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***A yummy meal***

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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**



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**Please send  
competition entries to:**

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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  
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**Closing date  
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**December 7, 2022**

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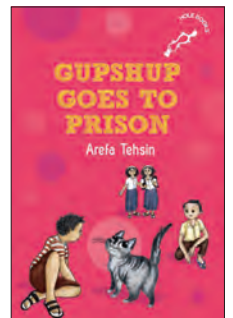
## Gupshup Goes to Prison by Arefa Tehsin

“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.



### Competition

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.**



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week’s Funday Times.

## Happy Birthday



**Dewshi Jayarathna**  
11 years on Nov. 28



**Maryam Abbas**  
8 years on Nov. 17



# Mont Blanc

*Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in the Alps and in Europe, its summit reaching 15,777 feet. The name has been derived from French and it means 'White Mountain'. It has got this name due to the fact that the mountain is covered by snowfields and glaciers.*

*This mountain is located between two countries Italy and France. Italian people call it Monte Bianco. It is quite difficult to define the exact height of Mont Blanc because it varies every year according to the height of its snow cap.*



## Quick Facts



● The first recorded ascent of Mont Blanc was in August 1786 by Jacque Balmat and Michel Paccard.



Maris Paradis

- The lowest recorded temperature on Mont Blanc was -43°C set in January 1893.
- A small aircraft which was only 30 meters long, was landed on the summit in 1960 by pilot Henri Giraud.

Easy Science for Kids

- The first woman to reach the summit was Maris Paradis. She made the ascent in 1808.
- More than 20,000 climbers reach the summit of this mountain every year.
- In 1950 and 1966 two passenger airplanes have crashed on the mountain killing more than 160 passengers.
- The most popular climbing route taken by the climbers is the Voie des Cristalliers or Voie Royale.
- There is a 7 mile long tunnel travelling directly underneath the mountain. It links France and Italy.
- This mountain is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the world in topographic prominence.



## Famous Landmarks Quiz 36

**Q:** Where is Mont Blanc located and who made the first recorded ascent?



## Famous Landmarks Quiz 35



Lakitha Wijerathne, Galle





## Tomahawk

Quiz  
No. 201

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  
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with the compliments of  
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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.)

Closing Date: November 30, 2022



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## QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 201

1. 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?

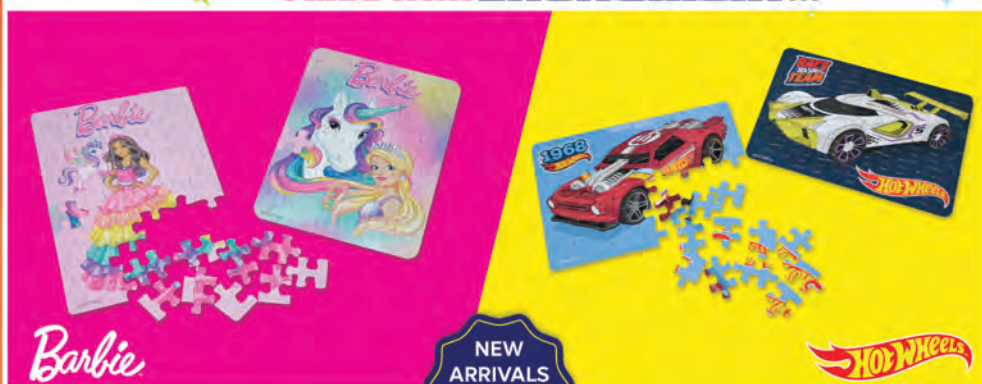


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4 - 6 years



- ▶ Amira Miftha, Dehiwala
- ▶ Thenuka Perera, Kelaniya
- ▶ Maryam Irshad, Colombo 2
- ▶ Mohammed Hashim, Wellampitiya

Winners please call  
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and arrange  
to collect your prizes.

## 7 – 9 AGE GROUP

Circle the odd one out.



