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Learning to grow a home garden

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Please send competition entries to:



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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:

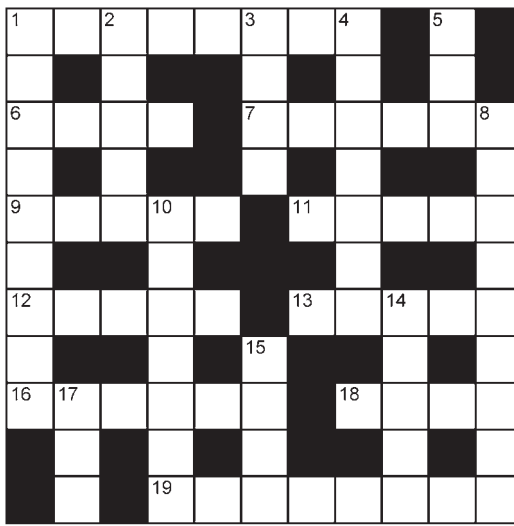
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Junior Crossword – No. 994



- Across**
- 1 Visitors from overseas
 - 6 A running contest
 - 7 Come to an end
 - 9 Articles
 - 11 Where Japanese live
 - 12 From Ireland
 - 13 An American film award
 - 16 Do harm to
 - 18 Repair
 - 19 Following tenth

- Down**
- 1 Extremely frightened
 - 2 A male relation
 - 3 Not in danger
 - 4 Light summer shoes
 - 5 A passenger vehicle
 - 8 Following ninety-ninth
 - 10 Error
 - 14 Not dirty
 - 15 At this place
 - 17 A chopping tool

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.



Preniksha MahindaKumar,
Kotagala

Solution - No 992



'Arunalu Siththam Contest'

The 5th Arunalu Siththam, children's art competition conducted by the Commercial Bank of Ceylon is offering Rs. 2.4 million in cash prizes to winners.

The competition is open to Sri Lankan children between the ages of 4 – 16 years countrywide as well as those living overseas.

Please refer website www.arunalusiththam.lk for more details.

Closing Date: Entries should be submitted online on or before August 31, 2024.



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

Agri Day at Little Angels Montessori



Little Angels AMI Montessori, Nugegoda organised an 'Agri Day' for their little students to learn how to plant and grow their very own home gardens.

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Tomahawk Quiz No. 221

► **Suhanya Gamaarachchi,**
Nugegoda



Please note that the Tomahawk Quiz Competition has been discontinued as of August 2024.

Maths in Action 83

By R. N. A. de Silva

ART & MATHEMATICS

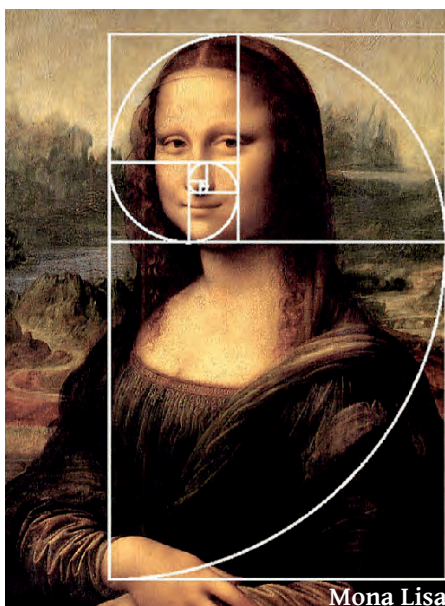


Although Art and Mathematics are taught as two completely separate subjects, there is a close connection between these two disciplines.

Mathematics is usually thought of as analytical but it is also creative, as art. Mathematics can be considered as an art of human understanding. Mathematicians invent and prove abstract ideas conceived purely by theorizing in the mind which is a process comparable to the creation of abstract art by an artist.

