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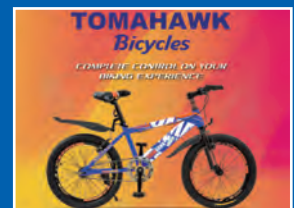
**Climbing Wall at Scout Camporee**

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## Colombo Scouts Camporee

The 57<sup>th</sup> Colombo Scouts Camporee 2022 was held from February 2 - 6, 2023 at the Viharamahadevi Park in Colombo.



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# Sir Robert Baden-Powell

**Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Baden-Powell of Gilwell (OM, GCMG, GCVO, KCB), was a soldier, writer and founder of the world Scouting movement.**

Two totally different accomplishments brought fame to Robert Baden-Powell. While serving in the British Army during the Boer, or South African, War (1899 – 1902), he led a greatly outnumbered force of some 1,200 men in the 217-day defense of Mafeking and became a national hero.

In 1907, after learning his military textbook 'Aids to Scouting' (1899) was being used for training boys in woodcraft, Baden-Powell established a boys' camp. His outline for a proposed scouting movement launched the Boy Scouts, and he published the manual 'Scouting for Boys' (1908).

## Early life

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell was born on February 22, 1857, in Paddington, London, England. He was the sixth of eight sons amongst ten children of a Savilian professor of geometry at Oxford. His father, Reverend Harry Baden-Powell died when he was three, and he was raised by his mother, Henrietta Grace, a strong woman determined her children would succeed. He was educated at Charterhouse, a public school for boys.

## Army career

After joining the Army, he served in India and Afghanistan. In 1884 – 85 he became noted for his use of observation balloons in warfare in Bechuanaland (now Botswana) and the Sudan. From 1900 to 1903 he recruited and trained the South African constabulary. He served later as the Army's inspector general of cavalry and as commanding general of the Northumberland (England) Territorial Division.



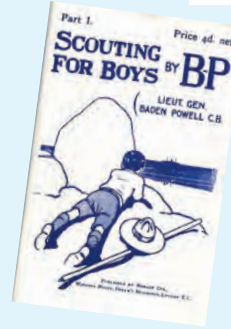
Baden Powell of Gilwell

## Boy Scout Movement

From 1910 he devoted his time to the growing Boy Scout Movement. He was made a baronet in 1922 and a baron in 1929. His publications included 'Cavalry Instruction' (1895), 'The Matabele Campaign' (1896), 'Sport in War' (1900), and 'Sketches in Mafeking and East Africa' (1907).

The scouting movement was to grow up in friendly parallel relations with the Boys' Brigade. A rally for all Scouts was held at Crystal Palace in London in 1908.

In 1910, with his sister Agnes Baden-Powell (1858 – 1945), he founded the Girl Guides. Beginning in 1912, this group became known as the Girl Scouts in the USA.



Cover of first part of 'Scouting for Boys', January 1908

Although he could doubtless have become Field Marshal, Baden Powell decided to retire from the Army in 1910 on the advice of King Edward VII, who suggested that he could better serve his country by promoting Scouting.

In January 1912, Baden-Powell met his future wife Olave Soames on an ocean liner (Arcadia) on the way to New York to start one of his Scouting World Tours. She was a young woman of 23, he 55, and they shared the same birthday. They became engaged in September of the same year and they married on October 30, 1912.

Scouts and Guides mark February 22 as "Founder's Day" (Scouts) and "Thinking Day" (Guides), the joint birthdays of Robert and Olave Baden-Powell, to remember and celebrate the work of the Chief Scout and Chief Guide of the World.

Baden-Powell died in Kenya on January 8, 1941.





## Tomahawk

Quiz  
No. 204

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 204 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issues and e-papers of January 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2023. 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. 204' 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. 204

1. Name the British prisoner held in the Kandyan Kingdom who later wrote a valuable book on Ceylon.
2. What does the abbreviation 'QR' stand for and who first invented QR codes?
3. What is another name for the groundhog?
4. Which animal is Lunar New Year 2023 named after?
5. What was Lewis Carroll's real name?  
Name two of his most popular children's books.



