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**Poson 'Bathi Gee'**

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**Please note that competition entries are accepted by email.**  
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Please underline the name most commonly used.  
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**Closing date for this week's competitions:**  
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# FUNDAY TIMES 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Funday Times celebrates 24 years in August this year. We now have eight pages, four in print and four additional pages online. The [fundaytimes.lk](http://fundaytimes.lk) website is also up and running. We thank all our readers for being with us through the years. To mark the Anniversary, we are planning an Essay and Art Competition for all our young readers.

**Essay Competition**  
**Age Group: 9 years and below**  
**Topic: My favourite hobby**  
**Word Count: 150 - 200**  
**Age Group: 10 - 12 years**  
**Topic: Why I like to read**  
**Word Count: 200 - 250**  
**Age Group: 13 - 15 years**  
**Topic: Pros and cons of digital reading and art**  
**Word Count: 250 - 300**

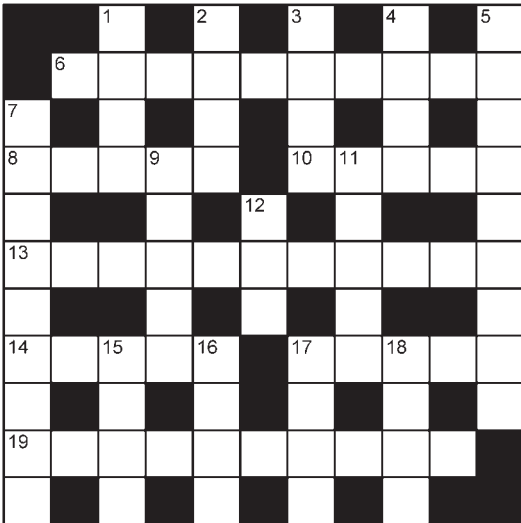
**Art / Digital Art Competition**  
**Age Groups: 4 - 7 years and 8 - 15 years**  
 Entries for Art Competition could be sent on any topic of your choice. The topic should be clearly stated on your entry. You could use any art medium such as paints, crayons etc., or Digital media.

Entries for Essay and Art should include Full Name, Date of Birth, Home Address, Telephone Number and School.  
**All entries should be certified by a parent or teacher as your own original work.**  
 Winners will be awarded attractive prizes!

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**Closing Date: August 10, 2024**

## Junior Crossword – No. 993



- | Across                                    | Down                                 |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 6 A person who draws cartoons             | 1 A compass direction                |
| 8 Change                                  | 2 Famous film celebrity              |
| 10 Where Koreans live                     | 3 Employment                         |
| 13 Looking after someone's young children | 4 Someone who doesn't tell the truth |
| 14 Takes a break                          | 5 The most unusual                   |
| 17 Tangles in your hair                   | 7 A fast-food snack                  |
| 19 A type of needlework                   | 9 A country with pyramids            |
|   | 11 Frequently                        |
|   | 12 Large                             |
|   | 15 Cries hard, breathlessly          |
|   | 16 Opposite of quick                 |
|   | 17 Baby goats                        |
|   | 18 A rower uses these                |

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.

### Solution - No 991



**WINNER**  
**Thareen Weerasinghe,**  
 Kandy

## Tomahawk Quiz 218



**Thuraaya Juheer,** winner of Tomahawk Quiz 218 collected her bicycle from the Tomahawk Bicycle Mall in Bambalapitiya recently.

### In our online issue this week:

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Please log on to the Funday Times website on [www.fundaytimes.lk](http://www.fundaytimes.lk) or check out the Sunday Times epaper on [www.sundaytimes.lk](http://www.sundaytimes.lk) for additional pages of this week's Funday Times.

