



FUNDA DAY TIMES



Little artists inspired by Van Gogh

Pic. by Priyanka Samaraweera



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Please underline the name most commonly used.

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Closing date for this week's competitions:

September 20, 2023

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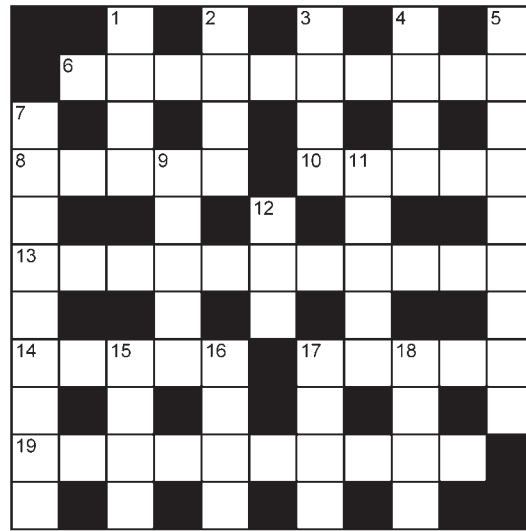


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Junior Crossword – No. 983



- Across**
- 6 People from Vietnam
 - 8 Below
 - 10 Movies
 - 13 Take someone's temperature with this
 - 14 Correct
 - 17 From Asia
 - 19 Lying in the sun

- Down**
- 1 Discover
 - 2 Mix up with a spoon
 - 3 Baby cow
 - 4 Topped over
 - 5 Checking length with a ruler
 - 7 Guitar player
 - 9 Our planet
 - 11 Thoughts
 - 12 Jump on one leg
 - 15 Soldiers fire these
 - 16 Rip
 - 17 A throbbing pain
 - 18 Hotels

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.

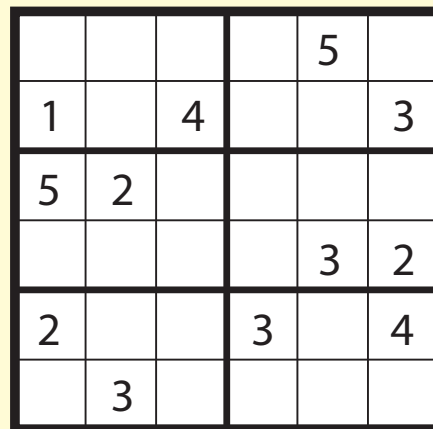


Solution - No 981



Hemliya Rajaweda, Kandy

Sudoku 344



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.

Solution – No. 342

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

Now try to complete Junior Sudoku 344 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

Happy Birthday



Aadila Ahmed
10 years on September 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.

Funday Times / British Council prize winner scores high at London ALs

We congratulate Maithree Bogoda, a former Funday Times reader and prize winner, who has achieved four A* s in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry at the Cambridge Advanced Level exam in June 2023.

A remarkable student, Maithree also achieved six A* s and one A at the Cambridge Ordinary Level exam in 2021.

Maithree has been a regular reader of Funday Times and has contributed several articles which were published.

He was successful in winning the British Council Poetry Competition in Funday Times in the 6 – 10 age-group as well as the 11 – 15 age-group, for which he received a Membership from the British Council Library.

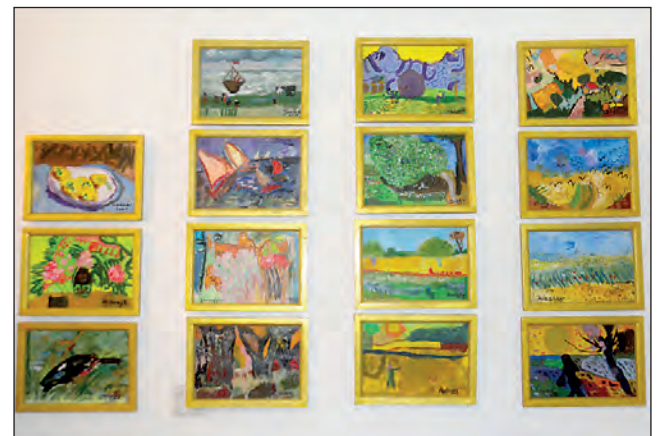
We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.



Van Gogh Exhibition

An exhibition by students of The Secret Garden Colombo (TSG) was held on August 26 – 27, 2023 at Charcoal Studios in Mount Lavina. The children aged 4 years and above exhibited around 150 reproductions and abstract paintings inspired by Vincent van Gogh's work.

