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Our Heroes

We are very proud that Sri Lanka won the Asia Cup 2022. This is our sixth win. Sri Lanka played six matches and won five and lost only one. The final match was played at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. The final game was between Sri Lanka and Pakistan and we won by 23 runs.


This was Dasun Shanaka's 34th T20 match as captain and this was his 17th win. The 'Man of the Series' was Wanindu Hasaranga. He is my favourite bowler. I like his bowling style. The 'Man of the Match' was Bhanuka Rajapaksa. He scored a match-winning 71* runs from 45 balls. I also like Captain Dasun Shanaka's fielding style.

We hope our heroes will win the T20 World Cup! The matches are to be played in Australia.

Best of luck to our Heroes!

Yashan Ibrahim (Grade 2)
 Negombo South Int. School

My school



My school is JMC College. It is located in Maharagama. My school is one of the best schools' in my city. It has nice and big buildings. I love my school very much.

Thinaya Rathnayake (Grade 1)
 JMC College, Maharagama

Jelly

I wanted some jelly to fill up my belly
 I was watching a channel on telly about jelly
 My belly started rumbling
 I wanted some jelly
 Then Nelly came along and said,
 "Look I found some jelly".

Naveeta Fernando (10 years)
 Ladies College, Colombo

Picasso Art



Aadya Agrawal (Grade 2)
 British School in Colombo

Thoughts on a tea estate

During my school holidays, I go to my home in Bogawantalawa. It is on a tea estate.

When I wake up in the morning, I see the tea-pluckers have already started work in the cold and misty morning. The tea-pluckers wear colourful sarees and have baskets thrown over their shoulders. They walk from bush to bush, row to row, plucking only two tender leaves from each bush. When the basket is full, they take the plucked tea to the factory, where it is weighed and each plucker's pick for the day is noted.

The next step is when the tea is put into machines and after a long process the tea we drink comes out. This tea is then packed in boxes and the owners sell it in many foreign countries for dollars.

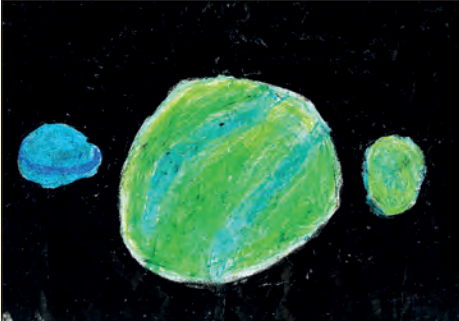
Our tea is supposed to be the best in the world, even better than the tea from China and Kenya, so our country earns a lot of dollars.

Sadly however, the tea-pluckers and their families live in small, damp houses with few amenities, but the managers and owners live in big comfortable houses with a large staff.

I go to a big school in Colombo and I hope to study hard and become a doctor. I will go back to the estate and treat the sick people, especially the children, and teach them to have healthy lifestyles.


Ashviniya Navaraj (Grade 6)
 Methodist College, Colombo

Our World



Gathsari Jayawardena (11 years)
 Visakha Vidyalaya

Tropical Rainforest



Milena Liyanapathirana (Grade 4)
 Bishop's College, Colombo

Humans and the Environment



Sara Suhail (9 years)
Leeds Int. School, Negombo

A journey by train



Janula Chamen (Grade 1)
Kibou Int. College, Polgahawela

A visit to the Elephant Orphanage



Nethuli Nuhanza (Grade 2)
Kibou Int. College, Polgahawela

Garden



Ahla Mushtaq (4 years)
Katugasthota

My teacher

My teacher's name is Ms. Sudarma She teaches all the subjects. She is very pretty and wears nice sarees to school. She is very kind. She is like our mother. There are 30 students in my class and she helps all the students. I love my teacher.



Udamsa Savithmi (8 years)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Teachers' Day

Teachers' Day is a honourable day celebrated on October 5th. Teachers' Day is a special day for the appreciation of teachers. Teachers' Day is celebrated for the contribution of teachers in the society.

