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Young performers on Stage

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Please note that competition entries are accepted by email.

Please write the name of the competition and the date clearly at the top of your entry and include the following details:

Full Name (including Surname),
Date of Birth, Address,
Telephone No. and School.

Please underline the name most commonly used.

All competition entries should be certified by a parent or guardian as your own work.

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Closing date for this week's competitions:

October 18, 2023

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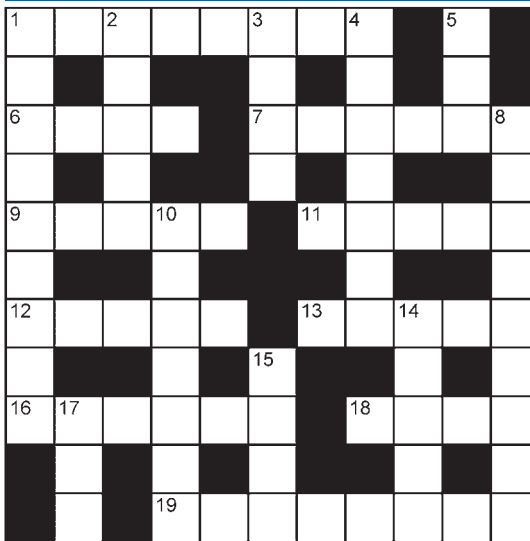


In our online issue this week:

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Please log on to the Funday Times website on www.fundaytimes.lk or check out the Sunday Times epaper on www.sundaytimes.lk for additional pages of this week's Funday Times.

Junior Crossword – No. 984



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.

Across

- Your spine
- Donate
- A month
- Birds build these
- Very last
- New Delhi is the capital city of this country in Asia
- A good knife is _____
- Where Greeks come from
- A song or piece of music performed by one person
- A group of words starting with a capital letter

Down

- Starting
- Holes in the sides of hills
- Egg-shaped
- A language
- A passenger vehicle
- A communication device
- Lavatories
- Oak tree nut
- A blood vessel
- Uncooked



Solution - No 982

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Abdullah Ilham,
Dehiwela

Sudoku
345

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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. 343

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

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

Cartoon Time!

Hey Kids!
We plan to put in more cartoons in the Funday Times and what's more they will be your own cartoons.

So, here's a chance for you to try your hand at producing your very own original cartoons.

Draw a little cartoon with a caption. It could even be a small cartoon story in a strip (not more than three boxes).

The best cartoons you send will be published in the Funday Times. So good luck to all you cartoon fans!

Please remember that the cartoons you send in should be your original work and not copied or traced from anything. They should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher.



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Marjorie de Alwis International Kindergarten and AcivitySchool held their annual concert of Dance , Drama & Song at the Royal Institute Auditorium in August.

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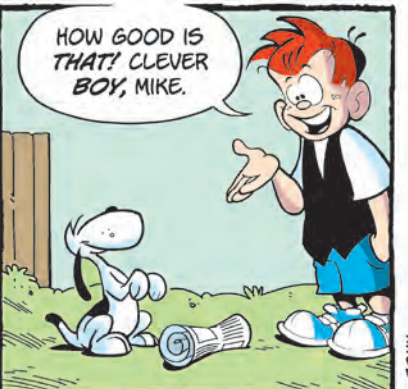


Telford International School, Galle conducted a Welcoming Ceremony for Freshers for the Academic Year 2023/2024 recently.

Ragrats



Ginger Meggs



Jokes

WHAT DID THE HUNGRY COMPUTER EAT?



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Tomahawk

Quiz No. 212

Questions for Tomahawk Quiz No. 212 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of September 3, 10, 17 and 24, 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. 212' 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: October 31, 2023

Tomahawk Quiz No. 211 **WINNER**

► Nethumini Jayasinghe, Boralesgamuwa



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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 212

1. Which spacecraft recently landed on the Moon's surface and what was special about this landing?
2. Where is the London Eye located?
3. When is International Literacy Day and since when has it been observed annually?
4. What is the Pythagoras Theorem related to?
5. Who was Michael Faraday and what was his greatest achievement?

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4 - 6 years

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- Yenumi Piyathilaka, Demataluwa

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

4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Colour the picture.



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Kekulu Kinder ART COMPETITION - 2023

Application Form

Child's Full Name :

Date of Birth :

Permanent Address and Telephone Number :

Email Address :

Kindergarten Name and Address :

Kindergarten Principal's Name :

Phone Number :

Kindergarten Email :

District :

Kindergarten Principal's Signature :

1. Eligible only for children of 2 ½ to 5 years of age.
 2. Competition topic is 'Our Family'.
 3. Drawing can be submitted only on an A4 sheet using pastels only.
 4. Should be certified by the Kindergarten Principal, that the drawing is done by the child.
 5. It is mandatory to paste the application to the back of drawing.
 6. Certificates are given only for drawings where application form is filled correctly.
 7. The product wrappings and the drawing to be enclosed in an envelope without stapling together and sent to the following address before 30th November 2023.
 8. Address: Hettigoda Industries (Pvt) Ltd., No. 33/3, Sri Dharmarama Road, Ratmalana.
 9. It is important to have filled the application form correctly. If not, the drawing will be rejected.
 10. Any clarifications on the competition, please call Yuresh on 077 244 0442 or Isuru on 077 261 3255.
- It is mandatory to include a product wrapping from any of the following product categories, to partake in the competition.



