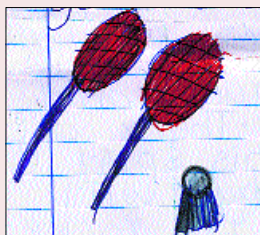


## The sport I like best



There are many sports in the world. People like various sports. They are, badminton, cricket, netball, football, hockey etc. My favourite sport is badminton. These sports use various instruments. Badminton uses a racket and a shuttle – cock.

There are rules in this sport. One is, if the first player will hit with the racket to the shuttle and the second player can't hit it, that person is out, of the game. Then that person is out and the game will be over.

This sport is very fun. I like this sport because it is a fun and enjoyable sport. If you also try to play it, you can do as best as you could.

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## My favourite cartoon character

One day I went to the BMICH, to the Disney Carnival. There were lots of Disney CDs. I went and bought a Disney t-shirt on which was marked Eeyore the Dragon. He comes in the cartoon called, 'Dragon Tales.' I went home with the t-shirt and kept it in my cupboard.

After a while I heard a noise from my cupboard. So I opened it and out jumped Eeyore the Dragon. He had come out of my t-shirt. He started

talking to me. I was very happy. I never thought that I would meet him. I took him out. All the people in the road were frightened and also amazed.

First I took him to KFC. I bought him ice-cream and chips. Then I came back home. I went inside the kitchen. I saw my mother making berry soup. The stove was out of gas. I showed Eeyore to my mother. At first she was frightened. Then I told her what really happened. She

was amazed. She said that the stove was out of gas. Then I had a plan. Eeyore took a deep breath and made fire. He blew the fire right into the stove. Then the berry soup was finished. We all ate it. Then Eeyore said it's time to go and he went back into the t-shirt. It is a day I would never forget.

**Andrea Fernando**  
(10 years)  
St. Bridget's Convent

## Water

Water helps us in many ways. 70% of the human body is made up of water. There is more water than land on earth. We use water for many purposes like drinking, bathing, washing, cleaning and cooking. Water also gives us pleasure like swimming, rowing, fishing, gardening and painting. Animals, birds and plants also need water to live, like human beings. Although plants and trees cannot drink water, they spread their roots far below and

absorb water from the soil. Desert plants like cactus, store water in their fleshy stems because there is very little water in deserts. Camels store water in their humps and can travel without water for many days.

We get water from wells, rivers, springs, waterfalls etc. All water is not clean, so you should boil and filter the water before you use it for drinking and cooking purposes. Water causes diseases. When you drink unclean

water you get sick. Bathing in springs called hot springs, help sick people to get well. We lose water by sweat and going to the toilet.

Places like tropical rainforests have plenty of water because it rains heavily there. Deserts have little water because it rains rarely.

Do not waste water for it is very precious.

**Nuzha Wazeer**  
(11 years)  
Ilma International Girls School

### Forest



**Loshini Gnanaswaminathan**  
(5 years)  
Methodist College

### Aquarium



**Sethmlina Jayasekara** (Grade 2)  
Ananda College

### Bradby Shield 2007



**Meth Hettihewa** (5 years)  
Royal College

## The importance of a proper and balanced education

In Sri Lanka most of the people tend to think that education is all about studying books and passing exams, while this is undoubtedly important, education should be viewed as life's skills.

Education should not only produce academic but equally rounded individuals.

What is the use of a hostile education? It is to learn both practical and

technical knowledge and succeed in life as a respectable person.

Education is important in developing a person's values and moulding their character. Education should result in a person as developing compassion.

In the modern world, most of the people balance education and extra curricular activities well. When you get engaged in sports you can develop your team

spirit and co-ordination with others.

What can you do to have a balanced education? You should not only read your school books and text books. You should read other things such as newspapers and encyclopaedias. There is no substitute for learning 'on the job.'

**Shaakya Siriwardena  
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My family



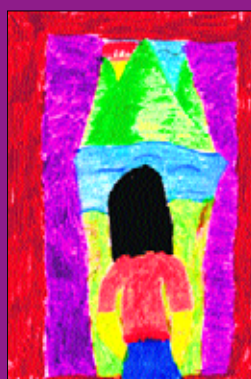
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My garden



Nethmi Perera (Grade 1)  
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Sunset



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Holy Family Convent

### 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.

## A Poem for the Week

Create your own little poem and send it in to us. This competition is open to age groups from 4 - 14 years. The poems will be judged according to the age of the competitor.

**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 clearly certified as your own creation by a teacher or parent.

**Word limit: 100 words**  
**Please write 'A POEM FOR THE WEEK' at the top of your entry.**  
**The winner will receive a book voucher for Rs.500.**

## Magical Dreams

As I lean against my window,  
And gaze at the twinkling stars,  
And see the town bathed in moonlight,  
It takes me to a land afar...

The magic of the night pours into me,  
As I'm raised into the air.  
Oh! What fun it is to fly over the country,  
With the wind blowing through my hair!

And then I'm back in the land of dreams,  
In a deep slumber so sweet and cool.  
But then my alarm clock rings,  
I sigh, as I get ready for school!

**Dilshan Senaratne  
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