



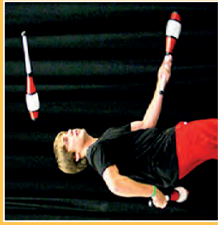
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A Ran Kumbala builds its home

Pic. by M. A. Pushpa Kumara



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Please note that competition entries are accepted by email.

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Full Name (including Surname),
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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:

August 12, 2020

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Jokes

What's smarter than a talking bird?
A spelling bee!



Why did the Math book look so sad?
Because it had so many problems!



Why did the M&M go to school?
Because it really wanted to be a Smartie!



Why didn't the skeleton go to the party?
It had no body to go with!



Why did the picture go to jail?
Because it was framed!



Ameesha De Silva
10 years on August 1



Chaniru Abeysooriya
12 years on July 25

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

10 – 12 years

A country I would like to visit
Nadithi Kulasekera
Ladies' College, Colombo 7

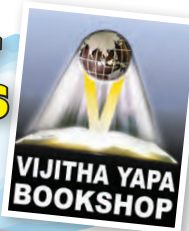
13 – 15 years

The dangers of drug abuse
Vina Chand
Belvoir International

Winners



Win super books from



Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

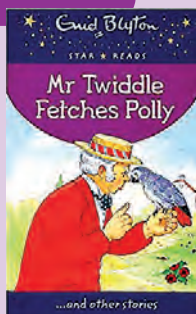
Topic: My favourite colour and why I like it

Win: Mr. Twiddle Fetches Polly by Enid Blyton

Mr. Twiddle never listens to his wife, with hilarious results!

Follow his amazing adventures, meeting plump Mr. Jolly, Tinker the playful dog and Grumbling Grace along the way.

Giggle through the pages as you read about the countless problems Mr. Twiddle gets himself into!



Age: 10 – 12 years

Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: A noisy evening

Win: Five Run Away Together by Enid Blyton

When the Famous Five discover a mysterious trunk during a camping trip on Kirrin Island, they suspect smugglers. But then they hear a child scream in the middle of the night.

Who else is on the island with them... and why?



Age: 13 – 15 years

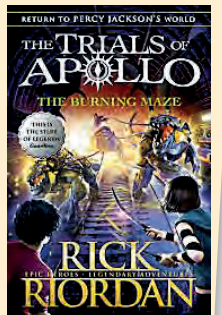
Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: How technology has affected us

Win: The Trials of Apollo – The Burning Maze by Rick Riordan

The Burning Maze is an American fantasy novel based on Greek and Roman mythology written by Rick Riordan.

It is the third book in The Trials of Apollo series, the second spin-off of the Percy Jackson & the Olympians series.



Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

July 21

News in Pictures



Assam, India

Children walk past cattle on an embankment in a flooded area in Morigaon district.



Zandvoort, The Netherlands
Participants at a training session at the Zandvoort Circuit ahead of the Inline Skating Marathon and 100 m sprint to be held on August 29, 2020.



Dresden, Germany

A yoga class on a meadow against the backdrop of Dresden's old town.

Sicily, Italy

Italian coastguard divers work to free a sperm whale caught in a fishing net at sea north of the Sicilian Aeolian Islands.



July 20

Wuhan, China

The Guanying temple, a 700-year old temple built on a rock, in the swollen Yangtze River. Heavy rains since June have left at least 141 people dead and missing, forcing nearly 15 million people to be evacuated from their homes.



Dhaka, Bangladesh

A girl wades through a waterlogged street after heavy rains caused flooding in various parts of the capital city.



Santarém, Brazil

Nurses perform a rapid Covid-19 test on Chief Domingos from the Arapium tribe on the banks of the lower Tapajós River.



Lahore, Pakistan

A health worker marks the finger of a child after administering polio vaccine drops during a door-to-door vaccination campaign.

