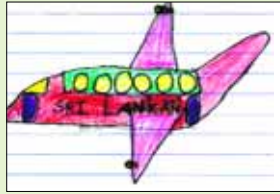


An aeroplane

An aeroplane is just like a big bird. It has two big wings. It can carry a lot of passengers. We can go from one country to another country by aeroplane. Last November I went to India by aeroplane. It was a nice trip.



Nipun Weerasekara
(Grade 2)
Yoshida Shokanji International School,
Sapugaskanda

New Year resolutions

Did you make a New Year resolution? I did. I made about four and the number of resolutions that worked out? Nil!

It is a pity that most of the New Year resolutions that we make are so very hard to keep and never seem to work out. The first few days of course, we manage perfectly. But later on, it just slips away, and then we end up promising ourselves to keep our resolutions for the next year, and so the cycle turns.

Maybe we should turn to having simpler resolutions that are easy to keep,

such as; making the bed every morning and making a habit of it, reducing the large quantity of sweets we eat just a little bit, etc... That way we could keep our New Year resolutions without straining ourselves too much.

After all it's not about making a New Year resolution just because everyone else does! It's about keeping your New Year resolution.

Well, good luck with yours!

Piumi Wijesundara
Ecole International School, Digana

Harry Potter

A boy who's famous,
For an odd shaped scar?
Conquered the Dark Lord,
But he didn't go too far.

Ron his best friend,
Rather humorous and fun!
Hermione the brilliant,
Always "homework done!"

Malfoy his enemy,
Ridiculous and dumb.
It's all to do with Hogwarts,
As the Sorting hat has sung!

Harini Kroon
(12 years)
Gateway College, Kandy

My mother and my dog

My mother's name is Shama. She is a housewife. She cooks and gives us food. She loves me very much. She is beautiful. My mother teaches me. I love my mother very much!

My dog is called Bingo. He has brown eyes. My dog eats rice and bones and drinks milk. He is always with my mummy. I love him too.

Sheya Perera
(Grade 4)
Sri Sumangala College, Kandy



Bullock cart



Miyuranga Premawardhana
(Grade 1)
Trinity College

My home garden



Lochana Rathnayaka (11 years)
Maliyadewa B. V., Kurunegala

Happy Holidays



Ishara Kumari (14 years)
KG/Siriwardhana M. V.

In the forest



Sandeepa Prabhash (Grade 3)
Siridhamma College, Labuduwa

My home

Nipun Edirisinghe (5 years)
Lyceum International College, Gampaha



A poem for the week

Growing up

I look at my newborn cousins,
Cute, cuddly and blooming.
I was once so little,
I was rosy-cheeked and crawling.

I look at my elder sister,
In her twenty-something and pretty.
After finishing school I'll be like her,
Twenty-something and witty.

I look at my loving mother,
Hard-working, loving but stern.
I'll come to that age, but to work that fast
I will have to learn.

Dear old grandma's over there,
She's wrinkled, kind and sweet.
One fine day I'll be that old,
'Tis sad, but still pretty neat!

**Piumi Wijesundara
(13 years)
Ecole International,
Digana**

My two favourite cricketers

My two favourite cricketers are Kumar Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardena. In the First Test Match against South Africa played recently, their partnership of 624 runs was a test record for the highest partnership between

two batsmen. The previous record of 576 runs was held by Roshan Mahanama and Sanath Jayasuriya. Mahela's 'master magic' created his personal best score of 374, which was only 26 runs short of Brian Lara's record of 400 runs.

Kumar's personal score was 287 runs. Mahela Jayawardena is presently the captain of the Sri Lankan Team. He was given an award for the best captain of the year at the ICC awards ceremony held in India last month. Kumar

Sangakkara is the Vice Captain of the Sri Lankan Team. I love my two favourite cricketers very much.

**Rakhan Dawood
(Grade 6)
St. Anne's
College,
Kurunegala**

A letter to a Pen-friend

Dear Sally,

Hi! I'm Shehani Perera. I am eleven years old. I study at Royal International School, Kurunegala. I live in Kurunegala too. My hobbies are collecting stamps, currency and stickers.

What are your hobbies? Now let me tell you about my family. There are five members in my family. They are my mother, father, two younger sisters and me. My father is in Doha Qatar. He works as a driver. My mother is a housewife. My two younger sisters are still studying. I'm still studying too. Oh! I forgot to tell you their names. My father is

Christy, my mother is Angela and my sisters are Isuri and Nethma.

Now I will tell you about my country. My country is Sri Lanka. It is an island. Sri Lanka was ruled by kings in ancient times. The staple food in my country is rice. We export tea, rubber and coconut. My country is so nice. I hope America is nice too.

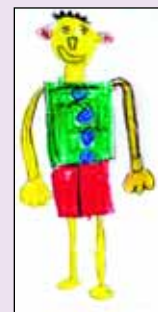
I shall pen-off now. I will eagerly wait for your reply.

Your pen-friend,
Shehani

**Shehani Perera
(11 years)
Royal International
School,
Kurunegala**

Myself

My name is Arshad. I am five years old. I live in Negombo. My school is St. Mary's College, Negombo. I am in grade one.



**Mohamed Arshad
(5 years)
St. Mary's College,
Negombo**

My home garden

Thisari Siyasigha
Sugathananda M. V., Madampe

Poems... Poems...

Create your own little poem and send it in to us. This competition is open to age groups from 4 – 14 years.

There will be one winner each week. The poems will be judged according to the age of the competitor. The winner will receive a book voucher for Rs. 500.

Please remember that the poems you send should be your own original composition and not copied from anyone or anywhere. Entries should be in your own handwriting and should be certified as your own by a teacher or parent.

**Word limit : 100 words.
Please write 'A POEM
FOR THE WEEK' at the
top of your entry.**