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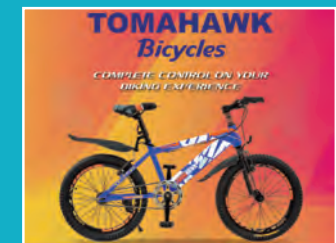


A game of 'Athuru Mithuru'

Pic. by Jayarathna Wickramaarachchi



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United Nations Day

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United Nations Day, celebrated since 1948, marks the anniversary of its inception on October 24, 1945. The UN is the world's largest international organisation, which mainly aims to maintain international peace and security.

History

After World War II, representatives of 50 countries met in San Francisco, California at the United Nations Conference on International Organisation, in April 1945. During the span of two months, the UN Charter, which created a new international organisation that would hopefully prevent anymore world wars, was drafted and signed. The UN officially came into existence after the Charter was ratified by the five permanent members (China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States) and a majority of the member countries.



The blue in the UN flag represents peace in opposition to red (usually representing war).

The term "United Nations" was coined by US President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



UN Headquarters

Headquarters: New York City, United States (on international territory)
Main Offices: Geneva (Switzerland), Nairobi (Kenya), The Hague (the Netherlands) and Vienna (Austria)
Official Languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish

The six main organs of the UN

UN General Assembly (UNGA) - The main policy-making organ of the UN, which also has all 193 members of the UN members represented (the only UN body to do so).

UN Security Council - Has the primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security.

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) - Responsible for advancing the three dimensions of sustainable development - economic, social and environmental.

UN Secretariat - Comprises the Secretary-General and tens of thousands of UN staff members worldwide.

Trusteeship Council - Established to help 11 Trust Territories attain self-governance and independence. By 1994, that was achieved and the Council suspended operation, agreeing to meet again only if required.

International Court of Justice (ICJ) - The main judicial organ of the UN, based in the Peace Palace in The Hague (the only one of the six organs not located in New York).

The Secretary-General symbolises the UN's ideals and is an advocate for everyone, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Some UN Specialised Agencies (autonomous international organisations working with the UN)

- ◆ Food and Agriculture (FAO)
- ◆ International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- ◆ Universal Postal Union (UPU)
- ◆ International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)
- ◆ International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
- ◆ World Health Organisation (WHO)
- ◆ International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- ◆ United Nations Environmental, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
- ◆ World Tourism Organisation (WTO)
- ◆ World Bank

IMF Vs. World Bank

The IMF focuses on economic growth and helps countries with balance of payment problems. World Bank aims to reduce poverty and improve living standards globally, by providing low-interest loans, interest-free credit and grants (for education, health, infrastructure, etc.) to developing countries.

Other Notable UN Entities

- ◆ World Food Programme (WFP)
- ◆ United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- ◆ United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

Sustainable Development Goals

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all UN member states, set out a 15-year plan to achieve the following 17 Goals.



Sustainable Development Goals



Arunalu Siththam

Children's Art Competition
2021

Dear Children,

You are the next generation of world-renowned artists, and we want to give you a chance to express your thoughts in a drawing. The Commercial Bank Arunalu Siththam Children's Art competition is ready to award prizes to the best drawings that you create.

Competition Categories and Age Limits

01. Pre-school Category – Age 04 - 05 years – (Years of birth 2016/2017)
02. Primary Category – Age 06 - 07 years – (Years of birth 2014/2015)
03. Post Primary Category – Age 08 - 10 years – (Years of birth 2011/2012/2013)
04. Junior Category – Age 11 - 13 years – (Years of birth 2008/2009/2010)
05. Senior Category – Age 14 - 16 years – (Years of birth 2005/2006/2007)

The competition is open for all children who belong to the aforementioned age categories.

Theme and size of paper to be used for drawings

Category	Theme	Size of paper
Pre-school	A Subject of preference	A3
Primary	A Subject of preference	A3
Post Primary	A Subject of preference	A3
Junior	Our lifestyle	14 in x 18 in
Senior	Gifts of nature	14 in x 18 in

How to enter

To enter this competition, visit www.arunalusiththam.lk between 12th October 2021 and 10th November 2021 and upload a scanned copy of your completed drawing along with the relevant details. The scanned drawing should be in JPEG format and should not exceed 5MB. The following details must be filled in the website - The full name of participant, date of birth, address, email address, telephone number (mobile), name of mother/father/guardian, school and its address.

Conditions of the competition

01. One child can submit only one drawing.
02. Any medium preferred can be used except for sticky, non-drying types of paints.
03. Please note that if your entry is selected for the final round, the original drawing has to be sent to the Bank.
04. Once the winners are announced, your original work should be certified by the Principal/ Grama Niladhari/Lawyer/Justice of Peace and arrangements should be made to send it to us in accordance with the instructions that will be provided.
05. Your drawing should be an original creation by you. It should not have been submitted to any other competition and you should not recreate it.
06. The copyright of all drawing submitted for the competition will remain with Commercial Bank and will not be returned.
07. Selecting winners and handing out of certificates will be decided by a veteran panel of judges and the decision of the panel of judges will be final.
08. Children of members of the staff employed at Commercial Bank cannot participate in this competition.



for further information
Call 0112 353 353
visit www.combank.lk

Prizes and Certificates

25 pieces of outstanding work will be selected from the Pre-school category. These will be awarded with prize money of Rs. 10,000 each, along with certificates. Merit certificates will also be awarded to another 50 competitors. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of all the other sections will receive Rs. 100,000, Rs. 75,000 and Rs. 50,000 respectively, along with certificates. Another 25 awards of excellence with prizes of Rs. 10,000 each will be presented together with certificates and 50 Merit certificates will also be awarded.

