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**FAMOUS
PEOPLE**

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WINNERS**

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Please note that competition entries 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 in your own handwriting and 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:

July 29, 2020

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ruzaina Junkeer
13 years on July 9



Monishka Gunasinghe
12 years on July 8



Abdur Rahman
7 years on July 1

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.

Book Competition

Winners



10 – 12 years

Caring for my environment

Nadithi Kulasekera

Ladies' College, Colombo

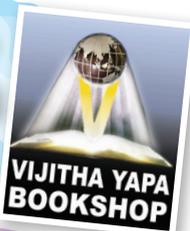
13 – 15 years

The effects of lockdown on the environment

Ifadha Deen

Leeds Int. School, Galle

Win super books from



Age: 9 years and below

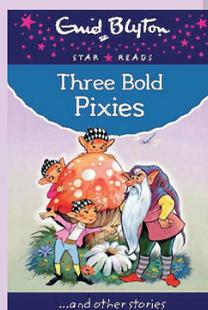
Word Count: 150

Topic: Homework is important

Win: Three Bold Pixies by Enid Blyton

Peri, Patter and Pipkin all lived in a very unhappy village where no-one had time to laugh or talk to each other, so they decided to find a home somewhere else.

See how they got on in this adventure-filled collection of stories, full of mischief and magic.



Age: 10 – 12 years

Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: My favourite city

Win: The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Mary Lennox is a spoilt, lonely girl in India, ignored by her parents and overindulged by her ayahs.

Orphaned when her parents succumb to a cholera epidemic, she is sent to England to live with her uncle's household. Mary finds herself liking the moors of Yorkshire but the peace of the huge house and the beautiful gardens are haunted by a mysterious and tragic past.

Is Mary finally able to make a home there?



Age: 13 – 15 years

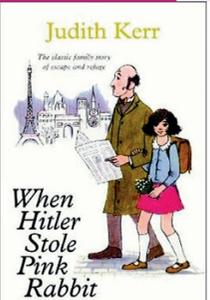
Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: Are e-books better than traditional paperback books?

Win: When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr

Anna is too busy with schoolwork and tobogganing to listen to the talk of Hitler. But one day she and her brother are rushed out of Germany in alarming secrecy, away from everything they know. Their father is wanted by the Nazis – dead or alive.

This is the start of a huge adventure, sometimes frightening, very often funny, and always, always, exciting.