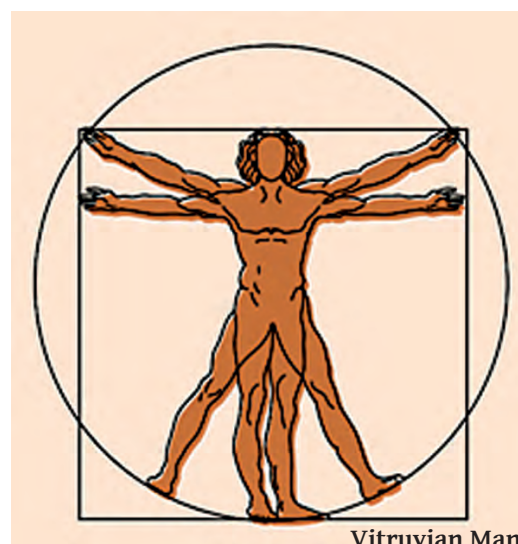
The close relationship between art and mathematics is evident throughout history. Many ancient artefacts such as pots and vases, and architecture are rich in complex geometric designs. Islamic art contains meticulous symmetries. Further, ancient wonders such as the Egyptian Pyramids demonstrate the closeness of art and mathematics in the creation of both functional and aesthetic objects.

Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci has used the Golden Ratio in many of his paintings. The Golden Ratio (sometimes called the Divine Proportion) was found by Italian mathematician Leonardo Fibonacci who discovered the repeating patterns in nature. The approximate value of the ratio is 1.618. He found the Fibonacci Sequence which is a series of numbers where each number is added to the last: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, and so on. The ratio of each number and the previous number gradually approaches 1.618... which is the Golden Ratio.

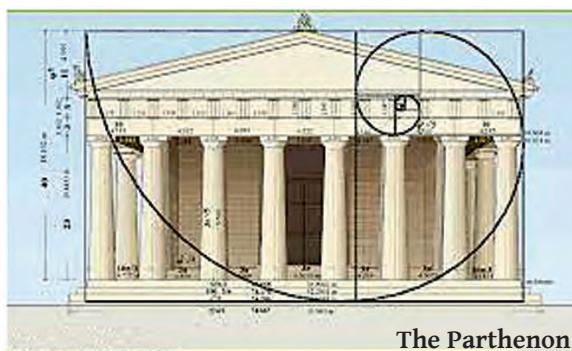


Mona Lisa

Leonardo da Vinci's painting the 'Mona Lisa' has many golden rectangles where the ratio of the length and width is the Golden Ratio. His painting 'Vitruvian Man' is an illustration of a man depicted in a circle and square to demonstrate different ratios of the human body which has close connections with the Golden Ratio.



Vitruvian Man



The Parthenon

The Greek sculptor Phidias used the Golden Ratio to build The Parthenon, which is a famous architectural project of antiquity. In the modern world, mathematicians define various types of symmetry and artists leverage them to create balanced and visually engaging compositions.

Artists like Mandelbrot have used fractal-like forms (fractal geometry deals with infinitely complex self-replicating patterns) in their work bringing another dimension to the closeness of art and mathematics.



Math Plot - 83

Try to find the solution to the following puzzle. You may send solutions with reasoning to 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.

Using only addition, add eight 8's to get the number 1000.

Math Plot 82 – Solution

The answer is 6.

The winner is **Afreen Hafsa** of **Aligarh Central College, Eravur**. Congratulations!



24th 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 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

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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!

Closing Date: August 10, 2024



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FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Kids,

Please send in your Articles and Art for Kids' World, to be published in the Funday Times online edition and website.

As you can see, we have space only once a month for Kids' World articles and art in the print edition. Therefore, we are planning to carry them every week in the Funday Times online pages as well as on the Funday Times website.

We also invite schools to send in their students' work for a school page in the online edition and website.

Thanking you in anticipation of your positive response.

