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Art by Vosadi Maldeniya (Grade 2)



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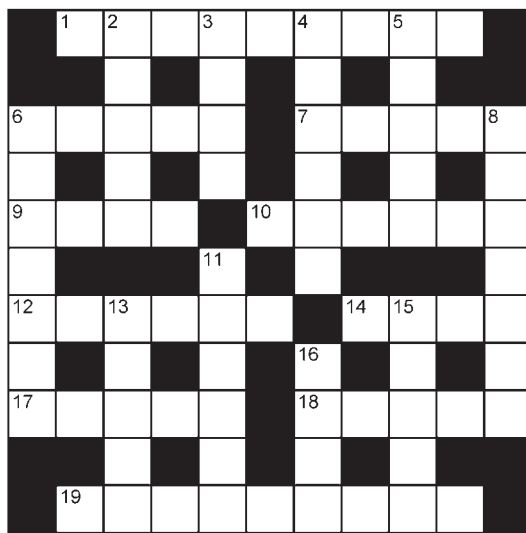


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Junior Crossword – No. 991



Across

- The day before today
- The country of the Spanish
- Robber
- Opposite of win
- Least
- Required
- Naked
- Mistake
- Nipping sea creatures
- Hairs around your eyes

Down

- Students' tests
- Very small
- Decayed and smelly
- Living
- No sound at all
- Male parents
- A motor fuel
- Sooner than expected
- Not asleep
- High playing cards

Please enter your full name, date of birth, home address, mobile number and school.

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WINNER

Sanadee Wickramasinghe,
Matara

Solution - No 989

B	U	L	L	F	R	O	G	L	
U	I	F	A	O	I				
G	I	F	T	F	A	R	M	E	R
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B	U	S	E	S	C	L	I	M	B
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Y	E	A	R	L	E	A	R	L	E
L	G	E							O
F	E	A	S	T	W	A	R	D	

Sudoku 350

	5			6	
		3	4		
	2			3	
	6			5	
		1	2		
	4			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 350 using logic and reasoning. This is a good exercise for your mind.

Solution – No. 348

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

Happy Birthday



Dhilshan Ibrahim
11 years on May 8



Aradhith Abeyratne
15 years on May 4



Srikanth Kohith
5 years on April 29

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.

Bookaroo Festival in Colombo

Bookaroo, India's first and largest children's literature festival is now coming to Sri Lanka for the first time.

With its singular objective of bringing children and books together and spread the joy of reading for pleasure, Bookaroo will be in Colombo on May 10 and 11 to make books come alive at BMICH Kamatha.

Twenty one speakers who have written or illustrated children's books along with storytellers will regale audiences in their sessions. All sessions are in two-year age bands. That is 4 - 6, 6 - 8, 8 - 10, 10 - 12 and 12 - 14 years. Some are for all ages which as the categorisation suggests is open to everyone.

The two days in Colombo have been planned in such a way that school groups can register for events on Friday, May 10. Day 2, May 11 is open to all.

The festival offers storytelling session at *Katha Gasa* which is an open-air venue where children can listen to stories from Sri Lanka and around the world. From folktales and fables to modern tales it has all. Some with music, others with movement.

You can meet international storyteller Alicia Dongjoo Bang from Korea who will tell you about Korean art, music and games, Indian storyteller Lavanya Prasad tells you about the song that saved a village. Sri Lanka's favourite author Prof. J. B. Disanayaka brings with him folktales from Sri Lanka. Sessions are in a mix of English, Sinhala and Tamil. Shehan Karunatilaka has two sessions on Saturday. The Booker Prize winner has a storytelling session followed by a writing workshop.

The Auditorium and Studio offer a variety of talks and workshops that include creating graphic novels with author-illustrator Lavanya Karthik, getting to know little-known facts about the animal world with wildlife enthusiast and writer Arefa Tehsin. German author Chantal-Fleur Sandjon brings with her the story of 'Nova' in a poetic reading and performance.

Two ace illustrators from India, Ashok Rajagopalan and Savio Mascarenhas creators of cult characters from the world of Indian picture books will bring these to life on paper. With their deft strokes and masterful storytelling they are bound to bring a smile to children's faces.

