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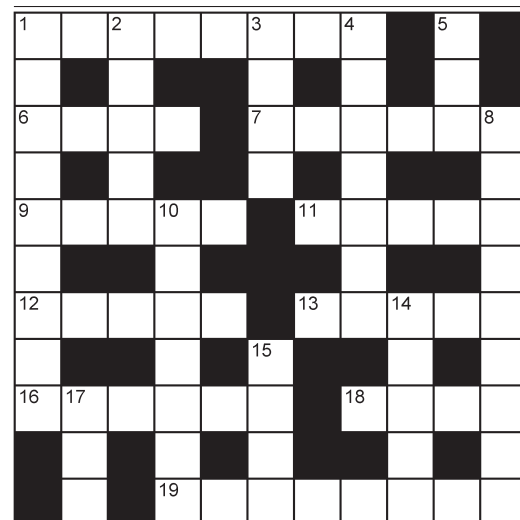


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Junior Crossword – No. 979



Across

- 1 Round-shaped
- 6 A dark blue colour
- 7 This carries traffic across a river
- 9 Snow house
- 11 Approximately
- 12 Normal
- 13 A large group of bees
- 16 A stabbing knife
- 18 An animal with horns
- 19 Someone who minds sheep

Down

- 1 Carried on
- 2 Opponent
- 3 Part of your ear
- 4 A coloured arch in the sky
- 5 False hair
- 8 An approximate calculation
- 10 Squeeze these for juice
- 14 Solo
- 15 Factual
- 17 Count up

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

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Buddini Perera,
Rajagiriya

Solution - No 977

S	P	R	I	N	G	C	A	L	F
U	A			J	S	L			
R	O	B	E	B	U	C	K	L	E
E	B	E	P	S	E				
P	A	I	R	M	A	I	L	S	C
E	T	B	T	S	E				
O	G	O	R	D	E	R	E	D	
P	O	L	I	C	E	T	I	R	E
L	A	E	B	O	U	G	H	T	
E	N	D	S	B	O	U	G	H	T

Sudoku 340

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

Compiled by
Peter Fernando

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

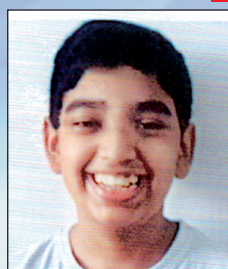
2. Insert Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the small squares in a way so as not to repeat the same number twice.

Now try to complete Junior Sudoku 340 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

Solution – No. 338

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

Happy Birthday



Aradhith Abeyratne
14 years on May 4

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.

Vesak

Vesak is one of the most important Buddhist festivals. It is a celebration of Lord Buddha's Birth and also marks his Enlightenment (when he discovered life's meaning) and Passing Away. It is also a time to reflect on his teachings and what it means to be Buddhist.



The story of Vesak

Buddhists believe in the teachings of Siddhartha Gautama – also known as the Buddha. Siddhartha is believed to have been a prince who was born into a wealthy family in what is now called Nepal in the 5th century BC.

It's believed that Siddhartha Gautama realised that wealth and luxury did not guarantee happiness. So he travelled as a homeless holy man to learn more about the world and saw the suffering in the world. After six years of studying and meditation on his travels, he became spiritually aware and reached his goal of finding meaning in life. This is called Enlightenment.

At this time, he became the Buddha and for the rest of his life he taught his followers of his experiences.

Buddha is a title, rather than a name, which means the Enlightened or Awakened One.

When is Vesak?

Vesak is celebrated once a year. This year, it falls on May 5.

The date of Vesak changes each year as it takes place at the time of the first full moon of the ancient lunar month of 'Vesakha', which usually falls in May or early June.

How is Vesak celebrated?

Each Buddhist culture has its own traditions for the day. In addition to Sri Lanka, Vesak is celebrated in many countries across Asia including India, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Bhutan, Nepal, Vietnam etc.

Many Buddhists go to their local temple and stay there throughout the day and night of the full moon.

They do good deeds, take part in chanting and meditation, reflect on Buddhist teachings, bring offerings to the temple and share food with people.

In some countries, a ceremony called Bathing the Buddha is also held, where water is poured over the shoulders of the Buddha statue to remind people to clear their minds of negative thoughts like greed and hatred.

Families decorate their homes with lanterns, take part in processions and wear white clothes when going to the temple to mark the occasion. Friends and family may also send cards to each other.

In Sri Lanka, many Buddhists spend the day and night in temples observing 'sil' (eight precepts). Families decorate their homes and gardens with lanterns. Roads are decorated with pandols depicting the life of the Buddha. In many places 'dansals' are organized distributing free food and drink to the public.

This year, a Buddha Rashmi Vesak Zone has been organized on 5, 6 and 7 May, 2023 at Gangaramaya Temple, Presidential Secretariat, and Prime Minister's Office premises. This zone will display pandols, lanterns and decorations and 'Bakthi Geetha' recitals on a floating stage and on boats on the Beira Lake in Colombo. 'Dansals' have also been organized.



