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Yala at night



Ibrahim Shiham (9 years)
Royal Institute Havelock Road

Tribute to my teacher

I have a lot of teachers who teach me at school. My favourite teacher is Ms. Basnayaka. She is a very loving and kind teacher. Every day I learn lots of new things from my teacher's exciting lessons.

My teacher always wears a beautiful smile on her face. She looks very pretty. She gives dictation and also marks our books. She teaches me things that I don't know and things that I don't understand.

She is very smart. She has taught me many things since I started my school days. She gives me stars to encourage me. She does what is best for us.

I love her so much.



Senuri Gunawardhana (Grade 3)
Musaeus College, Colombo

A rabbit



Deyana Nithara (11 years)
Sheffield Int. School, Kotte

Myself

My name is Adeesha Jayasekara.

I am a boy. I live in Thaladena, Malabe.

My school is Wesley College.

My Dhamma School is Sri Sambodhi English Dhamma School.

My nursery was Leeds International School.

My mother's name is Dilrukshi Witharana. She is a freelance software engineer. My father's name is Shirley Jayasekara. I have no siblings. I am in Grade 1A. My class teacher's name is Ms. Keshani Kanagaratnam.

My favourite food is fish. My favourite drink is water. My favourite fruit is mango. My favourite dress is t-shirt and shorts. My favourite toys are cars. My favourite colour is orange. My favourite vehicle is Defender Jeep. My favourite sport is swimming.

My hobby is drawing pictures. I like to play with my friends. I don't have a pet. I like to take photos. I like to spend my leisure time with my parents. I like to read books.

Adeesha Jayasekara (Grade 1)
Wesley College, Colombo



The best day of my life

The best day of my life was the day of our school sportsmeet. This year we had our school sportsmeet in the Senior School because of COVID-19 and the transportation restrictions. Our parents were able to join us via live stream. We have six houses and I am in Scott House. Our house corners were decorated beautifully in different themes.

Our sportsmeet started with the lighting of the Olympic torch. There were many events that we had, like the chain relay, baton relay, the baton and ball relay and the teachers' relay. It was all very exciting to watch. My friends and I cheered loudly, encouraging our houses to win.

Then after a few events the Eastern Band played. It was beautiful to watch them perform. Then it was our turn. Our relay was the baton relay. I was very nervous but I did my best. I was overjoyed to know that we were placed third.

The sportsmeet ended with the performance by the Western Band and the March Past. I was very sad when it was over but I was happy that we had got a place.

Nuha Miftha (Grade 4)
Methodist College, Colombo

Red Riding Hood Park



Ahdha Malik (4 years)
ABC PreSchool, Colombo 3

My garden



Thinaya Rathnayake (Grade 1)
JMC Int., Maharagama



Merry Christmas



Senith Amarathunga (11 years)
Lyceum Int. School

A trip I enjoyed

I went to a village to spend a day. The name of the village is Karaveddy. It is a paddy cultivating village. On the way I saw some farmers ploughing the fields. On the other side, some were sowing paddy. There was a small stream too. My family members and I had a bath there.

We reached our aunty's house. There she prepared lunch for all of us. We enjoyed the village lunch and the dessert, buffalo curd and honey. There was a small hut and we all rested there.

After some time, we went into the paddyfields and met with some of the farmers. We discussed paddy cultivation. Then we all returned home in the evening, cycling all the way.

Rajeevkanth Abilash (12 years)
St. Michael's College, Batticaloa

My pet

My pet is a dog.
Its name is
Bingo.

Its colour is
brown.

It has four legs,

It has a tail.

It likes to eat bones.

I like my pet.



Yhogeeshan Mohan (7 years)
Trinity College, Kandy

A beautiful day in the Jungle



Abinula Ranasinghe (Grade 4)
Lyceum Int. School, Panadura

My grandparents

I have four grandparents; father's father and mother, and mother's father and mother. My father's father and mother are dead. My mother's father is also dead. I am very sad because they are dead. I have not seen them but I have seen their photos.

Now I have only one grandparent, that is my mother's mother. Her name is Chandra. I call her Aachi. Aachi is very loving and kind to all of us. She loves me very much.

My grandparents are very helpful to people; not only to their children but also to their grandchildren. They teach their grandchildren very good habits. We must love our grandparents.

