



FUN DAY TIMES

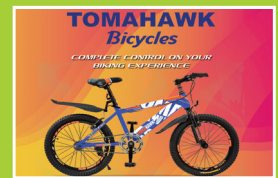


Kekulu Art Competitions Winners



IORA DAY COMPETITIONS

PAGES 2 - 3



COMPETITIONS

PAGE 4

(ONLINE)



FAMOUS PEOPLE

PAGE 5



EVENTS

PAGE 6

KIDS NEWS

PAGES 7 - 8

FROM THE EDITOR

**Calling
Funday Times
Club Members
and Readers**

IORA Day 2024 will be celebrated on March 10, 2024 at Galle Face Green in Colombo. Many interesting, ocean-related activities are being organized, leading up to that day.

Two-hundred (200) Funday Times Club members and readers will be selected on a first-come first-served basis to participate in the activities.

If you would like to attend the main event, please call us or email us your full details.

If you are a club member, please state your membership number.

Telephone: 2479337 / 2479333

fundaytimes1@gmail.com



IORA Day 2024 Essay Competition



Hey Kids, Funday Times is organising an English Essay Competition to create awareness about IORA Day 2024. This is apart from the IORA Day 2024 All-Island Art Competition (See Page 3 for more details).

Under the main theme for IORA Day 2024, 'Sustainable Indian Ocean for Future Generations,' we give below three topics for the three age groups.

Please send in your essays (in English) with your full details to Funday Times by post or email. Remember to get your entries certified as your original work by a parent or teacher.

A Family Dinner Buffet at Hilton Colombo will be awarded for the 1st Prize Winners. Other exciting prizes and Book Vouchers will be awarded to all the winners!

Closing Date: March 1, 2024

Age group: 9 years and below

Topic:

Our Ocean - Our Life

Word count: 150

Age group: 10 - 12 years

Topic:

Protecting our ocean

Word count: 150 - 200

Age group: 13 - 15 years

Topic:

Sustainable Indian Ocean for Future Generations

Word count: 200 - 300



Or



fundaytimes1@gmail.com

**Please send
competition entries to:**



Funday Times
C/O the Sunday Times
P.O. Box 1136, Colombo.
Or
8, Hunupitiya Cross Road,
Colombo 2.

Please note that competition entries are accepted by email.

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:**

March 6, 2024

Telephone: 2479337/2479333

Email: fundaytimes1@gmail.com



Kekulu Children's Art Competition



Some winners with Directors and Staff of Siddhalepa

Siddhalepa, celebrated the success of its ninth annual Kekulu Children's Art Competition, culminating in a splendid award ceremony on January 21, 2024, at the J.R. Jayawardene Centre.

The Kekulu Children's Art Competition, launched on World Children's Day, October 1, 2023, under the theme 'Our Family,' garnered over 60,000 applicants. One hundred deserving winners received gifts, cash prizes and certificates on stage at the ceremony.



The first three winners were:

- 1st - Yenuli Sasenya Halpawila, Mathugama**
- 2nd - Shenara Pinidi Senewirathna, Thihagoda**
- 3rd - Inuka Dasmitha, Galigamuwa**

In our online issue this week:

- **Page 5** – Famous People
- **Page 6** – Events - Scout Camporee / Ceylon Literary & Art Festival
- **Page 7** – Kids News
- **Page 8** – News in Pictures

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.

IORA Day 2024

The Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Education have combined to commemorate IORA Day in March this year with a major programme for schoolchildren which will include an art competition that will showcase the importance of the Indian Ocean.

Sri Lanka took over the Chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) in October 2023 for the period 2023/2025. There are 23 member states and eleven dialogue partners in IORA. IORA Day is celebrated on March 7 every year.

The theme for IORA Day 2024 is a 'Sustainable Indian Ocean for Future Generations' and will focus on educating and engaging future generations on the importance of ocean conservation and sustainable practices to preserve the oceans for the future.

Among the activities planned is a national level art competition for schoolchildren in association with the Ministry of Education and Wijeya Newspapers Ltd.

Entries will be accepted from schoolchildren in three categories: Primary (Grades 1 - 5), Junior (Grades 6 - 9) and Senior (Grades 10 - 13).