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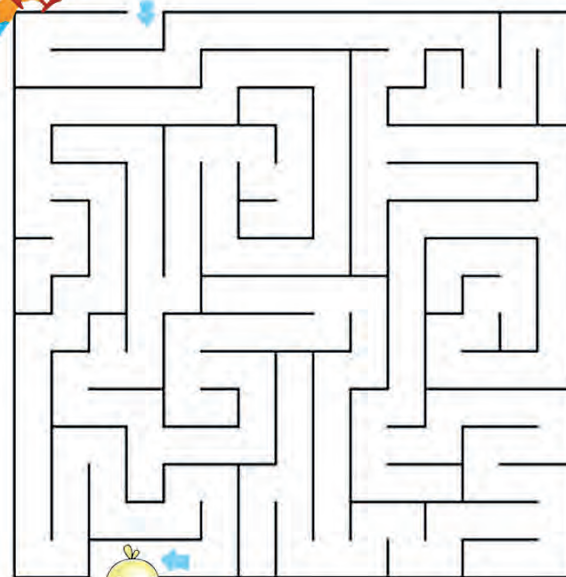
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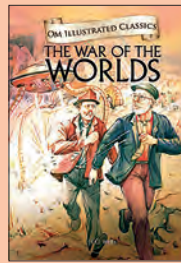
**Word Count:** 150 – 200

**Topic:** An interesting radio programme

**Win:** The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

The inhabitants of Mars have attacked Earth! Cities and countryside are razed to the ground as dreaded aliens unleash their fiery power. A flaming spaceship hits the earth and out come strange creatures ready to devour everything in their path.

Can the earth be saved? Find out in this thrilling story of the time when two worlds fought the most destructive war ever.



**Age:** 13 – 15 years

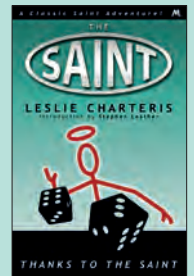
**Word Count:** 200 – 250

**Topic:** Some women scientists you admire

**Win:** Thanks to the Saint by Leslie Charteris

The Saint has become better known – but that just increases the number of people who seek out his help.

In these short stories Simon Templar has a chance to show off his skills.



**Write at the top of your Essay**

■ Book Competition ■ Essay Topic

*From a Young Reporter*

## World Radio Day 2023

**W**orld Radio Day is held to raise public awareness of the importance of radio and to encourage decision makers to use it to provide access to information, and to improve international co-operation among broadcasters.

It is one of the most popular UN International Days.

### When was the first Radio Day?

World Radio Day is an International Day celebrated on February 13 each year.

The Day was decided by UNESCO on November 3, 2011 during its 36<sup>th</sup> conference. The theme of World Radio Day 2023 is 'Radio and Peace'.

### History of radio

Italian inventor Guglielmo Marconi first developed the idea of a radio, or wireless telegraph, in the 1890s.



Marconi's first radio broadcast in 1897 – Marconi's equipment relied on huge sparks of electricity to generate Morse code dots and dashes.



**Inventor**  
**Guglielmo Marconi**  
– Father of Radio

His ideas took shape in 1895, and he invented what he called 'the wireless telegraph' while experimenting in his parents' attic.

### Asia's 1<sup>st</sup> radio station

Radio Ceylon was the first radio station in Asia. Radio Ceylon started regular broadcasting on December 16, 1925. Commenced just three years after the launch of the BBC, Radio Ceylon is the second oldest radio station in the world.



Radio Ceylon:  
The First Radio Station in Asia

The world's first commercial radio station, KDKA, began broadcasting in Pittsburgh in 1920.



### How to celebrate World Radio Day?

- Listen to your favourite radio station.
- Give special recognition to the radio station, radio personalities and programmes that make your days better.
- Conduct public awareness programmes.



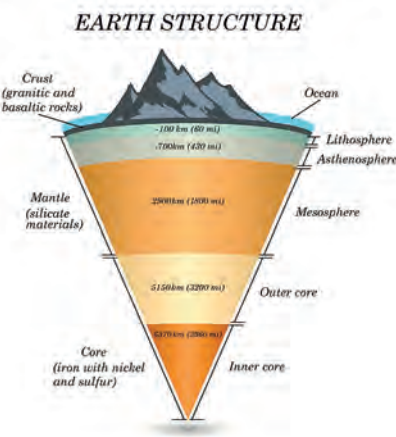
**Nulura Ekanayake (12 years)**  
**Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo**



# Earthquakes

Compiled by  
Cecilia Hewavitharana

An earthquake is a sudden shaking of the ground caused by the movement of tectonic plates (puzzle-like pieces in the Earth's crust). While powerful earthquakes can cause a lot of damage on their own or by causing tsunamis, landslides or other disasters, there are earthquakes that are too small (or too far below the surface) to be felt, that occur millions of times in a year.



**2018 Anchorage earthquake (Alaska)**

There are seven major **tectonic plates**, namely the African, Antarctic, Eurasian, Indo-Australian, North American, Pacific and South American plates.

