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Little kids on stage

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Topic - A rainy day
Closing Date : November 30, 2022

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Autumn trees



Aaminah Azmi (15 years)
 St. Paul's Girls' School, Colombo 5

A surprise

Last Sunday we had a surprise. My dad said we were going out. What the surprise was he did not tell us.

We were very surprised when Dad drove us to the hotel. We were very happy when we saw that Mom had packed clothes and our swimming clothes. We then had a hearty buffet lunch and retired to the room. We rested for a while. Later we got into our swimming kits and got into the pool. We did have fun!

We were tired but we had dinner, played some indoor games and went to sleep. The following morning, after breakfast we spent more time in the pool and came back home. We were very sorry we could not spend more time in the pool.

Dilshan Ibrahim (9 years)
 NSIS College, Matthegoda

My pastime activity

My pastime activity is reading as I am a bookworm. Reading is of paramount importance as 'Reading maketh a full man.' I read a lot of fiction, non-fiction, poems, newspapers and magazines. It is my great pleasure to read story books with a number of elegant pictures. Also, I do prefer to read materials about environment issues, explorations and investigations, since my ambition is to be a scientist.

Reading is a tool of education as it enhances knowledge about different subjects, world, and burning issues in the world. Moreover, to improves our vocabulary and ability of reading. Reading is a tool of entertainment because it gives us pleasure. Furthermore, reading is really good mental exercise since reading enhances our brain capacity and memory power. Finally, it is pivotal to practice reading every day to become global citizens.

Kaveen Gnanaweera (Grade 3)
 Horizon College Int., Nugegoda

A design



Dinuki Kalubowilage (Grade 4)
 Sujatha Vidyalaya, Nugegoda

Hunting dogs



Ashmika Ashokraj (14 years)
 Sheffield Int. School

How rainfall occurs

Rainfall can simply be known as water droplets too heavy to be suspended in clouds, falling to Earth as rain. As water is one of the three basic needs of a living being, rainfall is very important for the survival of nature.

Clouds are made of water droplets. Within a cloud, water droplets condense into one another, causing them to grow. When these water droplets get too heavy to stay suspended in the clouds, they fall to earth as rain. Soon, rivers, ponds and lakes fill with water, displaying Mother Nature's true beauty. Due to the Sun's heat, water droplets evaporate to the clouds. Once the clouds are heavy, rainfall occurs. This is known as the 'water cycle.'

Convectional rainfall, monsoon and cyclone or frontal rainfall are the main forms

in which rain occurs. Rainfall does not occur throughout the whole year, but during certain months only.

Rainfall plays a vital role in the life of farmers and agrarians as decent rain leads to good cultivations. Rain also keeps the surroundings in a balanced temperature. However, rain can also cause floods, storms and even cyclones. These disasters may cause damage to personal belongings, buildings, properties and even take many lives.

As children it is our duty and responsibility to conserve this resource. So let us protect water sources and be grateful for a resource as marvellous as rainfall.

Himaya Silva (13 years)
 Str. Bridget's Convent, Colombo 7

Flying kites



Nuzha Usri (9 years)
 Royal Institute Int. School, Colombo 5

Flower design



Kusalnee Jayawardena (13 years)
Sangamiththa Vidyalaya,
Heiyanthuduwa

One morning



M.R.F. Rida (9 years)
Loyal Ladies' College

Our Flower garden



Siheli Sathwika (Grade 3)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Fish in the sea



Fathma Zuhra (13 years)
Sussex College, Kandy

My ambition

Everyone has a future dream. We often call it 'ambition.' I do have an ambition and that is to become an engine driver one day. Becoming an engine driver is not very easy. Neither is it easy to work as an engine driver. I need to learn Maths and Science and pass my exams. A train usually carries thousands of people. A train driver is responsible for every passenger's safety. I think it will be a good experience to drive a train across paddy fields, villages, cities, through dark tunnels and beside waterfalls. I wish I will be able to make my dream come true one day.



Osanda Pathirana (Grade 4)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

My country

My country is Sri Lanka. It is the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean.' The capital of Sri Lanka is Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte. Our country has a proud history. There are many beautiful places in my country. Unfortunately my country has been bankrupted from everything. Our country has beautiful mountains.

These days we are facing many difficulties. I wish my country will be a good country. I love my country.

Thamindu Thennakoon (Grade 5)
Sussex College, Kuliyaipitiya

He did not give up...

At around 5.30 in the morning on December 10, 1914, a huge explosion broke out in West Orange, New Jersey. It happened in the famous inventor Thomas Edison's plant. In no time most of the buildings were in flames. Although many fire departments rushed to the scene, the fire was too powerful to be put out quickly.