It was established in 1994. It is a day when teachers can relax and talk to their fellow teachers, unlike the entire year when they are working hard for several hours everyday.

A teacher is a friend who guides us and teaches us. They do lots of services for us. Teachers' services and sacrifices are invaluable to the society. Teachers play a very important role in each one of our lives and make future leaders in our country. They sacrifice their time for creating good citizens.

We must respect teachers forever. So we must allocate a day for them to celebrate their services.

R.H. Yusuf-ul-Haq (Grade 6)
Matale Int. School

Oceans

In the world there are five oceans. They are the Arctic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Atlantic Ocean and Southern Ocean (Antarctic). The cleanest among the oceans is the Southern Ocean. The dirtiest among the oceans is the Pacific Ocean.

In the oceans, there are fish, turtles, whales, dolphins etc. Everyday fishermen go out fishing. Ships sail across the oceans. Submarines sail under the oceans. Recently, the Indian Ocean was destroyed by human beings. The 'Express Pearl' ship suddenly caught fire. Then all the plastics and oil polluted the environment of Sri Lanka. So you must stop water pollution and save the oceans for future generations.

Senuth Rupasinghe (9 years)
St. Joseph Vaz College, Wennappuwa



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Also please mention the topic, your full name, date of birth and address in your entry. Articles should not exceed 200 words. Art should be on A4 size paper.

Television

Television was invented by John Logie Baird in the 20th century.

We can hear and see songs, teledramas, sports and films on TV. We can find a television set in almost all the houses. Television is most important for our educational work.

We can control the TV by a remote control. There are lots of local and foreign channels on TV. Television is most popular among small children.

Watching too much television is bad for us because it is harmful for our eyes. And it wastes so much of time. Some people's hobby is also watching television.

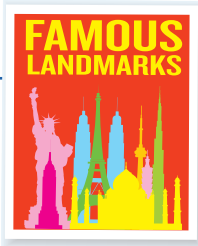
So we must use television in a proper way, because it has both advantages and disadvantages.

Nethupama Wijerathne (Grade 4)
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

The life of cattle

I walked all around the village
To somehow make my owner's son
go to college
A dingle here, a dingle there
The wood diffuses the air
No one comes out when they hear
the bell
Maybe they're tired, oh well
We need to earn some money
To eat our dinner happy
The days came when the sun shined
on us
When the bell dinged
People ran towards us
Even a man with a coat and tie
I heard the news say
No gas from today
For the first time after long months
I saw my owner smiling
Now his business is thriving
So now I'm going to close my eyes
and rest

Vinhara Saputhantiri (Year 9)
Gateway College, Negombo



Petronas Towers

The Petronas Towers are two very tall skyscrapers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. They were the tallest buildings in the world until 2004.

The Petronas Towers are currently the tallest twin towers in the world, and lay claim to being the world's tallest high-rise of the 20th century. Each tower has 88 floors and they are connected by a sky-bridge between the 41st and 42nd floors. It is a commercial office building.

The towers, which were designed by architect Cesar Pelli, were completed in 1998. The 88-floor, largely stainless steel and glass structure was designed to resemble motifs found in Islamic art, a reflection of Malaysia's Muslim heritage. The basic structure however was a development of the design for a cancelled Chicago building.

Below the twin towers is Suria KLCC, a popular shopping mall, and Dewan Filharmonik Petronas, the home of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra.

Petronas, Malaysia's national oil company, set out to build the world's tallest building. Although other buildings such as the Sears Tower have higher occupied floors, a higher pinnacle and a higher roof, the Petronas Towers' spires rises to 452 m the highest until Taipei 101. Taking advantage of the quirks of the rules governing building measurements (counting spires but not antennas) has generated a large amount of controversy over the tower's claim to the title.