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4 - 6 years

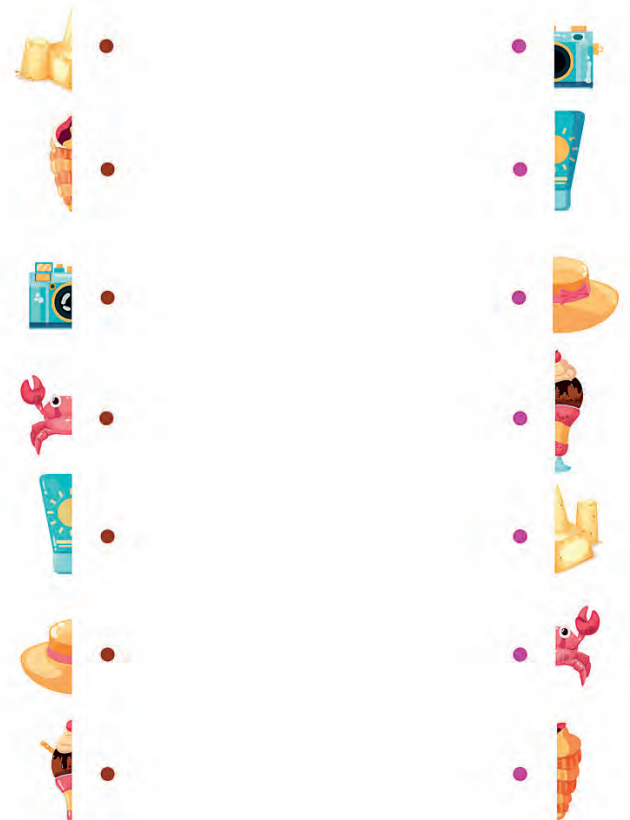


- ▶ Cera Gunarathna, Ja-Ela
- ▶ Faliha Juhar, Colombo 2
- ▶ Anha Imtishan, Gampola
- ▶ Aldha Razeen, Wellampitiya
- ▶ Sithuli Liyanapathirana, Mt. Lavinia

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

4 - 6 AGE GROUP

Match the halves to complete each picture.



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We have started a Kids World/School Scene page from this month in our online edition. We thank **Royal International School, Kegalle** for sending us the articles and art for this week's Funday Times School Scene. We invite other schools also to send in the work of their students.

My country

My country is Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is a small island. My country is very beautiful. The sea is all around the country. Rivers, waterfalls, flowers and mountains decorate my country.

I love my country very much.

Senuka Anuththara
(Grade 2)

My school

My school is Royal International School, Kegalle. It is an English Medium School. My school is the best school in my city. The building of my school is very big and beautiful. My school has a small playground.

I am proud of my school.

Dahamdi (Grade 1)

Coconut tree



The coconut tree is a tall tree. It has no branches. It has a bunch of leaves at the top. It grows in hot countries and places near the sea. Coconuts grow in bunches at the top of the tree. They gives us both food and drink.

Keshali

Water

Water is very important for us to live. We cannot live without water. Water plays a major role in the life of all living beings especially the lives of human beings. Because of water, places are very clean.

In some village areas of some countries, it is difficult to transport the big trees as there are no roads. Therefore they will have to transport the tree by floating on the rivers. And it is also very easy to transport things by rivers. We can get many kinds of fish also.

Seventy percent of the Earth is covered by water. Even though there is a great mass of water, only a small part of it is good to be used.

We need water for cultivation. If there is a drought we cannot have cultivation. So each and every drop of water should be saved.

Saara Fahmi (Grade 3)

My pet dog

I have a pet dog. Its name is Saga. It is two years old. It is brown in colour.



Senul Thevjan

My new teacher

My new teacher's name is Anusha. She is very kind. She is pretty.

I love my teacher very much.



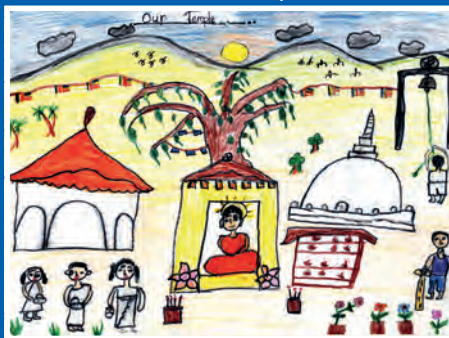
Abdullah (Grade 2)

Playtime



Matheesha Dayananda (Grade 3)

Our Temple



B. K. Methsilu (Grade 2)

A herd of Elephants



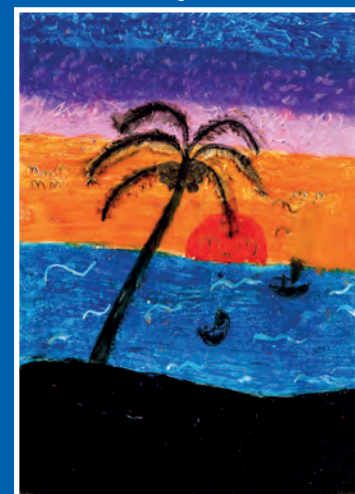
Ometh Nejitha (Grade 4)

Penguin



Yenuri de Silva (Grade 1)