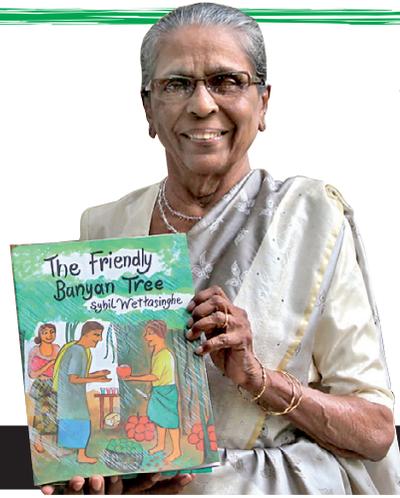


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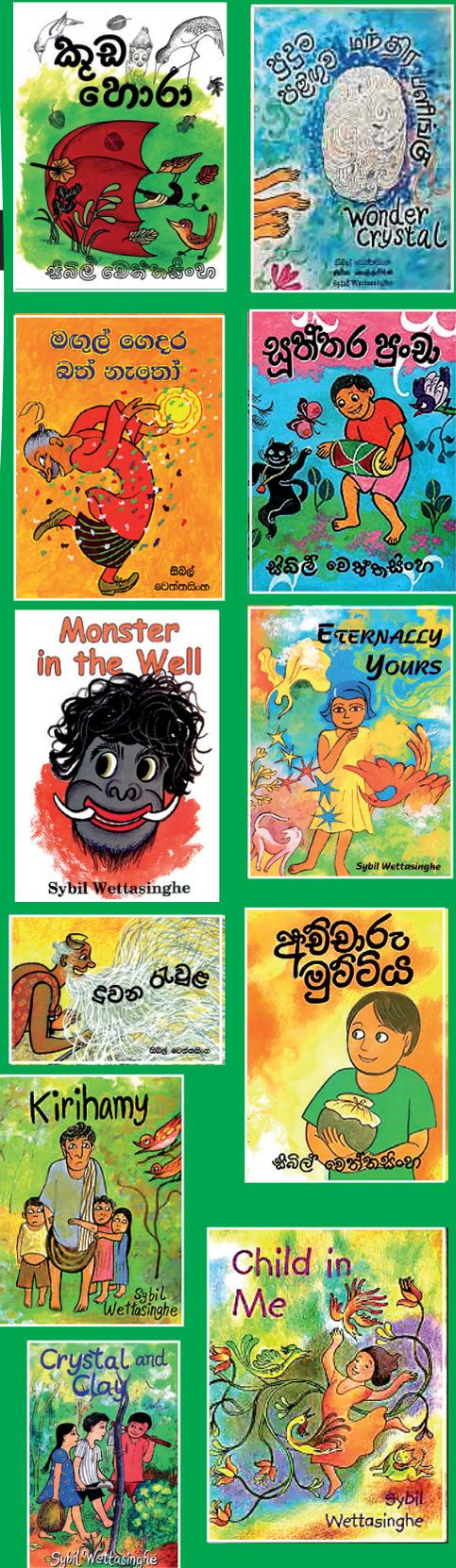
■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic



SYBIL Wettasinghe



A FEW OF HER BOOKS...



A tribute to Sybil Nenda

By Yomal Senerath-Yapa

Sybil Nenda – or ‘Aunty Sybil’ as we lovingly know her, passed away on July 1, but she has left us a treasure trove of books.

Sybil Wettasinghe was born in the beautiful village of Gintota in Galle on October 31, 1927, 92 years ago. It was the village and its serene beauty that made her first draw – and she drew naturally – it was how she expressed herself. If she was sad, she put it on paper with an easy flowing line; if she was hungry she would draw to let her mother know.

She called her village upbringing "a long, beautiful dream. Then people seemed to live as warm-hearted human beings, giving out love and affection, caring for one another with a kindred togetherness."

When her family moved to Colombo, she was six, and Sybil entered Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya. Her grandfather was a sculptor and her mother was an artist with lace-making.

Sybil was the apple of her father’s eye and it was to him she ran when friends teased her for being dark, calling her ‘Kalu’.

When only 17, Sybil would join the Lankadeepa newspaper as an illustrator. In 1952, she was recruited by Lakehouse Publications. As main illustrator of the Janatha newspaper she was the first Sri Lankan woman to work full-time as a journalist. She would later draw for Sunday Observer, Silumina, Daily News and Sarasaviya.

Also in 1952, Sybil dreamed up her famous ‘Kuda Hora’ (The Umbrella Thief) for the children’s page. It was the story of a certain mischievous ‘person’ who stole umbrellas from a whole group of villagers that became her first book, triggering more than 200 other beautiful volumes.

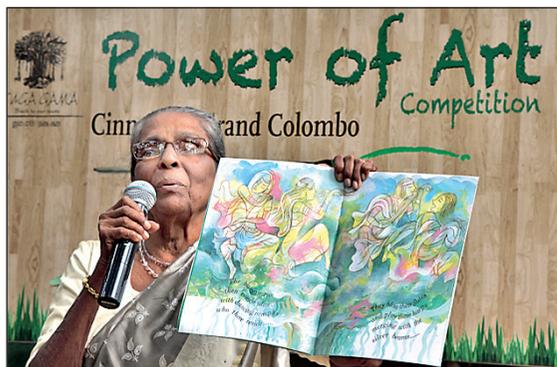
Among the most famous are ‘Little Granny’, ‘Monster in the Well’ and ‘Magul Gedara Bath Natho’. In 1995, she won the Gratiaen prize for ‘Child in Me’, which was a book that looked back at her blissful childhood, from where she drew so much happiness and from where come the ideas for all her books.

But the awards she won are so numerous. In 1965, her story ‘Vesak Lantern’ won an Isabel Hutton Prize for Asian Women writers for Children. Her first book ‘Kuda Hora’ was chosen for the Best Foreign Book Award in Japan in 1986. ‘Kuda Hora’ alone was translated into English, Norwegian, Danish, Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Swedish.