This article is part of a continuing series on the history of Sri Lanka

# The Battle of Trincomalee

Sinhala text by Halaliye Karunathilaka  
Illustrated by Saman Kalubowila

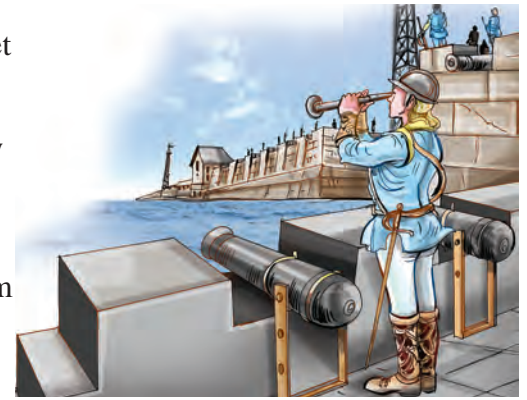


**1.** In March 1782 the ship Hugh Boyd was travelling in was captured by a crew of French sailors. Boyd did not identify himself and kept the details of his mission a secret. All the documents and letters he had in hand, he threw into the ocean.

The French were shrewd and more prudent than Boyd. The sailors immediately jumped into the sea and retrieved the documents. They sent these documents to the Dutch who filed everything in the Archives in Colombo.

**2.** The French ship and crew that captured Boyd had been sent to help and support the Dutch. They were part of the fleet led by Naval Captain Baillie de Suffren. When Suffren heard that Trincomalee had been captured by the British, he immediately set out to recapture this important port.

The day after Boyd was captured, the French fleet and British fleet met at sea. A brutal battle ensued but no side could claim victory over the other. Suffren dispatched Hugh Boyd to be imprisoned in Madagascar.



**3.** The ships of the two fleets sustained heavy losses in the aftermath of the battle. The French ships headed to Batticaloa for extensive repairs while the British retreated to Trincomalee. On July 6, 1782 the British and French fleets met yet again in battle. This also ended without victory or defeat.

As the British believed that the French were poised to attack Trincomalee, more troops were dispatched by Commander Hay MacDowell to support the fort. However Suffren reached Trincomalee before the additional British troops arrived. On August 25, 1782 Suffren and his replenished fleet mounted a heavy attack and bombarded Trincomalee Fort.



**4.** On August 30, 1782 the French captured the Fort of Trincomalee and Osterberg Fort surrendered soon after. When the British additional troops arrived, it was two days too late. The British were surprised that the fort's garrison had surrendered and a battle ensued once again.

On September 3, 1782 the British and French fleets battled till night fell. Still there was no decisive victory. Darkness ended the battle.

The French occupied the two fortresses until peace talks were held in Paris in 1783. After the Paris peace talks, the French handed over the two forts to the British, who then granted them to the Dutch.



To be continued....

## History Quiz - 6

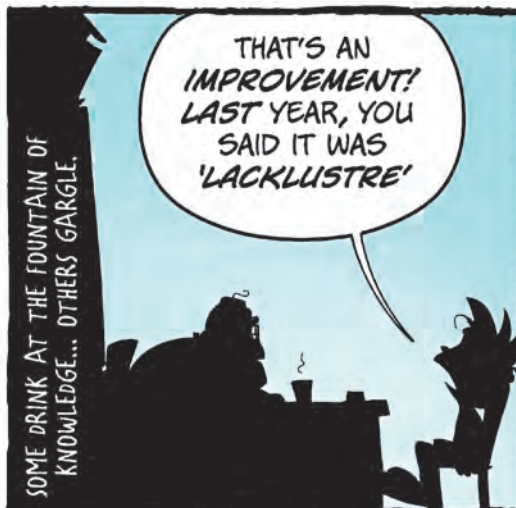
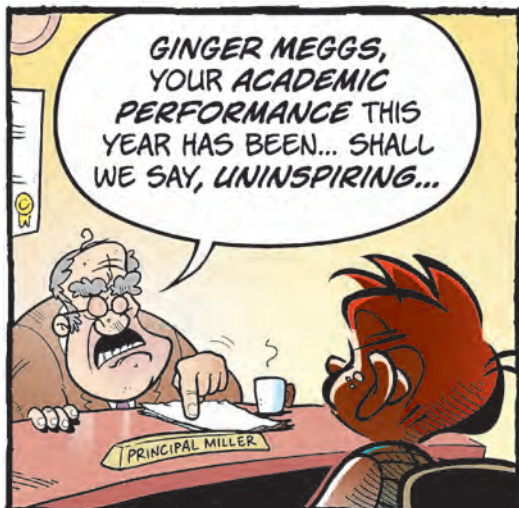
**Q:** The Battle for Trincomalee was fought between which two naval fleets in 1782?