Pix by Priyanka Samaraweera



Ocean Conservation Camp for HSBC Premier Juniors

HSBCT Premier in collaboration with The Pearl Protectors, a youth-led marine conservation organization, conducted the programme, 'Turn the Tide,' for over 40 of its Junior Premier customers.

The children learnt about sustainable practices such as separating micro-plastics from the sand, identifying marine animals and the separation of waste.

The participants also took part in a 'Save the Ocean' game. The winning group was awarded the title 'Ocean Heroes' and a gift pack of steel straws, reusable bottles, plantable pens and tote bags.



Tomahawk

Quiz No. 211

Questions for Tomahawk Quiz No. 211 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of August 6, 13, 20 and 27, 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. 211' 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: September 30, 2023

Tomahawk Quiz No. 210 **WINNER** 🏆

▶ Tenitha Wijetilleka, Kotte



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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 211

1. Name the spacecraft and the year of the first successful moon landing and the most recent moon landing.
2. Who led the first successful ascent of K2 mountain?
3. Name the first Asian woman to win an Academy Award for Best Actress and in which film?
4. What is the common name for Seastars and what category of Animals do they come under?
5. What is known as 'El Nino'?

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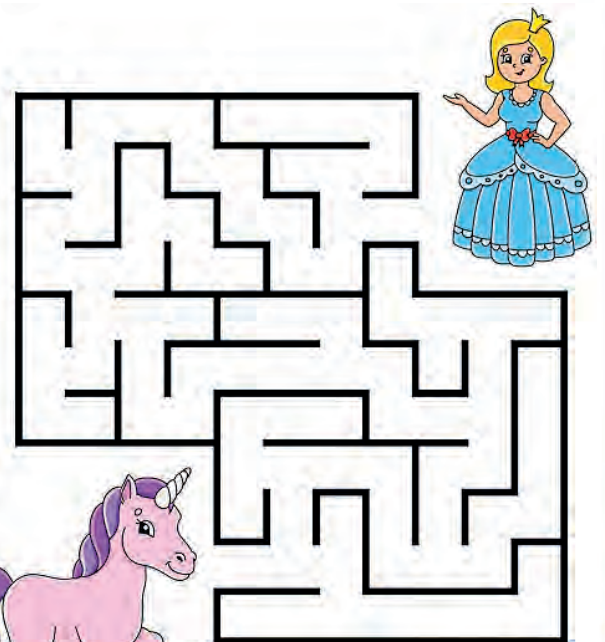
WINNERS 🏆

- ▶ Michelle Heenatigala, Mt. Lavinia
- ▶ Amhar Nafees, Gampola

Winners please call Funday Times on 2479333/2479337 and arrange to collect your prizes.

4 – 6 AGE GROUP

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From our Young Reporters

Chandrayaan-3

Chandrayaan-3 is the third lunar exploration mission by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched on July 14, 2023 at 2:35 p.m. (Indian time). The speciality of this mission is to explore the south pole of the moon, to conduct scientific experiments to study the moon's environment including its history, geology and potential for resources.

ISRO has used different strategies and built this Ch-3 in comparison of Ch-1 and Ch-2. The specially designed lander and rover will play the main role of collecting data during this exploration.

- The objectives of this mission are;
- (1) To demonstrate a safe soft-landing on the south pole of the lunar surface
 - (2) Conduct rover operations on the moon
 - (3) To conduct on-site experiments and scientific goals including the study of the chemical, mineralogical, photogeological mapping of the moon.

In its 41 day journey to reach the unexplored lunar south pole, a feat no other country has accomplished thus far, it hopes to explore the south pole of the moon which has water reserves that could help make a permanent lunar base

possible, and mineral composition and study the atmosphere of the lunar.

With this successful landing of Chandrayaan-3, India will become the fourth country after the United States of America, Russia and China.

Through this mission, India will not only access a wealth of knowledge about the lunar surface but also its potential for human habitation in the future.

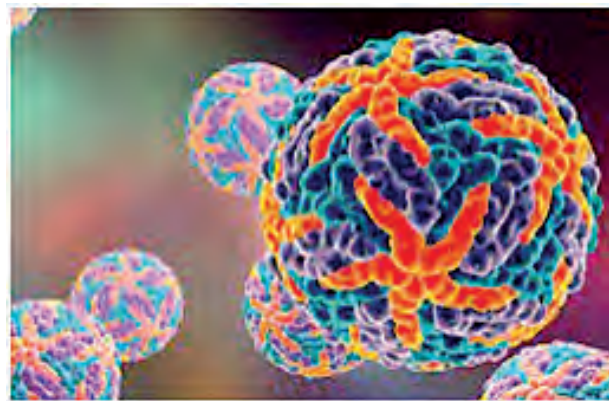
Let's wish our neighbour nation India a successful landing and mission of Chandrayaan-3 and all their future endeavours.

