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Funday Times 25th Anniversary Winners

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Please send
competition entries to:



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P.O. Box 1136, Colombo.
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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 Number 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:
September 24, 2025

Telephone: 2479337/2479333

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Reading Challenge Awards Ceremony at British Council Competition

We are proud
to celebrate
the successful
completion
of another
Reading Challenge
Programme
by students in
Kurunegala.

A total of
78 enthusiastic
young readers
joined the challenge.

Those who completed the programme were awarded Certificates of Completion and Achievement in recognition of their efforts.

To complete the challenge, each participant read six books and attended a workshop on 'How to Write a Book Review'. The programme is designed to inspire a love of reading, helping children become confident, motivated and effective communicators.

Through this initiative, students had the opportunity to explore a diverse collection of literature and authors from the UK, broadening their reading horizons.

Parents, teachers, and students alike shared overwhelmingly positive feedback highlighting the programme's impact on reading habits and literacy development.



If you are interested in joining the Reading Challenge,
please write to British Council via library.events@britishcouncil.org.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Aadila Ahamed
12 years on September 6

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.

Rugrats





25th Anniversary Awards



The 25th Anniversary of the Funday Times was celebrated with an Awards Ceremony on August 31, 2025.

The winners of the Essay, Poetry, Art and Photography Competitions received their prizes at the National Library & Documentation Services Board Auditorium, amidst a gathering of parents, sponsors and Sunday Times staff members.

Dinesh the Dynamic kicked off the programme with a magic show which entertained the audience.

After the distribution of Awards, the Anniversary cake was cut and all present were served with refreshments.

Funday Times is grateful to our Sponsors for their support.

AIA, the Official Insurance Partner and Commercial Bank the Official Banking Partner responded with generous contributions. Dilmah Conservation sponsored the Photography segment. The British Council, Colombo contributed Family Library Memberships to the First Place winners of the Poetry Competition, while Hilton Colombo, Cinnamon Grand Hotel and Cinnamon Life Hotel contributed Family Dinner/Lunch vouchers to the First Place winners of the Essay Competition. Panther Products presented attractive Landmark puzzles for all the winners and Superior by Wijeya contributed gift packs to the winners of the Essay and Art Competitions.



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WINNERS

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25th Anniversary Awards

Essay Competition 9 years and below

1st - Adheesha Jayasekara2nd - Maryam Irshad3rd - Rasandi Ranasinghe1st - Thanumi De Silva

Essay Competition 10 - 12 years

2nd - Sahen Abeysekera3rd - Thisandi LiyanageCommended -
Kaveen Gnanaweera1st - Dheshaan Pieris

Essay Competition 13 - 15 years

Essay Competition 13 - 15 years

3rd - Aysha Manaal1st - Januli Vidanagama3rd - Julian De SylvaCommended -
Adheesha Jayasekara

Poetry Competition 6 - 10 years

Poetry Competition 11 - 15 years

2nd - Dylan Roshan3rd - Sheiza Samidon1st - Oneli De Silva2nd - Aylan Rizlan3rd - Bishakya Kalindi

Art Competition 4 - 9 years

Art Competition 13 - 15 years

1st - AbdurRahman Irshad2nd - Geethavi Saubhagya3rd - Esandi Ranasinghe

Commended - Seja Abeywickrama

Art Competition 10 - 12 years

1st - Ashmeethashakthee Surendran2nd - Ruzaiq Junkeer3rd - Vinudi Rathnayake

Commended - Januth Senlitha

Photography Competition 6 - 10 years

Photography Competition 11 - 15 years

1st - Yenuli Osethma2nd - Suganthan Labisashan3rd - F. Zahra Mahmoud

Commended - Netana Krause

1st - Dulithi Rodrigo2nd - Pahani Fernando

Commended - Bihandu Kalidasa

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WINGS, LEAVES & WONDER



Butterfly garden



Nature treasure hunt



Sensorial walk in
mini forest



Organic farm



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tour for
parents

**SATURDAY
20TH SEPT**

**8.30 AM-
11.30 AM**

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To register, e-mail
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with participant's name(s)
and parent's phone
number.

(Ages 4-15)

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ENTRY**

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NEXT TO K-ZONE**



September 2

News in Pictures



Dharamshala, India

Exiled Tibetan children wait to perform a dance during an event to mark the 65th anniversary of the formation of the parliament-in-exile, on Tibetan Democracy Day at the Tsuglagkhang Temple.



Hanoi, Vietnam

A military parade marking the 80th anniversary of Vietnam's independence on September 2, 1945, which marked the end of French colonial rule.



Mazar Dara, Afghanistan

Rescue workers clear debris of a damaged house after a deadly magnitude-6 earthquake that struck Afghanistan, in Mazar Dara, Kunar province, Afghanistan.



Peshawar, Pakistan

Rescue workers evacuate people from flooded areas on the outskirts of the city.



Antananarivo, Madagascar

The Prince of Menabe, Harea Georges Kamamy, leads members of the royal family and representatives of the Sakalava people during a ceremony for the return of three colonial-era skulls that were held in a Paris museum for 128 years.

Kyiv, Ukraine

A young military cadet does pull-ups after a ceremony to mark the start of the new school year in Kyiv.