Sources : The Guardian / Reuters

Mathematics behind juggling

Maths in Action 46

By R. N. A. de Silva

Mathematics probably is the last thing that comes to mind when watching a juggling performance. However, a lot of mathematical thought has gone into it and even a mathematical notation has been invented to record juggling patterns. It is called 'Siteswap'.

Juggling is the act of iteratively catching and throwing several objects. The earliest historical evidence of juggling is a 4000 year old wall painting in an ancient Egyptian tomb. A juggling pattern can be described using 'Siteswap'. It assigns a number to each throw. An odd number means that the object goes from one hand to another.

For example:

- 1 means a direct throw from one hand to the other, during which there is no time to catch or throw other balls.
- 3 means a throw from one hand to the other during which both have time to juggle a ball each.
- An even number means that the object stays in the same hand.
- 2 means the ball would be tossed just a few inches in the air and be caught in the same hand.
- 0 means that the hand is empty.

The size of the number is also important. The larger the number, the higher in the air the ball is tossed.



In the early 1980s, Claude Shannon, considered to be the father of information theory, published the first formal mathematical theorem of juggling, correlating the length of time balls are in the air with how long each ball stays in the juggler's hand. His theorem demonstrated the importance of hand speed to successful juggling.

His juggling equation is: $(F+D)H = (V+D)N$

F = how long a ball stays in the air

D = how long a ball is held in a hand

H = number of hands

V = how long a hand is empty

N = number of balls being juggled

Juggling has inspired mathematics, and mathematics has inspired juggling.

Math Plot – 46

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.

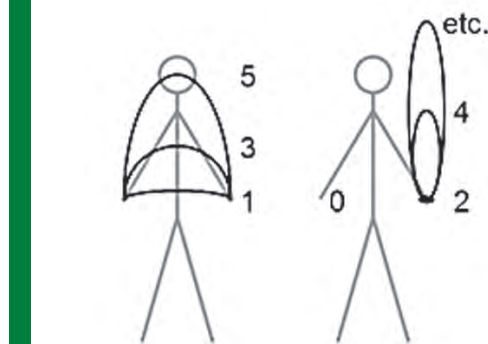
A school starts at 7.30 a.m., and each period lasts 40 minutes. If there are 5 minute intervals between periods, when will the fourth period end?

Math Plot 45 – Solution

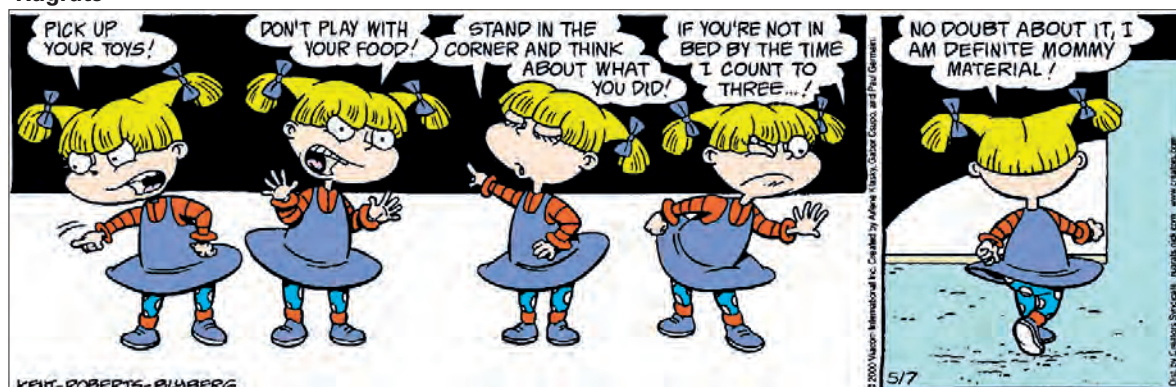
The answers are 254 and 32766, as the TOTAL number of infected insects to be found.

The winner is
**Rahma Rushdie of
St. Paul's Girls' School,
Milagiriya.**

Congratulations!



Rugrats



Jokes

What kind of shoes do spies wear?