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From Our Young Reporters

## Monkeypox

Okay, so when we hear the word monkeypox we just start to get goosebumps... but,

### What exactly is monkeypox?

Monkeypox doesn't turn you into a monkey, like you get hair all over your body, Haha, no you will not, but there is something far worse, no you will not only eat bananas.

Let me tell you what it really is. It was initially found in 1958, and it was only in monkeys. Later on, it began to infect humans and was categorized as a zoonotic illness (a disease passed from animals to humans). It originates from the same family of viruses as the Orthopoxvirus and may also be found in other species such as squirrels, racoons and rats.

### Symptoms

- Chills
- Headache
- Fever
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Muscle pain
- Rash

### How to prevent it?

Wash your hands with warm soapy water, (we all know this one), cook your meals properly, avoiding raw food, and avoid using bedding or clothes from an infected person or animal.

Now you all know what monkeypox is, and how to prevent it, so my dear friends please beware of monkeypox and stay safe.

**Leena Haider (11 years)**  
Wycherley Int. School

## Sri Lanka Port City

The Sri Lanka Port City is located in Colombo and it is a special economic zone and international financial centre. The modern Port City was in fact a fully solicited proposal submitted by China Harbour Engineering Company based on the previous proposals. The land reclamation work had been completed as of January 2018.

Port City was built to turn Colombo into one of the most important marine and logistic centres, as well as to modify the landscape of Sri Lanka's main trade routes. It is expected to bring economic and other benefits to the country and also attract many tourists.



Port City is now open to the public and it's totally free for the general public.

A beach stadium, beach park, small restaurant and a marina for boat services is to begin soon.

The Colombo Port City is accessible with no issues and a walking path is constructed to enter Port City.

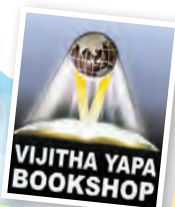
There are many activities and facilities such as water sports, marine dives, racing, hotels etc.



Port City at night

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

## Win super books from



**Age:** 9 years and below

**Word Count:** 150

**Topic:** My favourite pet

**Win:** The Twits by Roald Dahl

Mr. Twit is a foul and smelly man with bits of cornflake and sardine in his beard. Mrs. Twit is a horrible old hag with a glass eye. Together they make the nastiest couple you could ever hope not to meet.



Down in their garden, the Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey and his family locked in a cage. But the monkeys are planning to trick the Terrible Twits once for all...

**Age:** 10 – 12 years

**Word Count:** 150 – 200

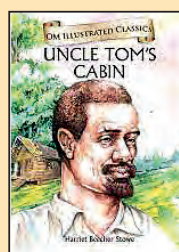
**Topic:** A video game I enjoy

**Win:** Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Uncle Tom is an elderly slave residing in a little cabin near his master's house.

Tom proves to be popular and obedient but his master feels no qualms about selling him to a slave trader in order to pay a debt.

This story helped trigger the American Civil War that freed the slaves throughout America by depicting the cruelty of slavery.



**Age:** 13 – 15 years

**Word Count:** 200 – 250

**Topic:** An unforgettable childhood incident

**Win:** The Princess Diaries – A Royal Disaster by Meg Cabot

In the second book of Meg Cabot's fantastically funny series, 14-year-old Mia Thermopolis is still struggling to come to terms with the fact that she's a princess – and heir to the throne of Genovia!

Mia's Grandmere is all set to plan the year's biggest society wedding, but will the bride and groom even turn up? And can Mia find out the true identity of her secret admirer?



**Write at the top of your Essay**

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## Nine-year-old twins on a quest to cover 450 birds of Sri Lanka

**T**hinev and Mihela Danansuriya, nine-year-old twins from Grade 4 of Royal College, Colombo hope to cover all 450+ birds of Sri Lanka in their video blog.

During one of many unexpected holidays in 2022, they started a fun project to create a two-minute-educational video blog about each of the birds they have seen in Sri Lanka. They have covered quite a lot of Sri Lanka's map already. They turned bird lovers at 4 years old when they received the book "Birds of Sri Lanka" as a gift and this passion has been growing ever since.

