

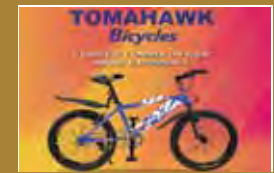


# FUNDA DAY TIMES



**Vesak 'Bathi Gee'**

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**Please send competition entries to:**



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8, Hunupitiya Cross Road,  
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**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:**

**June 18, 2024**

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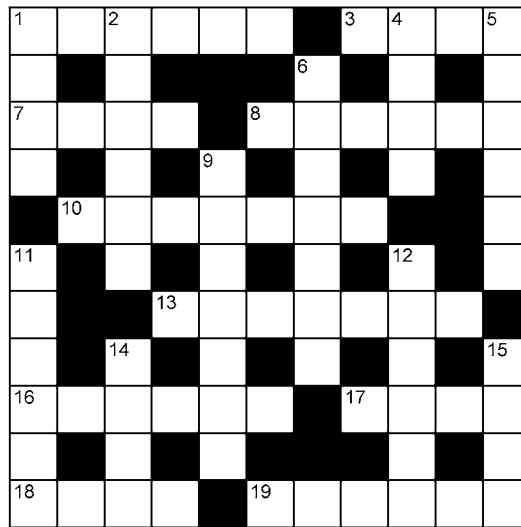


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**Junior Crossword – No. 992**



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

**All entries must be certified by a teacher or parent as your own work.**

**Across**

- 1 A male relation
- 3 A country's emblem
- 7 Painful to touch
- 8 Assistant
- 10 Old-aged
- 13 Less heavy
- 16 Quicker
- 17 Dirty city fog
- 18 Fewer
- 19 A pie's covering

**Down**

- 1 Smell with this
- 2 Red plus blue makes this colour
- 4 Part of your face
- 5 A building for a car
- 6 Having lots of money
- 9 Read these in cookbooks
- 11 A famous tower in Paris
- 12 A cyclist's hard hat
- 14 Enquires
- 15 Opposite of pretty



**Solution - No 990**



**Ranuk Jayasuriya,**  
Mt. Lavinia

**World Oceans Day**

**CELEBRATING OCEANS DAY WITH THE POWER OF ART**

**ART THEMES**  
'Threats to Oceanic Species'  
'Into the Deep Blue'

Submit an Artwork of your Image on [bit.ly/WODART24](https://bit.ly/WODART24)

Hand Painting | Digital Art | Digital Image

Rules on Submission:  
[pearlprotectors.org/world-oceans-day-through-art-guidelines](https://pearlprotectors.org/world-oceans-day-through-art-guidelines)

Submissions are open under [School] & [Open] categories. Deadline for Submission in on 4th June 2024

**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.

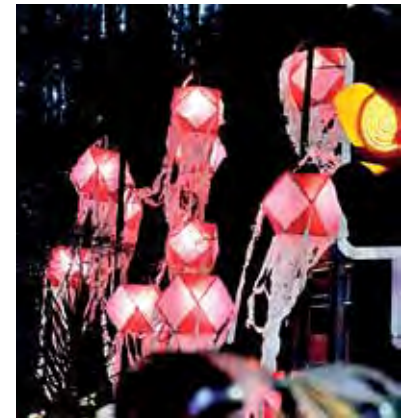
The submitted artwork will be divided into two categories: Open Category and School Category. The main themes of the competition are; 'Threats to Our Species' and 'Into the Deep'. Participants can upload their artwork online at [pearlprotectors.org](https://pearlprotectors.org).

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.



'Abhiwandana Vesak Bathi Gee' by students of Royal College, Colombo 7 was held on May 23, 2024.



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Lindsay Girls School, Colombo 3 organised a 'Seelamaya Pinkama' on May 22 to celebrate Vesak.

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**Read-a-Book and win a voucher from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop**

Read any book of your choice and write briefly about it. What we want is not just a summary of the story but your views on the book. The best account in the three age groups will be awarded book vouchers of Rs. 500 each from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop. Three winners will be selected each month.

**Read-a-Book Competition**

Name : .....

