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A Singithi Pola in Saliyawewa

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Closing date for this week's competitions:

May 15, 2024



Enjoying Avurudu



Rasandi Ranasinghe (8 years)
Musaeus College, Colombo 7

A fruit basket



Meshach (12 years)
Sheffield Int. School

Waterfall



Mohamed Yusuf (14 years)
Colombo South Int. College

Avurudu celebration



Adriel Evangelina Cooray (Grade 1)
Our Lady of Victories Convent,
Moratuwa

My favourite teacher

A teacher is an important person in everyone's life. Teachers bring good education and good habits.

My favourite teacher is Malah Devadas. She is my class teacher and she also teaches Maths. She has full knowledge about her subject. She explains the subjects in a very easy way. I love her teaching style.

She always comes to school on time. She loves all her students as if they are her own children. She always helps any student. She never makes any difference between her students.

I have a great regard for her because she always leads the students to the right path.

Sharanya Prashanthan (Grade 5)
Hindu Ladies' College, Colombo 6

112th Anniversary of the Titanic

In April 1912, a ship called RMS Titanic with 2,400 people on board, sank in the Atlantic Ocean. It was found on September 1, 1985.

Today we pray for all the passengers who died on it. People worked hard in building the ship. It took three years to build it! It was launched in 1911 and set sail in 1912 exactly 112 years ago.

The first 'Titanic' movie was made in 1929 called 'Atlantik'. The Captain of the Titanic was Edward Smith.

Saijay Kaanaruban (9 years)
S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia

Sinhala and Tamil New Year

In the Sinhala and Tamil New Year most of the Sinhala and Tamil people, (even the Muslim people sometimes) celebrate the occasion. People celebrate New Year in April, on the twelfth or thirteenth. People wear new clothes and light firecrackers. In the morning, on the special day, parents give their children money and also go house to house, gifting milk-rice and other sweets. Families wear a particular colour of clothes each year so it looks unique. There is an auspicious time for everything.

There are many activities to do in the Sinhala and Tamil New Year like Blindman's Bluff and bike races. My favourite game is hitting the opponent with a pillow, on a tree. People visit their relatives' places and play an interesting board game with a dice, where they can

win money and lose at the same time. People run around the village to win prizes and it is super interesting though some people might also be injured, when playing these games.

Once I won a first place prize for the 100 m run and second place for dancing with a partner, while holding a balloon on my head. So as the people try participating in these challenges they have a chance to win. Sinhala and Tamil New Year is fun, as people participate in the challenges. I have also won up to thirty thousand rupees playing the dice game where I hit the dice on a board. It was such a good experience and I enjoyed it a lot.

Dojitha Jayawardena (Grade 7)
Wycherley Int. School

The Balloon seller



Minuk Manthuja (Grade 4)
Bodhiraja Int. School, Embilipitiya

My home



Senalya Herath (Grade 5)
Royal In. School, Kegalle

A fish tank



Imangi Irugalbandara (10 years)
Matale Int. School

Bee family



Misali Sanalya (Grade 2)
Vidura College, Kurunegala

My medicinal garden

Everyone has their own garden at home. But I have a medicinal garden. We all know about medicinal plants. Some of them are *Tulsi*, *Thippili*, *Katuwelbatu* and *Aloe Vera*. Medicinal plants cure the most number of diseases. It makes our skin fair. The *Nelli* fruit is also from a medicinal plant. There are medicinal flowers as well.

I clean my medicinal garden daily. I have put a label called 'My Medicinal Garden.' It is a precious gift by God. Under the *Kohomba* tree it is very cool. The tree with yellow flowers is called *Ranawara*. They can be boiled to make herbal drinks and tea. *Beli* flowers can be boiled and served with a piece of jaggery. All people enjoy it. I have labelled all the medicinal plants because most people don't know how to identify them. So we can help them with the names of medicinal plants.

Every morning after breakfast, I drink some porridge. My friends, don't be sad if you find it difficult to identify medicinal plants because I will be a 'medicinal plant identifying hero.'

Yonali Manukulasuriya (Grade 3)
Lyceum Int. School, Panadura

My pet



My pet is a dog. Its name is Rex. Its colour is black and brown. It likes to eat meat. I love my pet dog.

Manula Abeysekara (Grade 4)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

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Why is it important for schools to have rules and regulations?

Having rules and regulations in schools is essential for several reasons.

Firstly, they promote a secure environment for students and staff. Schools must consider the well-being of everyone within their premises. Good rules regarding behaviour, dress code, and security help maintain order, prevent conflicts, and make a peaceful environment, which is essential for students. This makes a good learning environment. By providing guidelines and consequences for unacceptable conduct, schools can create an environment of calm for learning and personal development.