Details appear in the children's publications of Wijeya Newspapers Ltd., and their online versions.

Several other ocean-related activities will be conducted with the participation of children island-wide, drawing awareness to the importance of ocean sustainability. These activities are also coordinated by the Sri Lanka Navy and other ocean-related agencies. Opportunities are to be provided for children to be taken out to sea on a short excursion.

Ahead of IORA Day, several awareness programmes are planned.

The main event of IORA Day 2024 will be held at Galle Face Green in Colombo on March 10, with stalls displaying various ocean-related activities.



IORA DAY ART COMPETITION 2024

'SUSTAINABLE INDIAN OCEAN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS'



Currently, Sri Lanka holds the Chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and, plans are underway to hold the next IORA Day 2024 commemoration on 10th March, 2024.

As part of the activities, an Island-wide Art Competition among school children under different topics on the theme "Sustainable Indian Ocean for Future Generations" will be held as indicated below, in association with the Ministry of Education and Wijeya Newspapers Ltd.

CALLING ALL BUDDING ARTISTS ISLANDWIDE!

Express your creativity and concern for the Indian Ocean through art!

We are inviting artists from all schools to participate in our art competition centered around preserving our beautiful Indian Ocean.



PARTICIPATION

Participation rules are categorized as follows:



Primary (Grades 1 - 5)

Theme: Our Ocean - Our Life
(Certificates/Prizes for Participation)



Junior (Grades 6 - 9)

Theme: Protecting Our Ocean
(Certificates/Prizes for Winners)



Senior (Grades 10 - 13)

Theme: Sustainable Indian Ocean for Future Generations
(Certificates/Prizes for Winners)



Prizes to be won and selected Artwork will be showcased in the IORA Day Art Exhibition



Showcase Your Talent and share your message with a wide audience



Be an advocate for Sustainability and Inspire Positive Change



CONDITIONS

- Open for all school children in Sri Lanka
- Must be done on size A3 Paper
- All submissions should be certified by the School Principal
- Each entry should be accompanied by an entry form as below.

SUBMISSION

Submit your entry by registered post to reach before **16th February, 2024** with the completed entry form to:

Director (Aesthetic Education)
Ministry of Education,
Isurupaya,
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

Please indicate following on top left corner of the envelope:

IORA Day Art Competition 2024,
Category :.....
Province :.....



Selected artwork may be used for future programs both locally and internationally.
Organized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education and Wijeya Newspapers Ltd.

IORA DAY ART COMPETITION 2024

Entry Form

Full Name:

Category: Primary (Grades 1-5) Junior (Grades 6-9) Senior (Grades 10 - 13)

School:

Province:

Home Address:

Name of the Parent/Guardian:

Contact Number of the Parent/Guardian:

Certification by the School Principal:

I certify that the above student is studying in Grade of this school.

.....
Signature of the School Principal

Tomahawk Quiz No. 216

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 216 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2024. All you have to do is to find the answers to the questions given here. Write the answers neatly on a postcard, cut the strip 'Tomahawk Quiz No. 216' 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.)



@TOMAHAWKBICYCLEOFFICIAL | 245 B, GALLE ROAD, COLOMBO 04 BAMBALAPITIYA - 011 250 7307 | @TOMAHAWKBICYCLES

QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 216

1. Name three of Mozart's most famous pieces of music.
2. When is IORA Day 2024 being commemorated in Sri Lanka?
3. India's solar mission spacecraft reached its destination in space. What was the spacecraft named and what is its purpose?
4. What is the lowest point of the Indian Ocean and how deep is it?
5. Name four types of clean energy.

Closing Date: February 29, 2024

mailto: Or email: fundaytimes1@gmail.com

Great way to Sharpen your Learning Skills.....

Benefits of Panther Board Games

- Sharpens concentration.
- Improves problem solving skills.
- Improves decision making skills.

Available at: shop.panther.lk | www.panther.lk | +94 777 441 144

7 – 9 AGE GROUP

Match each shape to its name.

