



# FUN DAY TIMES



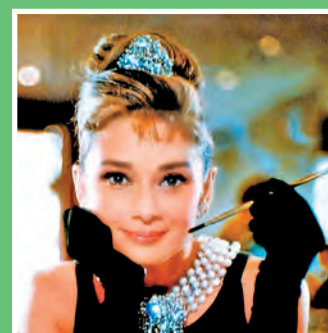
**A fun bicycle race**

Pic. by M. A. Pushpa Kumara

## WINNERS!

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 8, Hunupitiya Cross Road,  
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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:**  
**May 25, 2022**

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## Poetry Competition

This is your chance to get your poem published here. Entries should be in your handwriting and clearly certified by a teacher or parent as your own creation. Your poem should be posted to Funday Times with 'Poetry Competition' written at the top of the entry. The winner of each age category will be awarded a British Council Young Learner's Library membership.

**Age groups:**  
**6 – 10 years**  
**11 – 15 years**  
**Word limit: 100 Words**

**Please note that copied poems will be disqualified.**

**6 – 10 years**

**A word from the worried Planet Earth**

I was over the moon,  
 To enjoy my life wholeheartedly,  
 With countless species of  
 Indigenous flora and fauna long ago...  
 But the cutting edge technology,  
 Wiped them out with the tool of  
**POLLUTION**  
 And sent them to the  
**RED DATA BOOK**  
 As extinct and endangered species...  
 Dear future generation,  
 Do not let my endangered friends  
 Say goodbye to me,  
 I am eagerly waiting to see that  
 You bring the tool of  
**SUSTAINABILITY** back to me  
 To rebuild my tears of joy...



**Kaveen Gnanaweera**  
 Horizon College Int., Nugegoda

**11 – 15 years**

**Build our Nation**

Shaped like a diamond pearl,  
 In the middle of the ocean,  
 Filled with riches of treasure,  
 And rich of love,  
 Stole many hearts of the  
 Outsiders and brought them here,  
 Has lots of tribes and kingdoms,  
 Filled with history and knowledge,  
 But, we lost the nature of the pearl,  
 We disgrace ourselves and lost  
 ourselves,  
 Let's rise, our nation,  
 Show the world with true love,  
 And gain knowledge and reconstruct,  
 Let's show who we are,  
 And what we are made of,  
 Protect the nation and work  
 Together until we die.  
 Let the past be our future,  
 And future be the price of our pearl.

**Damian Aathvan**  
 Vavuniya Tamil M. M. V.





**Thameem Dhillshan Ibrahim**  
 9 years on May 8


**NOTE**

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**Read-a-Book and win a voucher from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop**



Read any book of your choice and write briefly about it. What we want is not just a summary of the story but your views on the book. The best account in the three age groups will be awarded book vouchers of Rs. 500 each from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop. Three winners will be selected each month. **Your account should not exceed 200 words.** Please indicate word count on entry. Please fill in the coupon and attach it to your entry.

**Read-a-Book for April** 

**9 years and below**  
**Senuri Gunawardana**  
*Heidi Heckelbeck is a Flower Girl by Wanda Coven*

**10 – 12 years**  
**Onithi Herath**  
*The Little Book of Happiness by Geronimo Stilton*

**13 – 15 years**  
**Hikma Manajir**  
*Cytonic: Skyward by Brandon Sanderson*

**Read-a-Book Competition**

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**Tel:** .....

**Finished book on :** .....

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# Audrey Hepburn



**Audrey Hepburn (May 4, 1929 – January 20, 1993) was a Belgian-born British actress admired for her charm and elegance.**

## Early life

Born in Brussels, Belgium, to an English father and a Dutch mother who were divorced in 1935. She grew up in Arnhem municipality in the Netherlands during the war, with her mother and two maternal half-brothers. When World War II ended, she and her mother moved to England. There, she studied ballet, and began working as a model and appearing in bit parts in the theatre and in movies.

## Career

Hepburn got her first major break in 1951, when she was chosen by French writer Colette to play the lead role in the English version of her play 'Gigi' on Broadway.