Edison's 24-year old son painfully watched the fire destroy his father's work. Edison calmly walked over to him. In a soft voice he told his son, "Go and call your mother and all her friends. They'll never see a fire like this again." When Charles objected, Edison said, "It's alright. We've just got rid of a lot of rubbish." Edison could have wept, yelled in anger or locked himself in his house in a state of depression. But instead, he put on a smile and told his son to call

his mother to enjoy the spectacle.

Later, at the scene of the blaze, Edison told one of the reporters, "Although I am over 67 years old, I'll start all over again tomorrow." He stuck to his word and immediately began the crucial task of rebuilding his plant.

The flames had destroyed years of priceless records and prototypes. But after just three weeks, with a loan from his friend Henry Ford, Edison got a part of the plant up and running again. His employees worked double shifts and set to work producing more than ever. Edison became a legend in history because he did not give up easily.

Ravisan Sriram Kumar (Grade 9)
Kandy Int. School

My grandmother

My grandmother is Ms. Ranjani Kumari Weerakkodi. She is very old. I call her 'Aththamma.' She is a retired teacher. She is very kind to us. She enjoys growing vegetables. She tells us nice stories. She is a healthy grandmother. She grows flowers too. She is seventy-one years old. She usually goes to temple. She cooks very yummy food. I love her very much.

Nethupama Wijerathne (Grade 4)
Holy Cross College, Gampaha



Note Please remember that **ARTICLES, POEMS and PAINTINGS** sent, will not be published unless they are certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Also please mention the topic, your full name, date of birth and address in your entry. Articles should not exceed 200 words. Art should be on A4 size paper.



A conjecture is a statement or an idea which is unproven but considered to be true. When a conjecture is proven to be true it becomes a theorem. There are many conjectures that are not yet proven in mathematics. Collatz conjecture is a famous unsolved mathematical problem. This was believed to be proposed by German mathematician Lothar Collatz in 1937. It is also known as the $3n + 1$ problem. It can be explained as a sequence of numbers obtained as follows:

- ◆ Consider any positive integer.
- ◆ If the number is even, divide it by 2. If the number is odd, triple it and add 1.
- ◆ Continue this operation and it will always reach 1, whatever the starting number is.

As an example, consider the initial number to be 20.

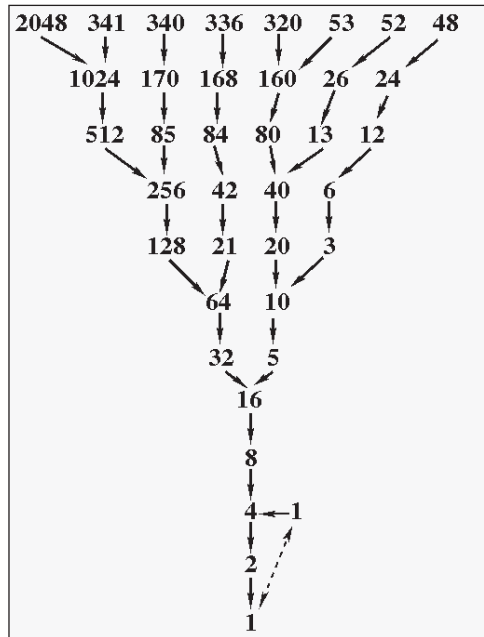
It is even. Divide by 2 and obtain 10. This too is even. Divide by 2 and obtain 5.

5 is odd. Triple it and add 1 to obtain 16.

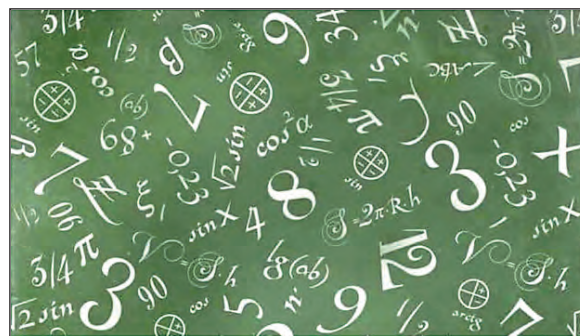
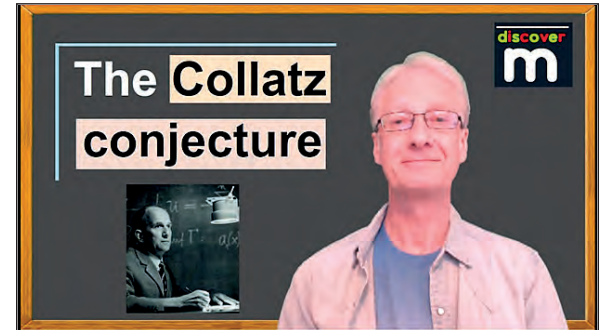
16 is even. Divide by 2 to obtain 8. It is even and therefore, divide by 2 and the result is 4.

