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NELSON MANDELA IS NO MORE

South Africa's most famous icon is no more. Nelson Mandela, who bravely fought for the equality of the black people of South Africa, died on the 5th of December at the age of 95.

Why was Mandela a great man?

For much of his life, Mandela fought against the Apartheid law in South Africa which discriminated against the black people of the country. Black people were not allowed to vote, and were prevented from living in certain areas. They were only allowed to go to certain schools, hospitals and beaches. Services provided to them were of a much lower quality than those given to white Africans who were seen as the ruling class. Mandela fought against this and that's why he was jailed for 27 years by the South African Government. He was finally released in 1990. In 1994, the first ever election that was also open to black people was

held in South Africa, and Mandela's political party – the ANC – won a huge victory. Mandela went on to become the President of South Africa between 1994 and 1999. During that time, Apartheid laws were removed and black Africans began to get equal status in their own country.

Awards for Mandela

Mandela has won many awards for his work, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993. He is also one of the few non-Indians to be awarded the Bharat Ratna – this award was given to him in 1990.



Nelson Mandela's birthday - July 18 - is celebrated as Nelson Mandela Day



Mandela was buried his week at his ancestral home in South Africa. In his country, Mandela is also affectionately called by his clan name Madiba, or as Tata ("Father"). He is also often called "the father of the nation".

The CFN CHRISTMAS STORY CONTEST

The Christmas Story contest is here! So grab your pens, exercise those creative muscles and get cracking.



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CURIOSITY FINDS FRESHWATER LAKE ON MARS

Curiosity, an un-manned rover sent to Mars by US space agency NASA, has discovered that there was once a freshwater lake on the red planet. More importantly, the water was at one time drinkable and could have supported life.

The site of the ancient lake is the Gale Crater, which is the area where the rover was landed in the summer of 2012. By examining the soil and rocks surrounding the lake, Curiosity has helped scientists conclude (prove) that, a very, very long time ago, the lake contained good water.

The Big Discovery

Earlier this year, it was discovered that Mars once had water. But this is the first time we know



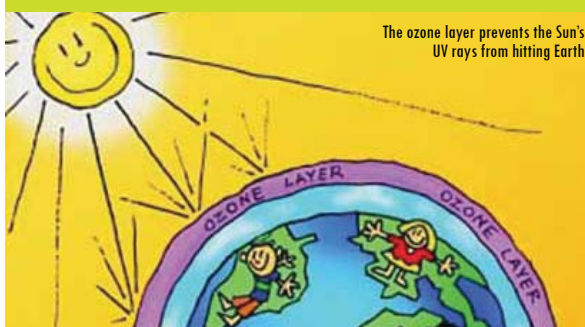
(Photo Courtesy: NASA)

that the water habitats were possibly good enough to support life forms. But what kind of life forms? Are we speaking of tiny microbes? Or more intelligent forms similar to Earth's animal life? Though the surface of the planet is now a desert, do life forms exist, buried deep beneath the Martian surface?

We simply don't know yet and Curiosity is not equipped to investigate these questions. But these questions are important as they will help us understand how life came into being on our own planet Earth and how it may eventually die out. And, yes, these questions will eventually be answered.

NASA is mounting more missions to Mars that can bring back samples of Martian rock and soil so that scientists here can study them. India has also sent an unmanned craft that will orbit Mars and send back data. The red planet's mysteries will surely be solved in the years to come.

Ozone hole will not close until 2070



The ozone layer prevents the Sun's UV rays from hitting Earth

A hole in the ozone layer (which is part of Earth's atmosphere) will not close until 2070, scientists studying it have said. The ozone layer (invisible to the eye) protects us from the harmful Ultraviolet (UV) rays of the Sun.

Until 1990, people used CFC, a kind of chemical, in refrigerators and spray bottles. CFC is an enemy of ozone and over time, the amount of CFC in the atmosphere created a tear in the ozone layer. The tear is located over Antarctica as winds carried the CFC released into the air towards the South Pole.

Once countries became aware of the problem, CFC use was gradually reduced - with the result that we are no longer tearing up the ozone layer. But the not so good news is that it's going to be many years before that hole is fixed by nature.

