magic and fantasy is drawn back, is ultimately a story about the power of love. In 2004, Rowling read a newspaper article about children being kept in caged beds and decided to start a charity to end the institutionalisation of children. That charity was Lumos, which also addresses the root issues that cause the separation of children from their families and provides training and financial support to families, with its main aim being to give children what they need most: love.



J. K. Rowling in 1997



Sources: beatrixpottersociety.org.uk/ lakedistrict.gov.uk/ enidblyton.co.uk/ enidblytonsociety.co.uk/ wearelumos.org

Tomahawk

Quiz
No. 200

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 200 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of September 4, 11, 18 and 25, 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. 200' 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 are eligible to participate.

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Closing Date: October 31, 2022

Tomahawk Quiz No. 199

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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 200

1. When is the International Day of Charity commemorated and why was that date chosen?
2. Who established the first school in the world for the visually impaired?
3. Where do meerkats live and what characteristic are they famous for?
4. Two Sri Lankan national teams recently emerged as Asian Champions. Which two sports did they represent?
5. When was Queen Elizabeth II funeral held and where is she buried?



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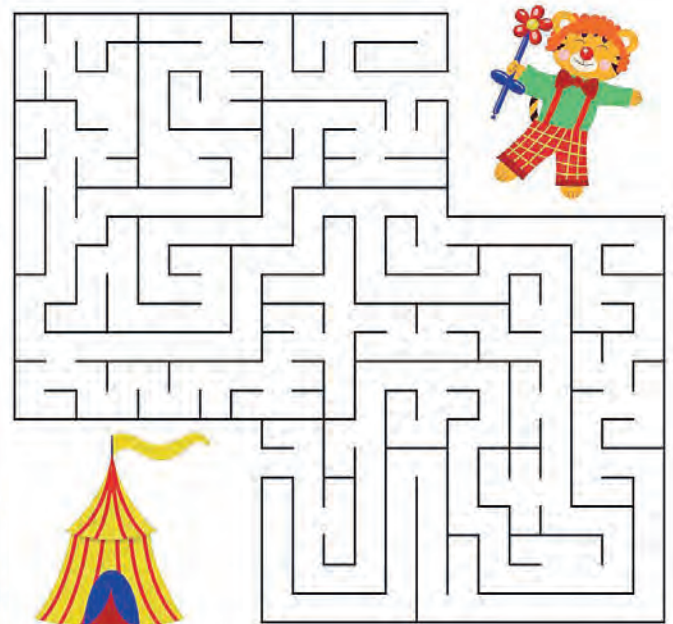


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7 – 9 AGE GROUP

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Win super books from



Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: My favourite storybook character

Win: Good Old Secret Seven by Enid Blyton

Strange things are happening at Torling Castle. There is someone hiding in the ruined tower, making the resident birds very unsettled. Who is in the castle and what are they doing there?



Age: 10 – 12 years

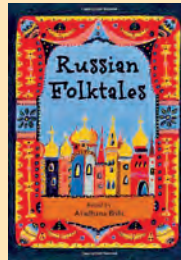
Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: My favourite author

Win: Russian Folktales retold by Aradhana Bisht

Riddles have to be solved, perilous worlds ventured into, heroic feats performed, disasters averted before the prince, princesses or even ordinary folk can live happily ever after...

Sometimes dark, often funny, heart-warming and full of adventure, this book brings you some of Russia's best loved folktales.



Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: The pleasures of reading

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.



Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic



Book Competition



9 years and below

Eating healthy

Health is very important for human beings. We have often heard that health is a treasure. It is true because the human body is used to being healthy.

Fast food also known as junk food is not good for our health. Fried food should also be avoided for our health. Exercises such as running, walking, jumping, skipping are good for our health. We can eat porridge, cereal and such meals for breakfast. Eating fruits and vegetables will make us healthy and strong. So remember, never eat junk food as it is not good for your health. The more you eat junk food, you get sick very fast.

Fussy eating is not good for the health. Craving for food like biscuits, cakes, cheese and cupcakes etc., is also not good. To have a balanced diet we should eat food that has carbohydrates, proteins, vitamins and minerals.

Everyone in our country has heard that 'Health is Wealth'. So make sure that you eat healthy food. Health is really wealth for humanity.

Pethmi Thennakoon (Grade 4)
Mahamaya Girls' College,
Kandy

10 – 12 years

Gardening as a hobby

My hobby is gardening. Gardening gives me good exercise. I water the plants and soften the ground near the roots. Then I also cut away the extra useless branches of the trees or plants. All this keeps me physically active and smart.

Gardening gives me real joy and satisfaction of the heart and mind. It takes me close to Nature, to the plants, trees and Earth and I feel the freshness of things while working in my garden.

I see beautiful birds and hear their sweet chirping. For some time I forget all the worries or problems of Life.

What a pleasure it is to see the plants flowering and the trees growing new leaves. It refreshes me when tired after a day's hard work. In the morning it brings me in touch with green plants and flowers. In this way, the lungs are filled with pure air, good for health.