	Triangle
	Rectangle
	Circle
	Star
	Square
	Oval

7 - 9 years WINNERS

- ▶ Dinan Madagedara, Gampaha
- ▶ Julian De Zylva, Nugegoda
- ▶ Maryam Irshad, Colombo 2
- ▶ Yhogeeshaan Mohan, Kandy
- ▶ Sandasi Weerawardana, Pita-Kotte

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

mailto: Or email: fundaytimes1@gmail.com



Olave Baden-Powell

Lady Olave Baden-Powell was the only person to ever hold the title of World Chief Guide. She helped her husband Sir Robert Baden-Powell, to build the Scouting Movement, continued the development of the Guiding Movement, and formed the organisation that became the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

Olave visited 111 countries during her life, attending jamborees and other Guide and Scout activities. She was known as the "Mother of Millions" for her active role in the World Organisation of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Family

Olave Soames was born on February 22nd, 1889. Her parents were Harold and Katherine Soames. Olave grew up in Chesterfield, England. She enjoyed the outdoors, especially rowing, riding, cycling, tennis and swimming. She also loved horses, dogs and birds.

When Olave was old enough, she began to accompany her father on his winter holidays. They were on board the RMSP Arcadian on their way to Jamaica when she was introduced to Robert Baden-Powell. He was on his way to New York then Australia in support of Scouting. She was 23 and he was 55 so there was a 32 year age difference. They were engaged in the same year and married in secret in Dorset on October 30, 1912. They had three children:

When Olave's sister Auriol died, Olave raised her three nieces as if they were her own children.

Girl Guides

Olave was interested in her husband's Scouting activities and soon became involved in Girl Guides. She was involved in the early efforts to spread the organisation internationally and helped each country to adopt uniforms, symbolism, badges, and laws that matched the same spirit as the original Girl Guides.

In 1916 she was chosen to be County Commissioner and two years later became Chief Guide for Britain. In 1920 Olave helped form an International Council which grew and

developed, and eventually became the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). She was elected World Chief Guide in 1930.

In 1932, Olave was awarded the Dame Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (GBE) by King George V in recognition of her volunteer work.

Pax Hill

The Baden-Powells moved into a home in Hampshire - Pax Hill, a gift from Olave's father. Scouts and Guides visited from all over the world and camped in the front garden. It was a busy place, with Robert directing the Scouts and Olave running Guiding.

After WWII, Olave gave Pax Hill to the Girl Guides Association (Guiding UK).

Hampton Court Palace

After Robert's death in 1941, since Pax Hill had been taken over by the War Department, Olave was granted an apartment in Hampton Court Palace. During her lifetime, Olave was honoured by many countries and organisations for her work.

She died peacefully in her sleep on June 25, 1977, aged 88. Her ashes were taken to Kenya to be buried in the same grave as her husband, Robert Baden-Powell.

World Thinking Day

Scouts and Guides celebrate Thinking Day on February 22nd to remember the work of the Chief Scout and Chief Guide of the World. This date is the birthday of both Robert and Olave Baden-Powell.

World Thinking Day has been celebrated since 1926 and is a day of international friendship.



Olave Baden-Powell with Sir Robert Baden-Powell



Olave Baden-Powell

Source: Girl Guides Ballarat

58th Colombo Camporee



Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts gathered at Vihara Mahadevi Park for the 58th Colombo Scout Camporee, under the theme 'Scouting with Hearts and Minds.'



Pix by Eshan Fernando



At the Ceylon Literary & Art Festival held in Colombo

Pix by Eshan Fernando

Paris Olympics 2024: Medals made from part of Eiffel Tower

February 10, 2024

We've had Olympic medals made of recycled electronics before - but never from parts of the Eiffel Tower!

Medals for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris will feature scrap metal from the Tower taken during refurbishments and repairs.

The metal leftovers had been stored for years in a warehouse in a secret location, but are now finally getting a new purpose.

Thierry Reboul, creative director of Paris 2024, said: "It's the opportunity for the athletes to bring back a piece of Paris with them. The absolute symbol of Paris and France is the Eiffel Tower."

A French luxury jewellery firm based in Paris designed the medals and 5,084 of them will be produced by France's mint, the Monnaie de Paris.