While we realise that reading and writing are an inherent part of growing up and helping children explore books, we also think the art behind books need to be highlighted. This is why we have the Doodle Wall and Crafty Corner in every Bookaroo. Here children are encouraged to unleash their artistic self under the guidance of speakers who

La Petite Fleur Schools
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Bookaroo
Festival of Children's Literature

To celebrate 30 years of service to the child
First time in Sri Lanka!
Join La Petite Fleur and Bookaroo for a weekend
where books come alive

21 Speakers
5 Countries
50 Sessions

Schedule: May 10*, 2024: 9am-2.30pm & May 11, 2024: 10am-3.30pm
Venue: BMICH, Kamatha, Colombo **Ages:** 4 to 14

Entry to Bookaroo sessions is free on first-come-first-seated basis
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NOTE

Please see our website www.fundaytimes.lk for details of Bookaroo programme schedules.

are experts in this. Nina Sabnani, Indian animation filmmaker will show collage making with cloth as well as give children insight into making different kinds of books. Award winning illustrator Priya Kuriyan is all set to have a lot of fun with children at the Yum Yum Wall amongst other activities.

While all sessions are one-hour long, Bookaroo also offers an ongoing activity, C is for Colombo led by author-illustrator Deepa Balsavar. Through the two days we want to explore what Colombo means to children

through art and words.

What's more, the festival bookstore Goodreads will stock all these participating authors' books and children can buy them to get them autographed. Bookaroo believes this experience of listening to an author speak and then having a memory of the beloved author at home gives a complete experience that they will cherish for a lifetime.

Food and drink stalls too will be available. There is a half-an hour gap between session.

All sessions are on a first-come-first-seated basis.

Tomahawk

Quiz No. 219

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 219 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issue and e-papers of April 7, 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. 219' 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

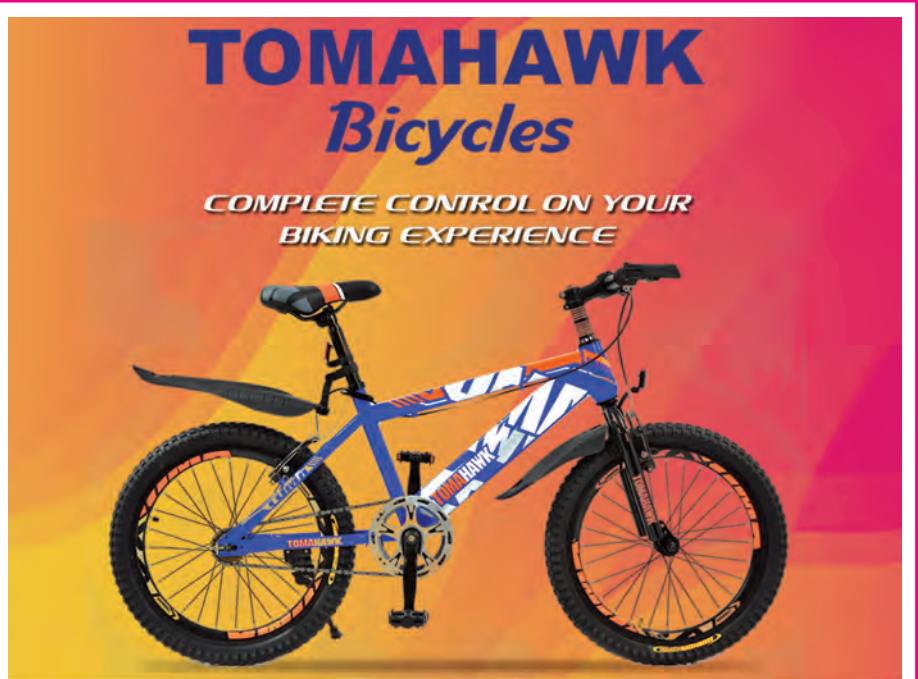
All Funday Times readers between 8 - 15 years are eligible to participate.

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

Closing Date: May 31, 2024

Tomahawk Quiz No. 218

▶ Thuraaya Juheer, Colombo 5



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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 219

1. What is India's Lower House of Parliament known as?
2. Where and when is the Bookaroo Festival of Children's Literature being held?
3. What is 'Gardens by the Bay' and where is it located?
4. When is Earth Day annually observed and what is the theme for this year?
5. What is the cause of coral bleaching?



