

## My pet

My pet is a dog. Its name is Tommy. It's brown and white. It eats bones. I love my dog.



**Urmitha Fernando (6 years)**  
St. Bridget's Convent

## The importance of newspapers

Newspapers are of great importance. They give the news of our own country. They also give us the news of other countries. Newspapers tell us what is happening here and abroad.

Reading newspapers improves our knowledge. There are valuable articles on health, history, medicine, science, sports and other subjects in a newspaper.

Reading newspapers is a favourite hobby of many. News about deaths, weather, flights, currency can also be found. There are many Sinhala, English and Tamil newspapers. A newspaper helps us to sell a house or a vehicle or find a land or a job through the advertising pages.

Thousands and thousands of people are employed in newspaper offices. Newspaper do a great service to mankind. A newspaper is a must for all.

**Mahitha Balachanthiran (9 years)**  
Belvoir College International

## Birthday wish to my Lion King

My Lion King is my Thaththi. He is very kind. He is my hero. I always follow my Thaththi. Thaththi is taking care of us very well. When my Thaththi is at home, I feel so comfortable. I love my darling Thaththi very much. Happy Birthday Thaththi.

**Sanidu Arachchige (Grade 1)**  
Gateway College,  
Rajagiriya

## A place I like to visit

Every April holiday we use to go on a trip. This year my father organised to go to Udawalawe.

On a Saturday morning we left home at about five. It took three hours to get there. We went to the bungalow which my father booked.

We had a bath in the river that flows behind the bungalow. We went to the elephant orphanage. I saw the Udawalawe Dam. The next day we went on a safari. I saw crocodiles, elephants and peacocks. We had our breakfast on a rock near a river in the middle of the jungle. I had a bath in the hot water well, which was

15km away from Udawalawe. On this trip, I always ate tasty food, which was prepared by the bungalow cook. He made this food in a village style.

This was an interesting trip. I really enjoyed the food and the nature at Udawalawe. I will trouble my parents to go to Udawalawe next year too. I hope they will take me, if God wishes.

**F. Shanella (8 years)**  
Ilma International Girls'  
School

## Romeo and Juliet

Romeo and Juliet was one of the best plays written by William Shakespeare. Shakespeare was a giant of English Literature between 1582 – 1616. Othello, Hamlet, Macbeth, were some of his plays. Among these, Romeo and Juliet became famous.

This is a love story between Romeo, son of Lord Montague and Juliet, daughter of Lord Capulet. These two families were the two most important and richest families of Verona and there was a long standing quarrel between them.

Romeo and Juliet, even though their families were enemies, fell in love. Their love didn't last for long as Romeo killed a cousin of Juliet's, so Romeo got banished from Verona.

Meanwhile, Juliet heard the news

and was shocked. In addition, her parents had arranged her wedding. A friar came to help Romeo and Juliet and made a good plan to help them but unfortunately, the final result, was the death of both lovers.

This play can be called a masterpiece. It doesn't have a happy ending. There is a hidden meaning in the story, that "feuds or wars do not give any answers but create more predicaments and difficulties."

It is not just another love story that has a tragic ending. The true meaning of the story is that two lovers become victims of a long standing feud.

**Indumini Randeny (14 years)**  
Sirimavo Bandaranayake  
Vidyalaya

### Note

Please remember that articles, poems and paintings sent, will not be published unless they are certified as your own work by a parent or teacher. Articles should not exceed 200 words.

### My bird



**Nouri Silva**  
Royal Institute,  
Nugegoda

### Japanese girl



**Mohamad Safran (14 years)**  
Sri Parakumba N. C.

## Why English is important

As we are aware, English is spoken all over the world either as a first or second language.

English has a vast collection of books in every field of knowledge. Therefore, knowing English enables us to develop our knowledge.

In this electronic century, everything is done through modern technol-

gy, so, to understand and carry out our work effectively, we must have knowledge of English. If we know English we get priorities in well paid jobs and are highly respected in society.

In Sri Lanka, English was introduced during British rule. However, after Sri Lanka got independence, the mother

tongue became prominent and English gradually lost it's status, but now educationists are taking keen interest to promote English knowledge among students.

Let us learn English and lead a life of dignity.

**Mathangie Gananathan**  
(8 years)  
Royal Institute

## 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.**

## Dreams

A dream is kind of like someone's wish, Something you want, someone you miss. A dream is a thing everyone has, It's not the type of dreaming you do in class.

Some people dream of having a chocolate world, Some people wish their straight hair was curled. Most humans wish they could take money from trees, Some people wish they weren't stung by bees.

Some children wish to have a puppy, That's my dream, I'll get one if I'm lucky. Some children wish the world was made of ice-cream, Well, that's an impossible, crazy dream.

Some dreams may come true, Some dreams, to fulfill there's a lot to do. Now get up you dreamy head, You can dream while you're in bed.

**Parami Peiris (11 years)**  
Lyceum International School

## On Teachers' Day



Anuki Pathnayake  
(9 years)  
Musaeus College

## My garden with butterflies



Upeksha Kasthurarachchi  
(5 years)  
Sriyani Montessori, Battaramulla

## Sunset



Anuk Dharmasena (8 years)  
S. Thomas' Prep School

## Favourite pets



Prashanthi Perera (9 years)  
St. Lawrence's School