

My class teacher

My class teacher's name is Mrs. Nishalika. She teaches us English and Maths. My teacher teaches good manners. She is very good and kind.



Her hair is long. She wears a beautiful sari. She's tall. Her class is Grade 1-D. She teaches in Royal International School. God Bless my teacher!

**Savindu Herat
(Grade 1)
Royal International
School,
Kurunegala**

The story of Sigiriya

A long time ago, a king called Dhatusena ruled in Anuradhapura. He had two sons named Moggalana and Kasyapa. Kasyapa was younger than Moggalana but he wanted to become king first. So he killed his father King Dhatusena and became king.

Moggalana was very angry. He wanted to kill Kasyapa and become king. So Kasyapa ran away from Anuradhapura and built a beautiful palace on top of a rock so that nobody could catch him and kill him.

This rock was called Sigiriya. He built many beautiful buildings on Sigiriya and painted beautiful pictures on the sides of the rock. We call them 'Sigiri Bitusituwam.'

Even now we can see some of these pictures and some ruins of the buildings.

**Shehani Jayasekara
(14 years)
Ave Maria Convent,
Negombo**

Coconut tree

Mostly coconut trees grow in coastal areas. The coconut tree is found in many parts of Sri Lanka. It grows specially well in the north western part of the country. This part is sometimes called the 'Coconut Triangle.'

From coconut trees we make many things. The things we can make from coconut trees are doormats, spoons, curios, rafters, cadjans for roofs. The coconut leaves are used to decorate wedding houses.

Coconut milk is used for cooking. And also it is used to make cooking oil. We make sweetmeats from coconut, like sweet coconut toffees. Coconut cake is very tasty and sweet.

Coconut water is a waste material but also we can use it for the purpose like producing vinegar. We export coconut from Sri Lanka to other countries. The husk they use for fire and they make brooms also and ropes and brushes.

There are many coconut estates in the country. The coconut tree is very useful to us.

**Ameena Siraj (14 years)
Al-Imran International School,
Kandy**

The majestic Niagara

Niagara is the second largest waterfall in the world. The word Niagara means 'Thunder of waters.'

Collectively the Niagara Falls is made up of the American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and Canadian Horseshoe Falls. One third of these falls lies in US territory.

The flow of water in the Niagara Falls is greatest in the daytime.

The 230 feet observation tower looks towards the falls and the rainbow bridge. Modern engineers used much of the water into hydro electric power stations.

Tourists have lost their lives trying to go over Niagara. The first person to do this was a 63 year old teacher in a barrel.

The beautiful Niagara Falls attracts around 12 million tourists per year.

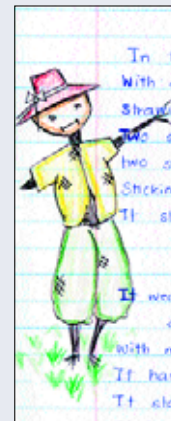
**Shamindri Jayawarna (11 years)
Colombo International School,
Kandy**

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.

Scarecrow

In the middle of a paddy field,
With a clay pot for a head,
Straws sticking out of its body,
Two sticks for hands and,
Two sticks for legs,
Sticking in the mud,
It stays there till paddy has turned golden.



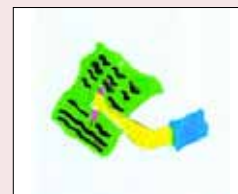
It wears my grandpa's old coat and baggy pants,
With my grandma's hat on its head.

It has no beard,
It stays like a bold, bald, old man,
It is kept to scare the crows.

**Shafna Sadeek (14 years)
Hillwood College,
Kandy**

My dream

My dream is to be a journalist. I get practice for that by writing to the Funday Times.



I'm happy to say that twelve articles of mine have been published in Funday Times.

When I am a journalist, I would like to report war news and sports news. I'm brave, to go to any war field to gather information. I like to go abroad with our cricketers when they go for tournaments. I like to meet the police officers and to discuss with them to report about crimes.

One day I hope to join the Funday Times newspaper as a journalist.

**Thameera Ranasinghe
(13 years)
Kuli/Assedduma
Subharathie Vidyalaya**

Winners – June – Posen

4 – 6 years

1st place

Haslru Gunawardane
Rahula College, Matara

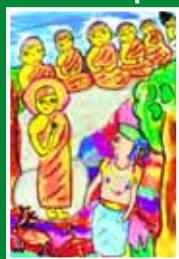
2nd place

Nethmini Wattetenna
St. Anthony's B.M.V., Kandy

3rd place

Keneesha Perera
Pretty Smile Pre School, Makola

7 – 10 years

1st place

Thilura Wijeratne
Trinity College, Kandy

2nd place

Lakshani Perera
Kalubowilla

3rd place

Supuni Bhagya
Sirdhamma College

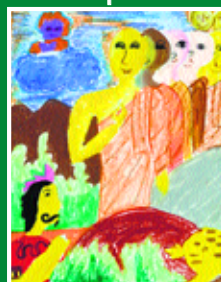
11 – 14 years

1st place

Shadana Binushi
Carmel Ballka Central College,
Chilaw

2nd place

Chanaka Sasanka
Sri Chandrarathna Manawa Sinha
Vidyalaya

3rd place

Thanushika Marasingha
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

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.

When I'm a woman

When I'm a woman, a woman,
A Teacher I'll be if I can;
and I can,
I'll show the lesson, stories I'll tell,
And teach my scholars the 10 Rupees well,
When I'm a woman!

When I'm a woman, a woman,
A Doctor I'll be if I can;
and I can,
My powder and pills will be salty and sweet,
Patients shall have what they like to eat,
When I'm a woman!

When I'm a woman, a woman,
A Mother I'll be if I can;
and I can,
I'll teach the Good Habits, Manners,
And I'll be kind with my children,
When I'm a woman!

Shelin Ruzmaniya
(13 years)

Alexor International
College