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The oldest inhabitant at the Dehiwala Zoo

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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).
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Age: 9 years and below
Word Count: 150
Topic: My father

Win: Three Cheers, Secret Seven by Enid Blyton

When Peter and Jack go looking for their lost model aeroplane in an old abandoned house, they find a surprise. Who is living there and why? It's time for the Secret Seven to investigate!

Age: 10 – 12 years
Word Count: 150 – 200
Topic: Celebrating Father's Day

Win: The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

Dorothy thinks she is lost forever when a tornado whirls her and dog, Toto, from Kansas into a magical world.

To get home she must find the wonderful Wizard in the Emerald City of Oz. On the way she meets the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Cowardly Lion. But the Wicked Witch of the West has her own plans...

Will Dorothy ever see Kansas again?

Age: 13 – 15 years
Word Count: 200 – 250
Topic: If you could give your father any gift in the world, what would it be?

Win: The Body in the Library by Agatha Christie

When the Bantrys wake to find the body of a beautiful, young stranger in their library, Dolly Bantury knows there's only one person to call: her old friend Miss. Marple.

Miss. Marple must solve the mystery, before tongues start to wag and the murderer strikes again...

Write at the top of your Essay
■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

Rugrats

TIME FOR BEDDIE, ANGELICA.
DON'T WANNA?
GET IN YOUR JAMMIES, SNUGGLE UNDER THE COVERS, AND YOU'LL BE HAPPY AS A CLAM!
DADDY? HOW HAPPY IS A CLAM?!

KENT GARRANO • BLYBERG 5/29

Cover Picture

The Galápagos Giant Tortoise featured on the Funday Times Cover this week, is over 100 years old. She is the oldest inhabitant of the National Zoological Gardens at Dehiwala and was handed over to the zoo when it was established in 1936.



Our Hero

By Manoshi de Silva

It was unusual for Vinul to see his father at home on a weekday morning. Vinul and his sister Methma were getting ready to go to school. Usually at this time their father who worked in a factory, was already at work. He came home late in the night after working overtime. By the time he came home every night, Vinul and Methma were getting ready to go to bed.

Their father even worked during most weekends to earn extra money to cover their expenses.

"*Thaththa*, are you sick? Why didn't you go to work today?" asked Vinul. "No, I am fine. I just wanted to stay back to do some work at home," replied his father. Vinul knew how much work his father did even on the off days he spent at home. There were so many things Vinul, Methma or their mother couldn't do and they were all done by their father. Things like cleaning their water tank, climbing the roof and cleaning the gutters and so much more. "He works so hard even on holidays," thought Vinul.

When the children came home, their father was cleaning the drain behind their house. His body was covered in sweat. Vinul felt very sorry for him and wanted to help. But he refused saying that Vinul should do his school work instead.

The next morning also Vinul noticed that their father was staying back without going to work. "Aren't you going to work today also?" asked Methma. "No. There's a lot of work to be done here. I will be staying back for a few days," replied their father looking down. "It's not like *Thaththa* to stay back without a valid reason. Something is not right!" thought Vinul but he didn't say anything.

When the children returned from school, their father was not at home. "*Thaththa* went out for something," said their mother.



By evening their father came home. He went straight to the kitchen and spoke with the children's mother softly. "They said that there are no job opportunities these days," he sighed. "How are we to survive now? How are our children going to go to school?" Vinul heard his mother question him.

"What has happened? Please tell me," said Vinul walking into the kitchen. "Nothing, you go and study," said his father. But Vinul didn't leave. "I am not a small kid *Thaththa*, Tell me the truth! Did you lose your job?" His father looked down sadly, "Yes, they closed the factory. They can't afford to run it with the current situation in the country." He then looked at Vinul directly. "But don't worry. I will provide for my family somehow. I won't let any of you suffer!"

Vinul's heart ached. He was not so worried about their future. He knew that his father would always look after them no matter what. But Vinul felt sad for his father. For the weight of the responsibilities he carried on his shoulders to make their life easy. For all the sacrifices he made for them. Their father was a true hero for them, like a huge tree providing them with shade.

During the weekend the children's father went out in search of a job again. Vinul, with the help of Methma, plucked a lot of olives from their tree and boiled them. They both made a big tub of '*Veralu Achcharu*'. The main road was in front of their house, so they kept

a small table near the road and sold the '*Achcharu*' to the people passing by. "Even if we earn a little, we can still help *Thaththa* these days." Vinul told his sister.

"But *Thaththa* will not like this," said Methma, "even Amma doesn't like us doing this!" "Let's try and finish selling this, before *Thaththa* gets home!" said Vinul who also knew that their father wouldn't like them selling *Achcharu* without doing their school work.