The scrap medal will make up the centre pieces of the gold, silver and bronze medals, with hexagon-shaped piece forged out of the scrap iron.

Hexagons are said to represent

France, with the country sometime referred to as "L'Hexagone" because of its shape.

Six small clasps that hold the iron pieces in the medals are a nod at the 2.5 million rivets that bind the Eiffel Tower together.

The back of the Olympic medals features the Greek goddess of victory, Nike, charging forward, with the famous Acropolis on one side of her and the Eiffel Tower to the other.

The Paris Olympics will run from 24 July to 11 August with the Paralympics held between 28 August and 8 September.

Medals for the Paralympics feature a view of the Eiffel Tower from underneath, and are stamped with Paris 2024 in braille, in tribute to Frenchman



Gold, silver and bronze Olympics medals for Paris 202



You can see the braille along the sides of the Paralympic medals

Louis Braille, who invented the reading and writing system for visually impaired people.

Lego-inspired concrete figures pop up across Aberdeen

February 12, 2023

If you live in Aberdeen you might have spotted some of these Lego-inspired concrete figures.

There are 15 characters in total hidden in different spots around the city.

The designer, known as The Sketchy Maker, used 3D printed models, silicon moulds and concrete to create them.

The designs include an oil company worker, a train driver, a doctor, a wizard, a surfer and a pilot.

The Sketchy Maker said: "The project is to get me to smile a bit and get other people to smile a bit."

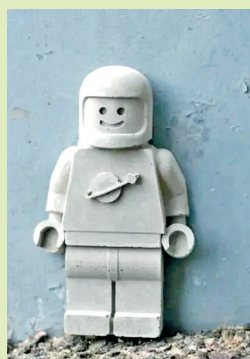
"It is a lot of fun making them, but it is also a lot of fun sharing them with people."

He added: "I'm working on something for Valentine's Day, it is still Lego-related but a bit different."

Lots of people have been getting in touch with the artist and sending him pictures when they've found the figures around the city.



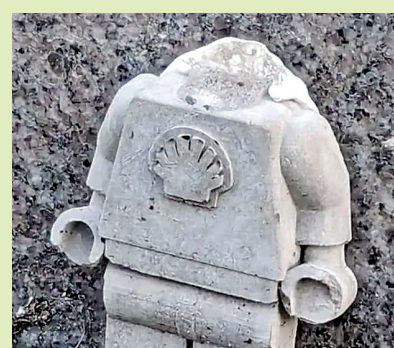
This sailor has a great view of the North Sea from his secret location



This little spaceman is somewhere near Aberdeen's science centre



Surf's up on Aberdeen's seafront where this cool dude can be found



Windy weather has left this oil company worker without a head...



Reckon this medical figure could help with a broken head?

Source: CBBC Newsround

February 13

News in Pictures



Binche, Belgium ▲
Revellers at the Binche Carnival, one of the most ancient and UNESCO listed traditions.



Lake District, UK
A hidden heart shape is revealed at the Elterwater Quarry after water levels dropped, exposing the romantic geographical feature filled with turquoise water caused by the chemical compounds in the 500-year-old volcanic rock. ◀



Whitstable, Kent ▲
Sirens of Sewage, by Jason de Caires Taylor, which portrays a cold-water swimmer, a school child, kite surfer, a lifeboat volunteer and a local fisherman. The beach artwork celebrates local volunteers who are part of a national network driving public discourse and political action to safeguard water bodies and marine ecologies.



Madre de Deus, Brazil ▲
A reveller wearing a pierro costume made from beer and soda cans takes part in the Bahian town's aluminium can street parade, known as bloco da latinha.



Kars, Turkey ▲
Tukezziban Pastutmaz, 70, who has been a goose breeder for five decades, displays one of her birds. Goose breeding is an important source of income for many people in the region.

February 12

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Members of the Porto da Pedra samba school perform during the first night of the carnival parade. ▶



New Orleans, USA
The Krewe of Bacchus parade takes place during Mardi Gras. ▶



Demak, Indonesia ▲
A boy jumps into floodwaters in Central Java. ◀



Henley, England
Flood waters along the banks of the River Thames. ◀

Source : The Guardian