



FUN DAY

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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.

Competition entries without the full details requested above, will be disqualified.

Closing date for this week's competitions:

December 20, 2023

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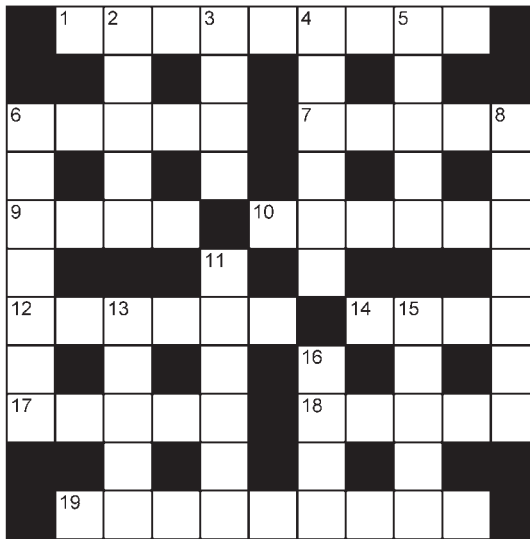


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Junior Crossword – No. 986



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

- 1 An orchestra leader
- 6 Put on clothes
- 7 She had adventures in Wonderland
- 9 Gritty stuff on a beach
- 10 Fair-haired woman
- 12 Do again
- 14 Wear this on your foot
- 17 Born not long ago
- 18 Bread cooked until crisp and brown
- 19 A many-legged small creature

Down

- 2 Sea
- 3 Plate
- 4 A bed for a baby
- 5 A smelly vegetable
- 6 Wreck completely
- 8 World's highest mountain
- 11 Captured
- 13 Stop for a moment
- 15 Detected by ear
- 16 Halt



Solution - No 984

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



Harshadaa Rameshkumar,
Colombo 6

Sudoku
347

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

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 347 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

Solution – No. 345

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

Happy Birthday



Methumly Guruge
13 years on December 6



Kimberley Wijesuriya
15 years on December 1

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.



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



Pic. by Kavindra Amaratunga

The Choir of S. Thomas' Preparatory School, Kollupitiya will celebrate 'A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols', at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels', Polwatte, on Sunday, December 10 at 6.00 p.m.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols which was introduced in December 1957, is an institution at Prep School. Each year, choristers rehearse for hours to perfect a selection of carols, ranging from classical to modern arrangements.

This years' service will include works by Boris Ord, David Willcocks, Philip Ledger, Stephen Cleobury, Malcolm Archer and Mack Wilberg. In keeping with the tradition established by King's College in Cambridge, the lessons include the fall of humanity as told in Genesis, the prophecy of the Messiah from the Book of Isaiah, and stories of the Annunciation and Nativity selected from the Gospels of Luke, Matthew and John. Each lesson is followed by a carol that illuminates the text.

The choir will sing under the direction of Harin Amirthanathan, as their Conductor and Choir Master.

The Headmaster, Rev. Nihal Fernando, cordially invites all past Prepites, parents, friends and well-wishers to attend.



Pre-School students of OKI International School had fun learning through role-play activities during 'Our Sweet Home', 'Fruit Day', 'Farm Animals', 'Pet Animals' and 'Wild Animals' Activity Days.

Christmas Cover 2023

Hey Kids! It is time once again to think about the Funday Times Christmas Cover. We invite our readers to send in paintings for the Christmas Cover 2023 Competition.

Entries for the Christmas Cover should be of a suitable Christmas theme.

You could use any type of paints or crayons you like but try to make your picture colourful and creative. **All entries should be on A4 size paper.**

Please write 'Christmas Cover' at the back of your picture, along with your **Name, Date of Birth, Address, Telephone Number (if any) and School.**

All paintings entered for this competition should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Uncertified paintings will not be considered for the prize.

The best picture will adorn the cover page of our Christmas issue.

The winner will also receive a prize.

This competition is open to children between 4 - 15 years of age.

Good luck and happy painting!