Clara Nimtharani (7 years)
Holy Family B.V., Kadawatha

Nature

The trees let go of their autumn
leaves,

Setting them free to frolic in the
wind,

They move across the open field,
Colours swirling as they dance
along,

Finding their way through the
wild grass,

I try to catch them in my hand,
But there's no holding on to that
kind of beauty,

It flies away to a far off place,
Where no human has ever been,

An imaginary land where,
Every part of nature is
cherished,

Simply because it exists.

Fathima Ilma (Grade 5)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Sunset



Saqeef-ul-Haq (Grade 3)
Matale Int. School



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and **PAINTINGS** sent, will not be published
unless they are certified as your own work
by a parent or teacher.

Also please mention the topic, your full name,
date of birth and address in your entry.

Articles should not exceed 200 words. Art should be on
A4 size paper.

Happy Birthday



Maryam Seyed Marvan
9 years on December 15

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.

In our online issue this week:

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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.

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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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7 - 9 years



- ▶ Haleema Thanish, Colombo 3
- ▶ Sadaru Wimalasooriya, Ragama
- ▶ Abdur Anzary, Dehiwala
- ▶ Ameerah Hizbullaha, Colombo 8
- ▶ Yhogeeshaan Mohan, Kandy

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7 – 9 AGE GROUP

Spot ten differences between the two pictures.



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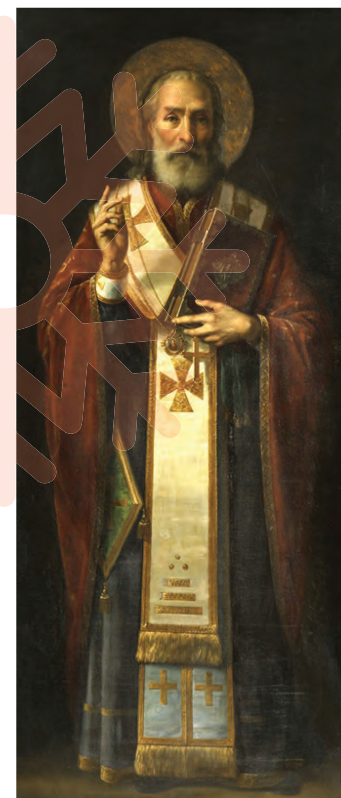
St. Nicholas

Santa Claus & Father Christmas

St. Nicholas was a Bishop of Greek descent, who lived in the fourth century, in a place called Myra in Asia Minor (now called Turkey). He was a very rich man because his parents died when he was young and left him a lot of money. He was also a very kind man and had a reputation for helping the poor and giving secret gifts to people who needed it. There are several legends about St. Nicholas.

Interesting Facts

- St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children and sailors.
- The name "Nicholas" means "people's victory" in Greek.
- He was often referred to as "boy bishop", becoming a bishop at the age of only 30 years.
- He was the Roman Catholic Bishop of Myra during a time when Christians were persecuted by the Romans.
- He was jailed by the Roman Emperor Diocletian for seven years until he was freed when Emperor Constantine, the first Christian Emperor, issued the Edict of Milan in 313.
- St. Nicholas attended the first Council of Nicaea in 325.
- The most famous story about St. Nicholas tells how the custom of hanging up stockings to put presents in first started! It goes like this: There was a poor man who had three daughters. The man was so poor that he did not have enough money for a dowry, so his daughters couldn't get married. One night, Nicholas secretly dropped a bag of gold down the chimney and into the house. The bag fell into a stocking that had been hung by the fire to dry! This was repeated later with the second and third daughter. Finally, the father secretly hid by the fire every evening until he caught Nicholas dropping a bag of gold. Nicholas begged the man not to tell anyone what he had done. But soon the news got out and when anyone received a secret gift, it was thought that maybe it was from Nicholas.
- One story tells of him helping some sailors that were caught in a bad storm off the coast of Turkey.
- St. Nicholas became an important figure in Holland, his influence withstanding the Reformation in the 1500s, a time when honouring saints was shied away from.
- The Dutch celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas on December 6.
- In several European countries that celebrate St. Nicholas Day, the traditional time of giving presents to children is during the eve of the holiday, instead of Christmas Day.