'Fruit-mad' monkeys

You mother probably frequently asks you to eat fruit. Here is one species of living creature that is sure to make her happy. The Saki monkey, which lives in Central and South America, eats between 45 and 50 kinds of fruits each day.

The high consumption (eating) of fruits is the reason that Saki monkeys are bigger than their insect eating counterparts like marmosets. But the bigger monkeys, like the Woolly Spider Monkeys, are the ones who eat leaves and plants.

Curiously, bananas are not the top picks for these monkeys, although it is this fruit that is popularly associated with the animal. They seem to prefer lesser known fruit varieties that are found in Central and South American forests.



The Saki monkey

Any sufficiently advanced technology
is indistinguishable from magic.

— Arthur C. Clarke

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A VIKING WARRIOR IS A MODERN HERO

What's a Scandinavian king who lived more than 1000 years ago got to do with latest technology? Well, in this case the king has lent his name to a kind of wireless technology that allows devices close to each other to communicate.

We are speaking here about Harald Bluetooth and Bluetooth wireless technology. Just as the king united Danish tribes into a single kingdom and created an empire around the

North Sea, Bluetooth unites devices operating on different technologies and allows them to speak with each other.

How Bluetooth is useful

You may have seen Bluetooth headsets that are worn clipped to the year and which allow users to make calls and speak on the phone without taking the handset out of the pocket/handbag. This was an early use of the technology which was invented in the 1990s and which continues to be very useful.

But today, Bluetooth is being used in very sophisticated ways to connect different devices. Companies like Adidas have invented smart soccer balls that calculate distance traveled and speed and transfer that data to computers close by, giving coaches and players more information about how a match was played.

Bluetooth can also connect two totally unrelated devices – such as for example a car lock and a phone. The phone could be used



Bluetooth could be used to connect a phone to a camera for shooting pictures remotely (where the camera operates by itself without someone handling it).

to open/lock the car because, using Bluetooth, the phone is able to send command messages to the vehicle.

In the same way, Bluetooth could make phones do many things. For instance, if phones could communicate with cash registers in supermarkets, people could use them to pay for things at checkout.

The technology is already making

a lot of everyday tasks at home easier, such as for instance, connecting a phone with a music system to play music or displaying photos from a phone on a large TV screen.

Bluetooth is definitely a useful technology and its uses are growing each day. Clearly, this is one king who will be remembered by a lot of people for a long time to come.



Harald Bluetooth

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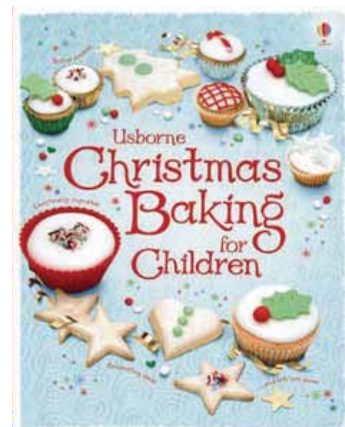
Christmas is the time to dig into a lot of goodies – mince pies, gingerbread cookies, plum cake and Christmas pudding. What if you could make some of these at home by yourself (with a tiny bit of adult help)?

To fulfill your 'chef wish' there are a number of kid's cook books in stores but the Usborne book featured here is a good pick as it has a Christmas theme. The book includes recipes for goodies like chocolate orange hearts, mince pies, white chocolate brownies and spiced apple muffins.

It has step by step instructions, so there is little danger of going wrong with a recipe. Plus the book is spiral bound – so you can keep the book open flat, making it easier to read a recipe.

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God's particle gets the prize

The Nobel Prize for Physics has been awarded to two scientists who first discovered the 'Higgs boson' or 'god particle' that forms the building block for everything in the universe, including us humans. The Nobel Prizes, which are given by the Swedish Royal Academy based in Stockholm, Sweden, are among the most important prizes in the world.

The two scientists who have won it are Peter Higgs and Francois Englert. Nearly 50 years ago, these scientists, working separately, spoke of a massive field of energy in the universe that causes tiny particles of matter to come together to create every object in the universe. Within this field, tiny particles invisible to the eye, called the Higgs Boson, zip around, picking up mass or weight. These tiny particles are what everything in the world is made up of.