Last year she produced ‘Wonder Crystal’, which has a Guinness World Record for ‘the most alternative endings for a book’ with 1250 endings by children of Sri Lanka. The endings were of (prose) writings, drawings and poetry.

The beautiful, lively trademark art of Sybil Wettasinghe was enjoyed by many generations of children across the world. They will stay with us for long years to come, as they have for nearly seven decades.

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At the launch of ‘The Friendly Banyan Tree’ with Funday Times members at Nuga Gama, Cinnamon Grand

With Power of Art competition winners

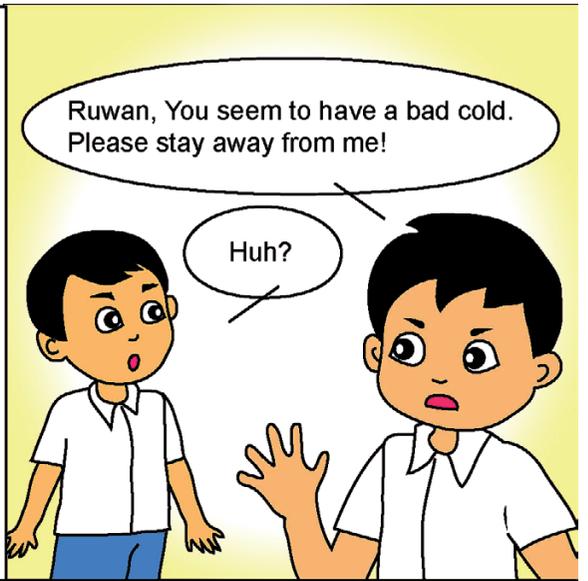
Staying Healthy and Brave

By Manoshi de Silva



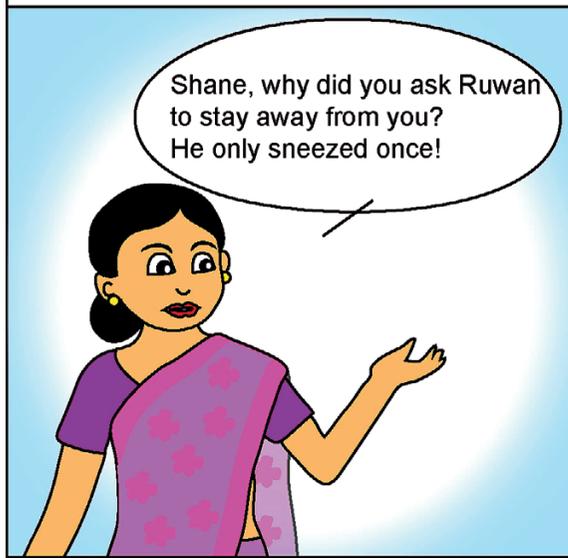
Achoooo!

Yikes!



Ruwan, You seem to have a bad cold. Please stay away from me!

Huh?



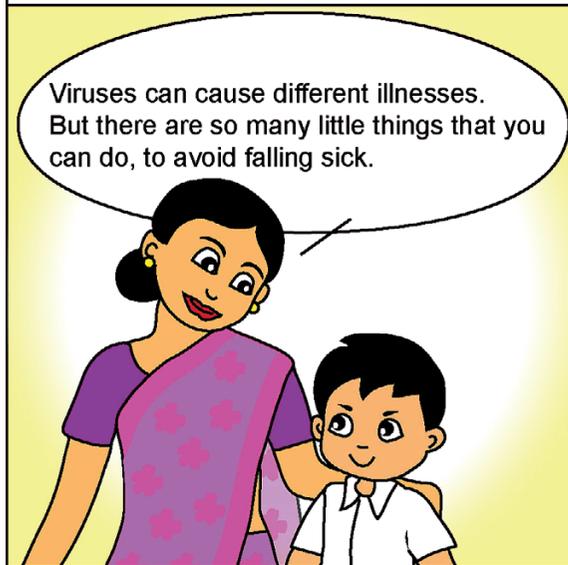
Shane, why did you ask Ruwan to stay away from you? He only sneezed once!