What started as a fun project turned a bit more serious and they have so far completed about 150 videos, published 120 online, where a new bird video is released daily.

They hope that people including foreigners who visit Sri Lanka see their videos and develop an interest into the world of "Bird Watching".

"Bird watching is a really fun activity and there are lots of birds anywhere you go. Knowing more

about the birds makes it really interesting", said Thinev, the elder of the twin brothers.

Younger of the two Mihela explains "All our videos have different parts, at first we introduce the bird with information like whether they are endangered or not, then we explain where else in the world this bird can be spotted other than Sri Lanka. Of course, some birds are endemic to Sri Lanka. Then we explain their plumage (feathers) and variations among male - female, adults - juveniles, breeding - non breeding likewise. Later we explain their behaviours, sounds and what they are called in Sinhala.

At the end of each of our videos we say whether we have seen this bird or not, if we have seen then we say where we have seen them. If not, we talk about the places that you can actually see them."

They hope to cover 250 birds by their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and by their



11<sup>th</sup> birthday, they hope to complete all 450+ birds of Sri Lanka.

Thinev and Mihela hope that many who see their videos turn bird lovers and see Sri Lanka as a destination to travel.

You can find them online by searching for "Birds of Sri Lanka with Mihela and Thinev".

## Pig

**Despite their reputation, pigs are not dirty animals. They're actually quite clean. The pig's reputation as a filthy animal comes from its habit of rolling in mud to cool off. Pigs that live in cool, covered environments stay very clean.**

**P**igs are also known as hogs or swine. Male pigs of any age are called boars; female pigs are called sows. Pigs are found and raised all over the world, and provide valuable products to humans, including pork, lard, leather, glue, fertilizer, and a variety of medicines. Most pigs raised in the United States are classified as meat-type pigs, as they produce more lean meat than lard, a fat used in cooking.

In the wild, pigs eat everything from leaves, roots and fruit to rodents and small reptiles.



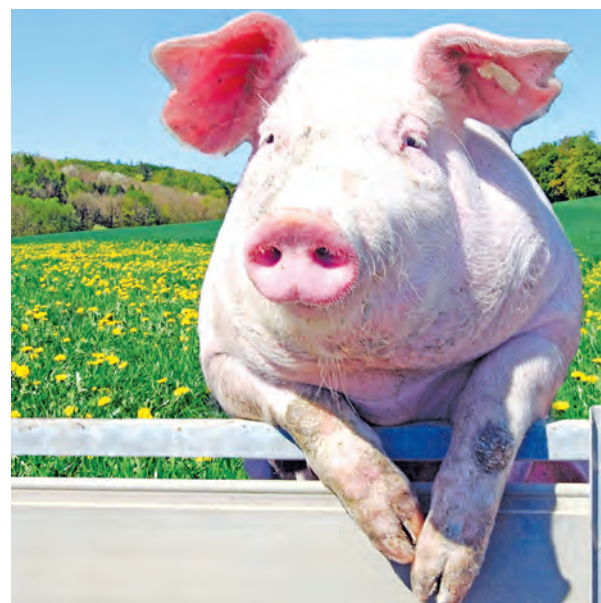
Piglets feeding

In the United States, farm-raised pigs eat commercially made diets of mostly corn. In Europe, pigs eat barley-based diets. Pigs have sharp tusks that help them dig and fight. Farmers often take off the tusks to avoid injury to people and other pigs.

Sows give birth to a litter of young called piglets.

They usually nurse the piglets for three to five weeks. Piglets weaned off their mother's milk are not called piglets but are referred to as shoats. Piglets weigh about 2.5 pounds (1.1 kilograms) at birth, and usually double their weight in one week.

Fully grown, pigs can grow to between 300 and 700 pounds (140 and 300 kilograms), and sometimes much more. Pigs have poor eyesight, but a great sense of smell. The pig's nostrils are on its leathery snout, which is very



**Common Name:** Pigs

**Scientific Name:** *Sus*

**Diet :** Omnivore



sensitive to touch. The pig uses the snout to search, or root, for food.

