



Halloween Fun

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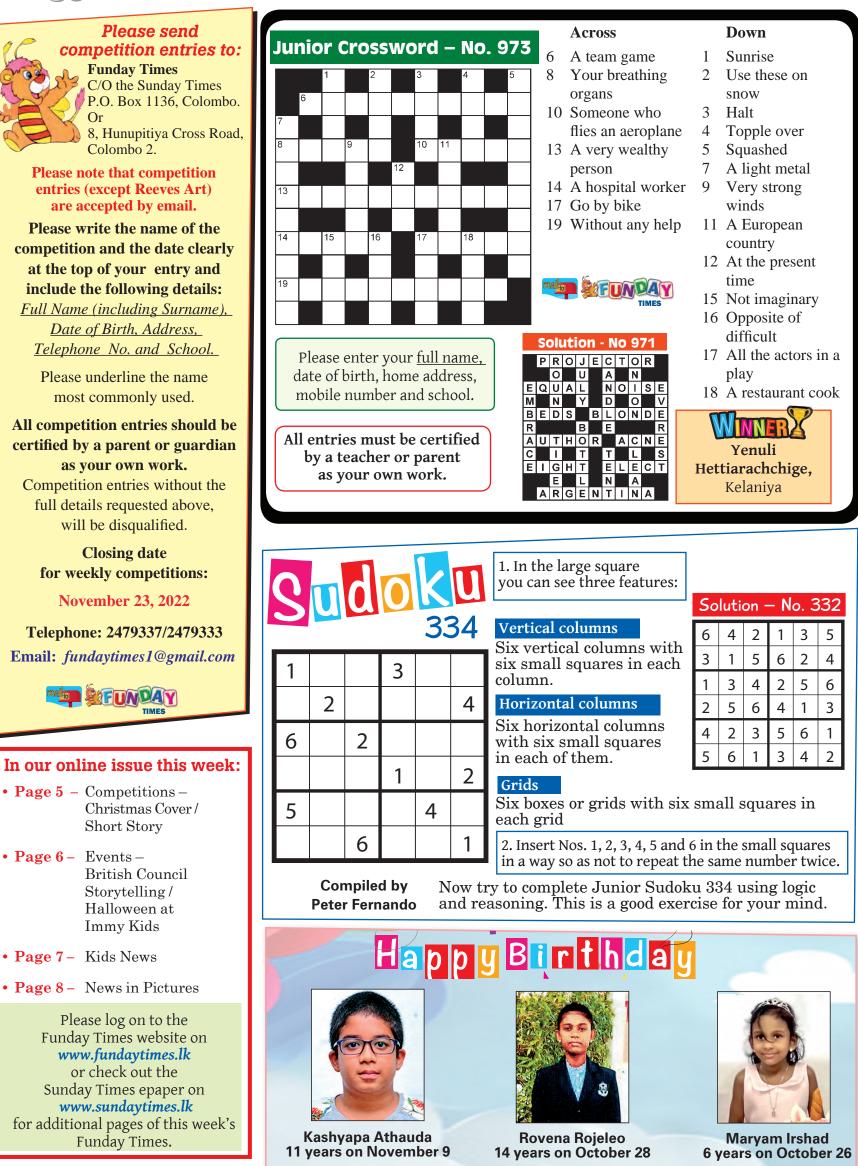


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Senudi Dahamya Sri Sumangala B. M. V.

Place



Janula Jayakumara Kibou Int. College, Polgahawela



Himaya Warnakulasuriya St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo



Chithuli Kodippili

Vidura College, Colombo

Dylan Roshan

S. Thomas' Preparatory School, Colombo

Atarah Roshan Bishop's College, Colombo



Winners please contact us on 2479337/2479333 and arrange to collect your prizes. Winners from Colombo District please collect your prizes from Ninehearts (Pte) Ltd. Please remember to certify your entries as we had to reject several good entries that were not properly certified.