As one of the scientists, Higgs once said: 'If it (the Higgs boson) wasn't there, we wouldn't be here.'



Francois Englert (left) and Peter Higgs

THE BEST OF 2013

In the year's last Special Report, we'll look at some of the best articles that have appeared in this year's Special Report, a mix of news, science and 'wild' stories.

Helping dogs walk again

Scientists in the United Kingdom have come up with a new kind of treatment that helps dogs with paralyzed legs walk again. Dogs that the new treatment was used on had all suffered severe spinal injuries - they could not walk and many could not even feel their back legs.

During the treatment, doctors took special cells from the dogs' noses and injected them into the area where the dogs had been injured, near the back and legs. The special cells usually help the body grow new nerves connecting the nose to the brain and the doctors hoped that they would help the dogs recover the use of their legs.

The cells did their work and many test dogs were able to move around freely using their back legs and even run around after the treatment. Let's hope this treatment can help other paralyzed dogs around the world walk again!

What are cells?

Cells are the building blocks of the bodies of all living things. Cells multiply and grow, helping humans and animals grow and develop.

With the new treatment, dogs like Elmer in this photo here no longer need to use a cart in order to help them walk



Wild encounters of the tech kind



A photo taken by a camera trap in South Africa

Shooting with guns went out of fashion many years ago. Today, the only 'shooting' device that you carry with you into the jungle is the camera. But, increasingly, cameras are playing a more important role than capturing personal family moments on an exciting jungle safari. Advanced camera trap technology is today helping scientists find valuable information about our natural world.

Cameras that are rigged to shoot when an animal crosses a trip wire have been around for a long time. But now that technology is moving in exciting directions. New age camera traps are triggered by motion sensors - when an animal passes in front of the camera, it triggers a shot. Many of them also use infra-red flashes so that animals are not blinded or frightened by a flash of light.

Wildlife preserves that use cutting edge technology have gone a step further - in order to avoid frequent maintenance trips to change batteries, their 'wild-cams' are being powered by solar energy. How very environment-friendly! At the Jasper Ridge wildlife preserve in California, United States, the entire network of 30+ solar powered still and video cameras is also connected by a wireless network that transmits digital photos and videos to email accounts of the preserve's officials. All this helps cut down traffic of maintenance workers (thus leaving the animals in peace) who otherwise have to trek to camera locations to download images/videos. Plus, there is an added bonus - animals in distress that have been captured by these cameras can get the help they need faster if images are seen regularly.

BEST OF 2013

port, we present a selection of some
ve appeared in CFN during 2013. It's is
'wild' stories. Hope you enjoy reading

The very last telegram



The very last telegrams in India were sent out on Sunday, July 14 as the Indian government has decided to discontinue the telegram service. On the last day, post offices were crowded with people who wanted to send out telegrams as souvenirs (a memory) of a once important but now forgotten communication medium.

Once upon a time telegrams were the only way to communicate rapidly as people did not have access to mobile phones or the internet. Even the simple fixed phone was rare in homes 40 to 50 years ago. If

you had to send a message to someone in a place far away, you could either write a letter (that would take days to reach) or send a telegram that would reach the recipient (the person to whom it was addressed) almost immediately. People had to pay per word, so messages were kept very short. The telegrams were sent through the post office network.

India's telegram service was set up by the British in 1850. That year, the first telegrams were exchanged between Kolkata and Diamond Harbour, an area close by. Now, 163 years later, telegrams are history.

The Internet of Things

You would have certainly heard of the Internet – the 'thing' that helps us find websites on the computer, share photos with family in another city and even see a sister or a cousin studying abroad through a Skype video chat. But now there is a new thing that everyone is talking about – and it is called 'The Internet of Things'.

So far, the Internet, which is basically a communication network of millions of computers, has been used by people to contact each other and share information. The 'Internet of things' is all about machines that connect to the Internet in order to make our lives easier.

Puzzled by what that means? Let's look at a real life example. A company called Belkin is now manufacturing a light switch called WeMo. Now, WeMo looks like any ordinary switch, but it is actually smarter. That's because, WeMo can connect to the Internet over WiFi (a kind of wireless network common in homes and offices for connecting to the Internet), which means you can turn WeMo 'ON' or 'OFF' using a mobile phone! So, when you return home after a late dinner, your parent can turn on the house lights from the car even before unlocking the door. No more scrambling around the dark looking for a light switch!