Pigs are among the smartest of all domesticated animals and are even smarter than dogs.

- NationalGeographicKids



## ***G20 summit: Why are world leaders meeting?***

November 15, 2022

**L**eaders from all over the world are meeting up in Bali, in Indonesia, for the G20 summit on 15 November.

The main aim of the meeting is for leaders to talk about how to help countries recover after the coronavirus pandemic.

However, tensions over the war in Ukraine could make things difficult.

### **What is the G20?**



World leaders meeting at the 2019 G20 summit in Japan.

The Group of Twenty (G20) is a club of countries who meet up to discuss plans for the world economy - which is the making and selling of things.

It's made up of 19 of the world's largest economies plus a representative from the European Union.

Meetings are held every year and last for two days.

The location the G20 summit is held in, changes each year, and whichever country it takes place in, the leader of that country will be in charge of the meeting that year.

The first meeting, or summit, took place in US capital Washington DC in November 2008. The idea was originally suggested by former Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

The UK last hosted a summit in 2009. India will host the next G20 meeting in 2023.

A smaller meeting called the G7 summit also takes place with seven of the world's richest countries.

### **Which countries are in the G20?**

The G20 represents more than 85% of all the money in the world and includes:

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the UK and the US.

Other countries can be invited to take part in summits and members aren't necessarily the richest countries in the world. For example, Spain is always invited as a guest.

Members don't always agree on things as they try to look after the interests of their own countries.

### **Why isn't every country invited?**

Many people believe if there are too many countries in a group like this, it becomes more difficult to make decisions.



Lots of children turned up to greet the world leaders in Indonesia.



### **What are they going to talk about?**

Leaders at the summit get together to talk about important money and economic issues, climate change, sustainable energy, and taxing big companies.

As the host of 2022's meeting, Indonesia wants to focus on world health measures and economic recovery following the coronavirus pandemic. It also wants to promote sustainable energy.

It makes sense for countries to talk to each other and link up their plans because their economies are so connected.

The problem is that each country wants the best for their own people, so sometimes it's difficult for the leaders to agree on everything.

Also the war in Ukraine might make agreeing on things harder between some countries.

World leaders can also meet up with other world leaders for one-to-one chats.

This year US president Joe Biden met with Chinese leader Xi Jinping to talk about the situation with Taiwan.



US president Joe Biden met with Chinese leader Xi Jinping.



November 15

## News in Pictures



**Munshiganj, Bangladesh**  
A mobile library visits children in a rural area to provide access to books.



**Rome, Italy**  
A hologram of Pope Francis sending a message of peace is displayed during a friendly tribute match in memory of the late Argentinian player Diego Maradona.



**Leuk, Switzerland**  
Old satellite dishes, which can be turned towards the sun, are lined with solar panels to generate winter power during a pioneering project in the Valais Alps.



**Kherson, Ukraine**  
People wave Ukrainian flags in celebration during a patriotic rally after President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's visit to the recaptured city.



**Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo**  
Hundreds of volunteers sit on a plane bound for a training centre after answering President Felix Tshisekedi's call to join the army to fight against the M23 rebellion.



**Kyiv, Ukraine**  
A worker installs Christmas lights in the city centre, as the war against Russia's invasion continues.



**Barnsley, UK**  
A life-sized replica of the innermost coffin of King Tutankhamun by the artist Amanda Stoner goes on display inside a traditional red telephone box, as part of Barnsley Museum's plan to showcase culture in unexpected places

November 14



**Bali, Indonesia**  
Rishi Sunak, the UK prime minister, arrives at Ngurah Rai airport ahead of the G20 summit.



**Amritsar, India**  
A boy dresses as India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, on Children's Day, which is held annually on the late politician's birthday.



**London, UK**  
Remembrance Sunday wreaths at the Cenotaph in London.

Source : The Guardian