Pansilu Prabashwara Mahinda Rajapaksa College, Homagama



Kavindya Kongahage Lodestar Int. School



Aaliya Arshad Muslim Ladies' College, Colombo



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Tomahawk



Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 201 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issues and e-papers of October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 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. 201' 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.

> One lucky winner will receive a brand new

Tomahawk Mountain Bike with the compliments of

Tomahawk Bicycle Mall

All Funday Times readers between 8 – 15 years are eligible to participate.

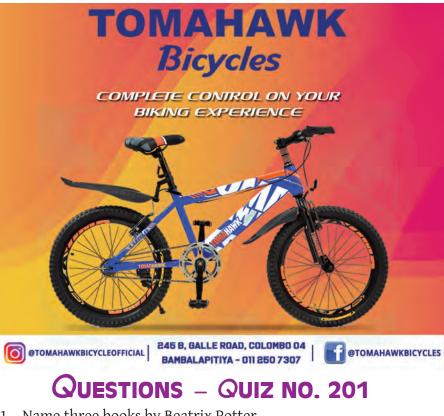
(Those who have already won a bicycle are not eligible to participate.)

Closing Date: November 30, 2022

Tomahawk Quiz No. 200

WINNER X

• Ruzaiq Junkeer, Colombo 2



- Name three books by Beatrix Potter. What did she use the profits from her books for?
- 2. How do beavers re-engineer the landscape?
- 3. What is an open prison?
- 4. Name three United Nations agencies that have recently been featured in the news.
- 5. Who is the new prime minister of the UK and which political party does he lead?

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Christmas Cover 2022

Hey Kids! It is time once again to think about the Funday Times Christmas Cover. We invite our readers to send in their paintings for the Christmas Cover Competition. Entries for the Christmas Cover should be of a suitable Christmas theme. You could use any type of paints or crayons you like but try to make

your picture colourful and creative. **All entries should be on A4 size paper.** Please write Christmas Cover at the back of your picture, along with your

Name, Date of Birth, Address, Telephone Number (if any) and School.

All paintings entered for this competition should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Uncertified paintings will not be considered for the prize. The best picture will adorn the cover page of our Christmas issue. The winner will also receive a prize.

This competition is open to children between 4 – 15 years of age.

Good luck and happy painting!



Closing Date : December 12, 2022



Gupshup Goes to Prison by Arefa Tebsin

"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.



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.



AIDEX Sports Festival

The much-awaited annual sports-meet organised by the Colombo Friend-in-Need Society (CFINS) for differently-able persons across the island, will take place next Sunday (November 13, 2022) after a two year gap due to COVID-19.



250 people are expected this year and will be participating in a variety of events (including track & field, cycling, wheelchair races and archery) continuing to prove that different is not disabled.

The participants, whose ages range from 2 to 85 years, are also provided with breakfast, lunch, tea and are usually given gift packs with items varying from biscuits to soap.

If you would like to support the event in any way (perhaps by sponsoring an item for the gift packs), please call +94 11 242 1651 For more details: Email: *cfins@sltnet.lk*; Website: *www.cfins.org*

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.



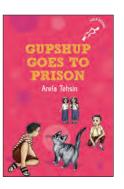
So, here's a chance for you to try your hand at producing your very own original cartoons.

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.









Storytelling through puppetry at British Council Colombo



An audience comprising children and their parents gathered at the British Council Library in Colombo to watch their most awaited event 'Story of the Hat Seller' which was performed by Power of Play led by Sulochana Dissanayake. These events and activities give exposure to a world of information, knowledge and experience.



Halloween at Immy Kids















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Train with 100 carriages sets new record

October 31, 2022

A Swiss railway company has set the record for the world's longest passenger train – it's over a mile long and is made up of 100 coaches. It set the new record while travelling through the Alps, a big mountain range than spans many countries like Italy, Austria, Germany and France, as well as Switzerland.

The Rhaetian Railway company took their super-long train on a journey through the Albula-Bernina route from Preda to Bergün. The route became a UNESCO World Heritage in 2008 and leads through 22 tunnels, some of which spiral through mountains. The train would also go across 48 bridges, including the curved Landwasser Viaduct.