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4 - 6 years



- ▶ Ranaya Abeywickrama, Galle
- ▶ Fathima Yara, Colombo 6
- ▶ Habiba Raza Hussain, Dehiwela
- ▶ Aradhana MS, Colombo 2
- ▶ Fathima Aaliya, Dehiwela

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

4 - 6 AGE GROUP

Family Word Search

X	M	B	I	D	A	D	K
V	S	O	Z	N	F	Q	M
G	D	Y	E	J	H	R	O
I	F	A	M	I	L	Y	M
R	B	P	L	C	W	U	G
L	A	T	O	B	A	B	Y



DAD



MOM



BABY



BOY



GIRL



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World Press Freedom Day 2024

Compiled by Cecilia Hewavitharana

Since its proclamation by the UN General Assembly in December 1993, World Press Freedom Day has been observed annually on May 3, which is the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek.

World Press Freedom Day primarily serves as a reminder to governments around the world that they need to uphold their commitment to ensure press freedom, but it also serves as a day for the general public and media professionals to reflect upon the issues of press freedom.

Declaration of Windhoek

The Declaration of Windhoek is a statement outlining free press principles which was compiled by newspaper journalists in Africa during the UNESCO's seminar "Promoting an Independent and Pluralistic African Press", which took place in Windhoek, Namibia in 1991. This declaration was later endorsed by UNESCO's General Conference in the same year.

This declaration became the catalyst that promoted press freedom, independence, and pluralism not only in Africa, but around the world.



A PRESS FOR THE PLANET 2024

JOURNALISM IN THE FACE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS
World Press Freedom Day

This year's theme is "A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the face of the environmental crisis", which aims to highlight the vital role of journalism and freedom of expression in overcoming the current global environmental crisis.

Journalists are responsible for finding and spreading information on contemporary issues (such as climate change, deforestation, animal trafficking, poaching, pollution, extractive industries and illegal mining).

From an oil spill that has destroyed an entire coastline to a river that has dried up in some obscure rural area, journalists are the ones responsible for making these issues known to the world.

However, journalists are faced with a great many challenges in the course of their work, and in some cases even risk their lives to stand up for the truth, so World Press Freedom Day is a reminder that journalists should be allowed to carry out their work safely.

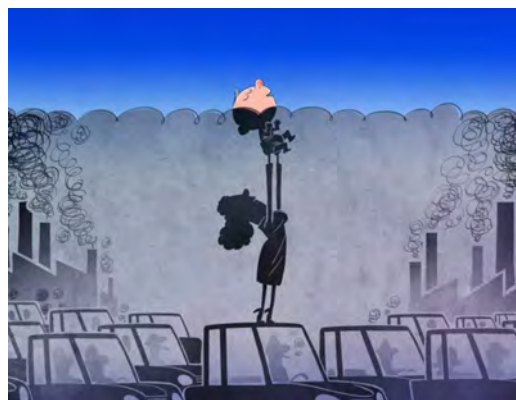
To support this year's theme, UNESCO and Cartooning for Peace released a series of cartoons by cartoonists from around the world, some of which can be seen here.



By Sherif Arafa, Egyptian cartoonist



By Plop & KanKr, French cartoonists



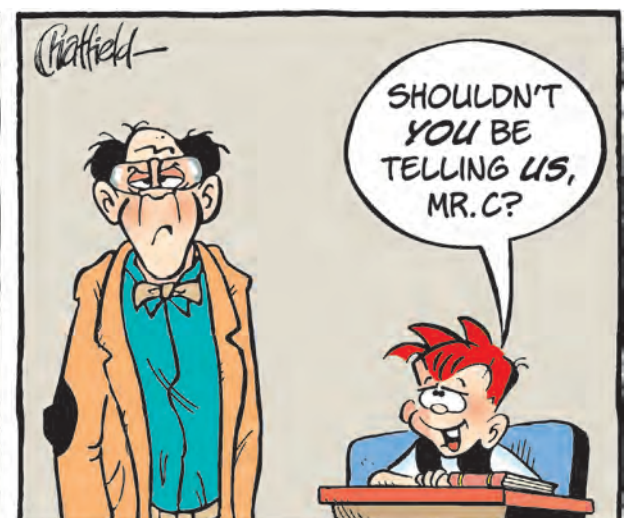
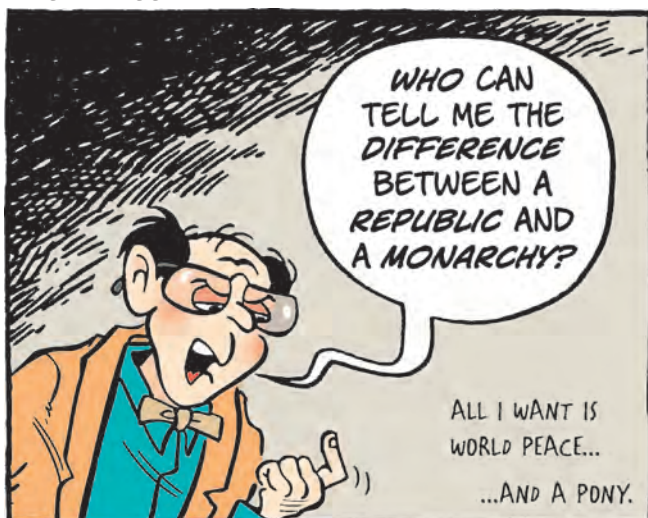
By Mohsen Izadi, Iranian cartoonist



