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From the Editors Tab

Welcome back to the 2021 Summer edition of Kidly Friendly!

I'm sure you all have been waiting for a long time for this edition, just like me 😊

Now, can you guess why is 10th of July important?

You don't know?? Let me tell you. 10th of July is ...

KIDLY FRIENDLY'S BIRTHDAY!!!



And just like our looks change as we grow up; our logo looks different now:



Kidly Friendly thanks all children and youth who contributed in 2020. The journey in 2020 only became more interesting because of you. Some of you are continuing this journey, making the voyage this year, equally full of fun. We welcome new contributors on board who shall add new flavor and zing to all the content that we shall present in the holidays this year. Most importantly, let's do it together safely and with kindness to the world around us, the world we are in. Happy Kidly Friendly July Edition Reading 📖

Naisha



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Astounding Art



Artist: Aneri Pandya, 11 years old, Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A.



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Artist: Arundhati Banerjee, 11 years old, Howrah, W.B., India



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Artist: Ananya Nair, 9 years old, Sharjah, U.A.E

The Diana Award

The Diana Award is awarded to outstanding young people who selflessly create and sustain positive social change in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales. It is the most prestigious accolade a young person aged 9-25 years can receive for their social action or humanitarian work.

Credit: <https://diana-award.org.uk/award/about/>

Congratulations Namya



Namya believes that technology can be used to benefit mankind, but it wasn't until she started playing the computer-based game Minecraft, when she realized how technology can be a powerful tool for learning. She built and delivered her Minecraft-based lesson on Egyptian civilization, instantly seeing how interested the children were. Namya has trained more than 1000 teachers and students on how Minecraft can be used in education. Namya has been praised for her entrepreneurial spirit and her ability to "step into other people's shoes" with her motto #EachOneTeachTen where she shares her message of "Gaming for Good".



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Congratulations Raghav



Raghav Krishna Seshadri Sumanth, an Indian expat boy aged 12, from Dubai, a grade 7 student at Delhi Private School, Sharjah has been recognized with the highest international accolade a young person can achieve for social action or humanitarian efforts - The Diana Award. Raghav won the prestigious Diana Award 2021 for his humanitarian efforts for the education and empowerment of Syrian refugee children in Jordan and children of determination. Raghav and his team created cost-effective and innovative solutions to provide education to Syrian refugee children and submitted their ideas to 'Dubai Cares' which awarded him the Young-Philanthropist Award in 2019.

We applaud the efforts of both these changemakers and hope that they continue with the exemplary work they are doing!

C for Changemakers

Meet Romario Valentine From Durban



In the first image, Romario is seen with a sea turtle from Ocean Sole, Kenya. It is created from 30 recycled flip flops. In the second image, Romario is standing next to a Rainbow Eucalyptus Tree also known as Eucalyptus Deglupta.

Hello Kidly Friendly Readers,

I am Romario Valentine. I am 9 years old and reside in Durban, South Africa. Till date I have completed 164 beach clean-ups.

I have always cared for the nature and our planet. However, when I was 6 years old, I was an orca in a school play. I did research with my mother and I discovered that southern resident killer whales were endangered. I decided to do something about it by cleaning the beach weekly.

I want to be a Scientist to better understand the environment to help protect our endangered species and be a sportsman.

I have scheduled a Birthday Campaign as a 10th birthday gift for the 26th of July 2021, to restore habitats for biodiversity and to leave a legacy for other children and generations to come. If you wish, you can visit the link <https://www.backabuddy.co.za/romario-valentine-10th-birthday> for more information.



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My advice to each of you - You are never too young to help nature. I would encourage children to plant trees, do not litter, recycle, reuse and only buy things you need. If you have toys, you no longer play with, please donate to children in need.

Kidly Friendly's question to Romario- Any funny incident that happened with you when you were in a beach clean-up activity?

A funny incident that happened with me when I was doing a beach clean-up activity - Once when I was cleaning the beach with my friends, there was a little 2-year-old boy who saw us. He scurried towards us, with his mother running after him. He refused to continue to play with his toys on the beach and collected cans from all over the beach with us whilst his mother continued running in all directions after him, as he giggled. I think he thought it was a game.



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Meet Sammy Vance From Fort Wayne, IN, U.S.A.



Hello Kidly Friendly Readers,

I am Sammy Vance. I am 12 years old from Fort Wayne, IN, The USA.

I started 'Sammie's Buddy Bench Project' when I was 8 years old going into third grade.

Why Buddy Bench?

If someone is lonely, they can go sit on the bench and others know to go up and ask them to play. I don't want anyone to feel alone and at times would use it myself. Also a place for new kids to sit and those feeling left out or wanting to make a new friend.



To know more, please visit <https://sammiesbuddybenchproject.com/>

What can you do in this holiday?

For Summer vacation, I would tell everyone to continue recycling, maybe even make art out of reused items. It may not sound that fun, but trust me... It is! So, I encourage people to help the environment, and just relax. When you don't have much going on in your day, you can just take time to yourself! I hope everyone has a great summer!

Kidly Friendly's question to Sammy - If a genie/ fairy granted you a magic wish, what would you wish for?