Tectonic plates are not attached to each other and instead run close together. An area where the plates meet is called a **fault**.

Around 80% of earthquakes (and seismic activity) occur along the **Pacific Ring of Fire**, which is an area where many tectonic plates meet and which is home to a large concentration of volcanoes.

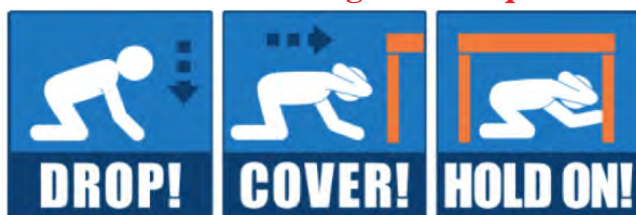


**2010 Haiti earthquake**

Following an earthquake, there is the possibility of aftershocks as the crust settles. Normally, these **aftershocks** are not as strong as the initial earthquake, but can still sometimes be destructive.

Earthquakes can happen anytime, anywhere, even if there's no fault nearby. As earthquakes only last between 10 – 30 seconds, it's important to get to safety quickly.

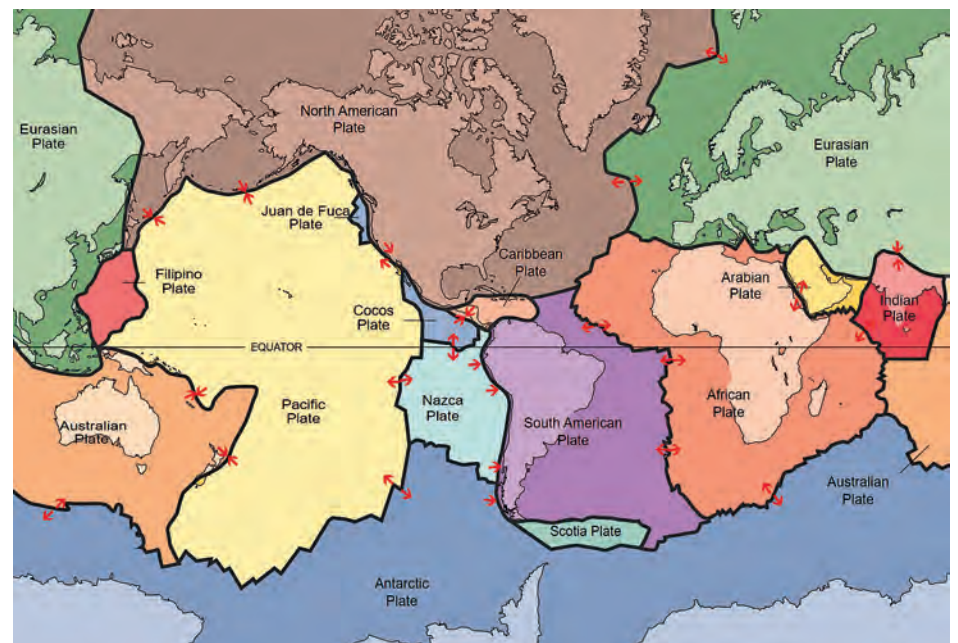
## What to do during an earthquake



**Drop** down on your hands and knees and crawl to wherever you will be taking shelter.

Take **cover** underneath a sturdy piece of furniture (e.g. table, desk or bed) and shield your head and neck with your arms. If there is no sturdy furniture nearby, crouch next to an interior wall, while covering your head and neck with your arms. Avoid waiting under doorways, as they could collapse easily.

**Hold on** to the furniture (if you are under furniture) with one hand and move with it if it begins sliding, and remain wherever you are taking shelter until the shaking has stopped.



## EARTHQUAKE MAGNITUDE SCALE



## Deadliest earthquakes since 1950

- ♦ 2010 Haiti earthquake
- ♦ 1976 Great Tangshan earthquake (China)
- ♦ 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and Tsunami
- ♦ 1970 Great Peruvian earthquake
- ♦ 2008 Sichuan earthquake (China)
- ♦ 2005 Kashmir earthquake

The deadliest earthquakes do not necessarily mean the strongest in terms of magnitude, but rather the amount of destruction it has caused.

The **Richter scale** or Richter magnitude scale, developed by Charles Francis Richter in 1935, is a measure of the strength (or magnitude) of an earthquake.

Currently, geologists are unable to predict earthquakes, but new technology and research might change that in the future.

Sources : National Geographic/ Britannica/ BBC



# Safer Internet Day 2023

February 7, 2023

**S**afer Internet Day is marked in February, every year. It is a day to promote being safe, positive and responsible online.

