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(A Spider Monkey at the Dehiwala Zoo)

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Myself

My name is F. Alisha Roshan. I am eight years old. I go to Sujatha Vidyalaya, Nugegoda. I go to school by car. I am in Grade Three.

My hobby is singing. My favourite subject is badminton. I like to eat pizza. My country is Sri Lanka.



F. Alisha (8 years)
Sujatha Vidyalaya, Nugegoda

Value of trees

Trees are beautiful and useful gifts of nature. We can rest under the cool shade of a tree. We get wood from trees to make furniture, windows and doors. Trees are also a great source of material for paper, rubber, gum, herbs and medicine. Trees inhale carbon dioxide around us and emit oxygen for humans to survive.

If trees are destroyed, the earth will become a desert. Water springs may get dried. Therefore we must protect these valuable trees and plants for the generation to come.

Nethumi Sanaya (Grade 6)
Musaeus College

A village scenery



Maryam Irshad (Grade 2)
Muslim Ladies College, Colombo 4

My school

I love my school because it is a place of fun, where we run and have fun. We study a lot of subjects such as English and Maths. At break-time we eat and play in the corridor. Then we study again and have some more fun.

That's the end of my school time!

Pooja Thiyagarajan (9 years)
Asian Int. School

Godfather

I have a Godfather. He is a loving and kind person. He guides and corrects us. He teaches us good things which help my twin, me and our Akki to become smart princesses. He would always call us as 'Angel Daughters' and Akki as 'Victorious Lady'.

My Godfather is a great lawyer and we call him 'Brave Lion'. My Godfather celebrates his birthday on June 12. I wish him a long, happy and healthy life!

Sineli Weragoda (Grade 4)
Visakha Vidyalaya

Summer

There are four seasons in the year. Every season is beautiful in its' own way. As for me, I always like summer.

My favourite season is summer because the weather is usually hot and sunny. But sometimes it rains. There are a lot of flowers and trees. Pupils usually don't go to school because they have holidays. They have a lot of fun.

People enjoy the bright, summer days. If they are in the country or at the seaside, they go sunbathing and swimming.

In the summer, I like spending my free time on the beach and I enjoy playing on the beach making sandcastles. When the summer holiday is over I always feel sorry because it was too short.

Durrya Taneesha (Grade 2)
JMC College Int.

Save Water



Ruzaiq Junkeer (12 years)
Carey College, Colombo

A sunny day



Aneeka Shaheem (Grade 3)
Wisdom Int. College

My pet fish



Chandeepa Alahakoon (13 years)
Lyceum Int. School, Gampaha

My family



Janodya Rajapakse (Grade 1)
St. Sebastian's College, Kandana

Scenery



Aken Disanayake (9 years)
Wellington Int. College, Bandarawela

My first train trip

On January 6th at about 12.00 p.m., we arrived at the Lunuwila railway station. The train arrived at 12.10 p.m. The train was moving very fast. My mother, brother, my *Punchi* and I boarded the train. It was fascinating. We crossed the border of north western province and western province. When we were crossing the border we were on a bridge because the north western province and the western province are separated by a river.

Then we came to Ragama railway station. We stepped off the train and we took another train to Gampaha. That train was unlike the first train. It was so packed with people because it started the journey at Colombo Fort and it was going to end the journey at Anuradhapura. I couldn't even breathe.

Finally we arrived at Gampaha railway station. We wanted to visit our relatives. We had a good time there. It was the best day of my life, and I will never forget that day.

Senuth Rupasinghe (10 years)
St. Joseph Vaz College, Wennappuwa

My favourite food

Chocolate Biscuit Pudding is my favourite food. It is very tasty. My mother makes it very well. I always share it with my friends. It is a well-loved dessert in the world.

I love chocolate as well. Anything with chocolate is very tasty. Sometimes I like to eat slabs of milk chocolate.

I always love to eat chocolate biscuit pudding with some vanilla ice-cream on it. I sit on a bench in our garden and enjoy it.

Sumaiya Abdul Halik (10 years)
Zahira College, Mawanella

My grandfather

My grandfather is a media writer. He is very kind. He teaches us boys. He helps us to write our homework. He always helps me with my studies.

