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Young dancers of 'Dance Lab'

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Please write the name of the competition and the date clearly at the top of your entry and include the following details:

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My Best Friend

Friendship is one of the priceless gifts. We make many friends but we also have a special friend in our lives. I am very fortunate that I have a true friend.

Thenuja is my best friend. He is my classmate. He lives in Nugegoda. His qualities inspire me to be like him. He is a very kind and caring boy.

Thenuja believes in high character and discipline. He respects all his teachers, parents and elders.

Both of us have the same hobbies. We are both in the same House in school so we can

enjoy together most of the time. We are both good in Maths, Science, English and History. He is a good speaker also. We both take part in the debate team. He always keeps himself away from the company of bad children.

I am lucky to have a friend like him. Thenuja is my best friend. I wish that our friendship will last forever because it is very difficult to find a real friend.

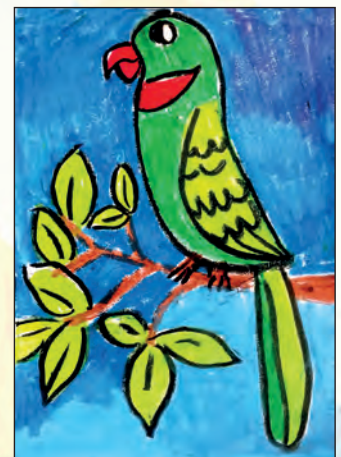
Mithila Jayasekera (9 years)
Horizon College Int., Malabe

Night in the Forest



Bianthra Kamaleshwaran (11 years)
Hindu Ladies' College, Colombo

Parrot



Aadam Mohammed (8 years)
Belvoir College Int., Colombo

Importance of Education

Education plays a vital role in every child's life, as it helps us grow and succeed. It teaches us essential skills like reading, writing and thinking critically which we use every day. With education, we gain the knowledge needed to pursue our goals and build successful careers in the future.

In school, we also learn important life lessons like discipline, responsibility and teamwork which help shape our character.

Education opens our minds to new ideas, cultures and histories, helping us understand the world better.

Additionally, education boosts our confidence by encouraging us to express ourselves and solve problems.

In conclusion, education is the foundation for a bright future and personal growth.

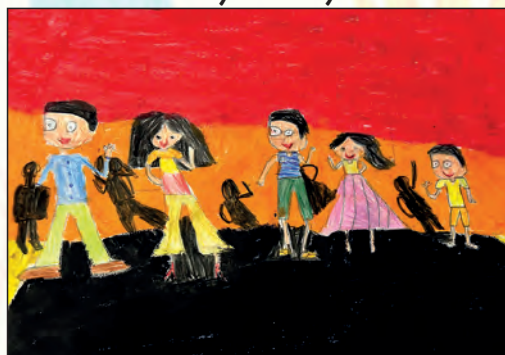
Adheesha Jayasekara (7 years)
Wesley College Primary,
Havelock Town

Elephant Bath Time



Dylan Roshan (10 years)
St. Thomas' Preparatory School, Colombo

My Family



Haleema Thanish (10 years)
Ladies' College, Colombo

Family of Scarecrows



Aanya Tinashi Samararatne (4 years)
Musaeus College, Colombo

Hibiscus Flowers



Dinewma De Silva (Grade 5)
Katukurunda Buddhist Primary School, Kalutara

Seaside



Aasiya Shimla (9 years)
Zahira College, Gampola

Happy Rainy Day



N. P. N. O. Ranathunga (Grade 6)
Dedigama Perakumba M.V.

My house



Thisuni Ariyaratna (Grade 4)
CIS, Kandy

My pet

My pet is a dog. Its name is Ruby. It is three years old. It is black in colour. It eats meat, fish and rice. I love my pet.



Gagana Anuhas (Grade 2)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Why I like to read

“A book is a gift that you can open again and again”. This quote shows the value of books and reading. You can collect facts to improve your knowledge, write and speak like no other, concentrate the best and all because of reading.

I like reading a lot. It is so interesting and fun. My favourite series is ‘Will Solvit’, because that person receives letters and all of them start with a really funny joke. To look at the pictures it has, you need a special decoder which I think is cool.

It was in Grade Four that I started reading a book called ‘Geronimo Stilton’ which I still enjoy. It is now my favourite hobby to settle in with a good book. “Reading is for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.” People who read have a wider range of imagination and a mind with less stress.

Reading is very good, the more you read the more you start liking it. That is what really happened to me. You can spend a lot of time reading on a boring – nothing to do day.

Reading improves our vocabulary, concentration, writing skills and imagination. It even lets us meet new friends. In a way, reading is better than movies.