All cash prizes will be credited to Arunalu Children's Savings Accounts of Commercial Bank.



OUR INTEREST IS IN YOU

Please send competition entries to:



Funday Times
C/O the Sunday Times
P.O. Box 1136, Colombo.
Or
8, Hunupitiya Cross Road,
Colombo 2.

Please note that competition entries (except Reeves Art) are accepted by email.

Please 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 weekly competitions:

November 10, 2021

Telephone: 2479337/2479333

Email: fundaytimes1@gmail.com

NOTE

Please log on to the Funday Times website on www.fundaytimes.lk or check out the Sunday Times epaper on www.sundaytimes.lk for this week's Funday Times.



Maryam Irshad
5 years on Oct. 26



Briget Calista
12 years on Oct. 12



Manuth Ranasinghe
7 years on Oct. 2



Thisarani Maalagoda
15 years on Sept. 26

Tomahawk

Quiz No.188

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 188 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times of September 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2021. All you have to do is to find the answers to the questions given. Write the answers neatly on a postcard. Cut the strip 'Tomahawk Quiz No. 188' 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.

Two lucky winners

will receive brand new

Tomahawk Mountain Bikes

with the compliments of

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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: October 31, 2021

Or fundaytimes1@gmail.com

Tomahawk Quiz No. 186

- ▶ Omair Careem, Colombo 3
- ▶ Ann Amodya, Negombo



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QUESTIONS — Quiz No. 188

1. Name three of the most widely spoken languages in the world.
2. When rock climbing, who is a 'belay buddy'?
3. What is the famous pyramid shaped mountain situated in the Alps?
4. In which month is World Maritime Day held and what is the theme this year?
5. What is the symbol for infinity and who invented this symbol?

Tomahawk Quiz No. 185

- ▶ Radinka Fernando, Negombo
- ▶ Nikesh Sritharan, Wellawatte



From a Young Reporter

Let's protect rainforests

Did you know that the rainforest is the oldest living ecosystem on Earth?

Have you ever wondered why this forest is named 'rainforest'? It's because this tropical forest is very rainy as the name implies. Up to 2,000 to 10,000 mm is the amount of rain received per year. The water produced in the rainforest evaporates and is then used as rain in other areas.

There are a multitude amount of rainforests in the world. Namely Amazon, Congo, Daintree etc. These rainforests are rich in beauty.

The main and loveliest rainforest situated in Brazil is the Amazon Rainforest which is also the largest rainforest in the world, and most importantly it covers

5.5 million km² land area. The oldest rainforest is Daintree and is the habitat of a huge percentage of animal population.

Sri Lanka has rainforests as well.

Sinharaja, Yagirala are significant examples.

There are countless amounts of rare and endemic trees. There are also threatened and endangered animal species such as Indian elephant and leopard in Sinharaja.



Now as you have heard, the rainforests are being destroyed. The Amazon is facing a severe drought situation and increasing the risk of forest fires. There is a saying, 'kill the rainforest, kill your lungs.'

We know how salient the lungs are necessary to live, and the rainforest is compared to our lungs. If we want to see a better future, the contribution rainforests give is necessary too.

So let's come together and protect rainforests.

Udara Weerasekara (13 years)
Ananda Balika N. S.,
Hingurakgoda



Enter the World Food Day Poster Contest!

Find out more at
fao.org/world-food-day



New films to watch out for...

October 19

After 18 months of delay – because of the coronavirus pandemic – here's a list of all the films you should be watching out for.

Ron's Gone Wrong

(Release Date: October 15)

Ron lives in a world where robots and kids are best friends.

But his robot BFF is malfunctioning, which leads him to learn new, important lessons about friendship.



Clifford The Big Red Dog

(Release Date: December 10)

This is a film about a 10 foot dog, what's not to like?!

The film synopsis reads: "When Clifford becomes a gigantic red dog in her New York City apartment and attracts the attention of a genetics company who wish to supersize animals, Emily and her clueless Uncle Casey have to fight the forces of greed as they go on the run across New York City."

It's based on the children's book of the same name.



The Boss Baby: Family Business

(Release Date: October 22)

The second instalment of The Boss Baby film series sees the Templeton brothers as adults who have drifted away from each other.

However, a new boss baby with a cutting-edge approach is about to bring them together again - and inspire a new family business.



Spider-Man: No Way Home

(Release Date: December 17)

Undoubtedly one of the most anticipated films of the year, Tom Holland returns for the third time as the web slinger extraordinaire, Spider-Man.

