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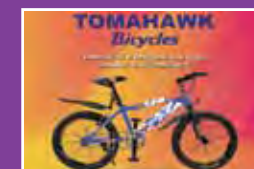
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Storytelling at British Council

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**Closing date
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April 10, 2024

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of this week's Funday Times.

Avurudu Cover 2024

As the Sinhala and Tamil New Year approaches, it is time once again to think of the Funday Times Avurudu Cover. Would you like to send in a picture for our Avurudu Cover? If so, here's what you have to do.

**Paint a picture to depict the traditions of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year
and send it in to us. The painting should be on A 4 size paper.**

You could use any type of paint, crayons or chalk.

Please make your picture bright and colourful.



**All entries should be certified by a teacher or parent as your own work.
Uncertified entries will not be entertained.**

The best entry will be used for the cover of the Funday Times Avurudu issue. The winner will also receive a book voucher.

Wish you all happy painting!



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**Closing Date:
April 1, 2024**



**Play Day 2024
organised by
Lakeland Inter-American
School, Ratmalana
was held on March 7,
at the S. De. S. Jayasinghe
grounds in Dehiwela.**



Happy Birthday



**Ruzaiq Junkeer
13 years on March 26**

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.

World Water Day 2024

Compiled by Cecilia Hewavitharana

World Water Day is observed annually on March 22 to highlight the importance of water and prompt action to solve the global water crisis.

- As of 2020, 2 billion people (26% of the world's population) did not have access to safely managed drinking water.
- By 2050, 2.4 billion in urban areas are predicted to face scarcity, which would account for nearly half the world's urban population.



This year's theme is "Leveraging water for peace," to promote water as a tool for peace, and raise awareness of how the world can unite around the sustainable management of water as a way to prevent disputes and work together to overcome shared challenges.

Trans-boundary waters

Trans-boundary waters are aquifers, and lake and river basins that are shared by two or more countries. In an age of increasing water stress, particularly due to climate change, poor management of trans-boundary waters can potentially trigger conflict.

60% of the world's freshwater stems from trans-boundary waters and 153 countries have territory within at least one of the 286 trans-boundary river and lake basins and 592 trans-boundary aquifer systems.



Nile River



Examples of trans-boundary waters

- Nile River – the longest river in the world, it begins in Uganda and flows through or along the borders of nine other countries: Egypt, Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi.
- Amazon River – originating in Peru, the river flows through five other countries: Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia and Brazil.
- Danube River – the second longest river in Europe, it originates in Germany and flows through or along the borders of nine other countries: Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine.

The majority of countries with trans-boundary waters do not have all their trans-boundary basin areas covered by operational arrangements. Therefore, the overexploitation and pollution of lakes, rivers and aquifers can be detrimental across borders.



For example, a unilateral move by one country to build a dam could drastically reduce the river's flow to countries downstream.

This is the case with the Nile River. Ethiopia's decision to build the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam to address its electricity shortage was met with great opposition from Egypt, which is downstream, as it was argued that a decrease in the water from the Nile would result in the loss of thousands of acres of irrigated land.



Amazon River



Danube River

The Pacific Institute's Water Conflict Chronology (worldwater.org) provides a chronological list of over 1,600 water-related conflicts, dating back to a dispute over irrigation in ancient Sumeria, in 2,500 BC, that resulted in a century of conflict.

Therefore, the sustainable and collaborative management of water is crucial for the survival of humans.

References: un.org, unwater.org, worldwater.org, National Geographic, Britannica

Tomahawk

Quiz
No. 217

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 217 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 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. 217' 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
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with the compliments of
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All Funday Times readers between 8 – 15 years are eligible to participate.

(Those who have already won a bicycle are not eligible to participate.)

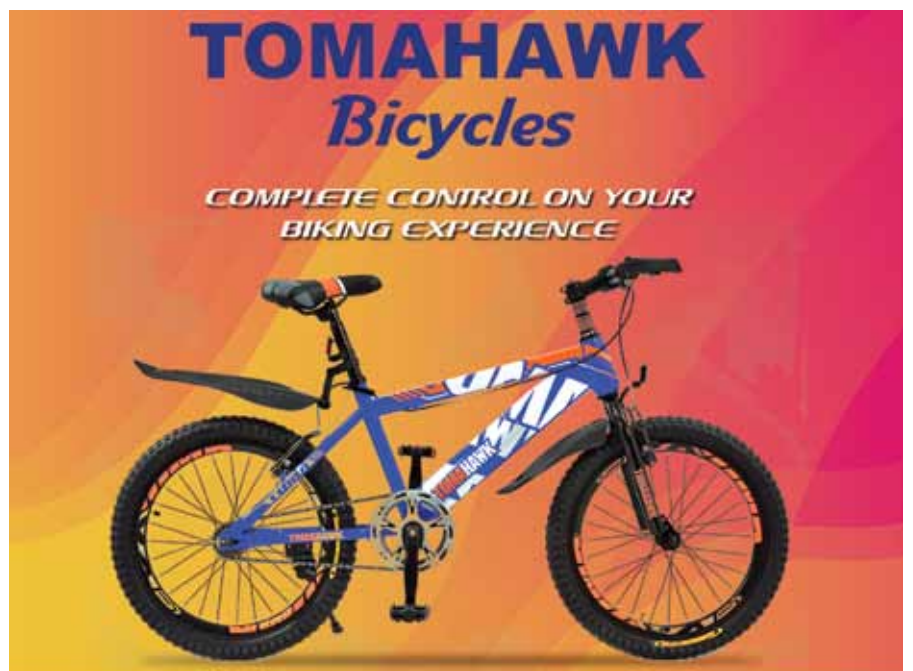
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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 217