Nejapa, El Salvador

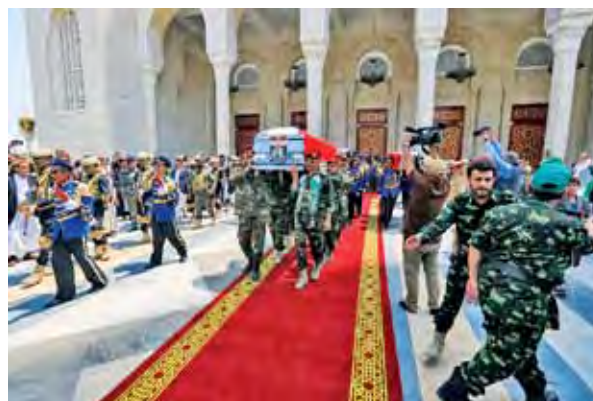
A masked man participates in "Bolas de Fuego" (Balls of Fire) Festival to remember the fight of Saint Geronimo against the devil with balls of fire.



Johannesburg, South Africa

Locals pour water on one another as they celebrate Spring Day in Protea North, a suburb west of Johannesburg.

September 1

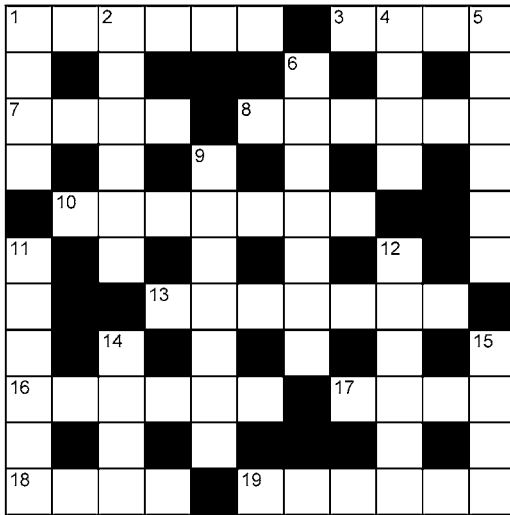


Sana'a, Yemen

Soldiers carry the coffins of Ahmed al-Rahawi, the prime minister of Yemen's Houthi-led government, and other officials, who were killed in an Israeli strike.

Sources: The Guardian & Reuters

LUMALA Crossword – No. 13



- | Across | | Down | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 1 | A puzzle with many pieces | 1 | Leap over |
| 3 | Large boat | 2 | Keep a car in this |
| 7 | A planet | 4 | These are worn on heads |
| 8 | A season | 5 | A robber at sea |
| 10 | Took no notice of | 6 | Complete quiet |
| 13 | A farm vehicle | 9 | Bravery |
| 16 | Red plus yellow makes this colour | 11 | A teacher works here |
| 17 | Don't go | 12 | A health professional |
| 18 | Kiss with these | 14 | Moist |
| 19 | Frightens | 15 | See with these |

Entries should be certified as your own work, by a teacher or parent.

Solution No. 12



Selena Thiruchelvam,
Mahakanda

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Closing Date: September 30, 2025

Age Group: 8 – 15 years



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4 – 6 years

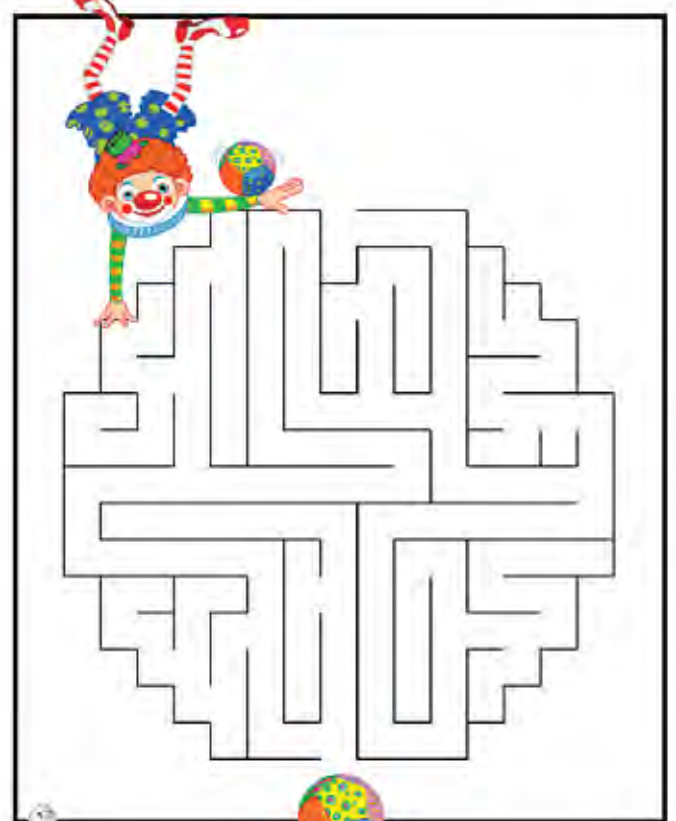


- ▶ Ranaya Abeywickrama, Galle
- ▶ Mohamed Mirak, Dehiwala
- ▶ Bethany Wanigaratne, Seeduwa
- ▶ Yahya Ahmed, Colombo 6
- ▶ Habeeba Raza Hussain, Dehiwala

Winners please call
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and arrange
to collect your prizes.

4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Help the clown find the ball.



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