I always feel very proud of my grandpa.

M. Kavien (Grade 2)
Wellington Int. College,
Bandarawela

To my hero

The person who is always there for me,
Never leaves me alone,
Through thick and thin.

You never say no,
For anything,
Because you get me everything.

When I opened my eyes,
You held my little hand,
And kept guiding me towards light.

You are very special,
No one can be compared to you,
Because you are my hero.

You do so much for me,
Work hard day and night,
But yet you never look for any praise.

We always have fun together,
And I love it,
Thank you for always supporting me.

The word Father,
Can never be explained,
Because Father means so many things.

Hikma Manajir (15 years)
Springfield College, Kandy

World Environment Day

World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5th every year. The day is very important and many countries celebrate this day. The main aim of celebrating this day is create awareness and take action to protect the environment.

The world is getting polluted day by day. The main elements of the environment such as land, water and atmosphere are getting polluted.

On this day, many countries talk about environmental issues, global warming, marine pollution and sustainable development. So people are encouraged to try to minimize the actions which harm the environment. World Environment Day is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach.

Yusuf-ul-Haq (11 years)
Matale Int. School

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Tomahawk **Quiz** No. 208

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 208 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of May 7, 14, 21 and 28, 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. 208' 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.)



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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 208

1. Name a species of monkey, endemic to Sri Lanka.
2. Which crown was used by King Charles III for his coronation, and for whom was it originally made?
3. Who wrote 'Anne of Green Gables'?
4. What is pollination? Name two invertebrate pollinators and two vertebrate pollinators.
5. What was Edward Lear famous for and what was his most popular work?

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7 - 9 AGE GROUP

Follow the numbers 1 - 16 and help the bee reach the flower.

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4	10	13	9	6	5
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9	3	10	11	13	14
2	6	11	14	15	16
10	13	12	13	16	
11	15	14	17	→	

7 - 9 years WINNERS!

- ▶ Julian De Sylva, Nugegoda
- ▶ Haleema Thanish, Colombo 3
- ▶ Hammad Shahid, Dehiwala
- ▶ Maryam Irshad, Colombo 2
- ▶ Nafisa Sabar, Battaramulla

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From a Young Reporter

Korean pop culture takes the world by storm

Over the past decade, Korean pop culture, known as the 'Hallyu Wave', has become a global sensation, captivating audiences all over the world with its catchy music, stylish fashion and captivating dramas. From K-Pop idols to Korean dramas and movies, the Hallyu Wave has taken the entertainment industry by storm, and its influence can be seen in everything from fashion to beauty trends.

K-Pop, or Korean Pop, has been one of the main drivers of the Hallyu Wave's popularity. With groups like BTS, BLACKPINK, EXO and TWICE breaking records and topping charts all over the world, K-Pop has become a truly global phenomenon. K-Pop's unique sound, choreography and fashion have won over fans from all corners of the globe, with concerts and fan events drawing massive crowds.

But the Hallyu Wave isn't just about music. Korean dramas and movies have also gained a huge worldwide following with shows like 'Squid Game', 'Boys Over Flowers' and 'Descendants of the Sun' becoming international hits. These dramas are known for their well-written plots, beautiful cinematography and captivating performances by talented actors and actresses.

The impact of the Hallyu Wave extends far beyond the entertainment industry. Korean fashion and beauty trends have also become popular around the world, with Korean skincare products and makeup gaining a dedicated following among beauty enthusiasts. Korean fashion, with its unique blend of streetwear and high fashion, has also gained recognition on the global stage.

The Hallyu Wave has also positively affected tourism in South Korea, with fans from all over the world flocking to Seoul to experience K-Pop concerts, visit filming locations of their favourite dramas and immerse themselves in Korean culture.

The South Korean government has recognized the potential of Hallyu tourism and has made efforts to promote it, with K-Travel Bus and K-Pop World Festival attracting fans from all over the world.

The Hallyu Wave has also brought attention to the broader Korean culture, including its history, traditions and cuisine. Korean food, with its bold flavours and unique dishes like kimchi and bulgogi, has become increasingly



popular around the world, with Korean restaurants opening up in cities all over the globe.