Tomahawk

Quiz No. 207

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 207 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of April 2, 9, 23 and 30, 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. 207' 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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Tomahawk Quiz No. 206

► Santhisha Abayakoon, Kandy



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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 207

1. When was the World Health Organisation inaugurated and when is World Health Day observed?
2. Who was appointed First Minister of Scotland and who was replaced?
3. In which countries is the Asian Koel found and where does it lay its eggs?
4. When is Earth Day celebrated? Name three simple daily habits which would help care for our planet.
5. Name four major rivers of Sri Lanka that originated at Adam's Peak or Sri Pada.



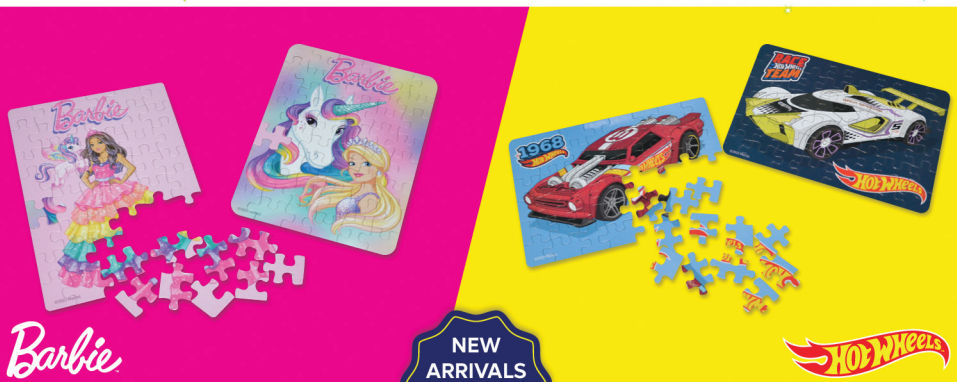
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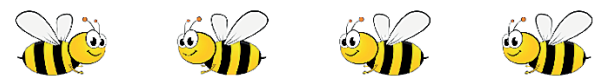
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4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Circle the odd one out.



A welcome ceremony was held on April 27 for Grade 1 students at Royal College, Colombo to start the new school year.

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Storytelling at British Council, Jaffna



An interactive storytelling session was held at British Council Jaffna Library in April. The children enjoyed the story read aloud, and all of them engaged actively with the teacher.

Toque Macaque

The Toque Macaque is a commonly found monkey in Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan Toque Macaques (*Macaca sinica*) are the smallest species of Macaca, a golden-brown-coloured monkey, the species as a whole is endemic to Sri Lanka.

Locally known as the “Rilawa”, it is easily distinguished by the toque-shaped swirl of hair on the top of its head, with the amount of hair on the top of the head being geographically variable within their range.

There are three recognised subspecies of Toque Macaque; Dry zone Toque Macaque (*M. s. sinica*), Wet zone Toque Macaque (*M. s. aurifrons*) found throughout the wet zone and central highlands, and the Highland Toque Macaque (*M. s. opisthomelas*) found in the montane rainforest around Horton Plains and its environs.

They live in troops, sometimes numbering up to 20 members.



The dry zone subspecies has earned the nickname ‘temple monkey’ as they are commonly sighted in the Cultural Triangle of Sri Lanka, where many ancient monuments including temples are situated. This subspecies has been the subject of one of the longest behavioural studies of any primate species conducted in the world.

Physical Description

Physical characteristics of the Toque Macaque vary depending on their habitat. They have a golden brown coat on their top (dorsal) surface and white hair on their underside (ventral surface). This white coat extends to the cheeks and around the ears. They have a long tail that is blackish brown dorsally and pale white ventrally.

Toque Macaques have muscular cheek pouches that are used for storage during foraging. These pockets are lined with mucous and the muscles serve to push the food back into their mouth.



SCIENTIFIC NAME :

Macaca sinica

KINGDOM :

Animals

CLASS :

Mammalia

ORDER :

Primates

FAMILY :

Cercopithecidae

GENUS : Macaca

SPECIES : Sinica



Their faces are hairless, ears and lips are black; the males have a tan face, while females have different shades of pink. Males are larger than females and complete their development later.

Biology

They are diurnal terrestrial quadrupeds, and spend much of their time moving on the ground. They are equally agile on the trees, where they sleep, sometimes huddled together. The toque macaques can also swim proficiently, and may even hide underwater when escaping predators.

Toque Macaques are omnivorous and like to eat fruit, seeds, nuts, mushrooms and occasionally reptiles and birds. They use both hands to stuff food into cheek pouches and will store food there to be chewed later.

Habitat

The Toque Macaque can be found in a variety of forest types, at altitudes up to about 2100 m, depending on the subspecies. Toque Macaques are also very well known to raid crops and garbage dumps and are not often frightened away by close encounters with humans.

