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Closing date for this week's competitions:
June 4, 2024

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Bookaroo
 Festival of Children's Literature

The first edition of Bookaroo Children's Literature Festival in Colombo was held at the BMICH on May 10 and 11, 2024. The Colombo edition was presented by LPF (La Petite Fleur) Schools to celebrate '30 years of service to the child'.

Twenty one speakers from Sri Lanka, India, Seoul and Berlin participated in the Bookaroo Festival. For a large number of school children from government, private and international schools it was a weekend of sharing the joy of books through storytelling, art and craft workshops, writing events, Q&A with authors and more.

It was also a perfect opportunity for young folks from 4 - 14 years to interact with the authors and illustrators and immerse themselves in creativity.

Sunday Times & Funday Times were the Print Media Partners.



Alicia Dongjoo Bang



Wonder Seekers



'In the Mighty Jungle' - Lavanya Prasad



'Hold on Tight' - Nadishka Aloysius



Children's Literature Festival



Storytelling at Katha Gasa



'In Which Box Do I Go?' - Janaki Galappatti



'The Serpent Hunters in your Backyard' - Arefa Tehsin



'Crazy Comics' - Shenuka Corea



'Let the Pictures Speak' - Lavanya Karthik



Literature Festival



At Crafty Corner



At Crafty Corner



At Doodle Wall



At Doodle Wall



'Padaar, Thadaar!' - Ashok Rajagopalan



'Villu Paatu' - Lavanya Prasad



Storytime with Shehan Karunatilaka



'The Real Jetsetters' - Arefa Tehsin



'C is for Colombo' - All Day Activity



'Get, Set, Go!' - Alicia Dongjoo Bang



Book signing by Prof. J. B. Disanayaka



'Freshly Baked' - Rukshani Weerasooriya Wijemanne



'Villu Paatu' - Lavanya Prasad



'The Real Jetsetters' - Arefa Tehsin



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.)



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QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 219

1. What is India's Lower House of Parliament known as?
2. Where and when was the Bookaroo Festival of Children's Literature 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?

Closing Date: May 31, 2024

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Celebrating Tea

Compiled by Cecilia Hewavitharana

Second only to water, tea is the most consumed drink in the world, with its origins believed to be in northeast India, north Myanmar, and southwest China. Made from infusing the leaves of the *Camellia sinensis* plant in water, the drink plays an important role in many cultures, in varying and unique ways.

The history of tea

People have been consuming tea as early as 2,700 BC, as a medicinal drink, and by the 3rd century, as a daily drink. A Chinese legend tells the story of the beginning of tea as a drink. The Emperor Shen Nung was resting under a *Camellia* bush, when a leaf from it fell into his cup of hot water.

He was certain the plant was not poisonous, due to his knowledge of herbs, so he tasted the leaf-infused water and thought it a refreshing drink.



Tea around the world



Matcha

Matcha is finely powdered green tea from Japan. The word *matcha* is a combination of the Japanese words *matsu* (“to rub, to daub, paint”) and *cha* (“tea”). Ceremonial grade matcha is meant to be consumed on its own, while culinary grade matcha is more bitter and intended to be added to ice-cream or milk.



Boba tea

Most commonly known as Bubble tea, boba tea originated in the 1980s in Taiwan, and became immensely popular worldwide. The drink traditionally consists of iced milk tea and chewy tapioca pearls (the ‘bubbles’), although there are many variations now.

Masala chai

With its roots in India, masala chai is tea infused with spices such as ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon, cardamom, and cloves.

Masala refers to a blend of spices, while *chai* is the Hindi word for tea.



Japanese Tea Ceremony

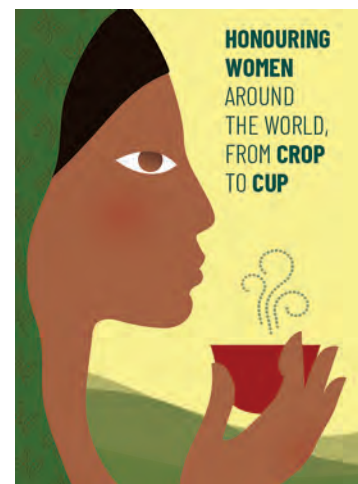
Known as *chadō* or *sadō* (the “way of tea”), or *chanoyu*, the Japanese tea ceremony elevates the simple act of preparing a drink for a guest to a form of art, where every movement is performed according to an established order. The ceremony has its roots in Zen Buddhism and is built upon appreciating the beauty of the daily routine of life.



International Tea Day

May 21 is observed annually as International Tea Day, to celebrate the universally loved drink, its cultural significance, health benefits and economic importance.

This year, International Tea Day is shining a spotlight on the role of women in the tea sector, as well as stressing the importance of sustainable production “from crop to cup” to make sure the benefits of tea for people, cultures and the environment endure for generations.



Sources : United Nations / Britannica / Smithsonian Magazine / National Geographic

From a Funday Times Young Reporter

The Marvellous Nelum Kuluna

In the heart of Sri Lanka, soaring into the sky like a magnificent flower, stands a remarkable structure. The Nelum Kuluna, also known as the Lotus Tower, is a symbol of pride for the people of Sri Lanka, captivating the imagination of both locals and visitors alike.