Tamara Chand (10 years)
Logos College

13 – 15 years

Scene at a bus stop

The school gate opened at 1.30 p.m., letting the students out for their houses. I usually use the bus to head back home. The bus stop is just a few paces away from school, making it easy for me to get there.

The usual crowded outlook of the bus stop captured my sight. I joined the crowd in order to catch my bus. As there was a little more time left for the bus to arrive, I stood scanning the view around me.

Some people were boarding and some getting out of the buses. Groups of children were chatting and joking as they did not really want to head back home but as their buses arrived, the chatting turned to a rushing. Some conductors were shouting at the passengers to hurry in boarding the buses. Some were repeating the destination of their buses. Some people were staring

at their phones catching up on latest news while some were just relaxing on the benches like they had an eternity to wait, but all of their heads turned to the direction of the buses arriving.

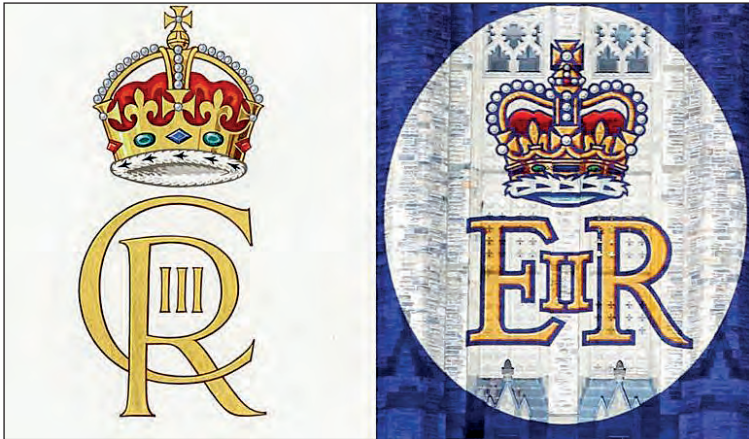
My bus seemed to be later than usual and now my bag felt like a nuisance. But as I was scanning the view around me, I did not care about it much but the crowd waiting with me. Still more buses arrived and disappeared from sight, lessening the people who were waiting. Everyone was now sick of waiting and some started blaming public transportation.

After a long wait, the highly packed bus arrived for me to leave from the crowd who just kept on waiting.

Dananga Karunarathne (14 years)
Lakdasa De Mel College, Kurunegala

September 27

King Charles III's new royal symbol is revealed!



King Charles III new royal cypher (left) and the late Queen Elizabeth II royal cypher (right)

You might be seeing this symbol popping up on postboxes over the next few months and years... King Charles' new royal cypher.

A cypher means a secret way of writing or a code. The royal cypher tends to have the initial of the King or Queen's name and title on it, sometimes interwoven together and with a crown at the top.

In Commonwealth realms, the title is shortened as 'R' for 'Rex' or 'Regina'. These are Latin for King and Queen.

So in this new picture, it combines King Charles' initial 'C', and R for Rex, plus the III because he is known as King Charles III.

Animal service returns to Ely Cathedral after three years

A service celebrating animals and the friendship they bring, has returned to a cathedral in Cambridgeshire for the first time in three years.

All creatures great and small were welcomed into the service, including dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits and even chickens!

Marley the rescue donkey from the Donkey Sanctuary also made a visit, as well as "a very well-behaved" horse called Thomas.

The last time the event took place at Ely Cathedral was in 2019, before it stopped because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The service was led by East Anglia's first female bishop, the Right Reverend Dr. Dagmar Winter and her dog Tilda, who is five years old and is a rescue lurcher.

Bishop Dagmar said it was "a wonderful experience... to bless all those who came, people and their animals, from a great big horse to a little bearded dragon, to commit together to care for all our animals and our environment."



NASA: US space agency crashes spacecraft into asteroid

US space agency NASA has successfully crashed a spacecraft into an asteroid, to try to force it to go in a different direction.

The test mission happened 11 million km (7 million miles) away in space, on a target called Dimorphos.

The asteroid isn't on a path to hit Earth and this test won't accidentally make it head this direction either.

NASA's aim is to find out if it is possible to change the course of an asteroid or space rock in case it is needed in the future.

The space agency said they won't know if they've successfully managed to change the asteroid's course for a few weeks yet, but they're happy the crash worked according to their plan.

Tom Statler from the NASA Dart Mission said: "It is just a test, it is a test on an asteroid that is not a danger to

Earth. There is nothing we can do to it to make it a danger to Earth.

"We're doing it now when we don't have to, in order to develop the capability to deflect an asteroid if we ever should need to in the future."

Speaking about the mission, Dr. Lori Glaze, the director of planetary science at the space agency, said: "We're embarking on a new era of humankind, an era in which we potentially have the capability to protect ourselves from something like a dangerous hazardous asteroid impact. What an amazing thing;



we've never had that capability before."

What is the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (Dart) mission?

NASA's Dart mission wants to see how difficult it would be to stop a big space rock from hitting Earth.

It happened in the early hours of Tuesday morning UK time (September 27) far, far away from the Earth – so there's no need to worry!