1. When was the President's House in Colombo constructed and by whom?
2. What is a Seismograph?
3. When does the Lunar New Year 2024 start? How many animals are there in the Chinese Zodiac?
4. Who was Olave Baden-Powell?
5. Name three special items exhibited in the Titanic Exhibition held in Bristol in February.

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to collect your prizes.

7 – 9 AGE GROUP

'Spring' Word Search



BEE



BIRD



BOOT



EGG



FROG



LEAF



NEST



RAIN



SUN



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Storytelling with British High Commissioner



In a world saturated with digital noise, one timeless tradition continues to captivate hearts and minds – the art of storytelling. Last Saturday, March 16, an enchanting storytelling adventure was held at the British Council Library, Colombo. At this event, a retelling of the classic fable 'The Three Little Pigs' had the children spellbound.

Through vivid imagery and gestures, British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Andrew Patrick, brought the age-old tale to life, eliciting laughter from the children. The young, eagerly dove into the hands-on activities to craft their very own pig masks. Laughter and chatter filled the room as they proudly paraded their creations, each on a unique reflection of their imagination.

Pix by Priyanka Samaraweera



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FUN RECIPE

Marshmallow Rabbits

To make these marshmallow rabbits, join the marshmallows together using icing, then decorate with coloured icing to make a nose and some eyes. The best part is they're edible, so you can enjoy them after Easter lunch.

You will need:

- Icing
- Food colouring
- Large marshmallows (for the body)
- Medium marshmallows (for the ears)
- Small marshmallows (for the cheeks, feet and tail)

Method:

- Divide the icing into three bowls. Use food colouring to colour one blue and one pink, then leave the third bowl plain.
- Cut a medium marshmallow in half to create the ears. Using the plain icing, stick the ears on top of a large marshmallow and let set briefly until the ears are secure.
- Stick two small marshmallows onto the rabbit's face to make cheeks, then add a blob of pink icing for the nose and two blobs of blue icing for the eyes. Leave to set.



- Stick four small marshmallows onto a large marshmallow to create the body – two should be at the top for arms and two at the bottom for legs. Stick another small marshmallow onto the body at the back to create a tail.
- Using a generous blob of plain icing, stick the head onto the body, then leave to set completely

- BBCgoodfood

FUN CRAFT

DIY Easter Bunny Corner Bookmark

This Easter Bunny corner bookmark is a perfect little Easter origami for kids to make and folding your own corner bookmark is a great way to encourage reading too.

What you need:

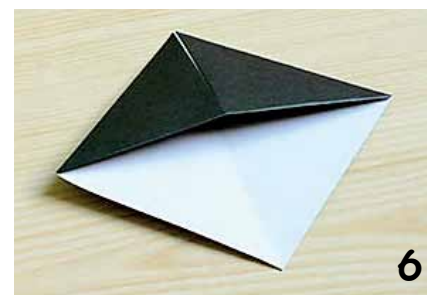
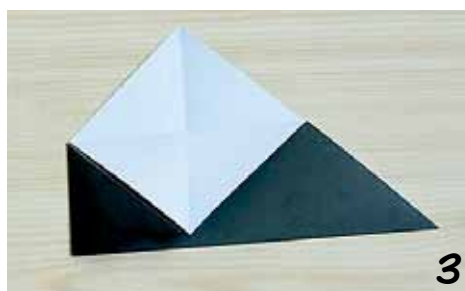
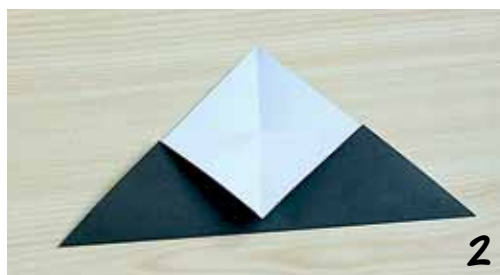
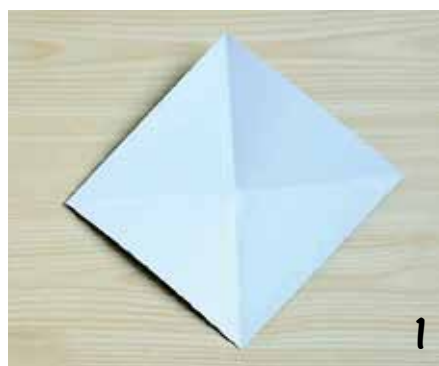
- Origami paper (or regular paper, cut into a square) – pastels colours work great for Easter – we went with blue and pink.
- Wiggle eye stickers • White paper • Glue
- Scissors • Black marker pen

Instructions:

We used black paper to better demonstrate the folding steps.