Miss, I heard about a dangerous virus that's spreading all over the world. I'm scared of falling sick!



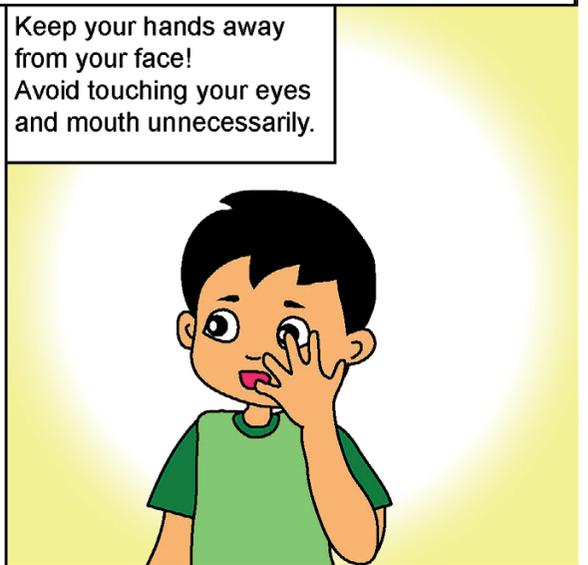
Being scared won't help you. But following good habits will definitely help you to stay healthy!



Viruses can cause different illnesses. But there are so many little things that you can do, to avoid falling sick.



Always wash your hands and keep them clean! Especially after visiting public places. Also make it a habit to wash your hands, before having your meals!



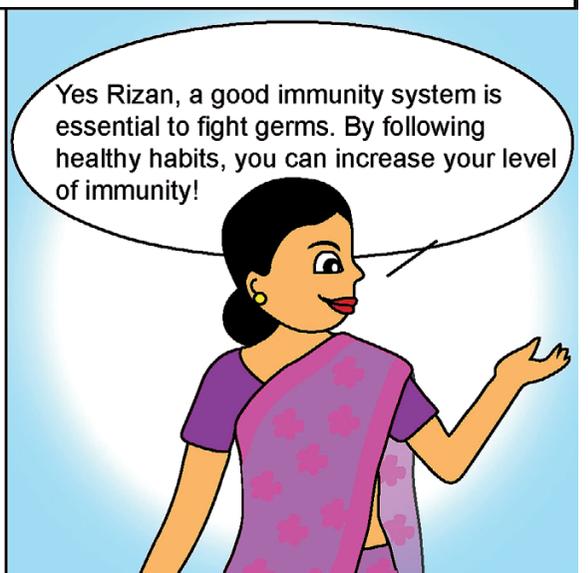
Keep your hands away from your face! Avoid touching your eyes and mouth unnecessarily.



Remember that our hands always touch a lot of things and they can easily carry a lot of germs!

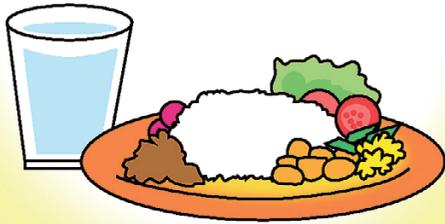


Miss, I don't fall sick easily. My mother says that I must be having a high level of immunity!

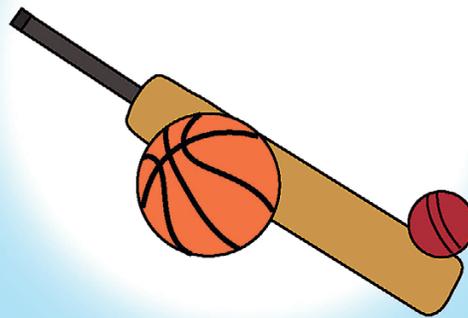


Yes Rizan, a good immunity system is essential to fight germs. By following healthy habits, you can increase your level of immunity!

Eating well balanced meals and drinking enough water, are both very important to stay healthy! Make sure to eat food only from clean places and drink clean/boiled water!



Staying active helps build your immune system! Make sure you spend enough time playing or engaging in sports activities!



Pay attention to your personal hygiene! Bathe/wash yourself and keep your body clean.