Kaitlyn Nugara (11 years)
LPF Academy, Dehiwela

Dengue

Dengue is a viral infection which spreads via mosquitoes. The mosquito acts as a vector by carrying the dengue pathogen to a healthy person and the infection spreads through the mosquito bites on the skin. In an infected person the platelet count decreases because the blood cells inside our body are affected by the dengue virus and due to this people become weak.

Most people who get dengue have mild symptoms and recover in 1 - 2 weeks. However, rarely, it may lead to death. Symptoms may include high fever, rashes, severe headaches etc. The test for dengue virus must be done so as to continue with further treatment or the infection might turn out to be fatal, if unchecked.



More than 400 million people are infected with dengue worldwide and about 2,100 deaths occur each year as about 40% of the world's population live in dengue endemic regions.

Not only in other countries, dengue is now an island-wide year round threat in Sri Lanka as well. According to the National Dengue Control Unit (NDCU) in Sri Lanka, there had been 36,628 cases (by May 24, 2023) and by now it has surpassed 60,000.



The risk of being a victim to this fever in Sri Lanka is high so we should follow some steps to avoid the dengue virus such as,

- ◆ Staying in well screened houses
- ◆ Using mosquito repellents
- ◆ Removing areas with stagnant water

I hope that my country citizens will be able to fight against this deadly dengue virus and protect themselves by maintaining a healthy life.

Aysha Manaal (13 years)
Ilma Int. Girls' School



Young Reporters

If you are interested in joining as a Funday Times Young Reporter please fill in the coupon given and send it in to us along with a recent report or interview not exceeding 300 words.

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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India's Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft successfully lands on the moon

August 28, 2023

In a remarkable feat, India successfully landed its Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft on the Moon's surface on August 23, 2023.

It is only the fourth nation in the world — after the former Soviet Union, the US, and China — to accomplish this achievement. Even more impressive, India is the only country to land a spacecraft on the southern lunar pole.

Shortly after the historic touchdown, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) rolled out the Pragyan rover onto the lunar surface. The compact rover's six wheels are etched with ISRO's logo and the Ashoka Chakra, a wheel symbol depicted on the Indian flag.

The images will be imprinted onto the lunar surface as Pragyan explores the area. Its primary goal is to analyze the chemical composition of the Moon's dust and gravel.

The mission is expected to last about 14 Earth days — the length of one lunar day. The solar-powered Pragyan will most likely become inactive once the frigid two-week-long lunar night begins. ISRO scientists will try to awaken the rover after its two-week slumber. But, the extreme cold could cause its scientific instruments to freeze and stop working.



The LVM-3 rocket carrying the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft lifts off from India's Satish Dhawan Space Centre on July 14, 2023.

The Chandrayaan missions

The Chandrayaan-3 mission, which cost a modest 600 crore rupees (about \$73 million), is India's third lunar mission. The Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft circled the Moon for 312 days in 2008. It made some important discoveries, including finding water molecules on the arid lunar surface.

Chandrayaan-2, launched in 2019, marked the country's first attempt to land on the Moon. Unfortunately, the lander, with the rover inside, crashed on the Moon's surface. However, the mission was not a complete failure.

The Chandrayaan-2 orbiter continues to circle and collect data on the Moon to this day. It even helped Indian scientists identify a safe landing spot for Chandrayaan-3.

The Moon's south pole

The lunar south pole has recently been of particular interest to scientists. That's because the area is believed to contain a significant amount of frozen water.

If true, it could substantially lower the cost of future moon missions since water would not have to be brought from Earth. The water could also be split into hydrogen and oxygen to make rocket fuel. That would make it possible to use the Moon to launch human missions to Mars and beyond.

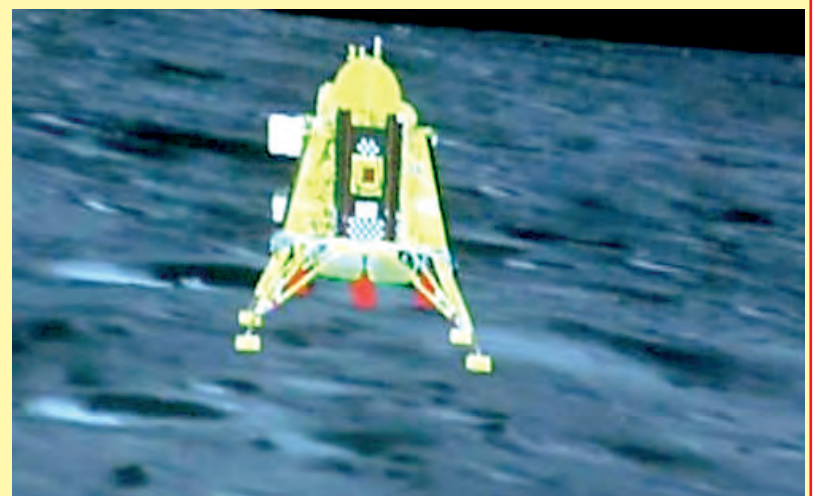
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The Pragyan rover successfully landed on the Moon on August 23, 2023.



