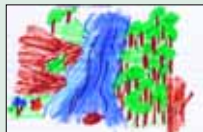


## Sinharaja Forest

The Sinharaja forest is the only undisturbed rainforest left in Sri Lanka. It is about 9000 hectares in extent. Many of the plants are very rare. Over 60 % of the tree species are found only in the low and wet zone of Sri Lanka.

In 1840 the Sinharaja forest became a crown property. It is home to many rare animals, birds, butterflies, insects, reptiles and trees. Ferns and mosses grow well, as the climate is humid because of the heavy rainfall. Sinharaja provides the habitat for animals. The plants provide them with food. There are large animals as well as small ones living there. The purple face monkeys can be observed easily.

There are herbivores,



carnivores as well as mix feeders. The wild pig, sambur, the mouse deer and the barking deer are some of the animals you can find in Sinharaja. There are also varieties of small mammals.

There are records to show 147 species of birds, among them are the blue magpie, the white headed starling and the ash headed babbler.

There are also 45 varieties of reptiles such as snakes, lizards and tortoises. The viper and the cobra are among the venomous species there.

The Sinharaja forest is the heritage of our beautiful island.

**Fasmina Najimudeen**  
(12 years)

**Thihariya Islamic International School**

## The mango

There are two mango trees in my garden. They are not high. There are mangoes in the trees. They are sweet. I do not like mangoes because they give me fever.



**Taniya Virajini**  
(Grade 3)  
**Holy Family**  
**Balika Primary**  
**School,**  
**Wennappuwa**

## Myself

I am Deashani Gimhanika Bernard. I am a girl. I am nine years old. I live in Katuwapitiya. My birthday is on October 28. My father is a businessman.

I study at Negombo South International School. My favourite subject is singing.

My favourite drink is Faluda. My favourite food is pizza. My hobby is reading.

I love my country. My future ambition is to be a doctor.

**Deashani Bernard (9 years)**  
**Negombo South International School**

## I am a fountain pen

I am on the cupboard of a bookshop. My brand is 'Pilot.' My colours are silver and black. I was sleeping inside a beautiful box.

One day a pupil came into the bookshop and asked for a fountain pen. The manager took out a whole box of us. The pupil bought me and put me in his pocket. He went to his home and packed me with some beautiful wrapping paper.

The next day, he had a

party for his sister's birthday. He took me and presented me to his sister. She took me out and wrote with me. She was very happy because she didn't have a fountain pen before, she had only ball-point pens.

I think I will have a long life because she can fill me with ink and use me for a long time.

**Thilini Perera (12 years)**  
**Kandy Girls' High School**

## A visit to the beach

During the last school vacation we went to the Hikkaduwa beach.

It is very famous for corals. There are so many visitors who come from other areas and countries. There are seashells on the beach.

We went into the sea for a bath and after taking a bath we went in a boat. A man on the beach came and charged the motor of the boat. We saw so many corals in the sea. There were so many fish in the sea. After seeing the corals we went back



to the beach. There were children making buildings from sand. I also

built buildings in the sand. The sea waves were coming slowly. The sky was turning various colours like red, yellow and orange. The sun was setting. It was a very beautiful scene. Later we left the beach and came home. It was a wonderful day in my life.

**Thashmila Manawadu**  
(Grade 6)  
**Sacred Heart Convent, Galle**

### 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.

## My hobby

My hobby is gardening. It is a useful hobby. I have planted fruits and vegetables in my garden. Some of the fruits I have planted are wood apples, pineapples, oranges and mangoes. Some of the vegetables I have planted are ladies fingers, beans, carrots and beetroot.

I spend two hours in the garden. I water the plants and pull out weeds. I manure the plants with compost manure. I do not use artificial manure. I

like to see a lot of fruit on the trees. Birds and butterflies come to my garden. They help to make my garden beautiful.

My father, mother and brother all help me in my hobby. We can eat fresh fruit and vegetables because of my hobby. I can even sell some and earn some money.

**Eshani Seneviratne**  
(10 years)  
**Sri Sangamitta N. S.,**  
**Matale**

**Kids in Colour With REEVES**  
Colours For Young Artists

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 – Posen  
Closing Date: June 30, 2007

Wax Crayons • Oil Pastels • Paint Sticks • Colour Sticks • Water Colours • Oil Colours • Poster Colours • Powder Paints • Brushes

**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!**

## Winners - May - Vesak

4 – 6 years

1st place



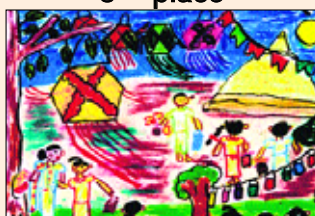
Oshadhee Dias  
Sri-Bodhi Vidyalaya, Gampaha

2nd place



Savindu Herat  
Royal International School,  
Kurunegala

3rd place



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

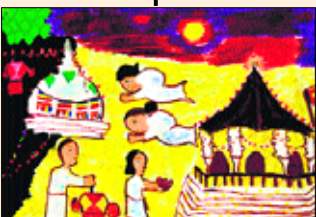
7 – 10 years

1st place



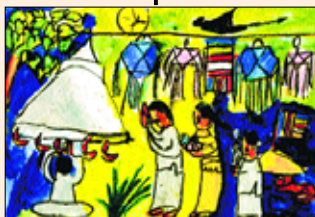
Udani Perera  
Sarasavi Uyana M. V

2nd place



Dinithi Maussawa  
Girls High School, Kandy

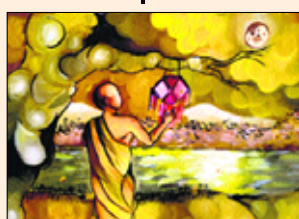
3rd place



Sajana Mallikarachchi  
Rahula College, Matara

11 – 14 years

1st place



Dhanith Sri Muthukumarana  
Kingswood College, Kandy

2nd place



M. Athif  
Maliyadewa College,  
Kurunegala

3rd place



Nimha Pathirage  
Musaeus 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 composi-  
tion and not copied from any-  
one or anywhere. Entries  
should be in your own hand-  
writing and should be certi-  
fied 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.**