## History Quiz - 5

Eshal Borham, Trincomalee **WINNER!**

Ginger Meggs



# Tomahawk

## Quiz No. 221

Questions for the Tomahawk Quiz No. 221 are based on articles appearing in the Funday Times print issues and e-papers of June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 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. 221' 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

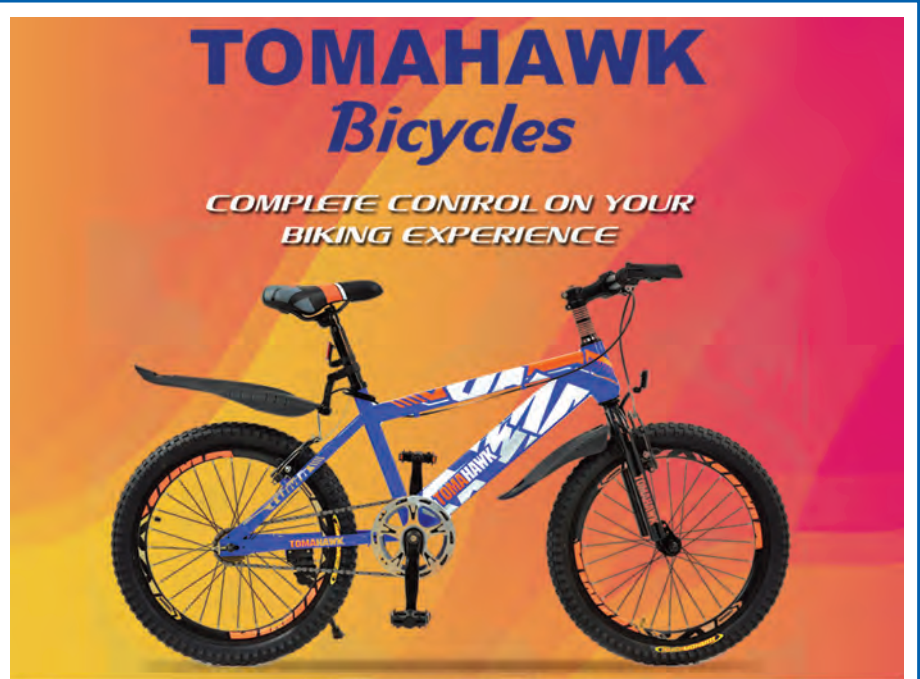
All Funday Times readers between 8 – 15 years are eligible to participate.

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

**Closing Date: July 31, 2024**

### Tomahawk Quiz No. 220

▶ Laura Vanlangenberg, Kotte **WINNER**



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### QUESTIONS – QUIZ NO. 221

1. Where are the 2024 Olympic Games being held?
2. Where is 'Boudhanath Stupa' located and what is special about it?
3. Name the two most active volcanoes in Hawaii.
4. Name five remarkable animal dads who care for their offspring.
5. Who built the 'Maha Seya' and where is it located?



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

### 4 – 6 AGE GROUP

Circle the Odd One Out.



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'Bathi Gee' by little students of Giggles International Montessori was held to celebrate Posen.

Pix by Eshan Fernando



The 10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga was commemorated at Galle Face Green in Colombo on June 22.

Pix by M. A. Pushpa Kumara

**Special storytelling session at British Council Library, Jaffna**



British Council young learners in Jaffna enjoyed a special storytime delivered by the British High Commissioner Andrew Patrick and Head of the South Asia Regional Department of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Lesley Craig. Thirty children participated in the storytelling programme. They also met with parents and library members. The discussions were insightful and the exchange of thoughts and ideas were productive.

# Wimbledon 2024

July 1, 2024

The famous tennis tournament runs from July 1 - 14, attracting some of the biggest names in the sport.

The sports stars will be battling to win the men's, women's and wheelchair titles – in singles and doubles.

The official title for the competition is 'The Championships', but it is often just referred to as Wimbledon – as that's where it takes place in south-west London.