Kekulu Baby Soap



Kekulu Toothpastes



Kekulu Baby Cologne



Kekulu Toothbrush



Kekulu Baby Soap 5 in 1



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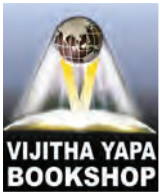


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Your account should not exceed 200 words. Please indicate word count on entry. Please fill in the coupon and attach it to your entry.

Read-a-Book Competition

Name :

Date of birth :

Address :

School:

Tel:

Finished book on :

Read-a-Book for August 2023

9 years and below



Senuri Gunawardana

Judy Moody, the doctor is in!
by Megan McDonald

10 – 12 years

Hemliya Rajaweda

Cavemice by Geronima Stilton

13 – 15 years

Hikma Manajir

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
by John Boyne



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The House with Legs

By Manoshi De Silva

Neil was spending a few days at his grandmother's house during his school vacation.

But he was soon bored.

There were only a few houses in the neighbourhood and there were no kids around Neil's age to play with.

"I am going to visit a neighbour who has fallen ill," said Neil's granny. "I'll come back as soon as I can. Be a good boy and stay safely inside the house until I return. Don't step out of the house for any reason!" Neil was an obedient little boy. He promised to stay inside till granny returned.

When granny left, Neil looked around the house for something to play with. Most of granny's belongings were antiques. Only the big rocking chair interested him. He rocked on it for a while, but was soon bored. "I wonder if granny has any storybooks," he thought as he walked up to granny's bookshelf.

All the books were covered in dust. They were all thick, heavy books with hard covers. 'Cookery', 'Gardening' and 'Knitting'... None of these books interested him. "Yawn..." Neil felt very bored and sleepy. Suddenly a big brown book caught Neil's eyes. 'Magic and Fun spells' it read. "Now this looks interesting!" he thought wiping off the dusty cover.

Neil opened the book. He saw little sparks flying around him. Was there something magical about this book...? Or maybe it was just dust. He turned to 'fun spells', but to cast most of the spells, he'd have to go outside and get certain things; things like spider webs, a black cat's whisker, a rabbit's tail... No, that won't do! Granny had asked him not to go out of the house for anything.

As Neil kept flipping through the pages, he came across a 'spell' that caught his attention. 'How to give legs to a house', "This is great," said Neil. "Granny asked me not to go out of the house but if I give legs to the house, I can still stay inside and get the house to travel!" So, according to the instructions given in the book, he crossed his thumbs and read out the spell.



"Black cat's tail and dragon's eggs,
Give this house a pair of legs!"

'Now, shout out and say what you want the legs to do,' read the book.

"Run legs, run!" shouted Neil as loud as he could.

What was this? The house slanted and went high as if it stood on legs. Neil ran to the window. All the trees and houses were running past him. No wait! His house was running past them. He looked down. The house had two long ostrich legs that had grown out of it.

"Yay!" shouted Neil. The house was moving faster and faster. The legs were running at such a speed. The house ran out of granny's garden, passed the neighbourhood and ran far away.

"Oh no! What if it can't find the way back to granny's garden?" thought Neil. By now he was feeling sick from all the shaking and moving. So he quickly turned the page to reverse the spell. He crossed his thumbs.

"Reverse this magic spell right now,
Make it do what I want, somehow!"

"Change these ostrich legs into a slower animal's legs and help it to find the way back to granny's garden!" shouted Neil. The running stopped. Then the house started to move very slowly. Neil looked down from the window. The house now had a pair of tortoise legs.

"No wonder it's so slow!" he thought, "We'll never get home at this rate!"

So Neil reversed the spell again. "Make the legs move faster, but without running," he said. Up went the house. Down it came. Up it went again... "What is going on?" Neil ran to the window and peeped out the window. The house was hopping back home, on a pair of rabbit legs.

Neil was getting thrown up and down. He wanted to reverse the spell, but couldn't sit still and cross his thumbs, because the house was hopping. Finally he saw granny's

garden. He was so happy. He quickly cast a spell to stop the house at the right place. The house stopped and settled where it had always been.

"Whew! What a crazy adventure this was. I'm so lucky to get back home," sighed Neil. "Maybe I should get the house to dance and celebrate its return!" So he read out the spell to get the house dancing. Slowly the house started to dance... and how gracefully it danced! Neil looked out the window. The house was dancing on two ballerina legs. Neil began to laugh and clap. But suddenly the ballerina legs started to turn around in circles and spin. Little by little the spinning became faster and faster. Neil felt dizzy.