Sneakers.



What is a tornado's favourite game?

Twister!



Ran Kumbala's home



← Collecting mud, sand, grit for the nest →

Ran Kumbala is a wasp, in black and yellow, about two inches in length. It is known in English as Mud Dauber (*Sceliphron caementarium*).

The pictures show how this active insect builds its home. It first collects mud, sand and grit from different locations and makes a tiny ball. It then carries this ball and flies to the site, which in this case is on telephone cables. This is done tirelessly several times, until it has sufficient for its nest. It is interesting that such activities of nature can be observed in your own backyard. These photographs were taken within a radius of 50 metres, observing the insect for several hours.



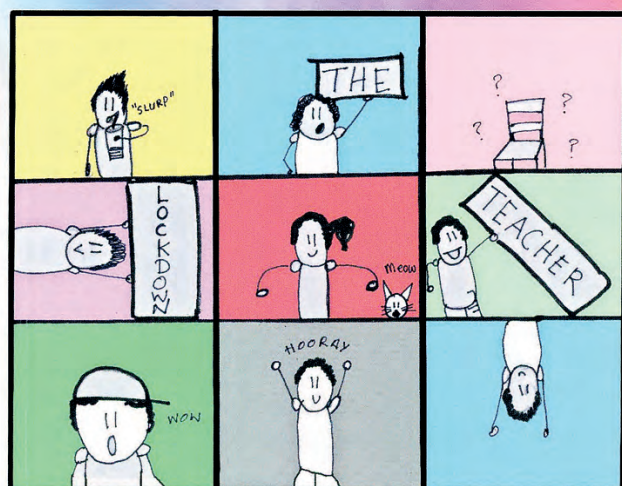
Making a tiny ball



Adding the ball of mud to the nest

Pix by M. A. Pushpa Kumara

The Lockdown Teacher



Written by Suramya Hettiarachchi

Illustrated by Nevan Perera

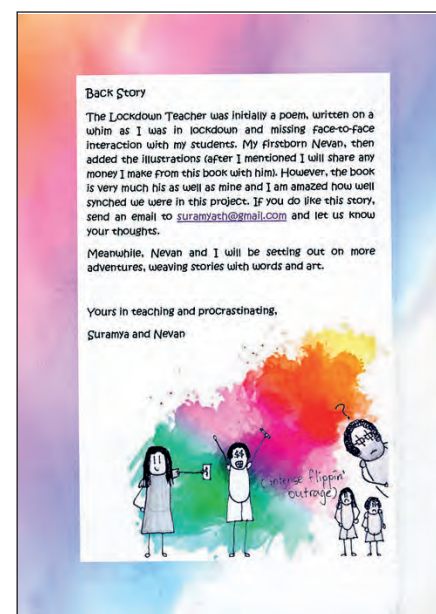
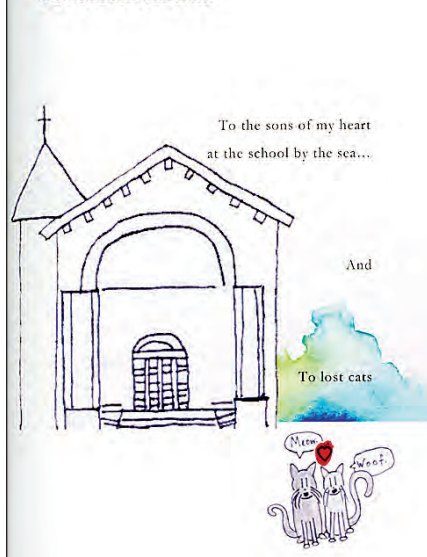
The Lockdown Teacher

By Suramya Hettiarachchi, Illustrated by Navin Perera

The Lockdown Teacher was written by Suramya Hettiarachchi, a teacher missing face-to-face interaction with her students. It was originally written as a poem and caters to young children.