The first occurrence of using a spire to increase the declared height of the building was when the Chrysler Building was erected. A spire was secretly constructed which allowed the Chrysler Building to rise higher than the Bank of Manhattan Building.

Tenants of the Twin Towers

Tower One is fully occupied by Petronas and a number of its subsidiaries and associate companies. The office spaces in Tower Two are mostly available for lease to other companies. A number of companies have offices in Tower Two.

Other facilities

KLCC Park

Outside the building exists a park which features jogging/walking tracks, a fountain with incorporated light show, wading pools, and a children's playground.

Sky bridge

The towers feature a sky bridge between the two towers on the 41st and 42nd floor. It is 170 m high and 58 m long.

The same floor is also known as the podium since visitors desiring to go to higher levels have to change lifts here.

The sky bridge is open to all visitors but passes have to be obtained.



Notable events

- In 1997 French urban climber, Alain "Spiderman" Robert, using only his bare hands and feet and with no safety devices of any kind, scaled the building's exterior glass and steel wall. Unfortunately his heroic bid to reach the top of the building was cut short when police arrested him at the 60th floor, just 28 floors away from the 'summit'.
- The towers were featured in the 1999 film 'Entrapment'.
- Three missions in the computer game 'Hitman 2' take place in Petronas Towers.

Source: Academic Kids

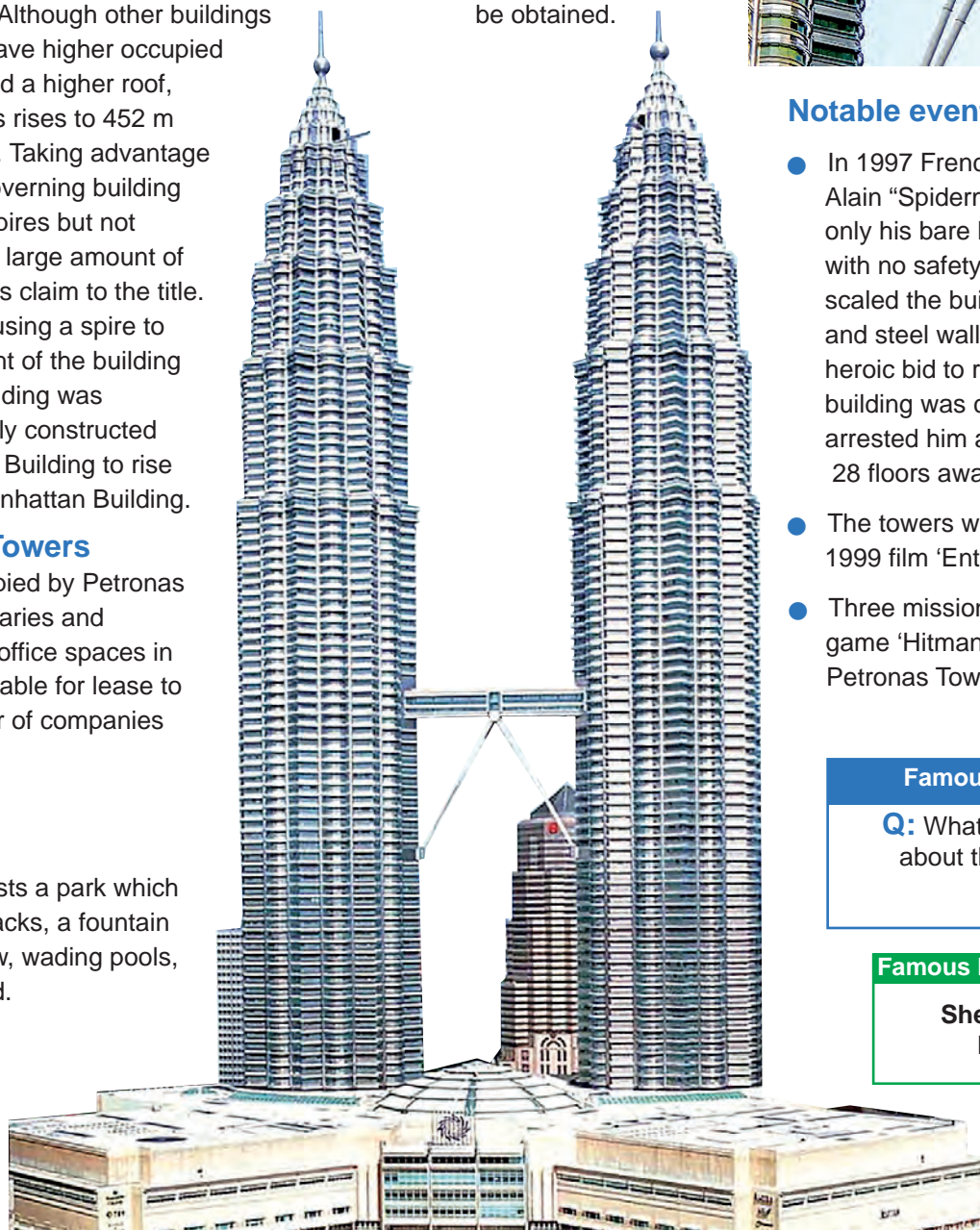
Famous Landmarks Quiz 35

Q: What is specially significant about the Petronas Towers?



Famous Landmarks Quiz 34

Sheza Samidon, **WINNER!**
Ratmalana



Please send competition entries to:



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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:

November 16, 2022

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Gupshup Goes to Prison
by Arefa Tehsin

“Khalid’s cat Gupshup has run away to the grounds of a prison.

An open prison, it is called, but everyone knows that prisons are full of horrible people. Or are they?

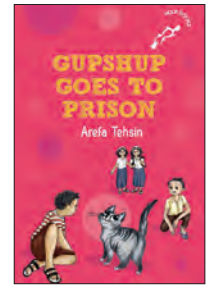