"Stop! Stop!" he shouted. But it was spinning faster than ever. The book got thrown out the window. Now Neil couldn't do anything. He felt dizzy and fell down. When he opened his eyes after a while, the house was still.

"Maybe the spell has worn out!" thought Neil. "Or was it all a dream?" He remembered how bored and sleepy he was when he was looking at granny's books. "Did all this really happen or did I fall asleep?"

He looked out of the window and saw granny returning home. He ran to tell her what happened... Do you think she will believe him?

Winnie the Pooh: Meet Carmen, a new dog character

September 25, 2023

Deep in the Hundred Acre Wood, a new toy friend is set to join one of our favourite fictional bears.

Carmen the dog will be seen alongside Winnie the Pooh and Christopher Robin, on adventures inspired by the original books by AA Milne.

Author Jane Riordan was inspired to introduce the animal after discovering that Milne had taken a toy dog mascot called Carmen with him when he served in the First World War.



The new collection Winnie The Pooh: Tales From The Forest sees the character Christopher, who was inspired by Milne's son, go on adventures in seven new stories.

Who is the new Winnie the Pooh character, Carmen?

Riordan said: "It was fascinating to discover the little-known story told by Daphne Milne about AA Milne taking a small toy dog called Carmen with him when he served in the First World War.

"AA Milne even attributed his survival of the First World War to Carmen, so it felt appropriate to give this brave little dog a place alongside Christopher Robin and friends in our new story collection, Winnie The Pooh: Tales From The Forest.

"We feel she's earned her right to enjoy the peace of the forest just like all the readers who have been delighted



by the Winnie the Pooh stories over the years."

The characters will have adventures in places such as Poohsticks Bridge and Eeyore's Gloomy Place, as well as real-world locations including the British Museum and the Tower of London.

Illustrator Mark Burgess - who has previously been involved in other Pooh books - has drawn Carmen in the style of artist EH Shepard's original depictions.

CBBC Newsround

NASA Mission Brings Back Material from Asteroid

September 25, 2023

On Sunday, a capsule carrying samples of a distant asteroid landed safely in the desert in Utah. The samples, collected by NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft, are the largest amount of asteroid material ever returned to Earth.

OSIRIS-REx was launched in 2016, and spent two years travelling through space to reach an asteroid named Bennu. The goal of the mission was to collect samples from the asteroid.

Bennu is over 200 million miles away from Earth. When the spacecraft reached the asteroid, it began to orbit it, getting closer and closer.

Finally, in 2020, the spacecraft touched the surface of the asteroid for several seconds, using a special arm to blow air and suck up dust and pebbles.

Since that time, the OSIRIS-REx has been heading toward Earth. Early on Sunday, the spacecraft released the capsule containing the asteroid sample.

As the capsule slowed down and its temperatures dropped, a parachute opened, slowing its fall. In spite of its long and challenging trip, the capsule



image taken by the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft after it landed on Bennu.



A safety worker checks the sample return capsule.

landed in the Utah desert, less than a meter away from NASA's target landing spot.

Soon, workers from NASA arrived and wrapped the capsule up so it could be flown by helicopter to a nearby "clean room". The capsule has now been taken to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, where a very special lab has been set up to handle the asteroid sample.

The OSIRIS-REx mission will help scientists understand more about the early Solar System, and how life might have begun on Earth.

Scientists believe that studying asteroids like Bennu will tell them



The capsule has now been taken to Houston, Texas

what things were like when the Solar System began to form about 4.5 billion years ago. Scientists believe that the materials that make up asteroids may have led to life on Earth.

News For Kids/ Pix from Nasa

September 26

News in Pictures



Irاندuba, Brazil
Firefighters try to put out an illegal fire in a forest area in the Cacau Pirera district in Amazonas state. The government of Amazonas declared a state of environmental emergency on 12 September due to the high number of blazes and a river drought.



Florence, Italy
Eleonora Pucci, a restorer, cleans dust and debris from Michelangelo's statue of David at the Galleria dell'Accademia. The process takes place every two months.

London, England
A hummingbird hawk moth feeds on nectar in a garden in London. The moths are an increasingly regular migrant moth usually seen in July and August, though warming weather has seen a growing number that are able to overwinter in the UK.



Seoul, South Korea
Military academy personnel take part in a parade to celebrate South Korea's 75th Armed Forces Day.



Sanaa, Yemen
Vehicles are illuminated with green lights during Mawlid al-Nabi celebrations.

Kathmandu, Nepal
Hindus clean a statue of Swet Bhairav on the first day of the Indra Jatra festival held in honour of the Indra deity.



Weifang, China
Kites in the shape of Monkey King are flown during the Weifang kite carnival in Shandong province.

September 25



Ningbo, China
Cho Won-woo of South Korea leads others in the men's RS:X class at Ningbo Xiangshan sailing centre at the 19th Asian Games.



Chennai, India
People stand next to the remains of idols of the Hindu deity Ganesha after they were immersed by devotees in the Bay of Bengal during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival.

Source : The Guardian