Now, the same kind of science can be used within refrigerators to alert you of low supplies of juice, milk or eggs! Or in a TV that scans programme listings to create a special channel with your favourite shows. Or a street lighting system turns itself on when there is traffic on the road. The possibilities are endless! Of course it's another matter as to what would happen if there was a massive power cut – what would our 'intelligent' machines do then?



The world's first lab grown burger



Take a close look at the burger in the picture. It looks no different from those you've seen or eaten in a restaurant, right? Actually, this burger is very, very different because the patty in the middle didn't come from the meat of an animal; instead, it was artificially grown in a lab!

How did they do it?

Scientists took cells from a cow and grew these into strips of meat by feeding the cells with nutrients and chemicals that helped growth. The strips of meat were combined to make the patty for the burger.

Why did they do it?

The experiment was done as a way of finding answers to two of the world's biggest problems:

- Finding food for the huge numbers of humans living on earth. If the population of the earth continues to increase rapidly, there might not be enough natural meat for everyone on the planet in the future
- Many people eat fatty food that makes them over weight and unhealthy

If we are able to grow food in labs, then the first problem is solved. The meat that was grown in the lab contained less fat than natural meat, which takes care of the second issue.

How did it taste?

Scientists who grew the lab meat called in food experts to taste the burgers. The tasters said that the burgers felt like meat and mostly tasted like meat too.

MEET THE CHIEF MINISTERS

As a result of the elections held over the past few weeks, Rajasthan has a new Chief Minister (CM) while in another

well. It also won a large number of votes in Delhi, but in the national capital, it was unable to get the majority (the greatest share) of votes.

majority of the votes. Without a majority, both the AAP and BJP seem unwilling to form a government. As a result, Delhi may be governed (run/ruled) by the

success for the BJP in the national elections in 2014. Indian voters will vote in April-May 2014 to elect a new national government at Delhi. The Congress led by Prime Min-



Mizoram CM Lal Thanhawla



Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh



Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje



Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan

three states, existing CMs have been re-elected to the post. Delhi's fate is however uncertain.

BJP scores

Vasundhara Raje is the new CM of Rajasthan. Her party, the Bharatiya Janata Party or the BJP defeated the Indian National Congress to come to power in Rajasthan. The BJP in fact also won the elections in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh as

What's going to happen in Delhi?

In contrast to the BJP's performance, the Congress fared poorly in the elections. In Delhi, where it has been in power for 15 years, it was utterly defeated. Voters in Delhi were split between the BJP and a new political party called the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). As a result, neither party could get a

President of India who will act through the Lieutenant-Governor of Delhi. This matter is yet to be decided.

There was a silver lining in the cloud for the Congress in the north-eastern state of Mizoram which it managed to win.

The Impact

Experts analyzing the election results in the five states say that the BJP's 3/5 win rate could point to

ister Manmohan Singh won the last two elections and has been in power for the last 10 years.

But Dr. Singh's government has become unpopular as many of his ministers appear to have become involved in wrong-doing. His government is also being accused of doing nothing to stop the rise in the price of commonly used vegetables and food items like rice and dal.

Common man's king?

Its name — Aam Aadmi Party or AAP translates into 'common man's political party.' Yet there was nothing common about its performance in the Delhi elections. AAP was formed just one year ago by a man called Arvind Kejriwal yet it won an impressive 27 out of the 70 seats in the Delhi Assembly. The AAP offered a simple message to voters — it would run a good government that would do everything possible to bring down the cost of power, water and other utility services provided by the government. Fed-up with governments that didn't seem to listen to what they wanted, Delhi voters decided to give AAP a chance. Time for other political parties to take notice of what people really want!



Lokpal Bill is passed

The Lokpal Bill, which is aimed at removing corruption from the government, has been passed by the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha. Once the Bill gets the approval of the President of India, it will become law.

The law will bring in the Lokpal, an agency that will investigate any wrong doing on the part of government officers. Even the Prime Minister can be investigated by the Lokpal. The agency can take the help of several powerful government investigative agencies to carry out its study. But to ensure justice is done, the Lokpal will work independently with no interference from the government.