How on earth will Khalid get Gupshup home?”

Usually, a prison is a place where criminals are locked up.

This story is about an open prison where prisoners are not locked but free to move in and out.

The Pallekelle Open Prison Camp in Sri Lanka is one such open prison. It prepares prisoners for day-to-day existence in the community.

Over the years it has grown into a sprawling rural village, where there are no boundary walls or cells. Residents work and participate in leisure time activities. Many cultivate private plots of land and sell their produce.



Competition

Win a copy of Gupshup Goes to Prison.

Write your own short story about your pet or an animal you like.

Age group: 7 – 10 years

Word count: Maximum of 300 words

Please include the following details:

Full Name (including Surname), Date of Birth, Address, Telephone No. and School.

All competition entries should be certified as your own work.



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.



Win super books from



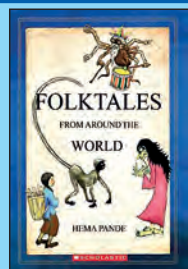
Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: A visit to the zoo

Win: Folktales from Around the World by Hema Pande

Travel to Russia, Norway, China, Nepal and many other countries around the world as you read this charming collection of folktales.



Age: 10 – 12 years

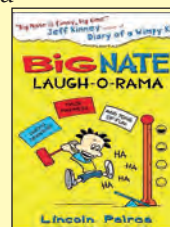
Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: An enjoyable day at school

Win: Big Nate Laugh-O-Rama by Lincoln Peirce

Big Nate Laugh-O-Rama is a fantastic addition to the growing collection of Big Nate novels, comic compilations, and activity books from creator Lincoln Peirce.

It is packed with laughs, daring drawings, activities and tons of fun!



Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

Age: 13 – 15 years

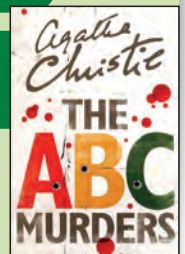
Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: How rainfall occurs

Win: The ABC Murders by Agatha Christie

With the whole country in a state of panic, the killer is growing more confident with each successive execution – Mrs. Ascher in Andover, Betty Barnard in Bexhill, Sir Carmichael Clarke in Churston...

