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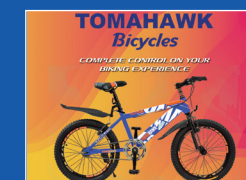


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**Please send competition entries to:**

**Funday Times**  
C/O the Sunday Times  
P.O. Box 1136, Colombo.  
Or  
8, Hunupitiya Cross Road,  
Colombo 2.

**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:**

**December 21, 2022**

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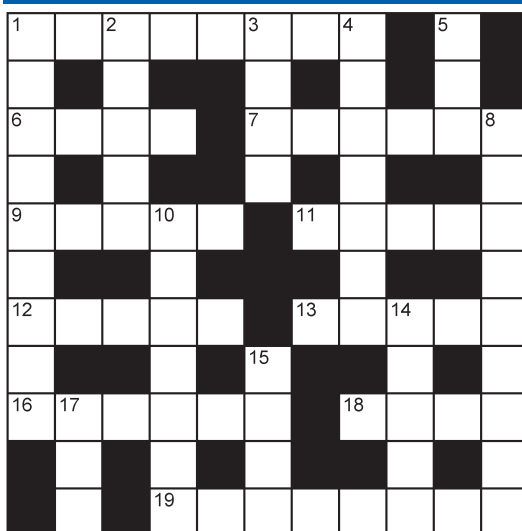


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## Junior Crossword – No. 974



Please enter your full name,  
date of birth, home address,  
mobile number and school.

**All entries must be certified by a teacher or parent as your own work.**

### Across

- The day after today
- Letters, parcels, cards
- An eight-legged creature
- Frequently
- Evaporated water
- A grown-up
- 'Thank you' in French
- Every twelve months
- Opposite of soft
- This lifts and lowers people to other floors

### Down

- Not permanent
- Damp
- A scented flower
- A referee blows this
- A stinging insect
- The amount left over
- Make bigger
- Cook in an oven
- Use a computer keyboard
- A female sheep



## Solution - No 972

O	B	T	A	I	N	S	W	A	P
P	E	A	R	S	M	A	R	B	L
E	A	R	S	M	A	R	B	L	E
N	R	S	R	S	C				
S	B	O	U	Q	U	E	T		
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O	R	J	A	N	U	A	R	Y	
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W	A	S	H	E	D				



**Sehasna Ehelepola,**  
Galagedara

## Sudoku 335

1. In the large square you can see three features:

### Vertical columns

Six vertical columns with six small squares in each column.

### Horizontal columns

Six horizontal columns with six small squares in each of them.

### Grids

Six boxes or grids with six small squares in each grid

2. Insert Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the small squares in a way so as not to repeat the same number twice.

		5	4		
6				3	
	6				4
1				2	
	2				1
		3	5		

**Compiled by**  
**Peter Fernando**

Now try to complete Junior Sudoku 335 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

## Solution – No. 333

5	4	1	3	2	6
6	2	3	5	1	4
2	3	4	1	6	5
1	6	5	2	4	3
3	1	6	4	5	2
4	5	2	6	3	1

## Happy Birthday



**Methumly Guruge**  
12 years on December 6

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.





## KIDS IN COLOUR

With



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 - A Christmas concert**  
**Closing Date : December 31, 2022**

### Mail to:

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**Winners of Reeves Art Competition please contact us in order to collect your prizes!**



**Note** Winners please contact us on 2479337/2479333

and arrange to collect your prizes.

Winners from Colombo District please collect your prizes from

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Please remember to certify your entries as we had to reject several good entries that were not properly certified.

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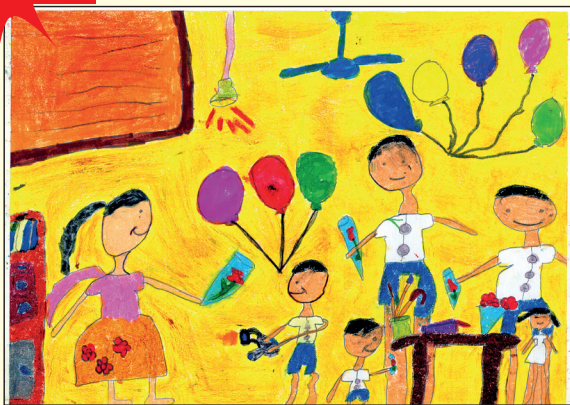
## October 2022 – Celebrating Teachers Day