Written In simple language and attractively illustrated on a theme uppermost in their minds, it would appeal to young school children. The conclusion carries a list of questions and an activity as well.

Dedication



KIDS IN COLOUR

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.

Please note that all paintings should be certified by a teacher or parent, refer page 2 for further details.

All paintings should be on A4 size paper. Please write Reeves Art Competition at the back of your entry, together with your name, date of birth, address, telephone no., and school.

Topic for July - Perahera
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Gypsy Danger (Pacific Rim)



Christian Fernando (12 years)
St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa

Myself

My name is Nulara Jayawickrama. I am eight years old. I live in Moratuwa. My hobby is reading. My talent is singing. My ambition is to become a singer.

My mother is Udesika Prabadhani Gunathilaka. My father is Saman Manjula Jayawickrama. My pet is a fish called Goldie.

I like to draw sketches of swans and peacocks. My birthday falls on the ninth of April.

I love myself very much.

Nulara Jayawickrama (10 years)
Musaeus College

My dream

I was performing on stage,
With the audience in front of me.
Nervous and fearful, I was
Following my steps as I remembered.

Oh! I fell from the stage,
On to the floor.
I opened my eyes
To see me on the floor.

It was all a dream, (the performing part)
I had fallen from my bed.
My mother cried with fear
And I laughed until I cried.

Nadithi Kulasekera (10 years)
Ladies' College

Flowers



Dinithi de Silva (10 years)
Ladies' College

How we spent the lockdown

COVID-19 is a viral disease, highly contagious and fatal if not properly treated, which gripped the whole world including our motherland. To stop the spread of disease, the government clapped an all-island curfew, which lasted nearly three months.

All essential goods could be bought at our doorsteps and our family concentrated on keeping our time occupied. My sister and I helped my mother in cleaning the house, washing clothes and helping her in the kitchen. I learnt to cook simple dishes like dhal curry, coconut sambol, omelettes and tempered mushrooms. We did all our studies and I helped my sister with her studies. With the help of our teachers, we studied online and answered model questions. I read a lot of English novels to improve my language.

Our plot of land was cleared of all debris, ahead of the dengue menace. After that we planted various herbs, vegetables and fruits such as turmeric, mint, tomatoes, ginger,

green chilies, brinjals, spinach, onion, guava, mangoes, pomegranate etc.

To exercise, we played badminton and rode our bicycles. We played indoor games like chess and my sister practiced her melodica. We amused ourselves watching cartoons.

During this lockdown, the atmosphere was less polluted and wild animals roamed freely. In some countries people suffered various hardships due to overcrowding in hospitals and overworked medical staff. We prayed for them to get well soon. We worried about our father who was working abroad too. Our mother gave us boiled coriander water and vitamins and nourishing food, to keep us free from illnesses. Thus ended the lockdown, which was educational, amusing and sad as well.

Rohini Ramaraj (14 years)
WP/Jaya/Mahamathya Vidyalaya,
Athurugiriya

Sunset



Dilshan Ibrahim (7 years)
NSIS College

Let's plant a tree



Tania Chand (10 years)
Belvoir Int. College

My class teacher



Shahina Rimzan (Grade 1)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Butterflies



Hassan Hamdin (12 years)
Brilliant Stars Int. College, Matara

I am riding a bicycle



Saqeef-ul-Haq (Grade 1)
Matale Int. School

Playing during Corona season



Methupama Wijerathne (Grade 8)
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

Phase of change

Not everything that meets our eyes
and ears,
Is of a true genuinity,
A feigned worth that's added to
deceive,
All whose sense of perception is weak.

For in many skeptical ways the
untruthfulness,
Is clogged to warp the real display,
An imposturous world that adulterates
its identity,
To ambush the nations; the victims of
prey.

Social statistics will interpret the curve
in many ways,
The pandemic battle may have
devoured our accustomed place,
With other contemporary issues
spelling the lesson to be learnt,
Are we bankrupt of leaders who'll stand
when justice is burnt?