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Your account should not exceed 200 words. Please indicate word count fill in the coupon and attach it to your entry.



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# Tomahawk

## QUIZ No. 220

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 220 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issues and e-papers of May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 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. 220' 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

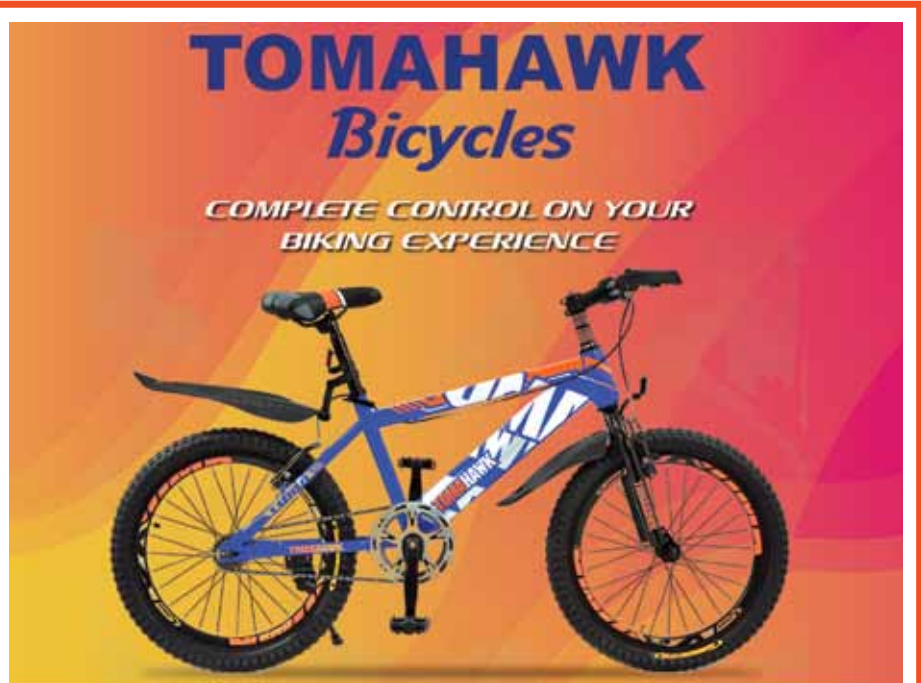
All Funday Times readers between 8 – 15 years are eligible to participate.

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

**Closing Date: June 30, 2024**

### Tomahawk Quiz No. 219

► Savinu Karunathilaka, Galle



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### QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 220

1. When is World Press Freedom Day observed? What is the theme for this year?
2. What is the longest undersea tunnel in the world and where is it located?
3. How far back can the origin of tea be traced?
4. What were the recently set record-breaking climbs up Mount Everest?
5. Who was Henri Dunant?



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4 – 6 years



- Anha Imtishan, Gampola
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- Lakira Jayaratne, Malabe

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

### 4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Match the animal with its home.



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**Maths in Action 81**

By R. N. A. de Silva

# Coastline Paradox



**W**hat is the total length of the coastline in Sri Lanka? If you are given a map of Sri Lanka drawn to a stated scale, will you be able to estimate the total length? Try it and see what value you come up with.

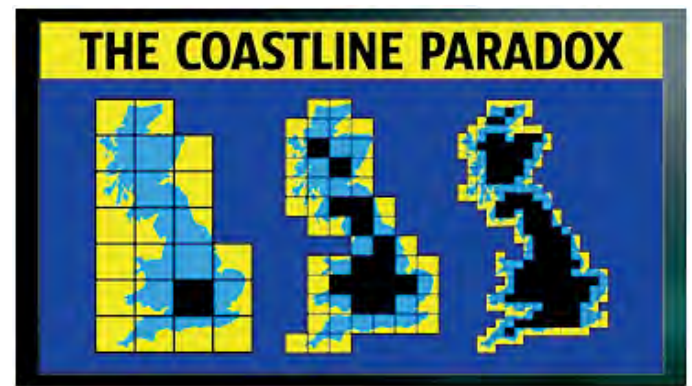
Although you expect any coastline to have a finite length, it finally depends on the method used to measure it and different methods may give conflicting estimates. If you are measuring the length of a table, it is possible to have an accurate measure with a certain degree of uncertainty. The result will be closer to the actual length if the measuring device is more accurate. When measuring a coastline, the closer measurement may not result in an increase of accuracy.