But laying a trail of deliberate clues to taunt the proud Hercule Poirot might just be his first mistake.





Halloween

Halloween takes place on October 31. People dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating and carve jack-o'-lanterns from hollowed out pumpkins. Ghosts and witches are popular costumes of the children who go from house to house saying, "Trick-or-treat!" The treat is usually candy. In ancient times, Halloween was marked by customs started by pagans.

It was believed that on the last night of October, the spirits of the dead roamed the Earth.

The holiday is also called All Hallows' Eve.

In the Christian church, All Hallows' Eve is the night before All Saints' Day. On November 1, All Saints' Day honours all of the Christian saints.

Gradually, Halloween became a non-religious celebration.

Check out these inexpensive do-it-yourself Halloween costumes...

Spider

You will need:

- Three pairs of black tights
- Styrofoam balls
- Black yarn
- Safety pins
- Red felt or paper (optional)



What to do:

To create the legs, take three pairs of tights and fill each leg with the styrofoam balls or rolled-up pairs of socks. Tie black yarn between the first and second balls that you put into each spider leg. Leave enough yarn to tie around your wrists so you can raise and lower the legs. Pin or sew the open ends of the tights to the back of a black shirt and wear black pants. To be a black widow spider, cut an hourglass shape from red felt or fabric and pin it to the front of the shirt.

Aquarium

You will need:

- Cardboard box
- Silver paint or construction paper
- Blue cellophane
- Duct tape
- Craft foam
- Fishing line
- Seashells
- Plastic greenery
- Snorkel mask or goggles and flippers (optional)



What to do:

Cut a hole for your head in the top of the box. Cut large squares out of all four sides. Paint the box or cover it with construction paper. Cover the back window with a large piece of cellophane and tape it to the inside of the box. Tape strips of cellophane inside both side windows. Cut sea animal shapes out of craft foam.

To hang, thread fishing line through a small hole in each shape, then tape the fishing line to the top of the box. Tie or tape fishing line around the seashells, to hang them. Tape greenery inside the front of the box. Wear a snorkel mask, goggles or flippers. For safety, remove them before you go trick-or-treating.

Cheese and Crackers

You will need:

- Large rectangular cardboard box
- Yellow paint or construction paper
- Empty cracker box



What to do:

Cut off the bottom of a large, narrow, rectangular box. Then cut off the narrow sides stopping about four inches from the top and cut the front and back of the box into V-shapes. To create a Swiss cheese effect, cut several holes on both sides. Finally, cut a hole in the top of the box for your head. Apply a few coats of yellow paint. Wear an empty cracker box as a hat.

Laundry

You will need:

- Plastic laundry basket
- Heavy string
- Assorted clothes



What to do:

Cut a hole the width of your body in the bottom of a thin plastic laundry basket. (The opening needs to be big enough so you can slide the basket over your shoulders to your waist.) Loop heavy string through the slats in the sides of the basket and tie it around your waist. Put strips of strong tape across the hole in the bottom so clothes won't fall out. Fill the basket with clothes.

Lion

You will need:

- Yellow hooded sweat-shirt and pants
- Thick, fuzzy yellow and brown yarn
- Face paint
- Safety pins



What to do:

For the lion's mane, cut a piece of yarn long enough to tie around your face with the hood up. Tie three-inch-long pieces of yellow and brown yarn all along the string. Make furry cuffs for your wrists the same way. For the tail, cut a long strip of felt and glue yarn to the end. Cut two ears out of the felt. Tie the lion's mane around your hood and secure it with safety pins. Pin the ears and tail in place and tie on the fur cuffs. Paint on a nose and whiskers, and practice your roar.