The Nelum Kuluna, or Lotus Tower, is an observation tower that has graced the Colombo skyline since its completion in 2019. The Nelum Kuluna stands tall at a remarkable height of 351.5 m (1153 feet), making it one of the tallest structures in South Asia. The design of the tower is inspired by the lotus flower, a significant symbol in Sri Lankan culture.

The Lotus Tower offers a breathtaking view of Colombo from its observation deck. Visitors can ascend the tower and witness the city beneath them.

The tower consists of various activities on each floor including a

5G Innovation Centre, ESports Arena, Rooftop Promenade, Revolving Restaurant, Suites of Lotus and the Observation Deck.

The revolving restaurant is an amazing restaurant that turns around while you dine, allowing you to experience the breathtaking views while you enjoy your meal.

The observation deck is located at a height of 225 metres (738 feet) and provides a unique perspective of the cityscape. It's a fantastic experience for both locals and tourists alike, offering a glimpse into the vibrant life of Colombo.

There were signboards that are lit up at night, along the balcony, that tell us which buildings, or landmarks we can see from each location on the tower. Each viewing area shows an important landmark. The elevator climbs up at an amazing speed and you do not even feel the floors pass by.



As night falls, the Nelum Kuluna transforms into a dazzling spectacle of lights with a display of various colours and patterns. During national events or special days, the tower lights are changed to showcase suitable colour patterns, for example the Buddhist Flag colours during Vesak Festival etc.

The next time you look up at the sky in Colombo, remember the Nelum Kuluna – a lotus in full bloom, reaching new heights.

Suhanya Gamaarachchi
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Young Reporters

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Record-breaking climbs up Mount Everest

May 13, 2024

Two world records have been set on Mount Everest on the same day.

A Nepali man has climbed the world's tallest mountain 29 times, earning the record for making the most ever summits.

Kami Rita Sherpa has been a guide on the mountain for more than 20 years and first climbed the summit in 1994.

British climber Kenton Cool set a similar record, but for a foreigner, finishing his 18th peak.

How tall is Mount Everest?

Mount Everest sits on the border of Nepal and China. The summit is believed to be the highest place in the whole world.

Until 2020, the Nepal and Chinese authorities couldn't agree on how tall the mountain is.

It's now agreed that it's 8,848.86 metres (29,031 feet) tall – that's around the height at which passenger planes fly.

The new measurement makes Mount Everest 86 cm higher than Nepal's previous height, and more than four metres higher than China's previous measurement.

Mount Everest is thought to rise about 40 cm every 100 years, so it will continue to get bigger, but very slowly.

At the top of mountain, it's very cold and capped with snow all year round.

The mountain is estimated to be 50 – 60 million years old and was formed by the collision of the Indian and Eurasian tectonic plates.

How long does it take to climb Mount Everest?

It can take 10 weeks for a trained climber to make it to the top of Mount Everest and they must go through rigorous training first.

The climb was first attempted by the British in 1921, but the first successful climb wasn't for another 30 years.

In 1953, the team of climber Edmund Hillary from New Zealand and Nepalese Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first to reach the summit of Everest.



Kami Rita Sherpa (left) has made the most ever summits and Kenton Cool (right) has set the same record for a foreigner.



Around 800 people attempt to climb the tallest mountain in the world every year.



Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary on their Mount Everest Expedition in 1953.

Source : CBBC Newsround

World Oceans Day

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World Oceans Day Competition

Pearl Protectors have once again decided to celebrate the oceans through the power of art. In this way, people of all ages have the opportunity to actively participate in the World Oceans Day celebrations.

The submitted artwork will be divided into two categories: Open Category and School Category. The main themes of the competition are; 'Threats to Our Species' and 'Into the Deep'. Participants can upload their artwork online at pearlprotectors.org.

On June 8, the winners in both categories will be highlighted on the website and other selected works will be published. In addition, all the winning artwork will be displayed at the One Galle Face Mall during Oceans Day celebrations on June 8 – 9.

Winners will be selected through a four-member panel of judges and the top 30 winners will be awarded prizes on the second day of World Oceans Day celebrations at One Galle Face Mall.

May 14

News in Pictures



Caracas, Venezuela ▲
A dancer from Bolivia's La Diablada de Oruro gets ready to perform at the Viva Venezuela World Festival.



Baltimore, USA
Crews conduct a controlled demolition of a section of the Francis Scott Key Bridge resting on the Dali container ship. The bridge collapsed on March 26 when the vessel lost power and collided into a support column, killing six construction workers. ◀



Java, Indonesia ◀
Mount Merapi spews lava down its slopes.

London, England ▶
Gucci transformed Tate Modern into a jungle for its cruise collection.



May 12



Seoul, South Korea ▲
People take part in the Lotus Lantern Festival to celebrate Lord Buddha's upcoming birthday.



Soberania National Park, Panama
A keel-billed toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) pictured on Global Big Day 2024, a worldwide bird-watching event. ◀

Yasothon, Thailand ▶
Participants launch homemade rockets during the Bun Bang Fai Festival in a plea to the gods for rain before the rice-growing season.



Bernbeuren, Germany ▲
A referee monitors competitors at the town's Finger-Wrestling Championships.



Jaipur, India ◀
A man gives milk to macaques at Galta Ji Temple during a heat-wave.

Source : The Guardian