Sailing Boats

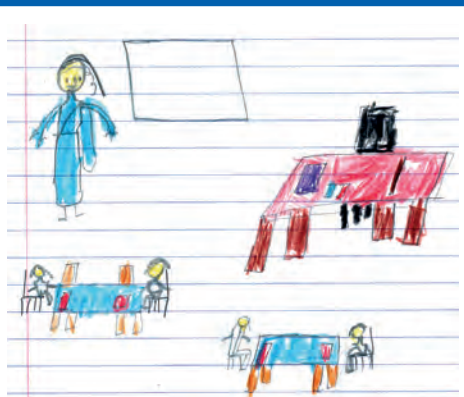


Sasena Sankethmi (Grade 2)

My classroom

My classroom name is Jasmine. There are many children in my class. My classroom has chairs and a table. My class teacher is Shani Bandara.

Shakya Bandara
(Grade 1)



Olympics in Pix



Simone Biles, Jordan Chiles, Jade Carey, Sunisa Lee and Hezly Rivera of the United States celebrate after winning gold in the women's artistic gymnastics team final.



Gold medallists of Team France pose for a picture on the podium with their medals after winning the men's rugby seven final.



Kazuma Kaya, Shinnosuke Oka, Takaaki Sugino and Wataru Tanigawa of Japan react after teammate Daiki Hashimoto performed on the horizontal bar during the men's artistic gymnastics team final to clinch the gold for Team Japan.



Pauline Ferrand-Prévot of France celebrates as she crosses the finish line to win gold in the women's cross-country mountain bike event.



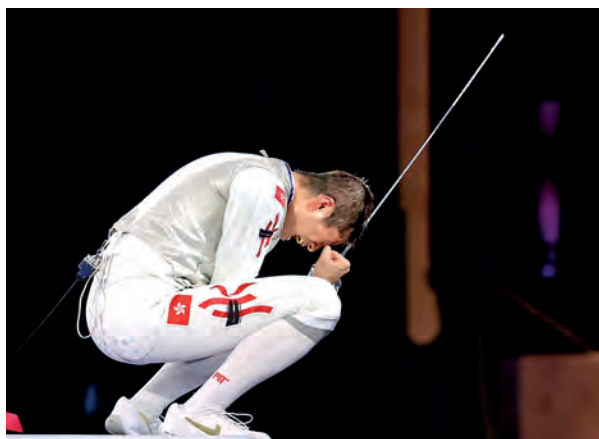
Gold medallists Yani Chang and Yiwen Chen of China celebrate after winning the women's synchronized diving 3 m springboard final.



Thomas Pidcock of Britain celebrates after winning gold in the men's cross-country mountain bike event.



Manon Apithy-Brunet of France celebrates after winning her gold medal bout against Sara Balzer of France in the women's fencing individual sabre.



Ka Long Cheung of Hong Kong celebrates after winning the men's fencing foil individual gold medal bout against Filippo Macchi of Italy.



Gold medallist Hidayat Heydarov of Azerbaijan celebrates on the podium after winning the men's judo 73 kg event.



Gold medallist Diyora Keldiyorova of Uzbekistan celebrates on the podium after winning the women's judo 52 kg event.

Source : Reuters

What's in the Olympic medal winners' box?

July 29, 2024

If you've been watching the Olympics, many of the world's top athletes have made a great start to the Games so far.

We've been keeping an eye on the medal ceremonies for the bling, of course, but have you noticed when athletes have a medal hung around their necks, they are handed something else too?

It's a long cardboard box with no markings on it...

So what is it? Well, it's a very special Paris-themed poster. When you open the box and unfurl the poster, it shows a cartoon version of Paris,



Japanese skateboarding star Coco Yoshizawa with her gold medal and her mysterious cardboard box.

with a picture of a big red Eiffel Tower and Paris' main river, the Seine, surrounded by sports taking place.

It also has the words XXXIII Olympiade referencing the fact that Paris 2024 is the 33rd edition of the Games.



The poster was designed by illustrator Ugo Gattoni.

Designed by illustrator Ugo Gattoni, the aim of the artwork is to show the full story of the Paris 2024 games.

Athletes also get a plush version of this summer's mascot as a cuddly toy, and don't forget the medals themselves which include tiny pieces of the Eiffel Tower!

NASA astronauts still 'stuck in space'

July 29, 2024

NASA says that they still don't know when two of their astronauts who are stranded on the International Space Station (ISS) will return to Earth.

Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams set off from Florida on Boeing's Starliner spacecraft on June 5 after multiple delays.

They were only meant to stay in space for around a week, however their craft developed a number of issues – meaning they were unable to head back.

The US space agency says that they're making "great progress" as they try to solve the problem, but they haven't yet set a return date for the astronauts.



Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams have now been in space for more than 50 days.

What's the latest?

Teething issues with new spaceships aren't uncommon.

NASA revealed that they discovered a number of issues with the Starliner spacecraft, including several helium leaks in its capsule.

Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams are the first crew to fly Starliner, which Boeing and NASA hope will make regular trips to the ISS in the future.

Another private company, Space X, owned by Elon Musk, has already been making the journey using their own rockets for the past four years.

NASA has previously said that the spacecraft has enough fuel to stay in orbit until mid-August.

The US space agency explained that they are trying to solve the issues with Starliner, however they have a number of back-up plans if they are unable to fix them in time.



Boeing Starliner's finally blasted off on June 5, after a series of delays.

Source : CBBC Newsround

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News in Pictures



Dambulla, Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka secured their first Women's Asia Cup title win, beating India with a clinical run-chase in front of home fans.
(Source - ICC)



Caracas, Venezuela
Police officers clear debris after people riot and vandalise the city in protest against President Nicolas Maduro's election victory.



Southport, UK
People leave tributes after 11 children and two adults were stabbed at a Taylor Swift-themed holiday club on Monday. Three children have died, and six children and two adults remain in a critical condition in hospital. A 17-year-old boy has been arrested.

Chongqing, China
Workers sort packages of silkworm cocoons, bought from farmers and headed for storage, at a factory in the south-east.



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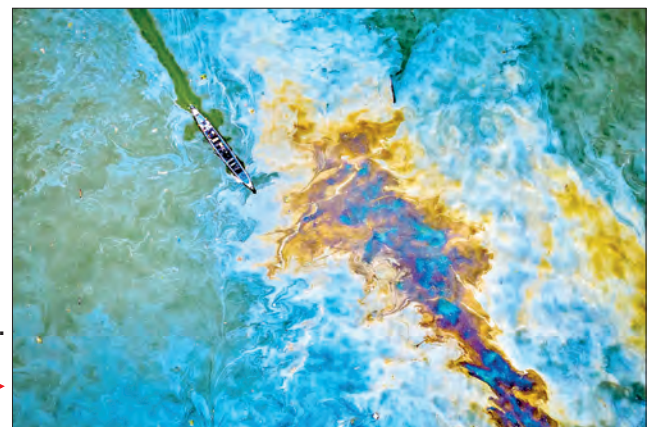


Edinburgh, Scotland
The Black Blues Brothers acrobatic troupe perform on Calton Hill in the run-up to Edinburgh festival fringe.

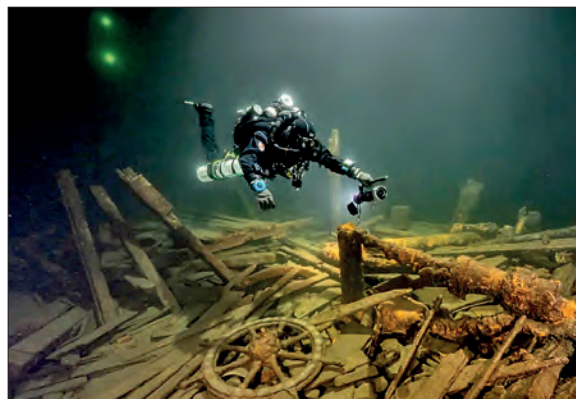


Kraków, Poland
Figurines at a garlic harvest festival. Local varieties of garlic have been certified by the EU as a protected produce of Poland.

Bulacan province, Philippines
Industrial fuel from the capsized MT Terra Nova tanker spews into Manila Bay. Experts say it could be the country's biggest oil spill.



Baltic Sea
A diver explores a 19th century shipwreck containing bottles of champagne and mineral water that was discovered at the bottom of the sea by a team of Polish divers, approximately 20 nautical miles off the island of Öland, Sweden.



Hyderabad, India
Artists dressed as Hindu deity Mahakali, perform during a procession to mark Bonalu Festival at Akkanna Madanna Temple.

Source : The Guardian