India's space agency, ISRO, successfully landed a spacecraft on the moon's south pole.



The lander, called Vikram, made a successful "soft landing" at the moon's south pole. The screenshot above is from a video showing an image of the spacecraft as it landed. The lander is carrying a rover called Pragyan.

News For Kids

Hurricane Idalia: Thousands leave homes in Florida

August 30, 2023

Thousands of people in the US state of Florida have been told to leave their homes because of Hurricane Idalia.

Idalia has been upgraded to a Category 4 hurricane after making landfall in the US on Wednesday.

Experts are warning that surging seawater could reach up to 4.5 metres above ground level in some areas and winds are likely to reach speeds of up to 130 mph.

Thousands have been left without electricity and there is widespread flooding in some areas.

Heavy rain and strong winds are also expected in neighbouring states including Georgia and North and South Carolina.

What's happening?

The hurricane has already caused extensive flooding in Cuba including parts of the capital Havana and knocked out power to about 200,000 people.



Flooding in Cuba due to Hurricane Idalia



The storm then moved out over the Gulf of Mexico and made landfall in the north of Florida before sweeping east across the state.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has warned of a "catastrophe" and urged those in the evacuation areas in 23 counties along Florida's Gulf

coast to go "now," and head to shelters or hotels outside the danger zones. He said that the hurricane appeared to be the strongest to impact the region in more than a century.

How are hurricanes categorised?

Hurricane Idalia has just been upgraded to a Category 4 after it made



landfall in Florida's Big Bend region.

In the United States, hurricanes are classified on a scale of 1 to 5, with Category 5 being the most intense. That's based on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, which looks at factors including the storm's sustained wind speed.

Storms reaching Category 3 and above are considered "major hurricanes" and significant weather events because of their potential for damage to property and loss of life.

Children have right to clean environment, says UN

August 30, 2023

The United Nations has told governments around the world to act urgently to protect children from climate change.

Children have the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, it says in a new report, and tells governments they must make sure they get one.

The report argues that climate change is affecting children's rights to life, survival and development, and says children's voices aren't being heard

enough in discussions about climate change.

What is the UN climate report?

The UN Child Rights Committee has issued new guidance for governments to follow, which was drawn up with the help of young people.

More than 16,000 children from across 121 countries provided comments,



describing the effects of climate change on their lives and communities.

Source: CBBC Newsround

August 30

News in Pictures



Gaza, Palestine
Palestinian youths from the freestyle parkour team in Gaza practise their skills at the beach.



Plumper Islands, Canada
Male Steller sea lions bonding in the afternoon sun at the Plumper Islands, Canada. Named after the 18th century German naturalist Georg Steller, there has been a recent decline in the North Pacific population of these sea lions, especially in Alaska.



Oxfordshire, UK
The Uffington White Horse after a phase of conservation work by the National Trust. Erosion and bad weather have caused the Bronze Age chalk carving to shrink over the decades. The artwork measures 111 m long from head to tail and depicts a white horse.



Valencia, Spain
Revellers throw tomatoes at each other during the annual *Tomatina* (tomato fight fiesta) in the village of Bunol.



Van, Turkey
A soldier is seen with the Turkish flag in front of the moon before Victory Day.

August 29

Edinburgh, Scotland
'The Monarch of the Glen' painting by Edwin Landseer is moved to its new home at the National Gallery of Scotland, with only one month to go until the opening of the new Scottish galleries at the National in Edinburgh on September 30.



Bangkok, Thailand
The outgoing Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha poses for photos with members of the media after he chaired the last weekly cabinet meeting after Pheu Thai party's prime ministerial candidate Srettha Thavisin succeeded in the parliamentary vote to become the country's 30th Prime Minister.



The Channel
A group of people, thought to be migrants, crossing the Channel in a small boat traveling from the coast of France and heading in the direction of Dover, Kent.



Moscow, Russia
A woman lights a candle at a makeshift memorial for Yevgeny Prigozhin, the head of the Wagner mercenary group, and Dmitry Utkin, the commander.

Source : The Guardian