Despite its tremendous success, the Hallyu Wave has faced criticism and challenges along the way. Some have criticized the industry for its intense focus on appearance and the pressure placed on idols to maintain a certain image. Others have raised concerns about the exploitation of young performers and the lack of transparency in the industry.

However, the Hallyu Wave shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon, with new K-Pop groups debuting and new dramas and movies releasing every year. Its impact on the global entertainment industry and popular culture cannot be denied, and it is sure to continue captivating audiences around the world for years to come.

Dananga Karunarathne (15 years)
Lakdasa De Mel College, Kurunegala



Young Reporters

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Photographs or illustrations would enhance the report.

Young Reporters who have already enrolled with us, please send in new reports for publication.



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Storytelling at British Council

Another exciting storytelling session which engrossed the children in the magical world of tales was held on June 10 at the British Council Library in Colombo.

In this fun, interactive session, the story titled, 'I Can Save the Earth! One Little Monster Learns to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' by Alison Inches, was read to the children by a teacher from British Council.

Afterwards the kids were asked to create their own 'Monster' and assign tasks for their Monster to help the environment. Each child left the session after making a promise to 'Save the Earth'.



Egg box bird feeder

No matter the time of year, this egg box bird feeder is a great craft to make. It's perfect for encouraging nature into your garden and super easy to create.

What you need

- Coloured Pens
- Wool or string
- Scissors
- Egg Carton
- Bird seed, breadcrumbs etc.

Method

1. Cut the lid off of the egg box.



2. Decorate your egg box using colouring pens.



3. Add string or wool to your egg box so that it can be hung outside. Make two holes in the top of the egg carton. Take a piece of string and feed it through the two holes in the raised part of the egg box. You want to create a loop between these on the upper part. On the underneath part of your egg box make knots in your string or wool so that it won't be pulled back through the holes.



4. Now turn your bird feeder back up the correct way and you can fill it with bird seed and hang it outside.



Source: Crafts on Sea

Titanic submersible went missing

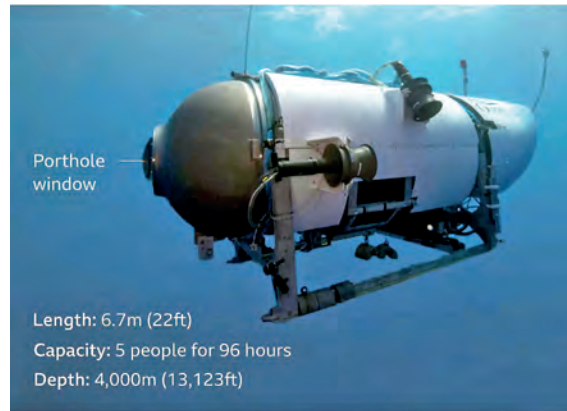
June 21, 2023

A massive search and rescue operation is under way in the North Atlantic after a tourist submersible exploring the wreck of the Titanic went missing on Sunday.

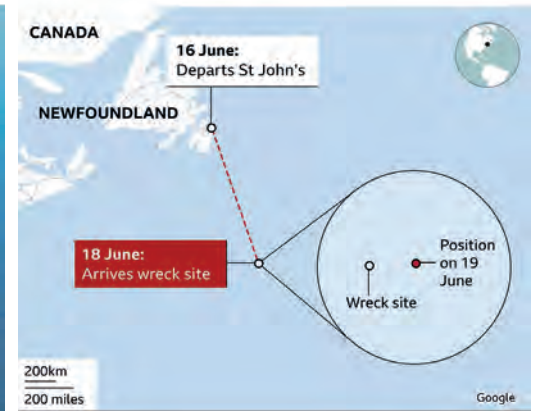
Contact with the crew of the Titan sub was lost about an hour and 45 minutes into its dive and the US Coast Guard estimated the sub had 40 hours of emergency oxygen left, on Tuesday.

Tour firm OceanGate said their research vessel Polar Prince which is used to transport subs to the Titanic wreckage site, lost contact with the crew of the Titan sub, a truck-sized submersible that holds five people and usually dives with a four-day emergency supply of oxygen.

All options were being explored to rescue the five people onboard and Government agencies, the US and Canadian navies and commercial



The Titan sub



Polar Prince expedition to Titanic wreck site.

deep-sea firms are helping the rescue operation, officials said.