People lined the valley to watch the train's 25 sections wind their way along the route, with the journey taking more than an hour to complete.



World's longest passenger train rolls through the Alps.



CEO of the wo railway company Dr. Renato Fasciati said people from all over the world had come to see the amazing spectacle, which was attempted to celebrate the 175th birthday of Swiss Railways.

But there was also another reason too! Due to the Coronavirus pandemic many people weren't travelling by train, so the company lost a lot of money – 30% of what they would normally have been making. So they decided to put on the record attempt, to raise awareness of the beautiful UNESCO's World Heritage route.

Dr. Fasciati is hoping the people who came to watch have been able to appreciate the beautiful views on offer, and will want to not only come again, but also encourage other people to visit Switzerland too.

Bar-tailed Godwit breaks record for longest non-stop flight

October 29, 2022

A t this time of year many millions of birds set off on their migrations. Taking flight, they head for breeding grounds and places in which to feed for the next few months – many trying to escape the colder weather.

But one bird set off on a great journey of discovery... and smashed the record for a non-stop bird flight, racking up a whopping 13,560 km over 11 days.

The bar-tailed godwit – a type of wetland bird – flew from Alaska but took an unexpected turn, and clocked up an extra 500 km than it usually would! In doing so, it broke the record that was also previously held by a godwit!

It's a journey that could have been deadly for the lucky young bird, but it managed to cross the vast Pacific Ocean safely. Godwits typically travel to New Zealand, but somehow this young bird took a 90-degree turn and landed in eastern Tasmania, off the south coast of Australia!

Satellite tag tracked the journey

Researchers had tagged the godwit before its vast migration using a tiny

satellite tracker weighing just 5 grams.

Where exactly did the bird fly?

Migratory birds are used to crossing continents and oceans to get to where they want to be for winter; feeding, breeding and making the return journey in the springtime.

d Wading birds like the bar-tailed godwit look for food in the mud. But there are many hurdles and dangers along the way and they need to get it right

along the way and they need to get it right – one wrong turn could spell disaster. Fortunately, this little one was lucky!

It remains a mystery how birds are able to navigate such large distances without stopping and without getting lost.

According to the tracker on its back, the godwit set off from wetlands in Alaska on October 13, travelling south-west past the Aleutian Islands and across the Pacific Ocean, west of the islands of Hawaii.

As it entered the island region of New Caledonia, instead of continuing south to its expected destination of New Zealand, it headed west instead. It eventually ended up in the Tasman Sea and the shores of Tasmania instead.



A 5-month-old godwit has broken the record for flying non-stop over a distance of over 13,500 kilometres.

Source : CBBC Newsround





San Cristobal de las Casas,

Women dressed as Catrinas parade through the city to celebrate the traditional Day of the Dead and

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News in Pictures



Marikina City, Philippines People arrive at the Barangka cemetery to mark All Saints' Day.





Baghdad, Iraq

Followers of the ancient Sabean Mandaean community take part in a ritual during the **Prosperity Day celebration in** the Tigris River.

Aegean Sea, Greece

Some of the nine men who survived a shipwreck and were found on an uninhabited islet are covered with a thermal blankets as they sit aboard a Greek coast guard vessel. A major search and rescue operation is under way for dozens of people missing after the boat they were on capsized and sank in stormy weather.



Mexico



Chennai, India

A fire and rescue team help passengers from a bus stuck in an underpass that was flooded due to heavy rains.



Houston, USA A girl begins to cry after winning a Halloween costume contest.

October 31



Morbi, India Rescuers search for survivors after a pedestrian bridge across the Machhu collapsed. At least 75 people died in the tragedy in the western state of Gujarat.

Nanjing, China **Drones form a** rocket-shaped pattern during a light show to celebrate the 70th founding anniversary of Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Jiangsu province.

London, England Akshata Murty, wife of UK Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, pins a poppy on him as they meet volunteers from the **Royal British Legion** outside 10 Downing Street.

Source : The Guardian





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