- ❖ Fold the paper diagonally. Unfold. (Pic. 1)
- ❖ Fold into a triangle (coloured side on the outside). Grab hold of the top of the triangle (one sheet only) and fold it toward the bottom of the triangle. (Pic. 2)
- ❖ Fold the left and right corner towards the bottom centre of the triangle. Crease and unfold. (Pic. 3)
- ❖ Again grab the corner, this time folding it towards the top of the triangle. Crease well. Do the same with the other side. (Pic. 4)
- ❖ Now tuck both tops inside the pocket. (Pic. 5)
- ❖ You now have your corner bookmark. If you so choose, you can also tuck the 'white triangle' inside the pocket. (Pic. 6)
- ❖ Now it's time to turn this DIY corner bookmark into a bunny corner bookmark. Cut ears, teeth and snout and glue them on the corner bookmark. Also add two eye stickers or just draw your own. (Pic. 7)

- Easy Peasy and Fun



Yoto Carnegie: Children's book awards shortlisted

March 19, 2024



The shortlist for this year's Yoto Carnegie medal have been announced.

Yoto Carnegie is a very special award for people who have written or illustrated books for children.

There's a big range of stories this year – including ones about the experience of refugees, 19th century Ghanaian history, and a retelling of the Minotaur myth.

What's on the list this year?

Lots of the books on the list feature poetry – there's a poetry

collection book and two stories written in verse.

Verse is a term used for things like poetry – it's basically any type of writing done to rhyme or have a specific rhythm.

The opposite is prose – this is just plain writing, like you're reading in this article, or in a novel. Some writers use a mixture of prose and verse, by having

bits of poetry in a longer story.

The Carnegie Awards say that this year's books feature stories about "characters thriving to find themselves and their place in the world".



The illustration shortlist also has lots of themes of the environment and caring for the world around us.

Classic kids' books author Julia Donaldson, who wrote stories like 'The Gruffalo' and 'Room on the Broom', wrote the story 'The Bowerbird', which got a nomination for Catherine Rayner's illustrations.

The winners will be announced on Thursday June 20.



Three covers of this year's writing nominees

Eden Project: The lessons taught from a rainforest

Imagine being transported to a tropical world while sitting in your classroom.

Well that's exactly what many students have been experiencing thanks to The Eden Project in Cornwall, one of the world's largest indoor rainforests.

Experts have been teaching from inside the domes, known as biomes, using a smartphone.

More than 75,000 young people have been exploring the tropics and learning about plants.

Students from countries including Canada, the US, Japan, Portugal and the Netherlands have taken part.

What have they been learning about?

For Protecting Our Planet Day, a session was held about the importance of tropical rainforests and what people can do to look after them. An international panel of experts spoke to secondary schools. Students also learnt about plant adaptations,

these are the things plants develop to meet their needs. This was part of an event where a tall ship visited places around the world, following Charles Darwin's journey as he studied the nature around him.

The next session being held is all about chocolate! An artist will paint a cacao tree, the plant where cocoa beans that make chocolate come from.



The outside of the Eden Project

Students watching will be able to learn about the rainforest, art and the story of chocolate while they paint their own cacao tree.

Lessons are delivered to classrooms big and small, as well as to summer schools and people who may not be able to go to school due to health reasons.

Robbie Kirkman, the Eden Project's Education Team Lead, said: "Running live-streams from our Rainforest Biome is an incredible experience and it is amazing to see how well received they are."



A waterfall inside the Rainforest Biome

Source : CBBC Newsround

March 19

News in Pictures

**Jerusalem**

Lasers illuminate the sky as part of a display calling for an end to the conflict in Gaza.

**Grindavik, Iceland**

Lava flows and smoke rises as a volcano erupts.

March 18

London, UK

Crowds gather to view a new Banksy artwork – a stencil of a person and spray-painted tree foliage on a wall behind a leafless tree – near Finsbury Park in north London.

**Munich, Germany**

Artist Alain Roche plays a piano concert, 'When the Sun Stands Still', while hanging from a crane. The audience listened to the performance through headphones facing east as the night sky turned to light. The duration and start time of the concerts are different every day: they are based on the Earth's elliptical orbit around the sun.

**Tehran, Iran**

People take pictures with an art installation in the shape of an egg, a symbol of Nowruz, the Persian New Year, on display in a street ahead of celebrations in the Iranian capital. Nowruz falls on March 20.

Pontyclun, UK

The Royal Mint displays its latest collectable Star Wars coins and bullion bars. Following the success of an initial Star Wars coin series, the second series is dedicated to the franchise's vehicles.

**Teluk, Indonesia**

A villager stands among plastic and domestic waste on a beach as high tides sweep it to shore, in Banten province.

March 17

**Kyiv, Ukraine**

Children wearing traditional outfits prepare to perform songs for 'Masnytsia', a holiday that originated in pagan times and celebrates the end of winter.

Villa de Leyva, Colombia

A child dressed as an astronaut attends an Astronomy Festival.



Source : The Guardian