Next, rules establish a sense of discipline among students. Discipline is an essential good quality of education as it helps individuals develop self-control, responsibility and respect for others.

By following rules, students learn to follow instructions, meet challenges and work cooperatively.

These skills are not only important for academic success but also preparation for future leaders.

Furthermore, rules and regulations bring fairness and equality within the school community.

Finally, rules and regulations in schools help prepare students for life outside the educational setting. In the real world, individuals encounter rules and expectations everywhere – at workplaces, in public spaces and within communities. By experiencing and understanding rules at an early age, students learn how to navigate and abide by societal norms, which are crucial for their personal and professional success.

In conclusion, having rules and regulations in schools is paramount for various reasons. They create a safe environment, foster discipline, promote fairness and equality, contribute to a positive learning environment, and prepare students for life beyond the classroom. By following and respecting these rules, students develop important life skills that will benefit them in their future.

Yusuf-ul-Haq (Grade 8)
Matale Int. School

In our online issue this week:

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The students of Saliyawewa Neelabemma Primary School participated in a *Singithi Pola* recently.

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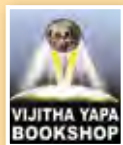
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NOTE

Please see Page 7 in the online edition for the details of Bookaroo Speakers.

Read-a-Book for March

9 years and below

Senuri Gunawardana

The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann Wyss

10 – 12 years

Suhanya Gamaarachchi

Ever After High – Wonderlandful World by Shannon Hale

13 – 15 years

Akeef Ahamed

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis



Tomahawk

Quiz No. 218

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 218 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2024.

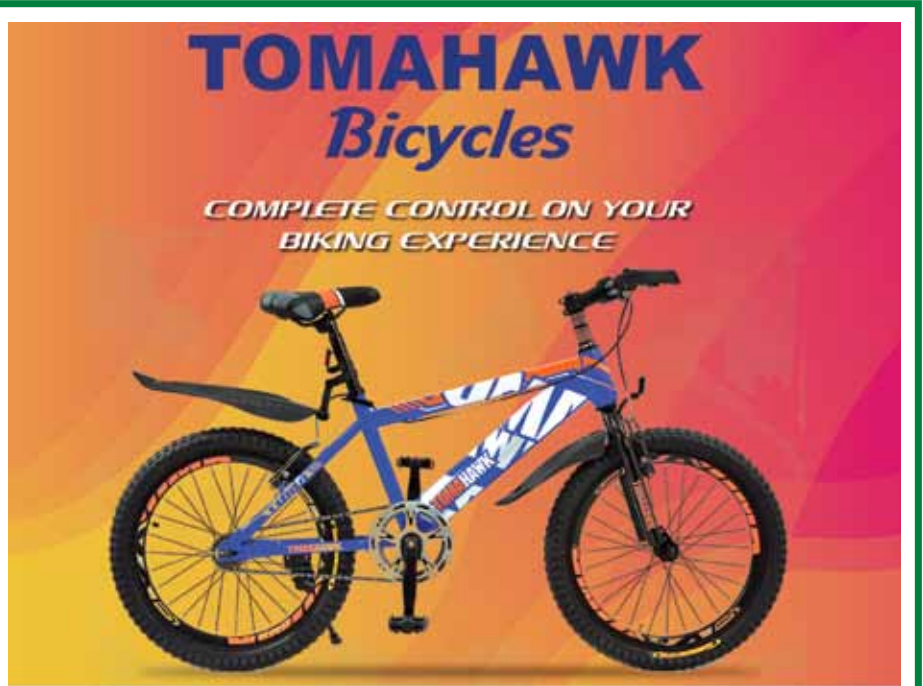
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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 218

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2. Name the coastal areas in Sri Lanka that are well-known for whale and dolphin watching.
3. Which film won seven awards including 'Best Picture' at the Oscars 2024?
4. When is World Water Day observed and what was the theme for 2024?
5. Name four famous landmarks that plunged into darkness to mark Earth Hour?