A closer measurement increases the length and therefore it is not possible to obtain an upper bound for its length. This is because at smaller scales more details of the coastline are revealed which results in a longer measured length. This counterintuitive observation is known as the 'coastline paradox'. The coastline paradox highlights the importance of scale in understanding natural phenomena.

The paradoxical nature of the length of a coastline was identified by Englishman Lewis Richardson in 1951. He was trying to answer a hypothesis that a length of a border shared by two countries had a bearing on the likelihood of war between them. Later, mathematicians found that the coastline paradox arises due to the fractal nature of coastlines. Fractals are mathematical objects that exhibit self-similarity at different scales.

The coastlines of Norway and New Zealand are found to be of highly fractal nature with many bays and inlets which ultimately contribute to their total lengths. The coastline of Australia has been found to be smoother giving a shorter measured length.

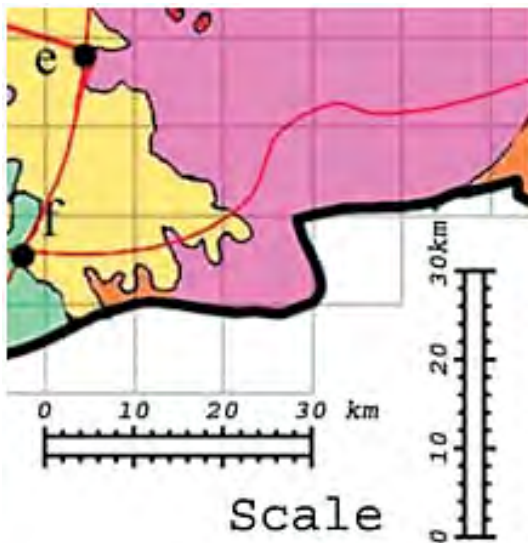


The scale matters when estimating the length. It has been found that the coastline of the United Kingdom is approximately 2800 km when measured in lengths of 100 km but 3400 km when measured with 50 km measurements.



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**Math Plot - 81**

Try to find the solution to the following puzzle. You may send solutions with reasoning to [rnades@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Mary has six sisters who were all born two years apart. Rita is the youngest and Mary is the oldest. If Rita is 7 years old, what is the age of Mary?**

**Math Plot 80 – Solution**

*The answer is 6.*

Nobody was able to provide the correct answer.

From a Funday Times Young Reporter

## The transport system of Singapore

I visited Singapore during December last year. We landed there early morning on December 10. We stayed in Singapore for four nights and five days. Throughout those days we used the public transport. We used the trains and buses in the city.

When we arrived at the Singapore Changi Airport we immediately got our tourist/travel passes which were very helpful for us newcomers. On the first day itself we used our handy travel passes to go on both the trains and buses.

The train stations there were digitalized and very fascinating. At every train station there is a big board with every detail about when a train will come and go. The stations were all very neat and tidy. At first, as foreigners it was hard for us to find our way around but eventually after a few tries we got the hang of it. In the beginning it was very complicated for us however we actually noticed that it was very convenient later on.



In Sri Lanka I have seen many trains going on rails but in Singapore the trains go in covered tunnels. There are different coloured trains for different railway tracks. Inside the train is also amazingly neat and tidy. There are also many facilities for people who need extra care. There are even wheelchair and pram lockers. There are some rules that we have to follow as well. Three of them are – no smoking, no eating and also no taking ‘durian’ in the train!



Bus rides are also super fantastic, where we can pay through the travellers pass as well as through a bank card. There are no conductors but everything happens in an orderly manner. Many bus halts are digitalized.

I have heard that Singapore’s transport system is one of the world’s best.