This is the most powerful law we have so far to tackle the problem of corruption (or wrongdoing) in government.



The Lokpal has come into being thanks to the work of social activists (people who work for the good of others) like Anna Hazare

When people talk about South Africa, it's all about lions and elephants. But when we talk about India, we talk about tigers.

— Mahendra Singh Dhoni

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TIGER COUNT STARTS

India's tiger census or tiger count has begun with forest officials and volunteers fanning out to count big cat numbers in India's wildlife sanctuaries and tiger reserves. The count, which is done every four years, is conducted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority, popularly known as 'Project Tiger'.

At the last count, India was found to have over 1700 tigers. Even though the tiger is our National Animal, its numbers have fallen sharply in recent years due to poaching or killing

of tigers for their skin and body parts. Tiger numbers are considered important as the presence of a good tiger population in an area is a sign that the forest is in good health. As a carnivore that sits on top of the food chain, tigers control the number of small herbivores in a forest (as they prey on them) and therefore (indirectly) the habitat of the prey animals.

During the count, in many places forest officials have teamed up with volunteers (people like you and me, who are interested in wild animals). Teams will not



only count tiger numbers, but will also track the population of herbivores, and study the state of the jungle.

During counting, direct sightings of tigers will be taken into account

as well as pug marks, scratch marks and tiger scat (poo). These will be analyzed to identify individual animals and thus arrive at a correct estimate of the number of tigers in the wild.

Australia re-gain the Ashes



The Ashes is one of the most competitive tournaments in test cricket. Played every two years (except in 2013 when two back-to-back tournaments have been scheduled), between the English and Australian cricket teams, the current series underway in Australia has been won by the hosts.

On the afternoon of December 17th, the Aussies out-bowled the English to win the third test. As the tournament score now stands 3-0 in favour of Australia, the team from Down Under (a nickname for Australia) has won back the Ashes. The trophy had been with England since 2009.

India a damp squib in SA

India went down 0-2 to South Africa in the One Day International (ODI) series that just concluded in the African nation. The third ODI was washed out due to rain, but that was no excuse for poor batting from the Indians.

Indian batsmen struggled to find runs on the fast pitches of South Africa while their bowlers failed to stop runs flowing from the bats of South Africa's Hashim Amla and Quinton de Kock, both of who scored centuries in the series.

Let's hope that the team redeems itself in the two test matches that will played as part of the tour.



India to host U-17 FIFA World Cup

For the first time ever, India will host a FIFA level tournament in 2017. As you may know, FIFA manages the sport of soccer globally. It also manages important tournaments such as the FIFA Football World Cup. Three years from now, India will host the Under-17 FIFA World Cup.

India won the chance to host the important tournament after defeating bids from coun-

tries such as Ireland and South Africa. The tournament will be organized by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and matches are likely to be held in states such as Delhi, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Karnataka. Football is not as popular as cricket in India though it is the most watched sport globally. But hosting the Under 17- FIFA World Cup should give the sport a big boost (a lot

of importance) in India. Stadiums will also be improved for the tournament and young fans will get to watch excellent players in action.

Rankings-wise, India stands a lowly 148 in the FIFA rankings. The highest the national team has been ranked was a 94th place in 1996.



Nigeria won the Under 17 Cup in 2013.



THE CFN 2013 NEWS QUIZ

You've been reading this newspaper all through the year (avidly, we hope).

Now, come and pit your wits against the questions below.

All questions relate to important happenings in India and world during 2013.

Answers are below (upside down), but hey, no peeking!