Titanic's wreck lies some 435 miles (700km) south of St. John's, Newfoundland, though the rescue mission is being run from Boston, Massachusetts.

Two aircraft, a sub and sonar buoys are involved in the search for the missing craft so far, but the area in which the search is taking place is remote, making rescue

operations difficult.

Currently there is no way to communicate with the vessel as neither GPS nor radio work under water. Another issue is that the passengers were sealed inside the sub by bolts applied from the outside. So, even if Titan rises to the surface, a crew on the outside is needed to let the passengers out of the vessel.

- BBC News

World Refugee Day 2023

On June 20, people around the world mark World Refugee Day

Every year, millions of people are forced to flee from their homes in order to keep safe from war, persecution or natural disaster.

Millions of people have left Ukraine since Russia invaded the country in February 2022. The United Nations (UN) says the crisis has caused the fastest and largest displacement of people in Europe since World War II.

The number of people around the world who have been forced to run away from conflict, violence and persecution has risen to more than 100 million according to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

World Refugee Day aims to raise awareness of the issues displaced people face.

What is a refugee?

A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave their country to escape war, persecution or natural disaster.



Every year, millions of people across the world are forced to leave their homes and lives behind in the search of a new life somewhere safe and it is thought that around half of these people are children.

What happens to refugees?

Refugees leaving their countries often take long journeys by car, lorry, boat or even on foot, to get to safety. Many times these journeys are dangerous, and some people don't make it to their final destination. They can sometimes struggle to find shelter, food and water. Often they gather in places called refugee camps, which are giant camps with many thousands of people living there, often in poor conditions.

What are refugee camps like?

Refugee camps are usually managed by charities and can be as big as cities.

They aim to offer some form of safety to people who have had to leave their homes behind. But the living conditions in these camps can be very poor, and they are often cramped and overcrowded. Some camps have hospitals and even schools where



children can continue with their education. Other camps have only basic facilities.

What's being done to help refugees?

Many international charities have set up camps, where migrants and refugees can get help in different ways, from food and shelter, to education for young refugees.

Different countries, including the UK, have offered thousands of families a new life where they can start over, away from conflicts in their home countries. Many countries have offered food, money and help to those countries that are at war.

However, when the number of refugees increases some governments say they are struggling to cope with the large number of new arrivals. In some cases, the issue of where refugees end up living, can become a controversial political issue.

- CBBC Newsround

June 20

News in Pictures



Glastonbury, UK
The Carhenge installation by Joe Rush, which is made of 24 vintage cars, in place for Glastonbury festival at Worthy Farm in Somerset.



Aoraki, New Zealand
This football pitch in the valley of the Aoraki/ Mount Cook, the highest mountain in New Zealand, was created over six weeks to promote tourism for the upcoming FIFA Women's World Cup, which will be played in Australia and New Zealand.

Caraá, Brazil
A cyclone left a destroyed car on top of tombstones at a cemetery. At least 13 people were killed and thousands were forced from their homes during the storm.



Halifax, UK
'Sand In Your Eye' created a 60 m art piece at Savile Park, depicting Sobeda, a refugee from Bangladesh and Lucy from Calderdale who met through St. Augustine's Refugee Centre and Counterpoint Arts Befriending programme. Created with Counterpoint Arts for the launch of Refugee Week, the piece is inspired by the theme of compassion.

June 19

Amsterdam, Netherlands
For fans of the Dutch master Rembrandt, tattoos of some of his most iconic works are offered in a pop-up studio installed in the Rembrandt House Museum, which was once the home of the Golden Age artist.



June 18



Denpasar, Indonesia
A participant checks her costume in a motorbike's mirror during a parade at the Bali Arts Festival.



Peshawar, Pakistan
Children wearing umbrella hats to shelter from the sun make their way home from school.



Huinchiri, Peru
People from local communities participate in the annual rebuilding of the Q'eswachaka, the last remaining Inca rope bridge, as the old one drifts away in the Apurimac River.

Paris, France
Anna Bader of Germany takes part in the 21.5-metre platform dive during the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series.



Source : The Guardian