This led to her being cast in the lead female part in the movie 'Roman Holiday' (1953), opposite Gregory Peck. The movie made her an instant international star. Her performance won her the Academy Award, the Golden Globe Award and the BAFTA for Best Actress. She then appeared in a string of successful romantic comedies, such as 'Sabrina' (1954), 'Love in the Afternoon' (1957), 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' (1961), 'Charade' (1963), 'How to Steal a Million' (1967), etc. She also appeared in two musicals; 'Funny Face' (1957) and 'My Fair Lady' (1964) and tackled more dramatic roles

in movies such as 'War and Peace' (1956), 'The Nun's Story' (1959), 'The Children's Hour' (1961), 'Two for the Road' (1967) and the thriller 'Wait Until Dark' (1967).

After an eight-year absence from the screen to take care of her family, she returned with 'Robin and Marian' (1976), opposite Sean Connery. She also appeared in 'Bloodline' (1979) and 'They All Laughed' (1981) but retired for good shortly after.

In later life, she worked as a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF and hosted a television series 'The Gardens of the World with Audrey Hepburn'.

Grateful for her own good fortune after being a victim of the Nazi occupation as a child, she dedicated the remainder of her life to helping impoverished children in the world's poorest nations. In 1992, President George Bush presented her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of her work with UNICEF.

She was married twice; first to actor/director Mel Ferrer in 1954, with whom she had a son Sean, and second to Italian psychiatrist Doctor Andrea Dotti in 1969, with whom she had a second son Luca.



## Death and legacy

Hepburn died of appendix cancer in January 1993.

Her elder son, Sean Ferrer, later wrote a book about his mother, called 'Audrey Hepburn: an elegant spirit'.

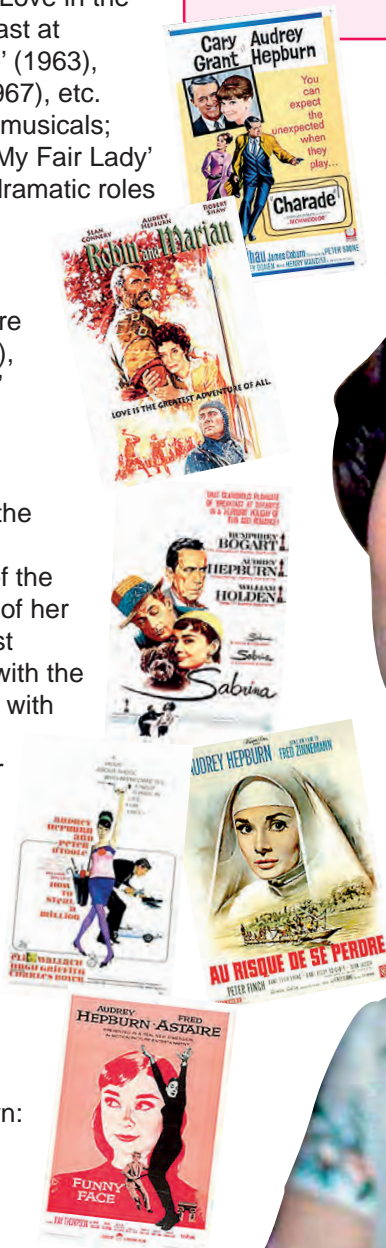
The asteroid 4238 Audrey is named after her.

## Awards

**Audrey Hepburn is one of the few people who has won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony Award to become an EGOT.**

- **Academy Award:** Best Actress for Roman Holiday (1954) and posthumous The Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award (1993).
- **Tony Award:** Best Actress for Ondine (1954) and Special Achievement award (1968).
- **Grammy Award:** Best Spoken World Album for Children (1993) for Audrey Hepburn's Enchanted Tales (posthumous).
- **Emmy Award:** Outstanding Individual Achievement in Informational Programming (1993) for the "Flower Gardens" episode of her documentary series, Gardens of the World (posthumous).

\* She has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 1652 Vine Street.





## A Mother's Love

By Manoshi de Silva

**M**rs. Crow returned to her nest after lunch and looked at her eggs. She felt that there was something different about her nest; it looked full. "How did my nest get so crowded suddenly?" she wondered taking a closer look at her nest. It looked like there were more eggs than before. But all the eggs looked identical and there was nothing suspicious about them. "Maybe I am imagining things," she thought, sitting on her eggs to hatch them.