1. Australia has just won the Ashes. After how long are they winning it?
2. Earlier this year, when South Africa played Bangladesh, Jacques Kallis set a record that's unlikely to be repeated. What was it?
3. What is the full name of William and Catherine's royal baby?
4. What was the name of the super typhoon that devastated the Philippines in November?
5. Nelson Mandela, who died recently, won the Nobel Prize for peace in 1993 for ending apartheid in South Africa. Who was the co-winner?
6. The hosting right to the 2020 Olympic Games was decided in 2013. Who won?
7. Which American city filed for bankruptcy in 2013?
8. Which young political party founded by Arvind Kejriwal registered a great showing in the Delhi assembly elections?
9. This British Prime Minister known as the Iron Lady died in April.
10. The year saw the growing popularity of a virtual currency that is now worth around Rs. 55,000 for every unit. Can you name it?
11. Who won the recent Chess world championship held in Chennai?
12. On 11 February, what did Pope Benedict XVI do that hadn't been done by a pope in almost 600 years?
13. What space vehicle did India send to Mars this year?
14. Which state in India saw flash floods and landslides that killed over 5000 people this year?
15. This company, whose name has something to do with birds, made one of the most successful public issues (or sold shares to people) this year. Name it.
16. Which famous Indian leader and reformer's 150th birthday was celebrated on 12 January?
17. The second movie based on Suzanne Collins' Hunger Games trilogy was released last month. Name it.
18. For which discovery did Francois Englert and Peter Higgs win the Physics Nobel this year?
19. Which Indian Badminton player won an individual medal at the World Badminton Championships?
20. Which state of India is likely to be split shortly?
21. Which cricket ground hosted Sachin Tendulkar's penultimate (second-last) test?
22. What is the new pen-name that Harry Potter author J K Rowling is writing under?
23. Name the newest air craft carrier to inducted into the Indian Navy.
24. Who took over as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India this year?
25. This Indian made history as the oldest winner of the US Open. Who is he?

Identify these famous people who made news in 2013

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Answers
1. 4 years 2. He had more runs, wickets, and catches than the entire opposing team put together 3. George Alexander Louis 4. Haiyan 5. F W de Clerk, the white President of South Africa 6. Tokyo, Japan 7. Detroit 8. Aam Aadmi Party 9. Margaret Thatcher 10. Bitcoin 11. Magnus Carlsen 12. He resigned 13. The Mars Orbiter or Mangalyaan 14. Uttarakhand 15. Twitter 16. Swami Vivekananda 17. Catching fire 18. The Higgs Boson or 'God' particle 19. P V Sindhu — she won a bronze medal 20. Andhra Pradesh 21. Eden Gardens in Kolkata 22. Robert Galbraith 23. INS Vikrant 24. Raghuram Rajan 25. Leander Paes — he won the Men's Doubles along with Radek Stepanek 26. Sebastian Vettel — 2013 F1 Winner 27. Shakuntala Devi, the math wizard who died in April 28. Suraj Sharma who enacted the lead role in the Life of Pi 29. Mallika — the young Afghan girl who stood up to the Taliban 30. Virat Kohli — one of the stars of Indian cricket in 2013

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IS SANTA CLAUS CANADIAN?

The country of Canada certainly seems to think so. One of its leaders announced recently that North Pole and Santa Claus both belonged to Canada and that his country would do everything to make sure that it remained that way.

Canada's reaction follows recent moves by Russia to claim a large portion of the frozen Arctic region. No, Russia is not going after Santa Claus, but the reserve (supplies) of oil and gas that are believed to lie below the hard ice. The world needs a huge amount of oil and gas to keep lights burning, vehicles moving and factories working. So, anyone who controls the Arctic fuel supply would be very powerful indeed.

Russia recently posted more soldiers to the Arctic, a sign that it takes the region very seriously. Canada's argument is that Russia has no right to claim the large chunks of the Arctic that it wants. "We are defending the north further by making a claim on the North Pole," one of its leaders recently said. Based on this argument, the Canadians feel that the most famous resident of the North Pole – Santa Claus – is also Canadian.

Canadian leaders have been pointing out that Santa's post office is managed by Canada. H0H 0H0 is the postal code assigned to Santa by Canada Post. The postal service replies each year to tens of thousands of children's letters from around the world addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole, H0H 0H0, Canada.



A Canada Post elf sorts out Santa's mail

Or is he Finnish?

Posing some stiff competition to Canada's announcement is Finland. For, in the country's Lapland district, lies Rovaniemi, a town with its own Santa Claus village.

The Santa Claus village comes complete with reindeer, elves and even a resident Santa Claus. This Santa Claus village too answers letters from children all over the world.

One of the most interesting



things about the Santa Claus village is the fact that the Arctic Circle cuts through it. A white line showing the Arc-

tic Circle is in fact painted on the ground and to enter the village, one must also step into the Arctic circle!