**Closing Date :
December 15, 2023**



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Tomahawk Quiz No. 214

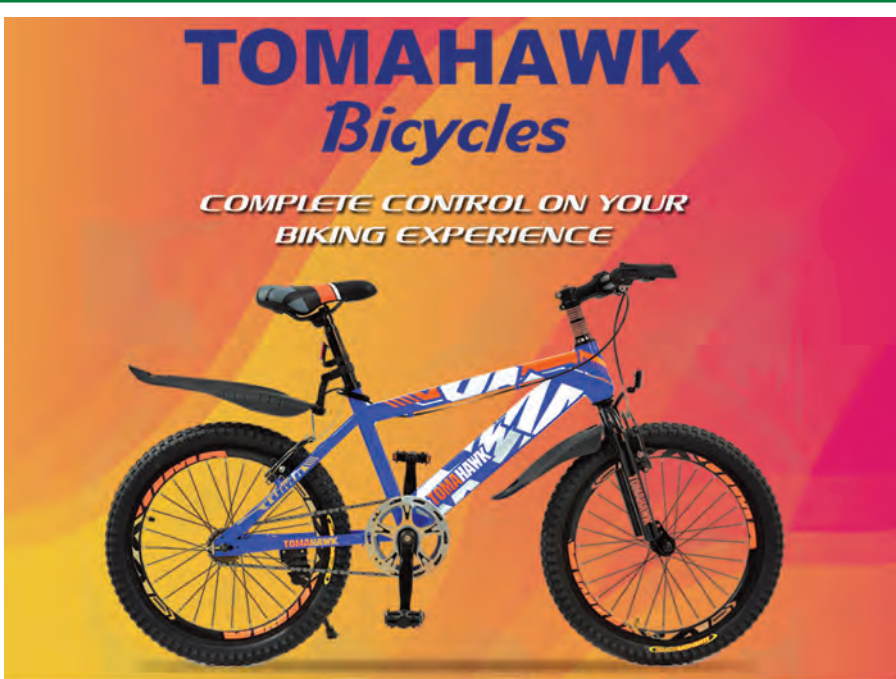
Questions for Tomahawk Quiz No. 214 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of November 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2023. All you have to do is to find the answers to the questions given. Write the answers neatly on a postcard, cut the strip 'Tomahawk Quiz No. 214' seen at 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: December 31, 2023

Tomahawk Quiz No. 213 **WINNER**
 ▶ Dehan Raddalgoda, Colombo 7



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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 214

1. Who is Leonardo DiCaprio and what is he best known for?
2. What is a tsunami and what are the signs of a tsunami?
3. A giant pyramid discovered buried underground could be the oldest in the world, according to archaeologists. Where was it discovered?
4. Who is believed by archaeologists to be the first female ruler of ancient Egypt?
5. Kenya declared November 13 a holiday this year. What was the purpose of this holiday?

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4 - 6 years **WINNERS!**

- ▶ Azmat Thanish, Colombo 3
- ▶ Afana Riyaz, Mt. Lavinia
- ▶ Mohamed Aahil, Colombo 2
- ▶ Hammud Shafraz, Dehiwala
- ▶ Ahdha Abdul Malik, Colombo 2

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

4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Spot 5 differences between the two pictures.

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Handprint Wreath

Materials:

- ◆ Paper plate
- ◆ Green cardstock
- ◆ Red pom poms
- ◆ Red craft rhinestones
- ◆ Red ribbon
- ◆ Green paint (optional)



Method

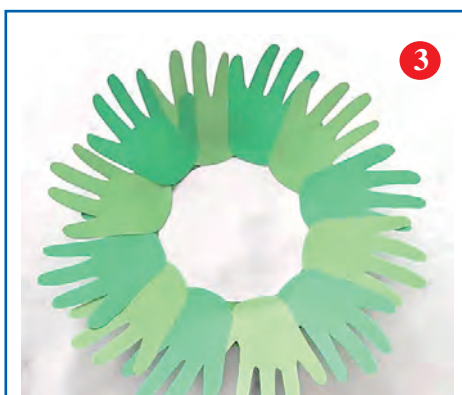
First cut out the circle centre of your paper plate.

Then paint it green. This is optional as most of the paper plate won't be shown but a few small pieces may peek through.