After a few days the eggs hatched. The hatchlings were all pink and featherless. They all look similar in appearance. They opened their beaks and cried, asking for food all the time. So Mrs. Crow was very busy trying to feed the hungry mouths.

There were some parrots that lived a little higher in a hollow branch of the same tree. "Oh your nest is so full this time!" said Mrs. Parrot peeping out of her window. "Yes, the nest seems overcrowded this time," replied Mrs. Crow. She looked at the tiny black feathers growing on the chicks. "But that's alright because they are all my babies," she said, gently caressing them with her beak.

Day by day the baby birds grew up. The siblings were very loving towards each other. They loved their mother, Mrs. Crow, and she loved them all as well. She was happy to see them all growing up, with their tiny bodies getting covered in jet black feathers. "They are all very beautiful little crows," she thought proudly.

As the chicks grew a little bigger, their wings became stronger and they started flapping them. Mrs. Crow knew that they were ready to start learning how to fly. Mrs. Parrot who peeped out of her window said that she was very happy to see how healthy and strong they all were.

"But that one," Mrs. Parrot whispered slowly, "there's something not quite right about him," She pointed to a chick who was much smaller than the rest. "Oh he's just the youngest. He was the last to hatch," replied Mrs. Crow. "It's not just the size," said Mrs. Parrot.

"Even his eyes and beak look different. Maybe he's sick!"

Mrs. Crow looked at the smallest chick in the nest. She knew that Mrs. Parrot was right. This chick had a different eye colour and his beak was lighter than the rest of his siblings.

"He's still small. Soon he'll be like the rest of his siblings," she said, trying to ignore Mrs. Parrot's comments.

Even the other birds who passed Mrs. Crow's nest often made remarks about how the small chick looked somewhat different. But Mrs. Crow ignored them all. "He's also a baby of mine and I don't care what he looks like at all!" she said to herself.

"Is my smallest baby sick? Does he have a problem with his eyes?" worried Mrs. Crow. But the chick seemed fine. His feathers were nice and thick. He ate well and played with the others. He didn't act different than the other chicks, although he looked a bit odd.

Then came the day for the chicks to learn how to fly. Mrs. Crow patiently gave them instructions. The odd little chick flew swiftly from branch to branch and Mrs. Crow felt very happy. "Although everyone says that he looks odd and sick, he's doing just fine!" she thought proudly. The baby birds flew around for a while and returned to their nest. They were all excited, so they all started to shout.

All the baby crows cawed in the same way, "Kaa... kaa..." But the odd little chick shouted differently, "kooh... kooh..." This shocked everyone, especially Mrs. Crow. She knew who else shouted that way; sly Mrs. Koel who was too lazy to build her nest.

The parrots peeped out from their nest. "Oh no!" they shouted, "That is not a baby of yours! That is a baby Koel," Mrs. Crow stared in absolute shock. "I saw Mrs. Koel hanging around your nest during the time the eggs were there. I am sure that she has laid an



egg in your nest, while you were out! No wonder this chick looks different," shouted Mrs. Parrot. "Chase him away!" shouted Mr. Parrot, "He's not yours!"

The baby Koel looked absolutely terrified. All his siblings stared at him in absolute horror. "Isn't he our brother?" they all shouted. Tears filled in the baby Koel's eyes. "Chase him off. Peck him!" shouted the Parrots. The small chick stood still like a branch, because he was so scared and confused.

"Stop it all of you!" shouted Mrs. Crow. "He maybe a baby Koel, but he was born in my nest. I fed him, looked after him and raised him as my own. He is a part of my family!"

"But he's a Koel!" shouted the Parrots.

"He maybe a Koel but he is still my son!" said Mrs. Crow, "and I am his mother!"

"Just because your brother is adopted, that doesn't mean that he's not part of our family. He maybe different but that only makes him special!" she said, taking the baby Koel under her wing. The other chicks agreed to what their mother said. They all grew up together and they didn't feel any difference at all.

"Thank you mother!" said the baby Koel hugging his mother, Mrs. Crow. "Your unconditional love is the best thing in the world to me and I will always be your baby no matter what!"

The Parrots nodded their heads looking at each other. "That's how mothers are. They give so much of love and care, expecting nothing in return. And that is the most beautiful thing in this world!"