4 is even. Dividing by 2 will result in 2. This is even and therefore, divide by 2 giving 1.

Try it with many other initial numbers considered.



$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 3n + 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$



Math Plot - 69
 Try to find the solution to the following puzzle.
 You may send solutions with reasoning to ndesilva@osc.lk 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.

How many squares do you see?

Math Plot 68 – Solution
 The answer is 45.
 The winner is **Althaf Nazeer** of **Oxford College, Nawalapitiya**.
 Congratulations!

- In our online issue this week....**
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Achievement

Suhanya Gamaarachchi (10 years), a Year 6 student of Horizon College International won a Bronze Award in the Under 14 Years category of the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC) 2022.

The QCEC organized by the Royal Commonwealth Society, UK is the world's oldest international schools' writing competition and received a record-breaking 26,300 entries this year.

Christmas Cover 2022

Hey Kids! It is time once again to think about the Funday Times Christmas Cover. We invite our readers to send in their paintings for the Christmas Cover Competition.

Entries for the Christmas Cover should be of a suitable Christmas theme.

You could use any type of paints or crayons you like but try to make your picture colourful and creative. **All entries should be on A4 size paper.**

Please write Christmas Cover at the back of your picture, along with your **Name, Date of Birth, Address, Telephone Number (if any) and School.**

All paintings entered for this competition should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Uncertified paintings will not be considered for the prize.

The best picture will adorn the cover page of our Christmas issue.

The winner will also receive a prize.

This competition is open to children between 4 – 15 years of age.

Good luck and happy painting!



**Closing Date :
December 12, 2022**



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Santa Advent Calendar



The kids will love helping Santa's beard grow with fluffy cotton balls, during the period of Advent.

To make: Cut Santa's face from white craft paper. Add texture with coloured pencil. Cut pink cheeks, eyes, and nose from construction paper; glue to the face. Cut the hat from red and white craft paper; glue to the face. Glue a large cotton ball at the point of the hat. Cut a long beard shape from white craft paper. Write the dates of the month leading up to Christmas on the beard. Hang the calendar and set a bowl of cotton balls and a bottle of glue nearby.

Source: Country Living

Gupshup Goes to Prison by Arefa Tehsin

"Khalid's cat Gupshup has run away to the grounds of a prison.

An open prison, it is called, but everyone knows that prisons are full of horrible people. Or are they?

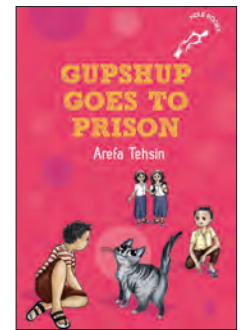
How on earth will Khalid get Gupshup home?"

Usually, a prison is a place where criminals are locked up.

This story is about an open prison where prisoners are not locked but free to move in and out.

The Pallekelle Open Prison Camp in Sri Lanka is one such open prison. It prepares prisoners for day-to-day existence in the community.

Over the years it has grown into a sprawling rural village, where there are no boundary walls or cells. Residents work and participate in leisure time activities. Many cultivate private plots of land and sell their produce.



Competition

Win a copy of 'Gupshup Goes to Prison'.

Write your own short story about your pet or an animal you like.

Age group: 7 – 10 years

Word count: Maximum of 300 words


Please include the following details:

Full Name (including Surname), Date of Birth, Address, Telephone No. and School.

All competition entries should be certified as your own work.



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Hilton Colombo Launches the Festive Season with 30 little special friends from the Sapling Pre-School run by SERVE, a Sri Lankan Not for Profit and Non-Governmental Organization. The traditional lighting of the tree was officiated by Hotel Developers Lanka Ltd., Chairman Nimal Perera and by Manesh Fernando - Hilton Colombo General Manager/ Hilton Sri Lanka Area General Manager together with the little VIPs.