If I had one wish, I would wish that this world would be more kind to one another. I don't expect it to be perfect, but I would like for everyone to be kind.

Story Time



Once upon a time, I went to my Naani's place. Where I met my friend Chintu and we played together. While Chintu was so scared to catch the butterfly, I was enjoying catching butterflies and lizards!

I entered my Maami's room and was about to fall asleep when suddenly I heard someone shouting "Abort the baby if it's a girl!" An then I say my Maami enter the room as she cried and cried. I asked her if everything's fine; she replied "I am pregnant! And your Naani says I should abort the baby if it's a girl!"

I was confused and ran to my Naani. "Naani, you don't like me?" I asked.

"No darling you are my favourite kid, why would you ask that?", she replied.

I asked again "The why are you asking Maami to abort her baby if it's a girl?"

"You won't understand, you're just a kid. Boys can do everything while girls are only supposed to stay at home." Said Naani.

I replied "I can do everything, I can even catch Butterflies, Lizards, etc. and I am not afraid of them at all, but Chintu is so afraid of them"

Naani interrupted me and asked "Have you ever seen a girl drive a Truck?"

"Girls not only drive trucks, they fly airplanes too. And our own Late Ms. Kalpana Chawla and Sunita Williams had been to Space." I commented.



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Naani was then speechless. Just about them, my mother called and told me that I have got first position in my school and everyone at home is so proud of me.

Naani then happily said to my Maami "Whatsoever be the gender of your child, He/She will take birth and I will not have any problem with you or the child."

I was dancing with joy and everyone was now happy.

Writer: Vaani Arora, 7 years old, Ahlcon International School, New Delhi, India

SDG-15 "Life on Land"



The story is about one of the endangered animals -The Bengal Tiger. The largest of the cat family but also the most endangered. It's our national animal as well.

In recent times, we usually see Bengal Tigers in books or TVs. Do we know why?

It's because their population decreased by nearly 95% in the past century.

In 2011, only about 2,500 Bengal Tigers were alive.

Forest destruction and killings for money led to the near extinction of these iconic animals. Now the important question is: Can we save them and let our coming generations see them in forests and zoos. The answer is Yes.

A simple pledge to not cut forests and not let them get killed for money, medicines or pleasures can do wonders.

Let's always remember this popular saying "Tigers are born to hunt, not to be hunted".

Writer: Bhoomi Singh, Ahlcon International School, New Delhi, India



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Opportunity To Understand and Reflect

What a water consumption!



If we are not paying heed to the correct use of appliances and their repair needs, we end up wasting water. Either we save water today, or else tomorrow we shall pay. Afterall, it costs more money to waste water.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gENNZk1Nw0yUf0PCq4224QOgkvYELrRHn6QCzMWTL5FUQIk4TVdGQ05NTzQzSkkzSjdUVVpYSk9WOC4u>

Kidly Friendly requests all to participate in the Water Devices used at home survey. Share it with your friends, cousins, classmates. Results will be published in the August Edition.

It will be interesting to see the results from different countries!

Err Error!

A mystery in an online class





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The misunderstanding is resolved.
The children learn that technology
can create errors and move on
with their friendship.

The End

Summer Waterwise Calendar



Being a Water Alliance Ambassador, I am adopting more sustainable lifestyles to reduce our collective water footprint, by creating the calendar below for the remaining part of July 2021.

Small steps, create BIG IMPACT.

Where is your CALENDAR?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					10 Read Kidly Friendly and get inspired ☺	11 Play a sport instead of spending time with a device or TV
12 Make your own green smoothie with spinach, cucumber and a ripe banana	13 Read a story to a sibling	14 Remove 5 things made from plastic from your home	15 Sing or play a musical instrument with a family member	16 Create a household item from a natural resource	17 Talk to grandparents about their wellbeing	18 Water plants
19 Swap a book with a friend	20 Try a new fruit or vegetable	21 Switch off unused lights and devices	22 Read about initiatives by children who were awarded by Children's Climate Prize, 2020	23 Take the stairs instead of lift / elevator	24 Eat ice-cream in a cone instead of in a container	25 Take seeds from the kitchen and plant them
26 Review and declutter your study table and cupboard	27 Keep water for the birds to drink	28 Donate something that you are not using and is in good condition	29 Paint a picture with reused paper. Cut it into pieces and your PUZZLE is ready!	30 Make your own lemonade instead of buying packaged juice	31 Make a candle from used crayons	



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The Children's Climate Prize is an international prize annually awarded to young people taking actions to bring sustainable solutions for our planet. The prize celebrates and shed light on young innovators, entrepreneurs, changemakers and conservators in order to spread hope and inspire others. The Children's Climate Foundation awards the prize annually, works for a long-term perspective and makes it possible for others to partner in the initiative. The winners of the Children's Climate Prize are celebrated at a gala event in Stockholm, Sweden. They receive a diploma, medal and prize money of SEK 100,000 to continue developing their projects. The Children's Climate Prize was founded in 2016 by Telge Energi, the Swedish frontrunner in renewable energy.

Credit: <https://www.ccprize.org/about>

Kidly Friendly will be proud to feature work and insights of a child who has been nominated in CCP 2021. Look out for it in the August Edition ☺