A few people including some vehicles stopped and bought *Achcharu* from the children. Their little business was better than they both expected and their small money box was filling up fast. But after awhile their father appeared in the distance. "*Thaththa* is coming! Let's quickly take this in!" shouted Methma. But it was too late. He had already seen what his two kids were doing.

"What is this?" asked the children's father sounding angry. "I don't want you two to suffer this way. I want you two to study well and succeed in life!" his voice was cracking up and this brought tears to the children's eyes. "We are just trying to help!" said Methma. "But I don't want you to!" before their father could finish the sentence, tears filled in his eyes.

The children had never seen their father cry before. He was always the strongest person in their family. This made the two children cry as well. Their father hugged them both and stood still for awhile.

"I found a job in the town factory. I start working there from tomorrow!" said their father finally.

"*Thaththa* we always knew you worked very hard at the factory and even at home, for us! But until you lost your job, we didn't realize what a great responsibility you bear on your shoulders on behalf of us!" said Vinul. "I am so happy that you found a job, *Thaththa*. You love and care for us so much.

Thank you *Thaththa* for everything. You are our hero!" said Methma, hugging their father a little tighter.

Tomahawk

Quiz
No. 196

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 196 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 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. 196' 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.

(Those who have already won a bicycle are not eligible to participate.)

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Tomahawk Quiz No. 195

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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 196

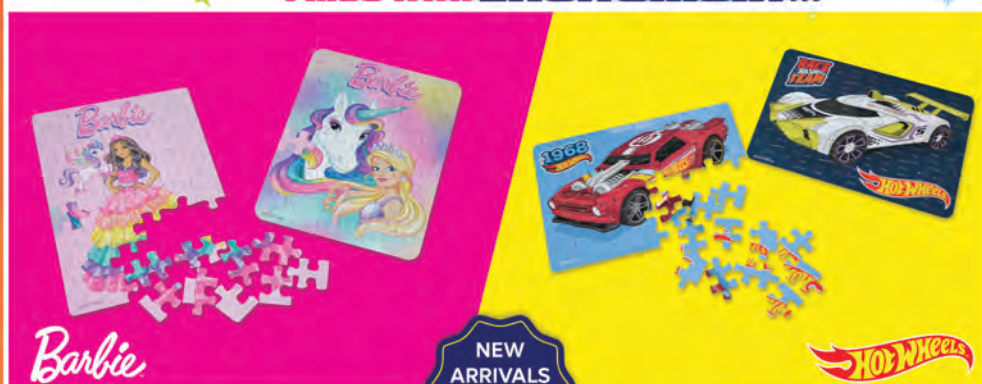
1. What is an 'Astroid'?
2. Name the movie for which Audrey Hepburn won an Academy Award.
3. Where is the Shwedagon Pagoda situated?
4. What was the special ability that King Midas wished for?
5. a) What is the scientific name of the tea plant?
b) When is International Tea Day celebrated?



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4 – 6 years

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4 – 6 AGE GROUP

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Orange



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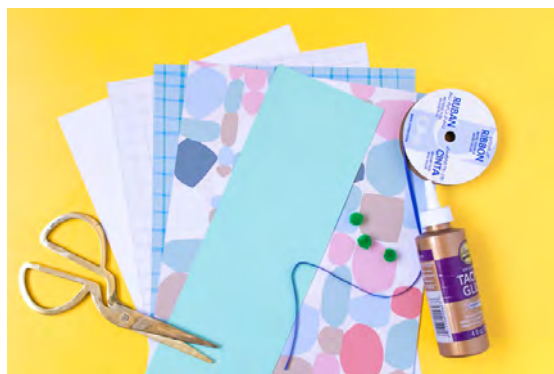

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Origami Shirt Card for Father's Day

This origami Father's Day card is simple to make with any sheet of paper, so you'll have a completed card in just a few minutes. You can choose patterns and fun add-ons and embellishments, so you can customize it for your dad.

Supplies:

- ◆ Patterned or coloured paper or wrapping paper (about 8.5 x 11 inches or A4 size)
- ◆ Cardboard or solid cardstock
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Buttons, sequins or other embellishments (optional)



Method:

Step 1: Fold paper in half lengthwise with the patterned side facing out.

Step 2: Open up. Fold each side of the paper in to meet the middle fold.

Step 3: Turn the paper over and fold up the bottom no more than 1 inch.

Step 4: Turn paper over again. At the end where you've folded over the paper, fold in the corners to meet the center, about 1 inch from the top. This will create the "collar" of the shirt.

Step 5: On the opposite end, fold out either side of the paper so that the white or solid side is showing. Both sides should mirror each other.