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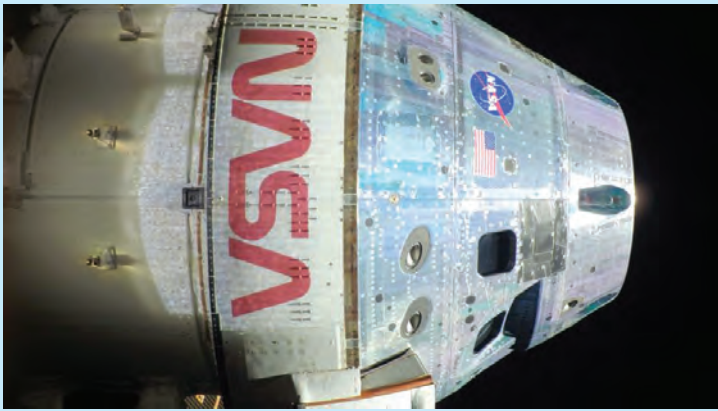
10th Annual Concert



'Eight Wonders Montessori' celebrated its 10th annual concert on November 19, 2022 at Bishop's College Auditorium. Several colourful items were performed by Kids aged 2 – 5 years. The annual concert could not be held for two years due to the Corona pandemic.

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Nasa's Artemis: Spacecraft arrives at the Moon



The Orion spacecraft as it was travelling towards the Moon

November 22, 2022

Attention space fans... Nasa's Artemis space rocket has arrived at the Moon!

It's really exciting because a human spacecraft hasn't been sent to the lunar surface for 50 years. This Artemis I mission is not crewed by astronauts, but this launch is part of the US space agency's wider project to send humans back to the Moon.

The last astronauts to visit it were the crew on the Apollo 17 rocket in December 1972.

Nasa flight director Zebulon Scoville said: "This morning, we just saw the Earth set behind the Moon as we take the next human-rated vehicle around the Moon, preparing to bring humans back there within a few years. This is a game-changer."

CBBC Newsround

BRITISH COUNCIL



Fiction writing workshop
by Ashok Ferrey
from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.



Creative writing workshop
by Lal Medawattegedera
from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Events
at one
venue!



STORYTELLING
THROUGH PUPPETRY
by Sulochana Dissanayake
from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.



Poetry
Writing
Workshop by
Dr. Vivemarie Vanderpoorten
from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.



'My body is
mine' by
Dr. Nuwan Thotawatta
from 11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.

British Council events
at Nuga Gama
Cinnamon Grand Colombo
on 3 December 2022
Visit our library event page for
more details and register
<https://www.britishcouncil.lk/library/events>

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Earthquake Strikes in West Java, Indonesia

November 22, 2022

On Monday, Indonesia was hit by a powerful earthquake which left at least 162 people dead. Several hundred more people were injured. The 5.6 magnitude quake struck on the island of Java. Emergency workers are struggling to help the injured people and find those who are still missing.

The centre of the earthquake was close to the city of Cianjur. Indonesia's government says the quake knocked down hundreds of buildings in the area, leaving some people trapped in the rubble. "So many buildings crumbled and shattered," said Ridwan Kamil, the governor of West Java..



'Ring of Fire'

Indonesia is vulnerable to earthquakes as it lies along a fault line known as 'the ring of fire'. It is an area where tectonic plates float on top of a layer of softer, squidgy rock called the mantle, under the Earth's crust.

When the plates rub together, the movement forces waves of energy to come to the Earth's surface.

This causes tremors and shakes - and these are called earthquakes.

Early reports from local media suggest dozens of people have died with hundreds of people injured. There are fears this total is likely to increase.



Indonesia forms part of the 'ring of fire'

CBBC Newsround & NFK

November 23

News in Pictures



Oxford, England
People walk past a Mini car decorated with 3,000 lights. The car's owner, Nicholas Martin, is hoping to raise £10,000 for charity with his festive illuminative show.



Jukkasjärvi, Sweden
The launch of the SubOrbital Express 3 rocket from the Esrange Space Centre.

New York, US
Elton John unveils the Saks Fifth Avenue's holiday windows and light show in association with the Elton John Aids Foundation's Rocket Fund.



Nairobi, Kenya
A man tries to get clean water during the drought in northern Kenya, which has resulted in food and water shortages.



Guduta, India
Women perform an indigenous folk dance as they follow worshippers to a sacred grove believed to be the home of the village goddess.

November 22



Hula Valley, Israel
Cranes rest in the Agamon Hula lake area on their seasonal migration route from Europe to Africa.



Amendola, Italy
F35s from Italy, the US and the Netherlands train together.



Frankfurt, Germany
Lights illuminate the traditional Christmas market.

Paris, France
Magistrates lie on the ground during a protest at the Batignolles courthouse against a planned overhaul of the judicial system.



Source : The Guardian