THE CHRISTMAS BOOK LIST

If you're between 5 and 7 years



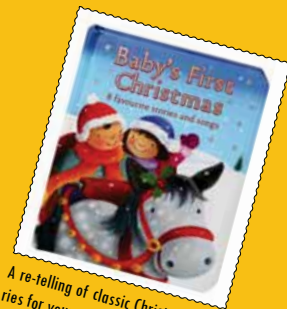
Spot and his mom get ready for Christmas by taking the tree home and decorating it, wrapping presents and enjoying the sounds of Christmas carols.



CLEMENT C. MOORE'S classic poem introduces you to Santa Claus and what he gets up to on Christmas Eve.



Julia Donaldson's lovable Stick Man is in trouble and only Santa can help!



A re-telling of classic Christmas stories for young readers.

If you're between 7 and 9 years



A collection of well-loved Christmas stories



Charles Dickens' popular Christmas story is retold with rhyming verse and wonderful illustrations.



Dr. Seuss' classic story about the grouchy Grinch who finally understands the meaning of Christmas.



A big, fat read of Christmas stories

If you're between 10 and 14 years



The famous short novel that tells the story of miser Ebenezer Scrooge and his transformation resulting from supernatural visits by Jacob Marley and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come.



Join Jack and Annie as they go on a quest to save Camelot, a quest that will prove to King Arthur that children and imagination can make victory possible



This is a beautifully produced story based on the much loved ballet. It relates the adventures of Clara, a young girl whose toy Nutcracker (a Christmas present from her mysterious godfather), along with other toys, comes to life. Clara finds herself in a middle of a battle with the evil Mouse King. Nutcracker (who is really a prince cursed by an evil spell) and Clara win but will the young lady's Christmas wish come true?



Join Tim Diamond and his younger brother Nick as they investigate an anonymous death threat made to world-famous pop singer and movie actress Minerva.



The CFN CHRISTMAS STORY CONTEST

The Christmas Story contest is here! So grab your pens, exercise those creative muscles and get cracking.
The first line (set by us) is :

"When Santa walked through the door....."

All you need do is complete the story within the word limit set for your age group.

THE RULES

- We give you the first line of the story, and you need to complete it as creatively as possible
- Word limits are given below
- Stories have to be written in English (though occasional words can be written in Hindi or a regional language)
- Entries should be emailed to childfriendlynews@gmail.com
- Please mention your full name, address, contact number, school, class and section along with the entry.
- Last Date: January 15 2014

Age Group: 7 - 9 years
Word Limit: 300 words

Age Group: 10 - 14 years
Word Limit: 1000 words

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Santa's Reindeer

o	w	j	p	a	n	e	z	t	i	l	b
u	a	w	r	w	h	c	p	r	k	n	m
t	o	s	c	e	z	k	e	y	d	b	z
e	d	t	d	l	e	c	u	i	r	m	l
m	a	o	e	u	n	d	p	k	t	c	r
o	s	x	i	a	u	u	n	w	k	j	e
c	h	y	r	m	c	t	k	i	q	a	n
e	e	p	j	y	x	s	r	j	e	e	n
l	r	j	d	h	p	l	o	d	u	r	o
v	k	v	i	x	e	n	v	e	v	i	d
x	y	r	e	c	n	a	d	d	a	t	s
j	r	a	v	w	j	d	v	x	n	p	b

Blitzen
Comet
Cupid
Dancer

Dasher
Donner
Prancer

reindeer
Rudolph
Vixen

SUDOKU TIME

		6			
2	1	5			
6			1		
		1			5
			6	5	4
			2		

Try your hand at this Sudoku. Remember that numbers 1 to 6 can appear only once in each of the six rectangles. They can also appear only once in each row and column of the overall square.

3	1	2	4	6	5
1	3	2	2	3	1
4	5	6	2	3	5
4	2	1	3	6	5
6	5	3	1	4	2
2	1	5	4	3	6
3	4	6	5	2	1

Answers

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

Re-arrange the alphabets to find the word

Clue: All clues are linked to Christmas

1. DREEENIR

2. HSELG

3. ELIJNG

4. MYCHNEI

Answers
1. Reindeer
2. Sleigh
3. Jingle
4. Chimney

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