Among many who lust the inequitable
pleasures,
Like money, fame that lasts only a
heartbeat in time,
Hostility is a knife at the nape
ready to put asunder,
Oh how soon betrayal turns
sweet companions to brine.

The clock above the mantelpiece of life
ticks ahead of our conscious,
Caring not for the human plead for a
pause,
Remember life lectures unanticipated
amidst peoples' deafness,
So the choice remains ours to brave the
waving uproars.

Priscilla Rambukkange (14 years)
Hillwood College, Kandy

Dawn

Sun went down to bed last night
And woke up sleepy-eyed
And it said to itself lazily:
"It's another day of work for me."

Sun runs slowly across the sky
Napping behind Clouds sometimes
Sun runs slowly across the sky
So that Time will not fly by

Trees wake up
Winds stir
Animals get up
But not people

Winds blow
Trees dance
Birds sing
And fly past

Streaks of colour
Leave Sun
Combine with Clouds
To make beautiful pictures

With Winds and Trees
And Sun and Clouds
I love dawn
Before people interrupt

Ifadha Deen (14 years)
Leeds International School, Galle

My mother's favourite things

My mother's name is Lakshila Nadishani Perera. My mother is 38 years old. She is a very happy person. There are things which make her happy. She likes to watch movies with me and my sister. We watch a movie every month. She likes to read books with us. We have a library.

My mother likes baking food with me and my sister and to eat together. Also she likes to eat cake, Indian food and

what Gramma makes. My mother likes travelling with me and my sister. We often travel.

My mother is happy to do these things. When my mother is happy, both my sister and I are happy. Her favourite thing is to spend time with me and my sister.

Nanduththara Meegaswatte (8 years)
Oxford Int. College, Badulla

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.

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Questions – Quiz No. 173

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

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4 – 6 years

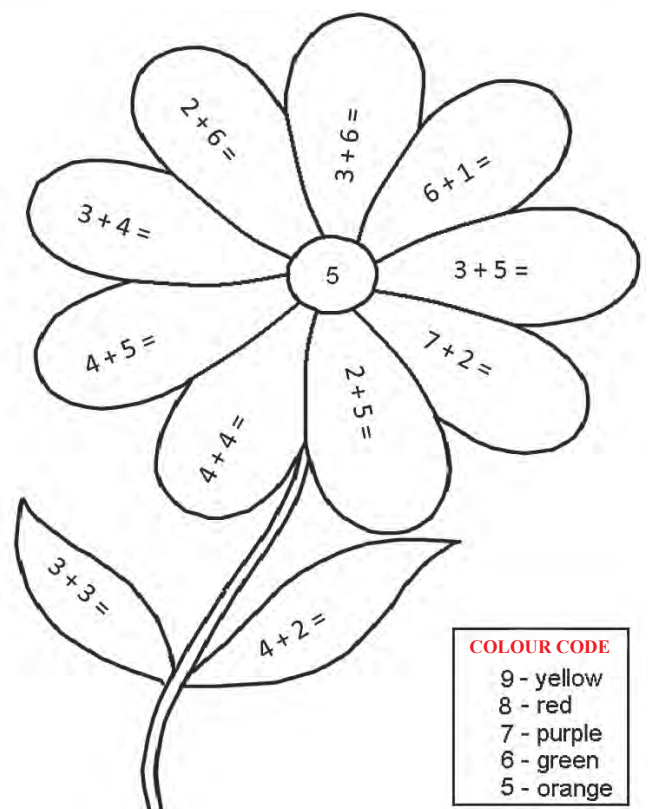
Winners

- Rahal Perera, Kotte
- Amaan Yusuf, Colombo 6
- Thedara Illeperuma, Wellampitiya
- Moditha Wijesinghe, Weliveriya

Winners please call
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4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Add the sums and colour the picture.



COLOUR CODE
9 - yellow
8 - red
7 - purple
6 - green
5 - orange