**Senuri Gunawardana (10 years)**  
Methodist College, Colombo 3



### Young Reporters

If you are interested in joining as a Funday Times Young Reporter please fill in the coupon given and send it to us along with a recent report or interview not exceeding 300 words.

Photographs or illustrations would enhance the report.

**Young Reporters who have already enrolled with us, please send in new reports for publication.**



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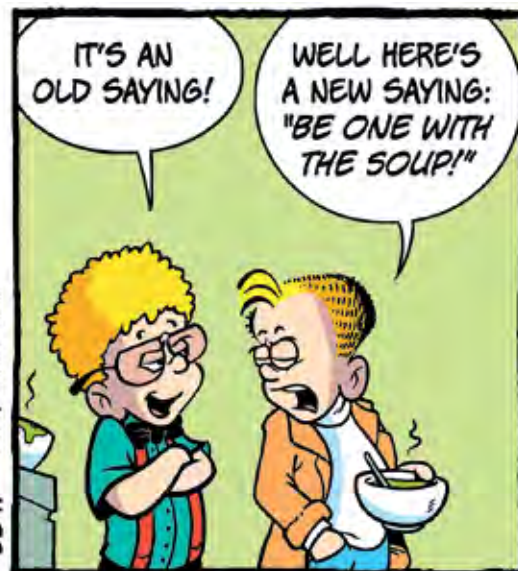
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## *Fun-filled activities for children at the British Council*

British Council libraries in Colombo, Kandy and Jaffna carried out a series of fun-filled activities such as Harry Potter Book Cover competition, Scavenger Hunt, Library Challenge, etc., for children during the month of May.

You can join British Council free of charge for a world of imagination where children explore arts and crafts and interactive learning through exciting drawing activities, games, awareness sessions on environment and quizzes.

Let your child's creativity soar as they dive into a world of endless possibilities in a library.

### **How to participate?**

Just come to our British Council Library in Colombo, Kandy or Jaffna and look for the children's section on the dates and times mentioned in our Library Events page.

### **What is the registration fee?**

It is absolutely free of charge.

### **What is the programme schedule?**

Log in to British Council Library events page at <https://www.britishcouncil.lk/library/events>

### **What is the eligibility?**

Anyone can come and participate.

### **Whom to reach out for any queries?**

Drop us an email at [library.events@britishcouncil.org](mailto:library.events@britishcouncil.org) to reserve a place for your child to participate.

Please make sure to mention the name of the child, age and the name of the session together with the name of the library in your email.

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Colombo



Kandy



Jaffna

May 28

# News in Pictures



**Chihuahua, Mexico**  
Young Indigenous Raramuri people dance during a sacred Yumari ceremony to ask for rain and good crops.



**Paris, France**  
Barriers are set up on the Champ de Mars for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This venue is hosting the beach volleyball and cécifoot (blind football) events.

May 26

**Rome, Italy**  
Pope Francis attends the opening of the inaugural Vatican-hosted World Children's Day at Rome's Olympic Stadium.



**La Paz, Bolivia**  
Women dance in the annual parade of the Gran Poder Festival, a religious festival which fuses Indigenous beliefs and Catholicism.



**Tahiti, French Polynesia**  
US surfer Caitlin Simmers competes during the Shiseido Tahiti Pro event in Teahupo'o, which is due to host the surfing event of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.



**Greater Manchester, England**  
Members of the band Chav Brass take part in the Whit Friday brass band competition in the village of Uppermill, near Oldham.

**Tokyo, Japan**  
People offer prayers to the shiba inu dog Kabosu, also known by the nickname Kabo-chan, in Narita, Chiba prefecture. Atsuko Sato, the owner of Kabosu, announced on Friday the death of the globally famous dog, whose image inspired the 'Doge' meme.



**Iquitos, Peru**  
Spectators watch a film from boats during the Muyuna Floating Film Festival, showcasing films from countries with tropical forests.



**Sydney, Australia**  
The Australian artist Julia Gutman's animation 'Lighting of the Sails: Echo' is projected on to Sydney Opera House during the Vivid Sydney Festival.

Source : The Guardian