

My favourite cousin

My favourite cousin's name is Jovianne and we call her little Jovy. She is very light to carry. My mother likes her very much. If you clap her hands she will dance but the dance is just swaying. She likes to watch TV but it is bad for her eyes.

One day we went to pick my cousin and went home. I wanted to carry her. Then I ate pancakes and went to sleep with her. When I woke up she was not there. In the night she came again. She ate food with me but she has no teeth so she ate crushed biscuits. My mother crushed it for her and she ate it in one gulp and cried for more. My cousin watches a lot of TV and she doesn't mind what TV show she watches.

Indy Miltaso (Grade 4)
Ladies College

The National Flag of Sri Lanka

The National Flag of Sri Lanka is called the Lion Flag. Vijaya the first king of Sri Lanka brought a flag with a lion on it. Ever since, the lion symbol became an important symbol. The great King Dutugemunu carried a banner which had a lion with a sword on it when he came to fight King Elara.

The last king to use the lion flag was Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe. Then the British captured Sri Lanka and the lion flag was replaced by the Union Jack, the British Flag. The flag was taken to England but when Sri Lanka was fighting against British rule, they remembered the lion flag.

Mr. E. W. Perera, a person who fought for Sri Lanka's independence found our flag in England. Then again the flag came to be used. However, the present flag was designed at the time of D. S. Senanayake, the first prime minister of Sri Lanka.

As Sri Lankans we must bring glory to the flag.

Shehan Dias (8 years)
St. Peter's College

A national heroine

Long time ago there lived a beautiful, kind and wise princess in Sri Lanka. Her name was Vihara Maha Devi. Her father was King Kelani Tissa who had his kingdom in Kelaniya.

The king punished a monk brutally and the sea got angry and sent a tsunami to his land. To save the kingdom, princess Vihara Maha Devi sacrificed herself to the sea. She was sent to sea by boat but the tsunami didn't kill her as she was kind and good.

The boat drifted Down South and she met King Kavantissa at Kirinda. Later the king married her and they had two great sons, Gemunu and Tissa. At that time a Chola King named Elara ruled Anuradhapura and harassed the Sinhala people. Prince Gemunu grew older, strong and brave and became King Dutugemunu. Queen Vihara Maha Devi helped and advised her son to fight and defeat Elara. Finally King Dutugemunu killed

Elara and became the King of Sri Lanka.

Queen Vihara Maha Devi was a brave princess, a good mother and a great lady.

Colombo's former Victoria Park was renamed Vihara Maha Devi Park to honour her. We must be proud of Vihara Maha Devi.

Bhagya Pandithakoralege (8 years)
St. Bridget's Convent



Nature



Rahel Kirinde (Grade 4)
Royal College

My teachers

My teacher's names are Aunty Lasanthi and Aunty Niranjala. They are very nice and kind. They teach me Maths, Sinhala and English. They do hard work. They are very nice to me. I like them. They make me happy.



Shayanne Nicholas (Grade 2)
Bishop's College

Horse race



Ashane Perera (6 years)
St. Benedict's College

Funny fruits and vegetables



Hiruni Cooray (6 years)
Bishop's College

A beautiful day



Viruna Cooray (3+ years)
Nugegoda

My class



My class is 2F. There are 36 children in my class. Our class teacher's name is Mrs. Pavithra Yahampath.

It has a white board and a black board. It has a cupboard and a book rack too. My class is beautiful and clean. I love my class very much.

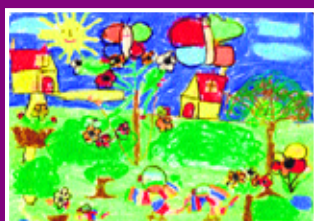
**Sarindri De Silva
(Grade 2)
Musaeus College**

The four races in our country



**Joshua Aldons
(7 years)
S. Thomas' College,
Mt. Lavinia**

Freedom of birds and butterflies



**Janani Gajadheera (7 years)
Vidura College**

Beautiful Sri Lanka

My country is Sri Lanka. It is an island surrounded by the Indian Ocean. It is known as the Pearl of the Indian Ocean. Sinhalese are the majority race. Tamils, Muslims and Burghers also live here. Sri Lanka is famous throughout the world as a tourist paradise.

The botanical gardens at Peradeniya and the Haggala gardens at Nuwara Eliya attract more and more tourists to Sri Lanka to come and see these beautiful places. The green mountains, winding rivers and spectacular waterfalls give great beauty to our country. There are many ancient historical ruins. Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya and Anuradhapura are

some of them.

We have many wildlife parks such as Yala, Wilpattu and Kumana. We have tropical weather all around the year. The luxury hotels and sandy beaches on the southern coast of Sri Lanka attract tourists to spend their holidays by the sea.

They enjoy swimming, diving and bathing in the sun.

Nuwara Eliya and Bandarawela are very beautiful because lots of tea bushes are grown. So there is a lot of greenery there. The people of our country are very hospitable. I love my country very much.

**Maneth Fernando
(10 years)
Asian International
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.

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.

My stupendous class

I'm in a class called Y6 (M). In class we learn Science, English and Maths, From History and Geography we get loads of facts. Sometimes we play games and have fun. Like in P.E. we run in the boiling hot sun. But some lessons are really boring. When I look around I see people snoring. For Drama we make awesome plays. But we always listen to what the teacher says. For music we sing lots of songs. The hard thing is sometimes we get all the words wrong. And don't forget Kandyan dance. We jump, skip, jiggle and prance. Now this year has passed, But I'll never forget my stupendous class!

**Medha Sharma (12 years)
The British School in
Colombo**