**CRAFT**

**Bouquet of Fingerprint Flowers**

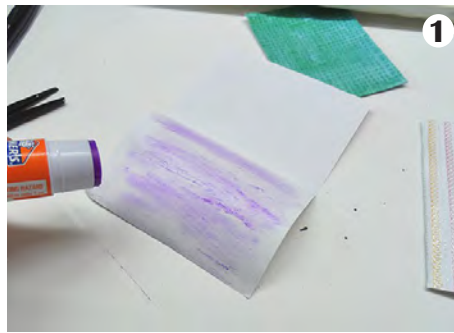
This bouquet of fingerprint flowers makes the sweetest Mother's Day gift.

**Supplies**

- Patterned scrapbook paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- 4 green pipe cleaners
- Clay pot or paper cup
- Small piece of floral foam
- 4 buttons
- Craft paint: pink, blue, purple, yellow
- Flower pattern

**Instructions**

- ◆ Fold scrapbook paper in half and glue together to make the paper two-sided. Use the pattern to cut out the flower shape from scrapbook paper.
- ◆ Dip finger in paint and press on to each petal. Use one colour for the petals and a contrasting colour for the center.
- ◆ Glue a button to the center of each flower.
- ◆ Fold pipe cleaners in half and twist together. Glue to the back of the flower.
- ◆ Insert floral foam into clay pot or cup and push the pipe cleaners into the foam. Glue the flowers to the pipe cleaners.



Source: Crafts by Amanda

**POEMS**

**My Mom**

She's the person who loves me the most!  
Takes care of me and makes me toast.  
I always need her by my side,  
To keep me warm and to keep me strong.  
I always thank God for giving me her,  
Every time she's happy makes me happier!

**Joanna Ajithkumar (12 years)**  
Methodist College, Colombo 3

**Mum (love at first sight)**

You're so special and you've always been the best,  
A special bond that can never break,  
You're always there for me in thick and thin,  
As you have protected me from committing mistakes.

You have contributed in every take,  
Nourished me with all love and care  
You have chosen the best for me  
My life is because of you

You are the symbol of love and kindness  
You are the gift of life,  
My first love, my world,  
You are my first sight as I opened my eyes.

You spent sleepless nights cradling me,  
The times I troubled and cried,  
The day you held me in your arms  
and gazed upon my face,  
My life was complete as your love is unconditional.

You guide my way,  
There is a lot to say,  
You've been my star throughout my life,  
Thank you for your inexhaustible love,  
Giving me lots of love all my life.

**Hikma Manajir (14 years)**  
Springfield College, Kandy

**RECIPE**

**Mini peanut butter cups**

These mini peanut butter cups are quick and easy way for kids to make a sweet treat for Mother's Day.

**Ingredients**

- 200g Chocolate
- 50g Peanut Butter
- A silicone mould or mini cupcake cases

**Method**

- ◆ Melt the chocolate.
- ◆ Pour a little chocolate into the base of each mould or cupcake case and allow to set slightly.
- ◆ Spoon some of the peanut butter into the moulds.
- ◆ Cover with more melted chocolate.
- ◆ Allow to set fully before removing from the moulds.



## Children to get special book about Queen Elizabeth II

May 3, 2022

Primary school children are to be given a special book as a keepsake to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

Famous quotes from the Queen, along with details about the lives of significant Commonwealth figures such as former South African President Nelson Mandela, are to feature in the book.



It will be handed out in schools across the UK, according to the Department of Education.

Facts on the coronation ceremony, information about notable kings and queens and a timeline of Queen Elizabeth's life will feature in a book aimed at celebrating the Queen.

Created with the help of royal experts and historians, 'The Queen Elizabeth: A Platinum Jubilee Celebration' will allow children to trace the highlights of the royal reign through a story featuring a young girl called Isabella. She is told all about the Queen and this year's Jubilee during a visit to her Great Granny Joyce's house.

The illustrated reference book is being made available from mid-May and children can personalise their own copies.



The book, which will also be available in shops, is also part of the National Literacy Trust's Platinum Jubilee Royal Reading Challenge.

A concert, street parties and an extra bank holiday for the Jubilee weekend itself from June 2 to 5 are among a series of events which are being held to help celebrate the landmark royal occasion.