Threats and Conservation

The major threat to these species is extreme habitat loss and habitat fragmentation due to development and urbanization.

This decreasing species is currently on the IUCN Red List and is protected internationally under CITES Appendix II however, enjoys very little protection as it is considered to be a pest to crops such as coconut etc. They are not protected by local laws and happen to be the only endemic species to not be so.

Quick Facts

WEIGHT:

Male 4.0 - 5.5 kg
Female 2.5 - 4.5 kg

SIZE:

Body length 35 - 53 cm

DIET: Omnivore

LOCATION: Sri Lanka

POPULATION TREND:

Decreasing

CONSERVATION STATUS:

Endangered

Source: Dilmah Conservation

Coronation of King Charles III

May 3, 2023

The Coronation of King Charles III is going to be the biggest royal event of the year. From carriages to crowns, and processions to parties there's

going to be a lot to see and take in. So here are some pointers on five things to watch out for at the coronation on May 6.

What is the Coronation crown?

Let's start with the crown itself. It's the centrepiece of the Coronation and there's even an emoji of it!

The St. Edward's crown was made in 1661 for another Charles - King Charles II.

But it's a copy of an older crown thought to have been used since the 11th century.

What happened to that one, you ask? Well, it is said to have been melted down when the monarchy was abolished and Oliver Cromwell was in charge from 1653 - 1658.



The real St. Edward's Crown will be used in the Coronation of King Charles III.

Where will the Coronation take place?

Westminster Abbey is one of the most historically important buildings in the UK. It saw William the Conqueror crowned in 1066 and has been used to crown kings and queens ever since.

It's also been the place of funerals - the Queen's took place here - and weddings too - Prince William and Catherine got married here.

It's also the final resting place of kings, queens and famous people - including writer Charles Dickens.



Westminster Abbey is an important historical church

Who is on the Coronation guest list?

About 2,000 people are expected to attend the coronation. Among them will be the Royal Family, kings, queens and presidents from around the world.

However, there will be some people missing: US President Biden won't be there, although his wife will.

And while Prince Harry is coming, Meghan and their kids Lilibet and Archie aren't.



Here's what the invitations look like

What carriages will King Charles use?

One of the big moments in the day will be the processions.

For the journey to the Coronation, King Charles will be in this very fancy carriage - the Diamond Jubilee State Coach. It comes with heaters, AC and electric windows.



The Diamond Jubilee State Coach with modern tech



But the journey home will be in the still fancy but less luxury Gold State Coach - Queen Elizabeth called it 'horrible' - Oh dear!

The Gold State Coach is fancy but less comfy

What Crown Jewels will be used in the Coronation?

The Crown Jewels are kept in the Tower of London, but they'll be in use at the Coronation.

The orb is a golden, jewelled ball, with jewel cross on it. It's designed to say that the new monarch's power comes from God.

The sceptres look like big golden sticks covered in jewels. They are meant to represent the monarch's power and rule - and have been used at every coronation since 1661.

The orb and sceptres are part of the crown jewels, kept guarded in the Tower of London.



The crown jewels

May 2

News in Pictures



New York, USA

Actor Jeremy Pope pays tribute to the late Karl Lagerfeld at the 2023 Met Gala. The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City hosts the fashion world's biggest night of the year. The theme is 'Karl Lagerfeld: A Line of Beauty', in tribute to one of the longest careers in contemporary fashion history. Lagerfeld's legacy was on abundant display.



Lalitpur, Nepal

The mayor of Patan city, Chiribabu Maharjan, speaks to the living goddess Kumari Niharika Bajracharya. Living goddesses are pre-pubescent girls who are considered to be incarnations of the Hindu goddess of power, Kali. They are worshipped by Hindus and Buddhists.

Taizhou, China

Tourists walk on Ruyi Bridge in the Shenxianju scenic area in Zhejiang province.



Lille, France

Protesters dressed as clowns pose in front of French police in riot gear as they take part in a demonstration on May Day (Labour Day), to mark the International Day of the Workers, more than a month after the government pushed an unpopular pensions reform act through parliament.



May 1

Glastonbury, UK

A Green Man at the Beltane ceremony at Chalice Well in Somerset, where Beltane is celebrated at sunrise and throughout the day.



Cape Canaveral, USA

A SpaceX Falcon Heavy lifts off from Pad 39A at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The rocket is carrying the ViaSat-3 Americas satellite.



Teahupo'o, French Polynesia

US surfer Kalani Rivera rides a wave as a big swell hits in Tahiti.



Koufroun, Chad

Sudanese refugees from the Tandelti area who crossed into Chad near Echbara, gather for distribution of aid.



Turgo, Indonesia

Mount Merapi, a volcanic mountain, spews lava as it erupts. Merapi is known as one of the most active volcanoes in Indonesia, with an eruption occurring every two to five years.

Source : The Guardian