**4-7 YEARS**

**8-11 YEARS**

**12-15 YEARS**

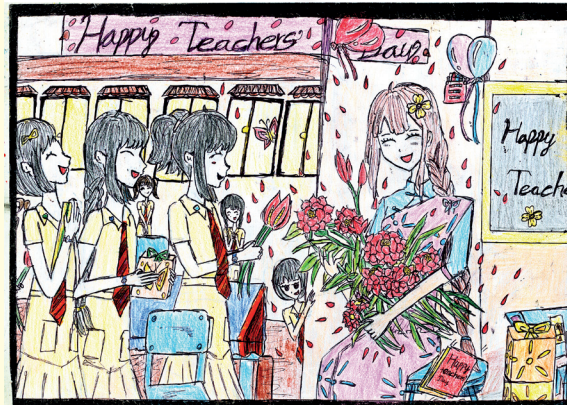
**1<sup>st</sup> Place**



**Adeesha Jayasekara**  
Wesley College, Colombo



**Sheneshi Silva**  
Ladies' College, Colombo



**Vinudi Rathnayake**  
Girls' High School, Kandy

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**



**Sethuni Dahamsa**  
Reggie Ranatunga College, Minuwangoda



**Maryam Shuaib**  
Methodist College, Colombo



**Danuri Hesanya**  
Visakha Vidyalaya

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**



**Dhanush Munasinghe**  
Kibou Int. College, Polgahawela



**Mohammed Umair**  
Zahira College, Colombo



**Hikma Manajir**  
Springfield College, Kandy





## Tomahawk

Quiz  
No. 202

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 202 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issues and e-papers of November 6, 13, 20, and 27, 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. 202' 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: December 31, 2022

Tomahawk Quiz No. 201

► Gobinath Gowrishanan, Alvai

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## QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 202

1. Which company recently set a record for the world's longest passenger train, and how many coaches did the train have?
2. When was the first stamp of Ceylon printed?
3. Where and when did COP27 take place?
4. Name the tallest twin towers in the world and where they are located.
5. Why is Indonesia vulnerable to earthquakes?



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## Note

Please note that the Panther Competition activity published in the Funday Times of November 20, 2022 is for the 4 – 6 years age group and not the 7 – 9 years age group. We regret the inconvenience.

4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Colour the picture.



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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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## Gupshup Goes to Prison by Arefa Tehsin

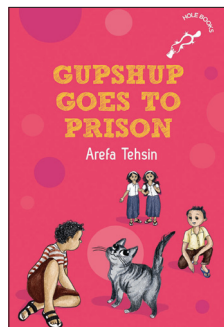
“Khalid’s cat Gupshup has run away to the grounds of a prison.

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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## Jingle Bell Swag



**Kids will love making this holiday craft.**

**Hang on the front door, above the mantel, or at the end of a bed.**

**To make:** Thread large jingle bells onto three lengths of ribbon; knot one end of the ribbon. Tie the unknotted end around a small wreath form or a length of wire shaped into a circle. Wire together a small bunch of seasonal greenery; attach to the wreath or circle. Tie an oversized bow and hot glue to the wire just above the greenery.

Source: Country Living

## Cartoon Time!

Send in your cartoon!



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.**



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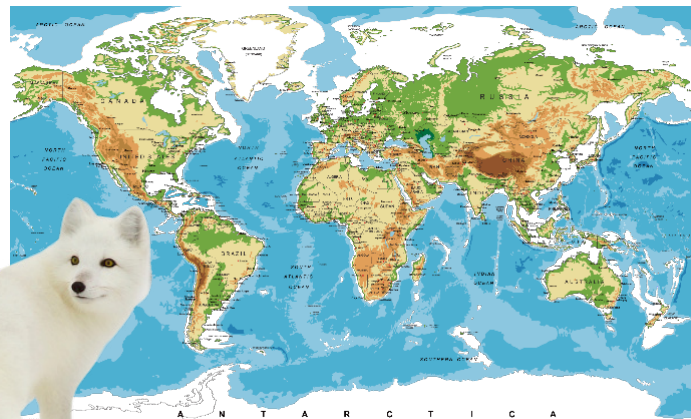


# Animals of the Arctic and Antarctic

by Cecilia Hewavitharana

## Where are the Arctic and Antarctic regions?

The Arctic region lies in the northern-most part of the planet, while the Antarctic lies in the southern-most part. Both regions don't get direct sunlight and are therefore extremely cold; the Antarctic is the colder region of the two.