So that’s why I like reading. “A writer only starts a book. A reader finishes it.”

Saveen Satheeskumar (12 years)
Lyceum Int. School, Nuwara Eliya

Natural disasters

Firstly, natural disasters are destructive forces that may occur within a short period of time. At present most of the hazards found in Sri Lanka are turning into disasters due to unfavourable human activities.

Secondly, when it comes to Sri Lankan ‘natural disasters,’ there are seven types of hazards such as droughts, floods, earth-slips, cyclones, lightning, earthquakes and tsunamis. One of the biggest natural disasters occurred in Sri Lanka, twenty years back. Yes, I am talking about the tsunami. It happened on December 26, 2004, straight after Christmas. Since Sri Lanka is an island, all the lands associated with the coastal area around it are open to this hazard. There are many causes for tsunamis such as earthquakes, earth-slips and volcanic eruptions that occur in the sea bed.

Damages such as loss of life, destruction of houses, buildings etc., mental stress and displacement of people, plants and animals and pollution of water and land are caused by a tsunami.

In conclusion, a tsunami is a very dangerous natural disaster. In order to escape from a tsunami you have to be attentive and alert about tsunami warnings. Be careful and stay safe by getting to a higher place.

Methara Perera (12 years)
Lyceum Int. School, Wattala

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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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.



Halloween

Compiled by Cecilia Hewavitharana

Halloween is a popular holiday celebrated every year on October 31st. Associated with Jack-o'-lanterns, scary costumes, trick-or-treating and all things generally spooky, the holiday and its traditions go back thousands of years.

The Festival of Samhain

Halloween originated with the Festival of Samhain, which was observed by the Celts of ancient Britain and Ireland, to mark the transition from summer to winter.

The Celts believed that the boundary that separated the worlds of the living and the dead were thinnest during the festival, and that the souls of those who had passed away visited their homes again, while those who had died during the year moved on to the afterlife.

Bonfires were lit to relight the hearths of homes for the upcoming winter, as well as to scare off evil spirits, and disguises were sometimes worn to avoid being recognised by the spirits that were roaming among the living.



All Hallows' Eve

In the 7th century, May 13th was established as All Saints' Day by Pope Boniface IV, and a century later, the day was moved to November 1st by Pope Gregory III, and in 837 Pope Gregory IV decreed it as a general observance.

'Hallow' means a saint or holy person, so the evening before All Saints' Day became 'All Hallows' Eve'; this eventually became 'Hallowe'en' and finally 'Halloween'.

The three-day Christian triduum to commemorate the dead, which begins with Halloween on October 31st, followed by All Saints' Day on November 1st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd, is known as Allhallowtide.

Despite being transformed into a Christian holiday, the Celtic-influenced Halloween traditions still endure, and today, Halloween is one of the most popular holidays in the world.

Sources: Britannica / Library of Congress / The New York Public Library / Carnegie Institute / Historic UK



Black and Orange

The colours black and orange are generally associated with Halloween; this also originated with the Festival of Samhain.

According to the Celts, black symbolised the 'death' of summer and orange represented the autumn harvest.



Jack-o'-lanterns

Jack-o'-lanterns supposedly stem from a 17th century Irish legend about a man named Stingy Jack, who tricked the Devil and trapped him multiple times, only letting him go on the condition that Jack would never be sent to Hell.

However, when Jack died, he found that his soul was not welcome in Heaven either, so he had no choice but to wander Earth for all eternity in the form of a ghost. To light his way, the Devil gave Jack a carved-out turnip with a burning lump of coal inside.

This legend led to locals carving frightful faces on to turnips and placed lit candles inside to scare away evil spirits.

Following the Great Potato Famine of 1845 - 1852, many Irish people migrated to America; when it came to celebrating Halloween there, they discovered a different vegetable that was much easier to carve, the pumpkin, resulting in the Jack-o'-lanterns we recognise today.



The first popular story revolving around Halloween was Washington Irving's short story, 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow', published in 1820.



THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Washington Irving

'What was I made for'



'What was I made for' – a journey of dance through the spectrum of emotions, presented by The Dance Lab was held at the Bishop's College Auditorium on October 7, 2024.

Pix by Eshan Fernando



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Read any book of your choice and write briefly about it. What we want is not just a summary of the story but your views on the book.

The best account in the three age groups will be awarded book vouchers of Rs. 500 each from Vijitha Yapa Bookshop.

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Cartoon Time!



Hey Kids!

We plan to put in more cartoons in the Funday Times and what's more they will be your own cartoons.

So, here's a chance for you to try your hand at producing your very own original cartoons.

Draw a little cartoon with a caption.