It's so popular, it often draws in big celebrities and members of the Royal Family.

### What makes Wimbledon special?

It's British and full of history!

The first Championships took place in 1877 at the All England Club in London, where it's still held today.

It's famous for strawberries, thought to be linked to the time of year it's played and the tournament's history.

People coming along to watch are expected to eat around 2 million strawberries every year.

### Who are the favourites to win?

Carlos Alcaraz won the men's singles and Marketa Vondrousova won the women's singles last year, so keep an eye out for them.

There's some young talent to watch out for, too.

20-year-old Coco Gauff could cause some upsets in the women's games – so could Mirra Andreeva, who turned 17 this year.

In the men's game, Jannik Sinner is ranked Number 1 for 2024 so far.

There are however a few big names missing.



Novak Djokovic – a regular at Wimbledon – is hoping to recover from knee surgery in time for the tournament.



Carlos Alcaraz won the men's singles in 2023 in a tense battle with Novak Djokovic.



Emma Raducanu is a popular face at tennis tournaments around the world, but especially on home turf.

This year is the first tournament without the famous Williams sisters and no Rafael Nadal.

### Brits to look out for

Britain's Andy Murray is hoping to be fit for the tournament, to get "a bit of closure,"

before retiring later this year.

Emma Raducanu might be another name you recognise, she'll be hoping for a good tournament in the women's singles.

Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid are among the favourites in the men's wheelchair doubles.

Jack Draper's in form at the moment, recently beating last year's Wimbledon champion, Carlos Alcaraz.

CBBC Newsround



## 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.

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## UK Children's Laureate: Frank Cottrell-Boyce

July 2, 2024

British children's author Frank Cottrell-Boyce has been named the Children's Laureate for 2024 – 2026.

The special role is awarded every two years to a well-known writer or illustrator in recognition of their talent.

They work to improve reading opportunities for all children across UK.

Frank Cottrell-Boyce was presented with a one of a kind silver medal by the outgoing Laureate and award-winning performance poet, playwright and children's author, Joseph Coelho at a special awards ceremony in Leeds on Tuesday.

Frank Cottrell-Boyce, lives in Liverpool and is a multi-award-winning children's author.

His very first novel, 'Millions' was published in 2004 and won the CILIP Carnegie Medal – awarded for an outstanding book written in English for children and young people.

The children's author has written a number of other books including 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again', 'Cosmic', 'Framed', 'The Astounding Broccoli Boy', 'Runaway Robot' and 'The Wonder Brothers'.

Frank has also written for programmes like 'Doctor Who' and films including 'Goodbye Christopher Robin'.



He even co-wrote Queen Elizabeth II's famous Platinum Jubilee sketch featuring Paddington Bear!

## Hurricane Beryl reaches the Caribbean

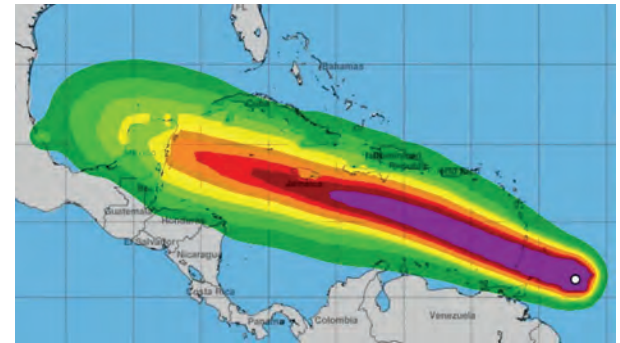
July 1, 2024

Hurricane Beryl has hit the Caribbean, with people living there taking emergency precautions to protect themselves.

Barbados, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago and St. Vincent and the Grenadines were among the first countries hit on Monday, with other countries such as Jamaica on high alert with the storm expected to hit later this week.

Hurricane Beryl became a top-level Category 5 storm late on Monday, resulting in heavy rain and winds of up to 160 miles (260 kilometres) per hour.

Beryl is the earliest Category 5 storm in the Atlantic on record, with experts saying such a powerful storm forming this early in the Atlantic hurricane season is extremely rare.