This year's theme is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.



The aim of this theme is to help children and their parents or teachers talk about what they love and what they want to change about the online world. It gives children a chance to be listened to and hopefully work together to make the internet a more positive place.

Here are some tips to live your best life online, stay safe and help make the internet a place where we can all explore safely.

## 1. Online friendships



Try to think of your online world as an extension of your offline friendships. Make sure to include friends in your activities, because it is still hurtful to be left out of online games or chats, as it would be in real life.

## 2. Be respectful

Respect your friends on social media. Ask them before posting any photos and take down any pictures straight away if someone asks you to. Try to be mindful of how your posts will make other people feel, before you put them up. You'll care about what other people post about you, so be nice to others too.

## 3. Be aware of your digital footprint

Every time you go online you leave a digital footprint, which shows others where you are and what you have been doing. Whether it's a post you've liked or something you've searched for, it leaves an online trail.



In the future, when you meet new people or apply for jobs someone could look you up and you have to think – what will they see? Remember that once an image or file is online, it's likely to stay there forever so be careful what you post.

## 4. Protect your identity

It's really important to never give out your personal information, such as your number, where you live or what school you go to. If you use social media, check your privacy settings and make sure only your friends can see your posts. Ask an adult you trust to help you with this if you need.

## 5. Keep a healthy balance

The internet can be a great place where there is loads of useful information and a chance to play with friends. But if you find yourself spending lots of time online, or thinking about it when you could be doing fun 'real world' things, maybe it's time to take a step back.

It's important to have breaks and have a good balance between being online and spending time in the 'real world'.

## 6. Think before you post

Social media and some websites can be great for posting your opinions. However you risk saying or writing things on the spur of the moment that you might regret later. It's the same for when you are replying to something someone has said. Remember there's a person at the other end who has feelings, just like you do.



*Remember to always speak to a parent, guardian or teacher you trust, if anything worries you online.*

Source : CBBC Newsround



February 14

## News in Pictures

**Guizhou, China**

China's Five hundred metre Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST) undergoes maintenance in south-west China's Guizhou province. FAST, the world's largest single-dish radio telescope, is said to have identified more than 740 pulsars since its launch.

Dubbed the 'China Sky Eye', the telescope is located in a naturally deep and round karst depression. It has a reception area equal to 30 standard football fields.

**Napier, New Zealand**

The Waiohiki bridge on the Tutaekuri River in Napier, New Zealand, has been washed away by floods brought by Cyclone Gabrielle. A national state of emergency has been declared, with flooding and landslides devastating several communities. People have been trapped on roofs and houses have been destroyed as the storm lashed the North Island and swept away roads, inundated homes and left more than 100,000 people without power.

**Idlib, Syria**

Children sleep in a tent at an amusement park that has been turned into a shelter for earthquake victims.

**London, UK**

A staff member uses 'heads on sticks' to check camera blocking at the Royal Albert Hall ahead of the EE British Academy Film Awards on Sunday.

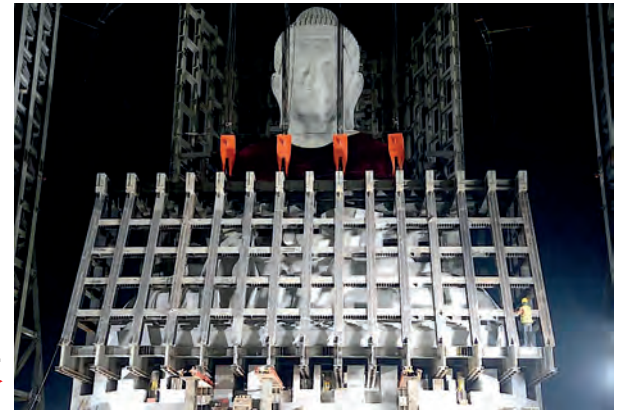
February 13

**Tokyo, Japan**

A seal wearing heart-shaped rings swims in a fish tank for a special Valentine's Day event at Aqua Park Shinagawa.

**Naypyidaw, Myanmar**

Construction of the Maravijaya Buddha statue, which state media claim will be the world's largest marble Buddha statue when completed.

**Lake Czarne, Poland**

The small-sized water reservoir lake is characterised by its unusual heart shape.

**Glendale, Arizona, USA**

A Kansas City Chiefs player celebrates winning Super Bowl LVII against the Philadelphia Eagles.

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Flower vendors arrange roses for sale before the Spring Festival and Valentine's Day. The Bashanta Utshab is a local traditional festival that marks the beginning of spring.

Source : The Guardian