Step 6: Fold up the bottom and tuck under the folded collar to complete the origami shirt card.

Step 7: Cut a small piece of solid cardstock about 2 x 3 inches or whatever size is needed to fit inside the card.



Unfold the top and glue the paper inside as the background for a message. Write your message on the cardstock, or add a photo if you prefer!

Step 8: Finish the card with decorations like buttons, pom-poms, a ribbon tie, stickers or paper designs. Make it unique for your dad!





THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2022



In 2022, on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee year, Her Majesty The Queen will celebrate 70 years as Head of the Commonwealth.

The Queen's seven decades of service to the Commonwealth are an inspiring example of the steadfast commitment and important contribution we can all make to our societies.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2022 will ask entrants to explore the positive impact that can be achieved through dedication and selfless commitment to our Commonwealth.

TOP PRIZE

The top two winners from each category will be awarded with a **trip to London** for a week of educational and cultural events, culminating in a special **Awards Ceremony** at a royal palace.

AWARDS

All successful entries will receive a **Certificate of Participation** and a number of entrants will receive **Gold, Silver and Bronze** Awards for excellence in writing.

SENIOR CATEGORY (14-18 years of age) Word count: 1500

1. Imagine you are a Head of Government delivering a speech to your counterparts at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Rwanda. Write a speech that highlights what you believe should be a priority for collective action within the Commonwealth.
2. Committed to the Commonwealth.
3. Her Majesty The Queen was born in the twentieth century, a period that saw enormous social change driven by visionary and committed leaders. Reflect on an inspirational leader from this period.
4. "Whilst experiences of the last year have been different across the Commonwealth, stirring examples of courage, commitment and selfless dedication to duty have been demonstrated in every Commonwealth nation and territory, notably by those working on the frontline who have been delivering healthcare and other public services in their communities."
– Her Majesty The Queen, Commonwealth Day Message 2021.
Imagine you are working on the frontline. Write about your experience, explaining why you serve your community and why your service matters.



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The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is supported by the Lagos State Government.

The Commonwealth is a voluntary network of 54 countries, based on a shared English language and the key values of democracy, equality, tolerance, human rights and the rule of law.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools, established in 1883. With thousands of young people taking part every year, it is an important way to recognise achievement, elevate youth voices and develop key skills through creative writing.

HOW TO ENTER

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is open for entries between **15 March and 30 June 2022**. For more information on how to enter the competition please visit, www.royalcwsociety.org

Follow @RoyalCWSociety on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for writing tips!

Email competitions@royalcwsociety.org with any questions.

JUNIOR CATEGORY

(under 14 years of age)
Word count: 750

1. Imagine you are a grandparent in 2022. Tell your grandchildren a bedtime story about an inspirational person.
2. What are the best ways for young people to serve the Commonwealth in your view?
3. Our Commonwealth community.
4. Write a job description for a superhero needed to solve a problem in your community.

June 15

News in Pictures



Gaza Strip

Palestinian children ride camels along the shores of the town of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip.

Rhodes, France

Three female lynx cubs receive their first medical examination at the Sainte-Croix animal park.



Cappadocia, Turkey

Hot air balloons fly over Cappadocia.



Borodianka, Ukraine

Children play on the swings at a playground next to a shelled apartment building.



Gauhati, India

A man stands near his car stranded in a flooded street.



Gaza City

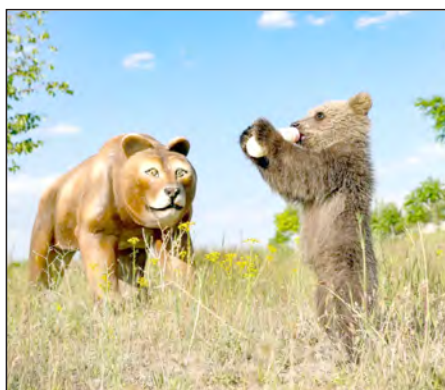
Acrobats perform during a cultural exchange between Italy and Gaza.

June 14



Handan, China

Pupils sleep in foldable chairs under their desks at a primary school in Hebei province. The desk-chair is a new invention with health benefits. Before that, students had to rest their heads on the desks during the compulsory noon nap time.



Van, Turkey

A bear cub drinks milk in Van Yüzüncü Yıl University's Wild Animal Protection and Rehabilitation Centre after being left malnourished after the death of its mother. As it can now eat solid foods, it will be transferred to the bear sanctuary in Bursa.



Monrovia, Liberia

People with albinism parade through the streets during an event held to mark International Albino Awareness Day. According to reports, the Liberia Albino Society petitioned members of the national legislature to enact a law that would end discrimination and empower its members.

Source : The Guardian