This map which shows what route they think Beryl will take, and how strong it will be - with red being the strongest and green the weakest.

## How will the ISS come back to Earth safely?

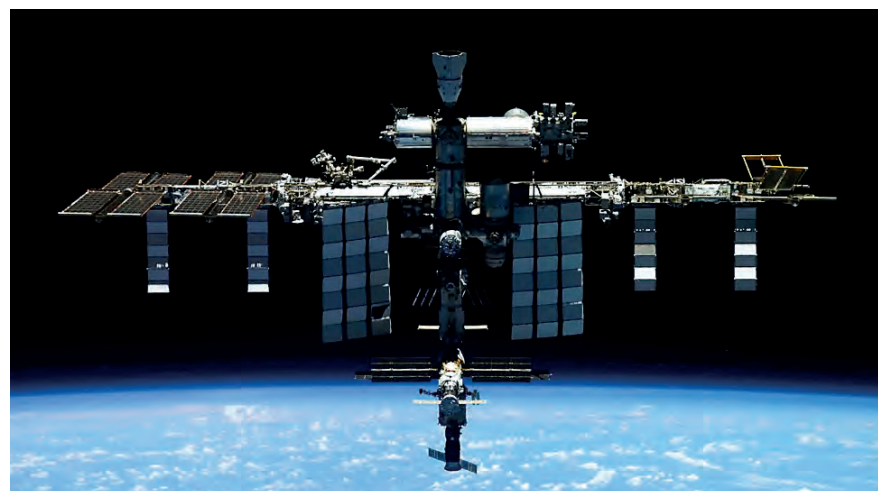
June 28, 2024

Building a floating laboratory in space. It may have sounded like an out of this world idea when it was first approved by the US government in 1984 but after decades of research and work between countries around the world, the International Space Station (ISS) was created.

The first parts were launched in 1998 and it has been continuously lived in since 2000 – this is the longest continued human presence in space.

While everything is still in working order at the moment, plans need to be put in place to make sure it's safely taken apart in 2030.

NASA has selected Elon Musk's SpaceX company to bring down the ISS by using a form of tugboat for its safe return to Earth.



After decades in space the ISS will be coming back down to Earth from 2030.

### What's the plan to take apart the Space Station?

NASA has studied various options for how to take apart the Space Station safely.

These include using the younger parts in a next-generation platform.

Another idea has been to give it to another business to run and maintain.

But these solutions have complications which come down to cost and also sorting out who owns what, as different countries have built different parts.

The first step in the current plan is to let the ISS begin to "decay" in its orbit. This means it will naturally get closer to the Earth due to the planet's gravitational pull.

After the last of the crew have left, the space tugboat will then execute the final de-orbit move.

Source : BBC Newsround

July 2

# News in Pictures



**Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**  
Members of an honour guard leave after a ceremony marking the first session of the newly elected parliament in front of the Government Palace on Sukhbaatar Square.

**Ontario, Canada**  
Canadian Forces Snowbirds fly over during Canada Day celebrations at Parliament Hill in Ottawa.



**Port in Spain, Trinidad and Tobago**  
Waves crash into a sea wall after Hurricane Beryl made landfall, in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.



**Bridgetown, Barbados**  
Fishers pull a boat damaged by Hurricane Beryl back to the dock at the Bridgetown fisheries.



**Frankfurt, Germany**  
Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo scores a penalty during their penalty shootout at their Euro Cup Round of 16 match against Slovenia.



**Guangzhou, China**  
A breeder cares for a Giant Panda cub born to Mengmeng, in an incubator at the Guangzhou Chimelong Safari Park.



**Jerusalem, Israel**  
A Jewish girl prays at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest prayer site, in the Old City of Jerusalem.



**Samut Prakan province, Thailand**  
A Chinese art toy character called Labubu arrives in Bangkok during a campaign to encourage Chinese visitors to Thailand.

**Nouakchott, Mauritania**  
Voters wait outside a voting station as the country decides whether to re-elect President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani as head of the vast desert state, which is seen as a rock of relative stability in the volatile Sahel.



July 1

Sources : The Guardian & Reuters