Source : CBBC Newsround

September 27

News in Pictures



Tokyo, Japan
Prince Akishino and a member of the imperial family pay their respects during the state funeral of Japan's former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.



Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Orthodox faithful hold candles during the Meskel festival commemorating the discovery of the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified.



London, England
Cast members from Cirque du Soleil attend a photo-call for their latest production, 'Kurios', at the Royal Albert Hall.

Rickmansworth, England
Christopher Reeve's Superman cape is fitted ahead of the Propstore entertainment memorabilia auction. The complete costume's value is estimated at £250,000 to £300,000.



September 26



Bedfordshire, UK
A baby Asian elephant called Nang Phaya is surrounded by the females of the herd in her enclosure at Whipsnade Zoo. The new arrival has been named the Thai word for queen at the UK's largest zoo, in honour of its late patron, Queen Elizabeth II, who once met the calf's mother.

Amritsar, India
Devotees carry their children to honour the Hindu god Hanuman as they pay respect during the festival of Langoor Mela at the Durgiana Temple.



Channel-Port aux Basques, Canada
Debris surrounds damaged houses after Hurricane Fiona passed nearby in Newfoundland.



Bulacan, Philippines
A woman pushes a child in a plastic basin as they wade through floodwaters brought about by Typhoon Noru, which made landfall overnight, causing widespread flooding and the death of at least five people. High winds and heavy rains have flattened villages and increased the threat of landslides.

Seville, Spain
People look on as fire razes a grazing area in the locality of Camas in the early hours. Several houses were evacuated and some people were treated for smoke inhalation.



Source : The Guardian

Two-Headed Tortoise Janus celebrates 25th birthday

September 26

Any 25th birthday is a cause for celebration. But it was even more so for Janus, a two-headed Greek tortoise who marked the milestone year on September 3, 2022. The resident of the Natural History Museum in Geneva, Switzerland, is now believed to be the world's oldest two-headed tortoise. The museum celebrated the special occasion with a day-long party filled with fun events, which included taking photos with the 'birthday boy'.

In the wild, Greek tortoises (*Testudo graeca*) can live up to

200 years in their natural habitat. However, two-headed tortoises, like Janus, usually do not survive for that long. Unlike normal tortoises, the reptiles are unable to retract their two heads into their shell, making them highly vulnerable to predators.

Janus, who has spent his entire life at the museum, faces no such danger. But life is not without challenges for the two-headed tortoise who also has two hearts and two pairs of lungs.

Each head controls the front and back legs on its side of the body. This can lead to confusion when the two heads decide to go in different directions. Angelica Bourgoïn, Janus's lead caregiver, says, "The right head is more curious, more awake, it has a much stronger personality. The left head is more passive and loves to eat."

To make matters worse, the two heads frequently rub against each other, resulting in skin sores. Janus also has a hard time rolling back onto his feet when he accidentally flips over.



Janus, a two-headed tortoise, just celebrated his 25th birthday.

If left on their backs for too long, tortoises can get sunburned, dehydrated and even die.

Fortunately, Janus has a staff dedicated to ensuring he lives a long and healthy life. The pampered tortoise receives a daily massage and is bathed in a green tea and chamomile extract solution. He eats a special diet of organic fruits and vegetables, keeps active with walks and rides on his custom skateboard. Bourgoïn even talks to the turtle and plays soothing music to wake him from his slumber! With such loving care, the two-headed tortoise will surely continue to shatter many more records for longevity.

Happy Birthday, Janus!



Janus is fed special foods to keep him healthy.

DOGO News

13-year-old boy raises £10,000 sleeping in tent for 542 nights

September 27

A 13-year-old boy has raised more than £10,000 for rescue dogs by sleeping in a tent in his garden for 542 nights... that's nearly a year and a half!

Ashley from Hertfordshire, said he "couldn't imagine" sleeping back in his bed now. "I've just adapted to this so much," he said. "I love everything about it."

The teenager is trying to raise £30,000 in total for a charity that looks after rescue dogs in Romania.

To begin with, Ashley slept outside for one night and "found that it was really fun" so he decided to continue, he said. After a month, he decided to raise money for charity after being inspired by Max who raised £700,000 by sleeping in a tent for two years.

During his first week outside, he said he slept out in conditions of -7°C!



But he snuggled up to his pet dog Bertie to keep warm. "I'm enjoying it so much but there are some nights when I get splashed by rain and I have Bertie the dog wriggling, but I'm going to try to raise my goal of £30,000 to build a shelter for dogs," Ashley said.

Ashley said he decided to raise money for the charity, 'Paws2Rescue', as his family had always fostered and

rescued dogs. "For the past seven years we've been fostering dogs and I've grown a massive compassion for them – I love dogs so much.

"We have an 18-year-old Jack Russell, a Springer Spaniel called Bertie, and Lucia, a Segugio Italiano that we rescued from Cyprus while on holiday."

Ashley has been supported and joined by his family during his camping adventure, who make sure he is safe and warm while he sleeps outside at night.

Ashley's fundraising has also inspired his friends, with one deciding to sleep outside for a month after attending Ashley's birthday party.

CBBC Newsround