

Kumarathunga Munidasa

Kumarathunga Munidasa was a great author in Sri Lanka. He was born on July 25, 1887. His village was Dickwella in the Matara District.



Don Abiyes Muthukumarana was his father and his mother was Nonababa Muthukumarana.

Munidasa hadn't any facilities for higher education so he was self taught.

Kumarathunga always sought to give the Sinhala language its rightful place during a 23 year period.

He considered language as his sword and teaching as his battle. He tried to build up the general knowledge of the teachers in Sri Lanka. His descriptive writing enhanced the fluidity and beauty of the Sinhala language.

He wrote '*Magul Kema*,' '*Hathpana*,' '*Heen Saraya*,' '*Kumara Gee*' and '*Piya Samara*,' to enhance the childrens general

knowledge. He resuscitated the newspaper '*Lakminipahana*.' He wrote letters to the '*Lakminipahana*,' and '*Subhasa*,' to demonstrate to the people how

good the Sinhala language is.

Munidasa gave the same prominence to both the Sinhala and English language.

He wrote English letters to the magazine '*Heeliyo*,' to teach Sinhala language to people, who didn't know Sinhala, through English. He even taught music to people through the magazine '*Hela Miyesiya*.'

Our country is fortunate to have had a great author like Kumarathunga Munidasa. We should be proud of him.

He passed away on March 2, 1944.

Chamodi Perera
(Year 6)

Sirimavo Bandaranaike B.V

A visit to the moon

Once I dreamt that I went to the moon with all my family members.



We went in a rocket to the moon. We saw lots and lots of planets. At last we visited the moon. Far away from the moon we saw the sun shining brightly and then my sister gave a shout and pointed to some aliens.

The aliens saw us and smiled. "Come and have some tea with us," they said. So my father and mother went to have tea with the big aliens while my sister and I played with the small aliens. Then I woke up and looked around to see if there were baby aliens playing but there were none to be found.

And then I realised that it was a dream. What a beautiful dream it was.

I can't wait till I really go to the moon.

Sachini Jayasooriya (Grade 3)
Musaeus College

Adam's Peak

Sri Pada, which is also known as Adam's Peak is the fourth highest mountain in our country, next to Pidurutalagala, Thotapola and Kirigalpotta. It is situated in the Sabaragamuwa Province and in the borders of Ratnapura. Because this mountain is situated in the lower valleys this conical mountain looks taller.

It is said that on Buddha's third visit to Sri Lanka he placed his sacred foot print on the mountain. Because of this, in Sinhala this mountain is known as *Sri Padaya*. It is very rare that a mountain is considered sacred but Sri Pada is considered as a sacred mountain by all religions.

Christians believe that this mountain was named after the first human being, Adam. The guardian of this mountain is God Sumana Saman. There are three main routes to Sri Pada. The easiest way to travel, is to go through Nallathanni. The way to Sri Pada is surrounded by the grandeur of the hill country. The best month to climb Sri Pada is February. Climbing this mountain is a wonderful experience for all.

Shaakya Siriwardena (14 years)
Bishop's College

The rainbow in the world of science

A rainbow appears in the sky,
When the sun light comes after the rain.
How beautiful it is? How is it made?
These are the questions in my brain.

Sun light is divided into seven colours,
When the light is sent through a prism.
The raindrops do the same job too,
They act the same as those in a prism.

This is how the rainbow appears in the sky,
Such a simple circle with lots of science.
The small little droplets from the blue sky,
Does such a big job, isn't it nice.

Nirukthi Kariyawasam (14 years)
St. Bridget's Convent

The library

There are lots of books in the library.
We borrow and read books in the library.

My mom and dad take me to the library once a month. My sister and I take two books each. We have read lots of story books.

I love to go to the library.

Shaariqah Ismath
(6 years)
Minaret High School

Note

Please ensure that all articles, poems and pictures sent for publication are certified by a parent or teacher as your own original work. We have found that some articles and poems sent to us have been copied from the work published by others.

Kids in Colour With

Kids In Colour together with Reeves Art Competition is conducted monthly. A topic is given for each month. Three winners from three age groups will be selected. Winners will be announced on the second Sunday of each month and all winners will receive an attractive gift pack from Reeves.

Please note that all paintings should be certified by a teacher or parent, refer page 8 for further details.

All paintings should be on A4 size paper. Please write Reeves Art Competition at the back of your entry, together with your name, date of birth, address, telephone no., and school.

Topic for June – Poson
Closing Date: June 30, 2007



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Colours For Young Artists

Mail to:
Kids In colour with Reeves Art Competition
Sunday Times
C/O The Sunday Times
8, Hunupitiya Cross Road,
P.O Box 1136 Colombo

Winners of Reeves Art Competition please contact us in order to collect your prizes!



Wax Crayons - Oil Pastels - Paint Sets - Colour Sets - Water Colours - Oil Colours - Poster Colours - Powder Paints - Brushes

Winners - May - Vesak

4 – 6 years

1st place



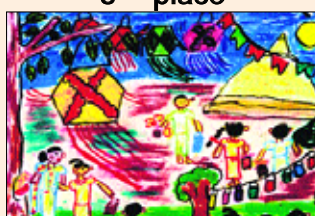
Oshadhee Dias
Sri-Bodhi Vidyalyaya, Gampaha

2nd place



Savindu Herat
Royal International School,
Kurunegala

3rd place



Azmarah Rizvi
M. D. H. Jayawardena M. V.,
Battaramulla

7 – 10 years

1st place



Udani Perera
Sarasavi Uyana M. V

2nd place



Dinithi Maussawa
Girls High School, Kandy

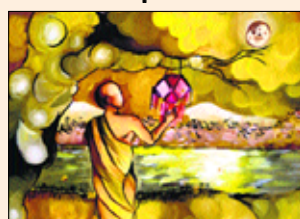
3rd place



Sajana Mallikarachchi
Rahula College, Matara

11 – 14 years

1st place



Dhanlith Sri Muthukumarana
Kingswood College, Kandy

2nd place



M. Athif
Mallyadewa College,
Kurunegala

3rd place



Nimha Pathirage
Musaesus College

Reeves Art Competition – Age Groups

Please note that we have adjusted the age groups for the competition as there is some overlapping of ages. The age groups will now be as follows: **4 – 6 years, 7 – 10 years and 11 – 14 years**

Winners please contact us on 2331276/2326247 and arrange to collect your prizes.

A Poem for the Week

Pooh Bear

My favourite character is
Pooh,
Don't forget his friends
too,
Pooh Bear loves honey
sweet,
He has fat legs and fat
feet.

I read Pooh stories, I never
forget,
In most of the stories Pooh
acts as a pet,
He has a friend who is a
bunny,
He has a small heart and a
big tummy.

Pooh has a very little
brain,
From the whole cartoon,
he is the main,
The bunny named Rabbit
has a thoughtful mind,
But when he is angry, he
is not very kind.

I love Pooh and his
friends,
I will end this poem then.

Shashindi Vithanage
(Grade 5)
Bishop's College

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.