By Herrmann, Swiss cartoonist

Sources: United Nations / UNESCO / European Parliament

Ginger Meggs



Orca

Six tons of pure power whacks an ice floe floating in cold Arctic waters. The seal lying on top of the ice doesn't stand a chance. Knocked into the sea, the seal becomes a meal for one of the ocean's top predators — the huge orca, or killer whale.



COMMON NAME: Orca (Killer Whale)

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Orcinus orca*

TYPE: Mammals

DIET: Carnivore

GROUP NAME: Pod

AVERAGE LIFE SPAN IN THE WILD:

50 to 80 years

SIZE: 23 to 32 feet

WEIGHT: Up to 6 tons



Orcas hunt everything from fish to walruses, seals, sea lions, penguins, squid, sea turtles, sharks and even other kinds of whales. Depending on the season and where they are, their diet varies — some orcas eat more fish and squid than seals and penguins. But wherever they are in any of the world's oceans, average-sized orcas may eat about 500 pounds (227 kilograms) of food a day. Orcas have many hunting techniques, and bumping seals off ice is just one of them.

Often referred to as wolves of the sea, orcas live and hunt together in cooperative pods, or family groups, much like a pack of wolves. They work together as they hunt. Groups of orcas cooperate to herd fish into a compact area so that they're easier to eat. They will also slap their tails onto the water's surface, causing a wave to wash prey, such as penguins or sea lions, off ice floes and into the water. Sometimes a pod of whales will join forces to surround a larger animal, such as a blue whale. They chase, bite and wear it down until it becomes a meal.

Orcas' teeth, numbering about 45 and each measuring about 3 inches (7.6 cm) long, are shaped for ripping and tearing prey. Orcas do not chew their food. They can swallow small seals and sea lions whole. The prey slides down the orcas' throats! Bigger prey is eaten in chunks. The colour pattern of orcas may help them sneak up on and attack their prey. Their backs are black, their stomachs are white. Animals looking down on an orca from above, such as a seal on an ice floe, might not see it because the whale's dark back blends with the water below.

National Geographic Kids



Crack a smile! It is almost World Laughter Day

May 1, 2024

On May 5, 2024, people from all walks of life will come together to celebrate World Laughter Day. This joyous holiday, marked annually on the first Sunday in May, is the brainchild of Indian physician Dr. Madan Kataria. It reminds us that laughter is a powerful tool for bringing people together and improving one's overall physical and mental health.

Dr. Kataria's quest to make the world a healthier and happier place began in Mumbai, India, in 1995 with the introduction of Laughter Yoga. The unique fitness class combined laughter with deep breathing exercises



to create a joyful and relaxing experience. The first class attracted just five people. But as word of this fun fitness movement spread, laughter yoga classes began to sprout up all over the world.

Today, there are over 20,000 Laughter Yoga clubs spread across 120 countries. Members get together almost daily and “exercise” by laughing out loud, waving their hands, and making funny faces at one another.

Dr. Kataria maintains that the combination of impulsive laughter and breathing helps stretch muscles and activates hormones that make us happy. Additionally, Laughter Yoga can reduce stress and anxiety, boost the immune system, and decrease pain and inflammation.