Cat up a tree

You will need:

- Green shirt
- Brown pants
- Stuffed cat
- Hair clips or elastic headband
- Leafy garlands
- Safety pins



What to do:

Wrap the garlands around your arms and torso, and pin in place. Pin the cat to your shoulder. Attach leaves to your hair with hair clips or by pinning them to a headband. Your friends will be green with envy.

- National Geographic Kids

The origins of some popular Halloween traditions

October 24, 2022

Few countries celebrate Halloween as enthusiastically as the United States (USA). Children and adults spend months — and millions of dollars — looking for the perfect costume. Many families decorate homes and front yards with spooky skeletons and jack-o-lanterns.

How did all these fun customs begin? Read on.



Trick-Or-Treating



Halloween's most cherished tradition — trick-or-treating — is credited to the Roman All Souls' Day holiday. On this day, poor people would visit the wealthy and offer a prayer for their dead. They would receive a spiced treat called "soul cake" in return. The tradition changed in Ireland and Scotland when kids in costumes began getting treats for singing or performing a skit. Immigrants from the two countries brought the fun custom to the US in the early 19th century. The rest, as they say, is history!

Why Candy?

Most people hand out candy during Halloween. But in the mid-20th century, kids also received fruits, nuts, coins and even small toys. In the 1950s, candy companies introduced small individually-wrapped chocolates during Halloween. While that helped increase sales, candy really took off in the 1970s after parents became fearful of their children accepting unwrapped treats.



Today, over 600 million pounds of candy are sold in the US on Halloween! That is an average of 24 pounds per American. In 2022, US consumers will spend about \$3.1 billion on the treats! While each state has its favourites, the nationwide winner is Reese's Cups. Skittles and M&M's round up the top three.

Jack-O-Lanterns



No Halloween is complete without a spooky or friendly pumpkin jack-o-lantern. The fun custom can be credited to the Irish. They initially used turnips or beets for their ghoulish creations. However, after coming to America, the immigrants switched to pumpkins. The readily-available fall fruits were much easier to carve.

Black and Orange Decor



Black and orange are the colours of choice during Halloween. The custom can be traced back to the 2000-year-old Celtic festival Samhain. Observed every November 1st in what is now modern-day Ireland, it marked the end of the harvest season and the start of winter. Orange represented the autumn harvest season, while black illustrated the 'death' of summer.

Source : Dogo News

October 25

News in Pictures



London, UK
King Charles III welcomes Rishi Sunak during an audience at Buckingham Palace, where he invited the newly elected leader of the Conservative party to become Prime Minister and form a new government.



North Shields, UK
A partial solar eclipse is visible over Cullercoats Watch House.

Nablus, occupied West Bank
Mourners attend the funeral of Palestinians killed in an overnight Israeli raid targeting the emerging 'Lion's Den' armed group.



Chittagong, Bangladesh
Residents search for their belongings amid the debris of their collapsed huts after Cyclone Sitrang hit the city. At least nine people have died after the cyclone slammed into Bangladesh, forcing the evacuation of about 1 million people from their homes.



Kathmandu, Nepal
Law enforcement officers pose with police dogs on dog worship day, a part of Tihar, a five-day festival that is similar to the Diwali but has a number of differences. Tihar is the second major festival for Nepalese Hindus and this year is held from October 23 – 27.

October 24



Madrid, Spain
Sheep are herded through the city during the Transhumance festival, which celebrates the practice of shepherds driving livestock from the mountains to the warm meadows for the winter.

Rome, Italy
Giorgia Meloni, the leader of the far-right Brothers of Italy party, carries out the traditional ceremony of the bell that marks the handover between the former and the new Prime Minister at Palazzo Chigi.



Brazeau Township, USA
People visit Missouri's Tower Rock, which is usually cut off by the waters of the Mississippi River. However, water levels in the river have dropped so low that visitors can walk to the site with dry feet.



Santiago Ixcuintla, Mexico
A man looks at a trailer overturned by Hurricane Roslyn, which brought heavy winds and rain to the Pacific coast.

Source : The Guardian