CBBC Newsround

## Jessica Watkins, first African-American woman on ISS Crew

May 3, 2022

Last Wednesday, NASA astronaut Jessica Watkins made history as she blasted off on a SpaceX rocket. Dr. Watkins is now the first African-American woman to serve on a long-term mission to the International Space Station (ISS).



Dr. Watkins lifted off on Wednesday as part of the Crew-4 mission – the fourth group of astronauts taken to the ISS by SpaceX. NASA astronauts Kjell Lindgren and Robert Hines also made the flight, along with Samantha Cristoforetti of the European Space Agency. The crew made the flight in SpaceX's new Crew Dragon spacecraft, named "Freedom".

The crew is expected to remain on the ISS for six months. By being a part of that, Dr. Watkins actually set two "firsts". She's the first African-American woman to go on a long term space mission. She's also the first African-American female to serve as a member of the ISS crew.

While on the ISS, Dr. Watkins is expected to work on several experiments. Some of them will have to do with plants, but others will involve tests on human beings, including herself. Like all astronauts on the ISS, Dr. Watkins will also help take care of the space station.

Dr. Watkins, who's 33, is trained as a geologist, and got a Ph.D. in geology from UCLA. She says other astronauts think of her as a "rock nerd".



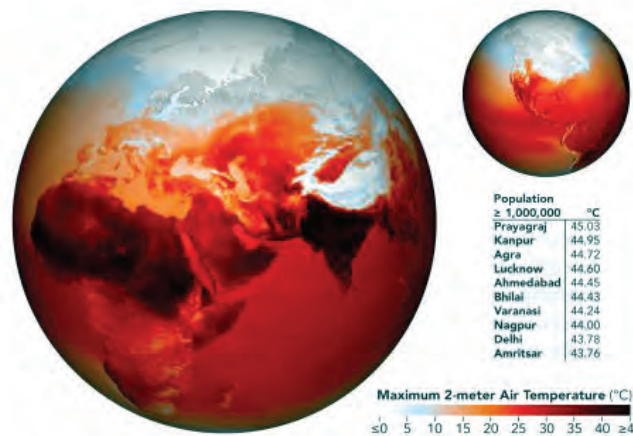
## India, Pakistan struggle with intense heat wave

May 2, 2022

India and Pakistan are struggling as they face an intense early heat wave. After the hottest March ever recorded, temperatures in late April again set records. The heat is causing health problems, and has led to fires, energy shortages and damaged crops.

India and Pakistan almost always have high temperatures as spring turns into summer. Normally, the hottest month is May. This year, the heat started far earlier. In March, India had its hottest average temperature since it began keeping records 122 years ago.

Last week many cities across India hit 113° Fahrenheit (F) (45° Celsius (C)). In one city, Prayagraj, temperatures reached 114.6°F (45.9°C). In parts of Pakistan, it was even hotter, reaching as high as 117°F (47.2°C).



**May 3**

# News in Pictures



**New Delhi, India**  
A man plays with his daughter after offering Eid al-Fitr prayers at Jama Masjid.



**Playa del Carmen, Mexico**  
Part of the construction site of a tourist train project in the Yucatán peninsula. Work was halted by a district judge pending resolution of an injunction sought by environmentalists.



**Dnipro, Ukraine**  
People evacuated from the east of the country, queue to receive food handouts at a church.

**Mérida, Venezuela**  
A mucuchies frog, an endangered species, is collected from its natural habitat to be transported to a laboratory for reproduction.



**May 2**



**Raihorodok, Ukraine**  
Cousins Nastya, 16, (left) and Polina, 15, bring flowers to their mothers for a birthday at their home as heavy shelling is heard in the distance while the Russian invasion continues.

**Bangalore, India**  
Hindu boys from the Brahmin community take part in a mass Upanayana (sacred thread) ceremony, which is performed to symbolise their initiation into formal Vedic education.



**Seville, Spain**  
French 'rejoneadora' (mounted bullfighter) Lea Vicens rides her horse in front of a bull during the Feria de Abril bullfighting festival at La Maestranza bullring.



**Rome, Italy**  
Spectators attend the traditional May Day concert at San Giovanni Square.

**Delhi, India**  
People sleep on the Yamuna riverbed under a bridge on a hot summer day.



Source : The Guardian