## Animals of the Arctic

The most famous inhabitant of the Arctic is arguably the polar bear. The frigid region is also home to the Arctic fox, snowy owl, reindeer, lemming, walrus, seal, sea lion, beluga whale, killer whale, Greenland shark and the narwhal (often called the 'unicorn of the sea').

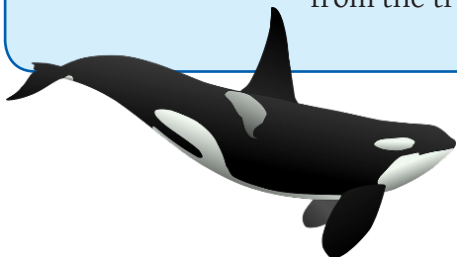


## Animals of the Antarctic

Penguins are the best-known residents of the Antarctic. Other residents include the blue whale, killer whale, humpback whale, seals, sea lions and seabirds.



There is a common misconception that polar bears and penguins co-exist, but this couldn't be further from the truth, since polar bears live in the Arctic region while penguins are almost exclusively found south of the equator.



The animals of both regions have brilliantly adapted to their harsh environments. For example, the Arctic fox has a more compact build compared to the red fox, to help keep it warm.

The underside of a penguin is light, while the top is dark so that it can blend in with its surroundings while swimming.

A predator looking from below will not be able to tell it apart from the bright sky, while when looking from above, the penguin will be no different to the dark waters.

## Threats to survival

Temperatures in the polar regions have been rising due to climate change, with the Arctic rising more rapidly than anywhere else in the world. This has caused summers to last longer and the sea ice to form later and melt earlier.

Due to rising global temperatures, the enormous ice sheets covering Greenland (Arctic region) and Antarctica have been melting faster over the years, contributing to the rising sea levels.

Sea ice plays an essential role in the lives of many animals. In the Arctic, polar bears use it to hunt for seals, the main source of the nutrition they require. The melting of sea ice has

forced polar bears further south in search of food, sometimes even wandering into human settlements.

In the Arctic, the melting of sea ice has also carved new shipping routes and opened up the region for commercial and industrial activities, which has caused more waste. Noise pollution also interferes with the underwater communication of marine mammals.



On August 14, 2022, it was announced that a young walrus (named Freya by locals) frequenting the Oslo fjord in south-east Norway had been killed by authorities because of the risk she posed to people, after people disregarded warnings to keep a distance and continued to approach her to take photographs (sometimes even taking children along). It is thought that the effects of climate change in the Arctic is what brought her south.

Other dangers to these animals include oil spills, overfishing and any acts that adversely affect their food supply.

Sadly, the populations of many of the species in the Arctic and Antarctic are decreasing and may not be around in a few decades unless their habitats are protected.





## Great Barrier Reef should be 'in danger' World Heritage site

November 30, 2022

The world's largest coral reef system should be listed as a World Heritage site that is "in danger", scientists have said. A new report backed by the United Nations said the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Queensland in Australia, has been significantly impacted by climate change and the warming of the oceans, so they have recommended for it to be added to the list of endangered World Heritage sites.

Coral bleaching is also threatening the reef because fossil fuels are being burned. Bleaching happens when the water warms too much, causing corals to force out the colourful algae living in their tissues and they turn white.

### What did the report say?

The report made 10 priority recommendations that needed to be

addressed "with utmost urgency". Some of these included:

- Water quality needed to be improved through the development of dams
- Remaining local plant life needed to be protected
- Australia's government need to clearly commit to reduce greenhouse gasses to bring down global average temperatures by December 31, 2022
- A sustainable fisheries strategy needed to be rolled out

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) will make a formal recommendation for it to be put on the Endangered List to the World Heritage committee next year.

### Why are people unhappy about this?

Canberra, the capital city of Australia, has campaigned for years to keep the reef which contributes nearly \$4.3 billion to the economy – off the Endangered List.



The Great Barrier Reef was named a World Heritage site in 1981.

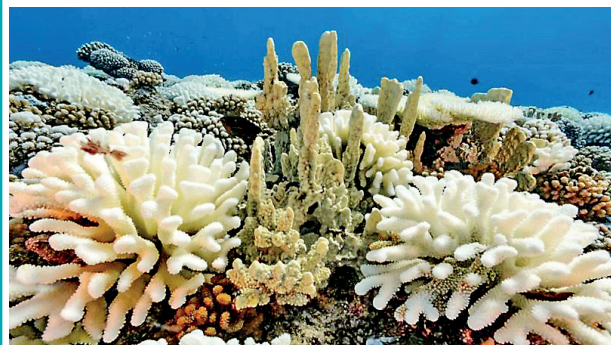
This is because many people think that if the reef wasn't classed as a World Heritage site, less tourists and people would want to come to Australia and visit it.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, around 2 million tourists visited the reef every year and it provides jobs for 64,000 people.

Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek said the government would push to not list the reef as endangered because climate change was threatening all coral reefs across the world.

The old Australia government before this one has been criticised for supporting coal and fossil fuels and not doing enough to protect the environment.

CBBC Newsround



Scientists fear that without cooler weather in the coming weeks, the reef could face bleaching again this summer.

## Protests break out against China's Zero-Covid plan

Large protests have broken out in China over the country's 'zero-Covid' program. The protests are the country's largest since 1989. The government has tried to shut the protests down quickly, but many people are still finding clever ways to speak out.

Since the new coronavirus first appeared in 2019, China has worked hard to completely get rid of the virus every time it appears. This 'zero-Covid' plan is strongly supported by President Xi Jinping. It has led the government to lock down entire cities of 20 million people or more – sometimes for months.

Other countries have also tried working toward zero-Covid. But most found that it wasn't possible, and decided to learn to live with the virus instead.

Still, the zero-Covid plan has protected many Chinese people. China has more people than any other country, but it has one of the lowest rates of coronavirus cases in the world.

But as the lockdowns have gone on, life in China has become harder. Factories and businesses are struggling as they are forced to stay closed and some people say they ran out of food or medicine during lockdowns.

Many people believe the government's Covid rules led to the deaths of 10 people in a fire at a locked-down building in Urumqi, Xinjiang. Large groups of people protested in Urumqi and protests spread to as many as 50 other cities around China.



Many protests were led by university students. The largest protest was in Shanghai, where hundreds of students gathered. The students weren't just calling for an end to zero-Covid. They also demanded that President Xi Jinping and China's Communist Party step down. Police moved quickly to shut down the protests.

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November 30

## News in Pictures

**London, England**

Meerkat Frank opens his advent calendar at London zoo. Lions, meerkats and squirrel monkeys kicked off the countdown to Christmas at the zoo by opening different advent calendars.

**Hawaii, USA**

Spectators watch the lava flow from Mauna Loa the world's largest active volcano, which has erupted for the first time since 1984.

**London, UK**

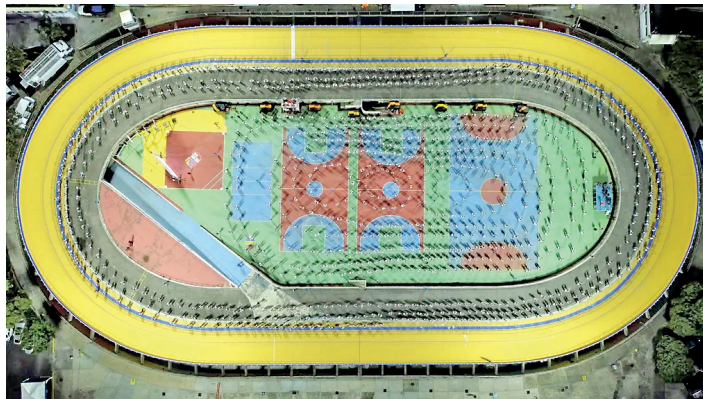
A Christmas tree, an annual gift of gratitude from Norway for Britain's help in the Second World War, is erected in Trafalgar Square.

**Doha, Qatar**

Lionel Messi missed a penalty but impressed with his all-round play while Poland's Robert Lewandowski struggled to influence Poland in their defeat to Argentina in their Group C match at FIFA World Cup 2022.

**November 29****Las Palmas, Spain**

Three men sit on an oil tanker's rudder anchored in the Canary Islands. Spain's maritime rescue service rescued the stowaways after the Alithini II vessel sailed there from Nigeria.

**Caracas, Venezuela**

Dancers attempt to set the record for the world's biggest salsa round dance.

**November 28****Belfast, Northern Ireland**

Visitors admire The Starry Night at Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience exhibition at Carlisle Memorial church.

**Seoul, South Korea**

Children wearing Santa Claus outfits leave a ceremony by the Salvation Army to prepare charity pots for struggling people.

**Villingaholtskirkja, Iceland**

The northern lights appear over Villingaholtskirkja church on the country's south coast.

**Lopburi, Thailand**

People provide a platter of fruits for the monkey population during the annual monkey festival, where local people and tourists gather to offer a banquet to the thousands of long-tailed macaques that live in the centre of the city.

Source : The Guardian