My first teacher

My teacher's name is Safiya. She was my first teacher. She teaches English to us. My teacher has been to Singapore twice. She is very good. She wears sarees. When there is a function at our

school she is the one who announces. She teaches at Matale International School. She wears fancy rings on her fingers. She has a red purse. Sometimes she'll go to Singapore again. May God bless her! I love my teacher very much.

Hala Marikar (6 years) Matale International



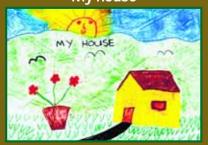
My garden

I have a nice garden. Our garden has beautiful flowers. It is in Kurunegala. We water our plants everyday. My garden has many trees. Our garden has a gate. There are

many animals coming to eat fruits. They are birds and butterflies. Our garden has a mango tree, coconut tree and a papaw tree. We clean our garden everyday. We made Vesak lanterns in our garden, last Vesak.

Savindu Herat (Grade 1) Royal International School, Kurunegala

My house

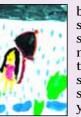


Gazan Aashith (4 years) International Child Care Centre, Puttalam

A rainy day

One day when we were getting ready to go to the park, suddenly it rained. Anyway, my mother gave me permission to go and play in the rain. When I went out I heard splashing

sounds. I danced and sang a tune. Then I called my sister to come with two buckets. She asked "Why?" I said, "To splash water." She brought two buckets, I filled the bucket with rain water and threw it on my sister. She did the same thing to me. My mother asked, "Shall I make



boats and come?" We said, "Ok!" She made so many boats and my sister and I let them go. My mother said, "Dada will come soon, go and change your dress." So I went and changed

my dress. I said, "Thank you Mama for letting me play outside." I will never forget that rainy day.

> Lakshikaa Srithar (7 years) Colombo International School, Kandy

The temple of the Tooth Relic

The Temple of the Tooth Relic or Dalada Maligawa is a place of worship. Buddhists go there to worship the sacred tooth relic of the Lord Buddha, which is kept there.

It is situated in the city of Kandy, near the Kandy Lake and opposite the Queens Hotel. It is in the centre of the city. The Udawatte Forest Reserve is behind it.

You can see the Golden
Casket, which contains the
sacred Tooth Relic of Lord
Buddha. You can also see very
old wall paintings, carvings and
very old books. There are also
many beautiful statues. You
will also able to visit the museum of the tusker Raja and the
palace of King Sri Wickrama
Rajasinghe, which is next to the
temple.

Every year a beautiful procession called the Esala Perahera is held to honour the sacred Tooth Relic of the Lord Buddha. You will be able to visit and see many elephants at this procession, which is held in honour of the sacred Tooth Relic. This procession is held in August every year.

Many local and foreign tourists visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic every year. Some visit it to worship, while others visit it to observe and admire its art and architecture. I think that the people of Kandy are very lucky to have this beautiful temple in their city.

> Wenuri Ratnayaka (11 years) Mahamaya Girls College, Kandy

Beauty of the jungle



Duvindu Liyanage (Grade 2) Rahula College, Matara

Racing car



Dannon Gomesz (8 years) OKI International



Cats

Cats are playful and nice. My cat is black and white Sometimes it scratches me, But I like my cat 'Suddie' Everytime!

She likes to drink milk She likes to eat fish and chicken Sometimes 'Suddie' runs when She sees me. But I like my cat So much!

My grandmother scolds me When I touch the cat. But my mother tells me to touch a little Then I pet her, A lot, a lot, a lot!

> **Udani Navaratne (7 years)** Hillwood College, Kandy

My visit to the zoo

Today is the day we are going to the zoo. I just can't wait. "Vroom," daddy is starting the car.

"Are we going?" "Yes!" says mommy.

I get in the car. The car stopped.

"Are we there?" "Yes!" says daddy. What a short time. Come on. We get our tickets. What should we see first? Let's go this way. The lions. There are three males and one female. See the leopard. It's balancing on a log. Oh! The tiger, it's opening the door for the other. Look at the bear, he's taking a bath in the

water. Is that all? No

look, a board.

Sea Lion show at 4.00. Uh! No! It's four! Fantastic, the sea lion's name is 'Chakku.' He said. "Hello, and Good Morning." He jumped through the hoop and went down a slide. He's five years old. Time to leave! "Well, bye animals," I had a great time.

> Dulani Kankanamge (8 years) Chittick Elementary, New Jersey, U. S. A.

poem for the

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.

A visit to a circus

With a blast of music, and a fan of balloons, All the performers enter the sawdust ring. As people cheer and jump in the aisles, And the songs and chants they sing!

The trapeze artistes swoop and dive. As the open-mouthed audience gape, At the lions and tigers with their ferocious snarls. And their trainer, with his glittering cape.

Then the clowns come followed by the acrobats, And the ringmaster himself, in all his glory, But then, finally, the circus And everyone leaves; but

that's another story!

Dilshan Senaratne (12 years) **Ecole International,** Digana

My teacher



R. Nishadi (6 years) Atamie International School, Ragama

Waterfall



Umama Muzammil (Grade 3) Royal International School, Kegalle

A butterfly



Ashwin Fernando (4 years) Lyceum International School, Kandana