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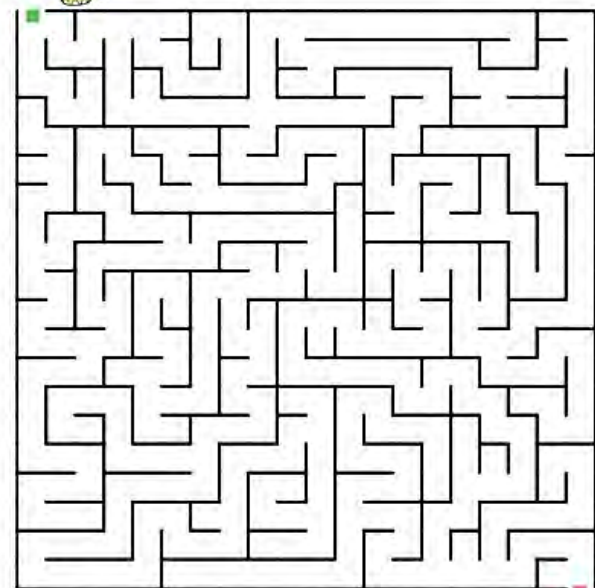
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Fourier Series

Maths in Action 80

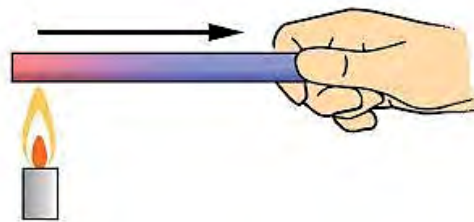
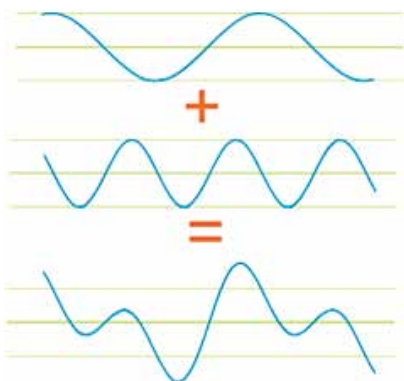
By R. N. A. de Silva

From ancient times, scientists and mathematicians have had an interest in the sound created by vibrating strings.

Pythagoras discovered that if two strings one of which is twice the length of the other are considered, the short string will vibrate with twice the frequency of the longer string and that the resulting notes are an octave apart. Aristotle proposed that sound travelled in waves. Galileo figured that higher the frequency of the vibrations, higher the pitch of the sound. Later mathematicians figured out that any string will support an infinite series of vibrations.

In 1822, the French mathematician Joseph Fourier while attempting to find how heat diffused through a solid object, found that the heat waves could be broken down into its constituent sine waves. This discovery known as the Fourier analysis, has applications in the study of sound. The theorem states that any repetitive waveform can be represented by a collection of sine and cosine waves. This includes complex signals such as the human voice and musical instruments.

In simple terms, sine and cosine waves can be combined to create other functions as shown in the figure below. This is the idea of a Fourier Series.



In the present world, Fourier analysis plays a significant role in many applications such as analysis of MRI scans, speech recognition and musical pitch correction software and digital file compression.



Math Plot 79 – Solution

The answer is 50%.

The winner is **Senuli Rathnasekara** of **St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo 7**.
Congratulations!

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$



Math Plot - 80

Try to find the solution to the following puzzle. You may send solutions with reasoning to rnades@gmail.com within the next three days. Please include your full name, date of birth, home address, contact details and the name of your school along with the solution.



What's the missing number in the circle?


Ginger Meggs


Bookaroo Festival

Details of speakers



Alicia Dongjoo Bang, Seoul, South Korea

A storyteller, educator, and festival director from South Korea, Alicia shares Korean folktales worldwide and in local libraries and bookstores. As president of the Korea International Storytellers' Association she nurtures storytelling globally.

Arefa Tehsin, Udaipur, India

Arefa grew up treading jungles with her naturalist father. She was often found trying to catch a snake or spin a yarn. Ex-Hon. Wildlife Warden, Udaipur, she's the author of 19 books and a columnist.

Ashok Rajagopalan, Chennai, India

Ashok loves to tell stories and draw pictures that make people, especially little people, laugh. He loves reading, talking, laughing and walking in the rain and lives in a green, quiet part of Chennai with his noisy family.

Canato Jimo, Bengaluru, India

Art director Canato, who comes from Nagaland, loves to watch picture books come alive. He moonlights as a musician, loves to guzzle tea and pop bubble wraps, and is a recovering stationery addict.

Champa Saha, Bengaluru, India

Champa's role as teacher, special educator and counsellor gives her the opportunity to be in the world that she loves the most – that of stories. She loves stories, children and dogs, not necessarily in that order!

Chantal-Fleur Sandjon, Berlin, Germany

Chantal-Fleur is an Afro-German author. She writes her first drafts long-hand and dances a lot at her desk. Her YA novel 'The Sun, So Bright and Black' was, among other things, awarded the German Youth Literature Prize.