In 1998, to raise awareness of the importance of laughter, Dr. Kataria declared the first Sunday in May ‘World Laughter Day.’ The occasion is celebrated with city-organized events in public parks to encourage friends and strangers to laugh together. Some even award prizes for the “best laugh” — a natural and effortless chuckle for no reason.

Unable to find a public Laughter Day event nearby? Organize your own with family and friends. Alternatively, mark the occasion by enjoying a comedy show or a hilarious movie. But most importantly, embrace the spirit of World Laughter Day by spreading joy and laughter every day.

KNOW WHY LAUGHING IS GOOD FOR YOU?

Five health benefits of laughter

- 1 Helps the heart by improving blood flow
- 2 Helps relieve pain by releasing endorphins
- 3 Eases feelings of depression and anxiety by reducing stress hormones
- 4 Helps burn calories by raising the heart rate
- 5 May help the immune system by boosting infection-fighting antibodies

Indonesia: Airports shut, people moved to safety as volcano erupts

May 1, 2024

A remote island volcano in northern Indonesia called Mount Ruang has erupted several times, according to the country's weather agency.

The Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) reported that at least six airports are closed because of the volcanic ash spread from the eruption.

Indonesia's national disaster agency, BNPB, estimate around 11,000 people have been moved to safety.

This includes residents living on Mount Ruang, as well as those on the neighbouring Tagulandang island.



The dramatic eruption was caught on camera by locals, which showed lightning flashing above the volcano's crater.

A statement from PVMBG, Indonesia's centre for volcanology, said that Mount Ruang first erupted

at around 1am local time on Tuesday, followed by two more eruptions.

This caused a thick cloud of volcanic ash to be sent into the sky. BMKG have been tracking this ash, which has reached as far as Borneo – an island shared between the countries of Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei.

Indonesia's Search and Rescue Agency have been helping people in Ruang and Tagulandang get on boats to travel to safety, away from the volcano.

Source : CBBC Newsround

May 1

News in Pictures



Nairobi, Kenya
Displaced children eat after getting food rations at a rescue centre after the Nairobi river burst its banks and destroyed their homes within the Mathare Valley Settlement in Nairobi. (Source: Reuters)



Rafah, Gaza Strip
Palestinian children carrying water containers walk past a residential building damaged in an Israeli strike.

Stroud, UK
The Miserden Morris dancing group perform at sunrise on Rodborough Common as part of the May Day celebrations.



Sulawesi Island, Indonesia
Mount Ruang releases volcanic materials during its second eruption in two weeks, spewing ash almost 2 km into the sky, closing an airport and peppering nearby villages with debris.

April 30

Paris, France
Employees of the Louvre return the painting 'Liberty Leading the People' (1830) by Eugène Delacroix to its original spot after its restoration. The picture goes back on display on May 2 after six months of restoration work.



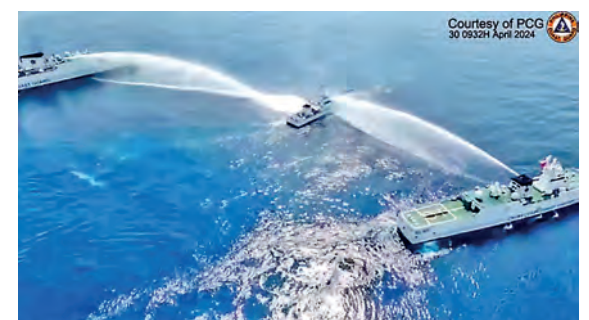
Rafah, Gaza
Alaa Abu Al-Roos and her sister look after Yehia Hamuda, a Palestinian infant who was evacuated to south Gaza as a premature baby after Israeli forces raided Kamal Adwan hospital in the northern Gaza Strip. He is separated from his parents due to an Israeli checkpoint.



Nochten, Germany
The Boxberg coal-fired power plant stands behind the newly inaugurated PV-Park Boxberg solar energy park. LEAG, the energy company that owns both, is building what it claims will be Germany's biggest concentration of green energy production.



Santa Monica, USA
Cirque du Soleil performer Mitch Wynter, known as the Trickster, (left) is joined by contortionist Sender Enkhtur (centre) and diabolo performer Wei-Liang Lin at Santa Monica Beach.



South China Sea
The Philippine coastguard ship BRP Bagacay is hit by water cannon from Chinese coastguard vessels near the Chinese-controlled Scarborough shoal in disputed waters of the South China Sea.

Source : The Guardian