At the end of the last film, Peter had a shock as the world found out that he was Spider-Man.

Footage of his battle with Mysterio was leaked online which made it look like Spidey was the bad guy (so unfair!).

It also leaked his real identity to the world.



Ghostbusters: Afterlife

(Release Date: November 19)

Ghostbusters is back! 37 years on from the original blockbuster, the fourth movie in the series is finally here!

The film synopsis reads: "When a single mom and her two kids arrive in a small town, they begin to discover their connection to the original Ghostbusters and the secret legacy their grandfather left behind."



Sing 2

(Release Date: January 28, 2022)

The much anticipated sequel to the all singing, all dancing, animation, 'Sing', is here.

Here's the synopsis: "Can-do koala Buster Moon and his all-star cast of animal performers prepare to launch a dazzling stage extravaganza in the glittering entertainment capital of the world.

There's just one hitch – he has to find and persuade the world's most reclusive rock star to join them." Sounds like quite the challenge for one plucky koala and his gang!



Source : CBBC Newsround

October 19

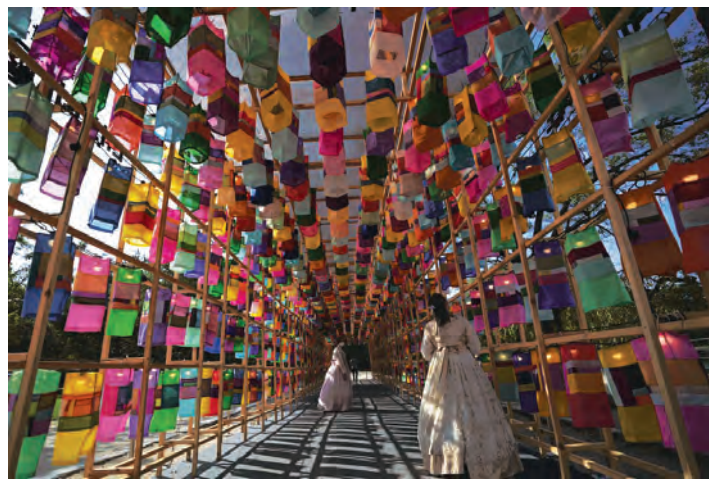
News in Pictures



Athens, Greece
Performers enact the Olympic flame handover ceremony for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics.



Karachi, Pakistan
Children take part in a rally organised to celebrate Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, which marks the anniversary of the birth of the prophet Muhammad.



Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
A man dressed in a Spider-Man costume sells coffee on a back street.



Seoul, South Korea
Visitors walk through lanterns at the royal culture festival at Gyeongbok Palace.

Tokyo, Japan
Princess Mako, the daughter of Crown Prince Akishino and Crown Princess Kiko, walks towards the Three Palace Sanctuaries to pray in the run-up to her marriage at the Imperial Palace.



Beijing, China
Performers carry red balloons during the filming of a Chinese Communist party video in an upmarket shopping district in the Sanlitun area of the capital.



La Palma, Spain
Lava from the Cumbre Vieja volcano continues to flow, as seen from Tajuya on the Canary island of La Palma.



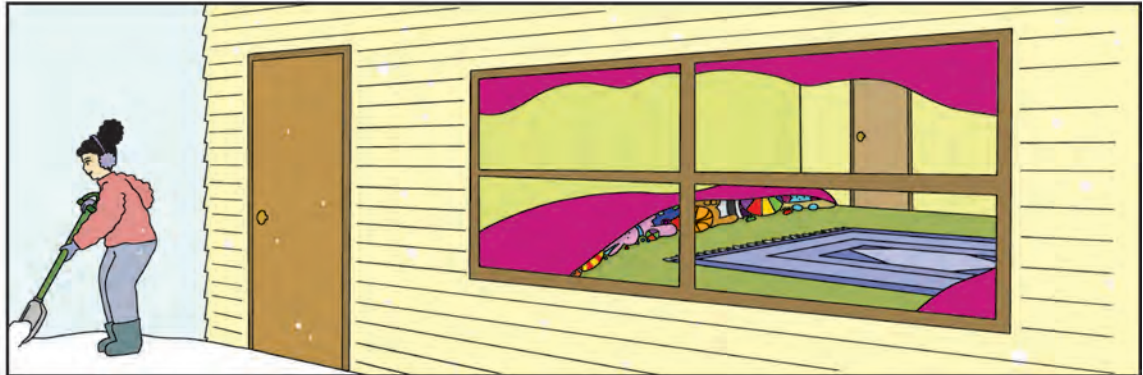
Yangon, Myanmar
A man celebrates with relatives after being released from Insein prison as authorities freed thousands of people jailed for protesting against the February coup that ousted the civilian government.



Port-au-Prince, Haiti
A man rests in an abandoned truck during a general strike. Workers angry about the country's lack of security took industrial action in protest two days after 17 members of a US-based missionary group were abducted by a violent gang.

Source: The Guardian

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Ginger Meggs



Rugrats