Having a good night's sleep is just as important! You must have enough rest and relaxation, in order to keep your body healthy.



Also, when you are not well, you must act responsibly, to make sure not to spread your illness to others!



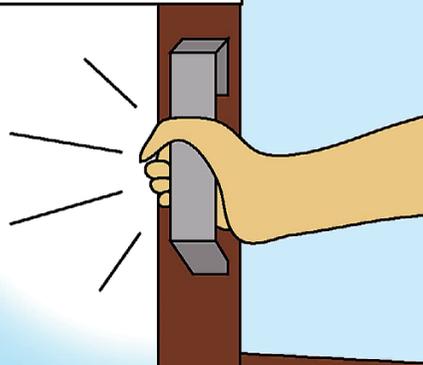
Always use a handkerchief or tissue to cover your nose and mouth, when sneezing! Do not wipe your nose with your hand, as that will help spread germs.



See a doctor and take your medicine properly! Stay away from public places and crowds until you feel well.



When a sick person touches places like door handles, bus poles and railings, there is a chance of infecting others as well.



Also, spitting everywhere and throwing used tissues all over are bad manners! These types of irresponsible behaviour can make others fall sick! You can also wear a face-mask, to help control the spreading of your disease to others.



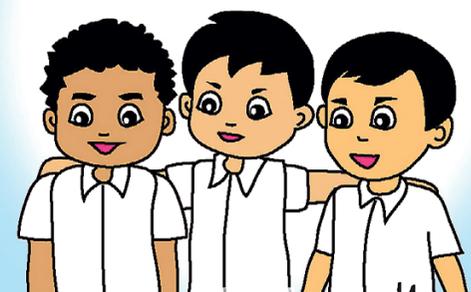
If you follow these good habits and pay attention to your health, you don't have to be afraid of germs!



I hope you will stay healthy and tell your friends, how to stay healthy as well!



So stay healthy and brave, without worrying about getting sick by viruses and germs!



-The End-

Mamashi

KIDS IN COLOUR With **REEVES**
Kids in Colour together with Reeves Art Competition is conducted monthly. A topic is given for each month. Three winners from three age groups will be selected. Winners will be announced on the second Sunday of each month and all winners will receive an attractive gift pack from Reeves.

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Topic for July - Perahera
Closing Date : July 31, 2020

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Winners please contact us on 2479337/2479333 and arrange to collect your prizes. Please remember to certify your entries as we had to reject several good entries that were not properly certified.

June 2020 – My environment

1st Place

4-7 YEARS



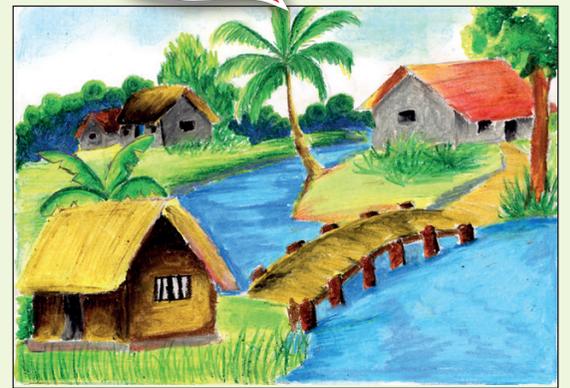
Adithi Malmiyuru
 MR/Dharmaraja Vidyalaya, Weligama

8-11 YEARS



Supeja Fernando
 Musaeus College

12-15 YEARS



Guwani Jayawickrama
 Vidura College

2nd Place



Esandi Ranasinghe
 Musaeus College

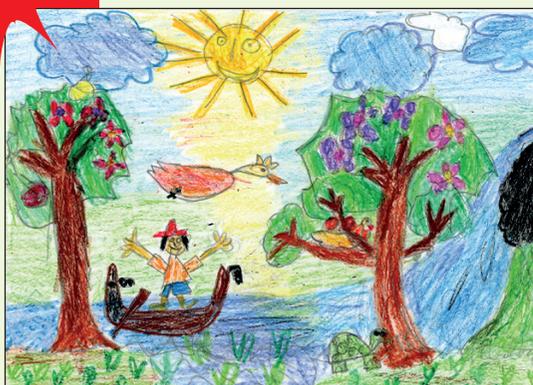


Harindri Malshika
 Royal Int. School, Kandy



Raiza Saroofa
 KG/Dehi/ Thalduwa Muslim M. V.