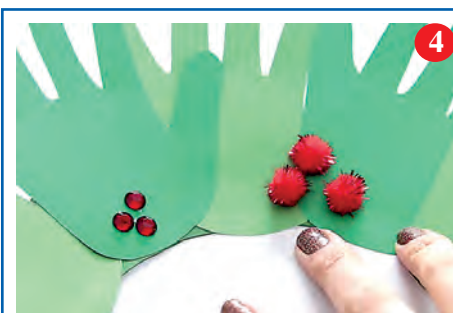
four times so that when you're cutting you get four handprints.

Now cut out your handprints. Because you need quite a few, you can trace and cut out one and then use that to trace the rest. You can also fold over the cardstock



Now glue the handprints to your paper plate. We used 12 handprints – six lighter green and six Christmas tree coloured handprints. Alternate the different green handprints when gluing down.

Alternate the different green handprints when gluing down.



Glue on your pom poms and rhinestones. You can put three together to make them look like holly.



Finally add a red ribbon bow to the front and a loop of ribbon to the back for hanging.

If you want to be sure that the handprints will last the test of time you could also laminate them to keep them from getting wrinkled.

Source: the best ideas for KIDS

Santa strawberries

Ingredients

- 1 cup thickened cream
- 1/4 cup sifted icing sugar
- 2 punnets strawberries
- 2 soft liquorice sticks or 20 raisins

Fun Recipe

Method

- Gather all ingredients together.
- Whip cream and icing sugar together until quite firm.
- Hull the strawberries and then cut the tip off each.
- Sit each strawberry on a paper towel to soak up the juice.
- Fill a piping bag (or icing press) with a fluted nozzle with the cream mixture and pipe it onto the cut surface of the strawberry to create a head.
- Using the tip of the nozzle, join the cream and pipe a little 'beard' for the Santa halfway down the side of the strawberry.

Note

Adding the icing sugar to the cream gives it a bit of structure so it pipes and supports itself



It's important to make these join up so the cream on the head takes the weight of the cream from the beard.

- Place tip of strawberry on cream.
- Pipe a 'pom-pom' onto the top of the strawberry.
- Place liquorice or raisins cut in half for eyes and serve.

Source: kidspot kitchen



Reindeer

- Reindeer live in the Arctic tundra and damp forests of Greenland, Scandinavia, Russia, Alaska and Canada. In North America, reindeer are known as caribou – pronounced ‘kar-i-bool!’
- As the name suggests, reindeer are a species of deer. They are the only deer species in which both the male and female can grow antlers. In fact, males’ antlers can grow up to a whopping 1.4 metres in length and have as many 44 points, called ‘tines’.
- Reindeer can live for up to 15 years in the wild, although domesticated reindeer (reindeer that are cared for by humans), can live for as long as 20 years.
- When grazing, a reindeer’s preferred food is a lichen – a fungi, moss-like plant that’s often found in high, open spaces. In fact, it’s so popular with reindeer that it’s now become known as ‘reindeer lichen!’
- Humans have hunted reindeer for thousands of years for their meat, milk, fur and antlers – which can be fashioned into tools. For groups of people in Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden and Finland), Russia, China and Mongolia, reindeer herding is an ancient and important part of their culture.
- Male reindeer can grow up to 1.2 m tall at the shoulder and weigh up to 250 kg – that’s over three times the weight of an average person! Females are a little smaller than males.
- These beautiful beasts may be big, but they are still the target of hungry predators!

Wolverines, bears and even eagles are just some of the animals that prey on reindeer.

- Reindeer spend up to 40% of their lives in snow, so they’ve developed special adaptations to help them survive the chilly conditions. Their cloven hooves (divided into two) spread their weight, helping them stand on snow and soft ground. Their hollow fur helps to trap heat, and they’re good swimmers, too!
- Have you watched the movie ‘Frozen II’? The make-believe Northuldra tribe you see in the Enchanted Forest are based on the Sámi people – the famous reindeer herders of northern Norway! The Sámi really do use reindeer to pull sleighs through the snow, just like Sven does in the movie (and Santa does on Christmas Eve)!
- Believe it or not, reindeer actually do have red noses like Rudolph! Well, sort of... Lots of tiny veins circulate warm blood around their nose, heating up the air they breathe in so they don’t get cold!