Deepa Balsavar, Mumbai, India

Deepa loves animals, children, books and printmaking. She is usually found with ink on her hands, or with her nose in a book, her animals curled up beside her. Deepa also writes and illustrates children's books.

Irushi Tennekoon, Rajagiriya, Colombo

Irushi is a picture book artist and animator based in Colombo. Through her work she explores extraordinary stories about everyday people and places.

Professor J. B. Disanayaka, Colombo

Despite a long list of impressive titles (Deshamanya, Sahitya Ratna, Deshanetru), Professor Disanayaka retains a charming personality and a great sense of humour. His retelling of Lankan folktales is a gift to the country's children.

Janaki Galappatti, Colombo

Janaki has enjoyed creating stories as a child, a parent, a scientist, a teacher and a writer. Having worked at early Bookaroos in Delhi, she looks forward to joining Bookaroo in her hometown.

Priya Kuriyan, Bengaluru, India

An illustrator, picture book and comics maker, Priya lives and works in the city of Bangalore and in her spare time likes to make caricatures of the city's residents.

Lavanya Karthik, Mumbai, India

Writer, illustrator, daydreamer and nap-taker, Lavanya's books have won a few awards, been translated into many languages and travelled the world. She can be found wandering through the by-lanes of Mumbai, looking for her next story.

Lanka Perera and Udeshika Perera, Colombo

Lanka has been an advisor to primary schools in Sri Lanka for over 40 years. Later, she set up a foundation to promote creative writing by schoolchildren (and adults) and conducts workshops across the country.

Udeshika has worked as an advisor to pre-schools for over 30 years. Together with Lanka, she has participated in conducting creative writing workshops for schoolchildren.

Lavanya Prasad, Bengaluru, India

Electrical-engineer-turned-professional-storyteller, Lavanya, believes that she makes better and lasting connections through stories rather than electrical wires. Blending music, movement, folklore and mythology, she continues to enthral people across all ages through her organization, Tale'scope.

Nadishka Aloysius, Colombo

Nadishka is a teacher, stage actor, and award-winning author who is a firm believer that #representationmatters. She writes for children and adults, conducts creative writing workshops and visits schools to celebrate Sri Lankan culture and wildlife.

Nina Sabnani, Chennai, India

Nina is an artist and storyteller who uses film, illustration and writing to tell her stories. She is the recipient of the BLBA award for Illustration from Tata Trusts.

Rukshani Weerasooriya Wijemanne, Colombo

With a background in law, Rukshani has always enjoyed words. She loves learning them, saying them, reading them, writing them, playing with them, making them rhyme and sometimes even making them up!

Savio Mascarenhas, Mumbai, India

Growing up with a galaxy of characters from Tinkle and Amar Chitra Katha, Savio chose to live in this Neverland. The group art director, Amar Chitra Katha, is a TEDx speaker on the use of visuals in learning.

Shehan Karunatilaka, Colombo

The winner of multiple global awards, Shehan writes about forgotten cricketers, war photographers, chatty ghosts, self-driving cars and time travellers. His stories are absurd and mostly true.

Shenuka Corea, Colombo

Shenuka is an illustrator, comic artist, animator and cat enthusiast. She loves telling stories about nature, monsters and the magic. An MFA student at SVA's Visual Narrative Program she is working on a graphic novel.

April 24

News in Pictures



Berck-sur-Mer, France
A woman watches people flying kites at the beach, during the 37th International Kite Festival.



Texas, USA
A young man holds his one-year-old son as they sit along the bank of the Rio Grande while searching for an entry point into El Paso.

Nairobi, Kenya
Isaac Mburu Wanyoike (left), a gang member turned pro-fencer, trains teenagers in the sport as part of an effort to keep them away from crime and drug use.



Hanover, Germany
A visitor plays 'rock, paper, scissors' with an SVH servo-electric 5 finger gripping hand at a technology fair.



Athens, Greece
Saharan dust turns the air orange.



Dhaka, Bangladesh
Plastic pollution in the city is so severe that it is sinking into the riverbed and can be found more than two metres (7 feet) underground.

April 23



Qingyuan, China
An island is flooded after heavy rains in southern China's Guangdong province. More than 100,000 people have been evacuated due to heavy rain and fatal floods, with the government issuing its highest-level rainstorm warning for the affected area.

Sydney, Australia
Members of the Bondi Board Riders Club, various local sporting clubs, and lifeguards participate in a 'paddle-out' at Bondi Beach to honour the victims of the Westfield Bondi Junction stabbings.



Hualien, Taiwan
The Full Hotel building, which had been previously damaged in the April 3 earthquake, tilts further to one side after a series of earthquakes overnight.

Source : The Guardian