3rd Place



Risandu Bandaranayake
 Horizon College Int.



Asini Mudalige
 Ladies' College



Suhasha Wijesinghe
 Ladies' College

Back to School



Grade Five students of Lumbini Primary School, Colombo 5, returned to school after the long break due to the lockdown. Wearing facemasks, the students observed the sanitizing procedure at the entrance.

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Tomahawk Quiz No. 173

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 173 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2020. 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. 173' 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.

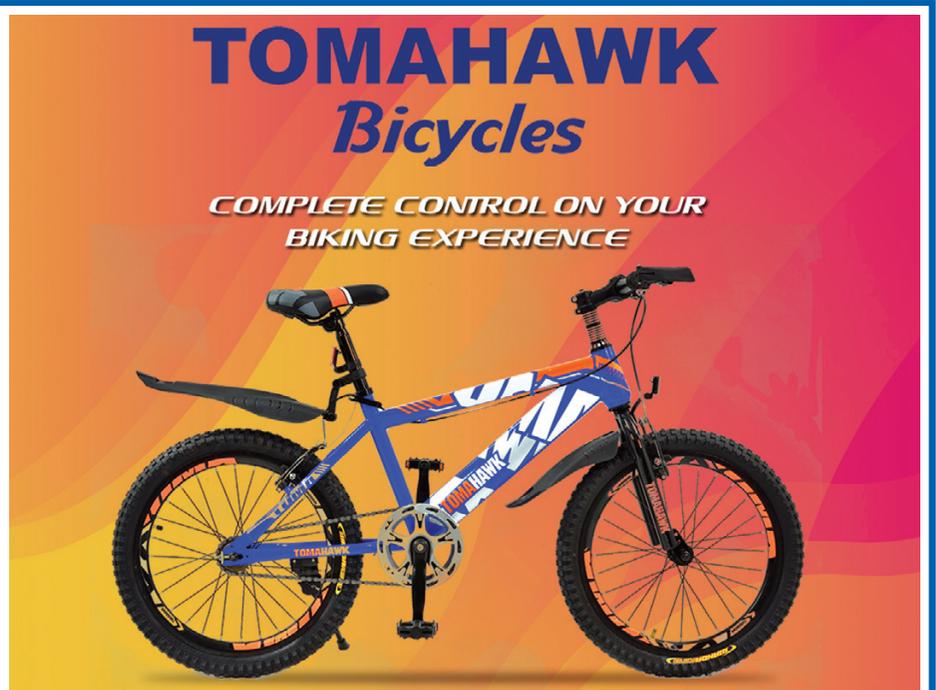
Two lucky winners will receive brand new Tomahawk Mountain Bikes with the compliments of Tomahawk Bicycle Mall

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: July 31, 2020

Tomahawk Quiz No. 172

- ▶ Varsh Mugunthen, Kandy
- ▶ Mehansa Samaradiwakara, Pepiliyana



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Questions – Quiz No. 173

1. Who is known as the Father of Ceylon Tea? Where and when was the first plot of tea planted in Sri Lanka?
2. Who was Hattie McDaniel? What was she especially known for?
3. Who is believed to have founded the original Father's Day?
4. Where is Dunhinda Falls located? What is it known as in English?
5. What is the Seattle Space Needle and why was it constructed?

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4 – 6 years

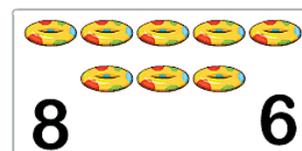
Winners

- ▶ Yewish Perera, Nugegoda
- ▶ Nazrath Imthiyaz, Colombo 14
- ▶ Chimara Moral, Wattala
- ▶ Dylan Roshan, Colombo 15
- ▶ Zaina Fazlim, Mt. Lavinia

Winners please call Funday Times on 2479337 and arrange to collect your prizes.

4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Count the pictures and circle the correct number.



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