Common Name:	Caribou (Reindeer)
Scientific Name:	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>
Type:	Mammal
Diet:	Herbivore
Group Name:	Herd
Average Life Span in the wild:	15 years
Size:	4 to 5 feet at the shoulder
Weight:	240 to 700 pounds



National Geographic Kids



Trafalgar Square Christmas tree

November 28, 2023

London's famous Trafalgar Square Christmas tree has started its journey from Norway to the UK.

The iconic tree is a gift from the city of Oslo – Norway's capital city, and forms part of a longstanding tradition between the two cities going back more than 70 years.

The spruce will arrive in central London at the start of December, ahead of an official lights switch-on ceremony next week.

But why does Norway send the UK a Christmas tree every year? Keep reading to find out!

How does the Norway Christmas tree get to the UK?

This year's tree stands at 19 metres tall and came from the Nordmarka Forest, just north of Oslo.

It was cut down in an official public ceremony hosted by the Mayor of Oslo, Anne Lindboe, and was also attended by local primary school children, as well as officials involved with the maintenance of the forest.

The Trafalgar Square Christmas tree is usually a mature Norwegian spruce and between around 50 to 60 years old, due to the size needed.



The tree is loaded onto a ship avoiding any contact with salt water, which could damage it, and sets sail for the UK.



Lord Mayor of Westminster Patricia McAllister (on the left) and Mayor of Oslo Anne Lindboe (on the right) helped to cut down the spruce.

The tree is selected from the forests surrounding Oslo with great care several months or even years in advance.

The tree then begins a long and complex annual journey to the UK.

Why does Norway send the UK a Christmas tree every year?

This year marks the 76th anniversary since Norway sent the first spruce to London.

The tradition started in 1947 and is a gift from Norway for Britain's support during World War II.



When Norway was invaded in 1940, the King of Norway at the time, Haakon VII, sought refuge in Britain and the Norwegian government-in-exile was established in London.

After the war, Norway began sending a Christmas tree to London every year as a way of saying thank you.

The tree symbolises the close friendship between the people of Norway and Britain.

The tree will be decorated in traditional Norwegian style, with vertical strings of energy-efficient lights, Westminster Council said ahead of the official switch-on ceremony on December 7.

CBBC Newsround



November 28

News in Pictures



Seoul, South Korea ▲
Children leave after attending a ceremony by the Salvation Army to prepare charity pots for a year-end fundraising campaign for underprivileged people.



Lhokseumawe, Indonesia
Rohingya refugees queue for food at a temporary shelter provided by the Aceh government. Aceh is one of the transit areas for the refugees before they continue their journey to other countries such as Malaysia and Australia. ◀



Uttarkashi, India
An ambulance enters a tunnel where operations are under way to rescue trapped workers after the tunnel collapsed. ▶

San Francisco, USA
A full moon, also known as the Beaver Moon, rises above Alcatraz Island. The Beaver Moon is the last full moon before the winter solstice. ◀



November 27

Delhi, India
A Sikh man displays his skills during the Nagar Kirtan procession near Sis Ganj gurdwara. ▶



Kharkiv, Ukraine ▲
Maria Chupinina (C), who fosters seven children and is also a mother to 10. With her friends and volunteers, they help children with serious health problems such as hydrocephalus, Down's syndrome, HIV, and heart and kidney failure.



Van, Turkey ▲
Academics excavate a site at Kaniya Bekan necropolis in Çatak district. They identified three rooms and four graves with walls built with stones. Of the 400 human skeletons found in these tombs, 30 of them showed traces of brain surgery.



London, UK ▲
A Hand Puppet of King Charles in Nightwear, circa 1980s and valued at £800 to £1,200, at a preview of the rock, pop and film sale at Bonhams in London. The auction will take place on Wednesday in Knightsbridge.



Nevsehir, Turkey ▲
An aerial view of the snow-covered fairy chimneys after snowfall in Cappadocia, which is preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Source : The Guardian