- He died at age 73 on December 3, 343.
- St. Nicholas' remains were buried in Bari where a shrine was built for him. However, his bones were stolen by Venetian sailors. His remains are now in the church of St. Nicholas on Lido, Venice, Italy.
- The legend of Santa Claus was based on the life of St. Nicholas.
- The name "Santa Claus" came from "Sinterklaas", the Dutch name for St. Nicholas.



Source: Internet



Win super books from



Age: 9 years and below

Word Count: 150

Topic: A fun Christmas party

Win: The Secret Seven by Enid Blyton (Collection 3)

In these thrilling mysteries, the Secret Seven investigate the disappearance of a young girl, uncover a secret in an abandoned house and find a surprising intruder in their new meeting place.



Age: 10 – 12 years

Word Count: 150 – 200

Topic: What I wish for Christmas

Win: The Christmas Star by Eva Ibbotson

Enjoy this collection of three wonderfully festive stories for the whole family from one of England's best-loved storytellers, with illustrations by the award-winning Nick Maland.



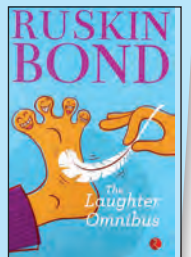
Age: 13 – 15 years

Word Count: 200 – 250

Topic: Some Christmas traditions

Win: The Laughter Omnibus by Ruskin Bond

This rib-tickling anthology of funny stories, humorous articles and comic verse by renowned humorists such as Stephen Leacock, Jerome K. Jerome and of course Ruskin Bond himself, are guaranteed to make you smile, chuckle, giggle and laugh out loud!



Write at the top of your Essay

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic



Gupshup Goes to Prison by Arefa Tehsin

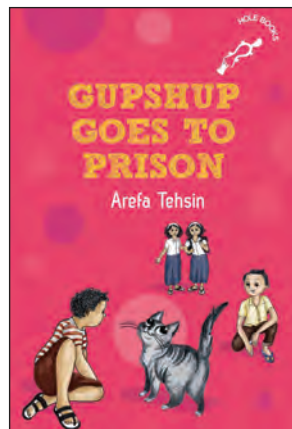
“Khalid’s cat Gupshup has run away to the grounds of a prison. An open prison, it is called, but everyone knows that prisons are full of horrible people. Or are they?”

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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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 20, 2022**



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'Holly' by AIS Elementary School



AIS Elementary School's seasonal concert, 'Holly' was held at Bishop's College Auditorium on November 26, 2022. The colourful evening was filled with joyful singing, rhythmic dance and meaningful narrations. The young students' gave a grand performance to entertain a packed house, ushering in the festive season.

'Blooming Flowers' exhibition

Rotary International School Delkanda Branch kids showcased a vibrant display of arts and crafting at their 'Blooming Flowers' exhibition this past week. It consisted of many drawings, innovations and themed displays for the viewers.





December 13

News in Pictures

**Bethlehem, West Bank**

Pilgrims gather in the crypt of the grotto, believed to be the site of the birth of Jesus Christ, at the Church of the Nativity during an Advent season visit.

**Guangdong, China**

A huge Christmas-themed light screen in Luohu district, Shenzhen City.

**Rabat, Morocco**

Boys play football on a beach ahead of the country's football team's first ever semi-final in the FIFA World Cup where Morocco is due to play against France in Qatar.

Kars, Turkey

Mother dog nurses her puppies in the snow.

**Frankfurt, Germany**

The sun rises over the frozen trees of the Taunus region.

December 12

**Pacific Ocean**

Navy divers secure NASA's Orion capsule during recovery operations after it splashed down following a successful un-crewed Artemis I moon mission, seen from aboard the USS Portland in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Baja California, Mexico.

**Washington DC, USA**

The annual Zoo Lights decorations are displayed at the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park.

**Mexico City, Mexico**

A pilgrim carries a sculpture of the Virgin of Guadalupe outside the Basilica of Guadalupe to commemorate the apparition of the Virgin of Guadalupe to Juan Diego in 1531.

**London, England**

Big Ben is framed by snowy trees in Westminster.

**Doha, Qatar**

An animal rights activist for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) protests at the Souq Waqif market during FIFA World Cup.

Source : The Guardian