It could even be a small cartoon story in a strip (not more than three boxes).

The best cartoons you send will be published in the Funday Times. So good luck to all you cartoon fans!

Please remember that the cartoons you send in should be your original work and not copied or traced from anything. They should be certified as your own work by a parent or teacher.

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Halloween Crafts

Little Halloween Mason Jars

Supplies Needed:

- ◆ Small Jars – you can use baby food jars or little jars from a craft store
- ◆ Fine glitter in green, orange and white
- ◆ Googly eyes
- ◆ Black cardstock
- ◆ Craft glue
- ◆ Foam paintbrush
- ◆ Hot Glue

Instructions:

- ◆ Take off the lid of the jar. Cover your jar in a layer of glue. Sprinkle glitter all over the jar and set aside to dry.
- ◆ While the glitter layer dries, cut mouths or hair from black cardstock.
- ◆ Once your jar is dry, hot glue the eyes and cardstock pieces. Then fill with candy and enjoy!



Skeleton Pumpkin



This skeleton will scare away any monster that tries stealing candy from your doorstep!

Stack two pumpkins on top of each other. Spray paint both of the pumpkins white and use black paint for the eyes and bones.

Paper Halloween Luminaries

Supplies for each luminary:

- Sheet of 8.5" x 11" white paper
- Crayons or coloured pencils
- Clear tape
- Battery operated tea lights
- Glass jars
- Black Sharpie (optional)
- If drawing your own designs

Instructions:

1. Print each pattern on white paper.
2. Colour in with crayons or pencils.
3. Roll paper into cylinder and tape it closed.
4. Turn on a tea light and place inside the glass jar.
5. Place paper luminary over the jar.
6. Turn out the lights!



Pumpkin Stress Balls

These rice-filled DIY pumpkin stress balls are super easy to make.

Just fill up orange balloons with rice and draw on a cute (or creepy) face.



Source : goodhousekeeping.com

Spooky pups join Halloween dog parade in New York

October 21, 2024

Happy Howl-o-ween! Take a look at these spooky pups celebrating Halloween with their owners by taking part in a big fancy dress parade.



This pooch is posing as a 'Pop' figure!



These guys made a New York-style food cart and dressed their pooch up as a hot dog!



These dogs owners engineered a special harness for their pooch, so it could 'fly' dressed as an Ewok from the 'Star Wars' movie series.



This pup and owner dressed up as the US gymnastics team from the Paris Olympics.



This pup and owner dressed up as characters from the famous alien movie 'E. T.'



This pooch and owners dressed as characters from 'Harry Potter'.
Woof-guardiamleviosa!



This regal pup and owner dressed up in their royal finery for the parade.



This pooch dressed up as a tarantula.



These pups and their owners dressed up as 'Where's Wally' from the children's books.



This tiny pup is the finest steed this cuddly cowboy has ever had!



This pup is ready for 'Brat' dog summer!

This pup dressed for duty as a park enforcement officer.



This little pup is dressed as the sea witch Ursula from the Disney movie 'The Little Mermaid'.



BANANAAAA! This pup would be popular with the 'Despicable Me' minions.

Source : CBBC Newsround

October 22

News in Pictures



Ontario, Canada
A rainbow appears as people enjoy a warm afternoon on a tour boat at Niagara Falls.



London, UK
British Prime Minister Keir Starmer purchases a poppy pin, as he meets with fundraisers from the Royal British Legion ahead of Remembrance Day, outside 10 Downing Street in London.



Sydney, Australia
Britain's King Charles and Queen Camilla pose for a photo with students at the Sydney Opera House in Australia.

Kazan, Russia
The Russian president, Vladimir Putin, shakes hands with the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, during their meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS summit.



October 21

Marjayoun, Lebanon
Smoke billows over Khiam after Israeli strikes, amid ongoing hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces, as pictured from Marjayoun, near the border with Israel, Lebanon.



Portobelo, Panama
A devotee rests during a pilgrimage to the Cristo Negro de Portobelo, a wooden statue of Jesus, on the path to San Felipe church.



London, UK
A fan reacts as she and others pay tribute to former 'One Direction' singer Liam Payne, who was found dead after he fell from a third-floor hotel room balcony in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

St. Andrews, UK
Students take part in the traditional Raisin Monday foam fight on Lower College Lawn at the University of St. Andrews in Fife. The messy display is the culmination of a weekend of festivities in which the first years say thank you to their more senior student 'parents' for mentoring them.



London, UK
Part of the Chew Valley hoard of 2,584 coins, dating from around the Norman invasion of Britain in 1066, displayed at the British Museum. The hoard has been valued at £4.3m.

Sources : Reuters & The Guardian