

### My favourite cartoon

My favourite cartoon is Power Puff Girls. The Power Puff Girls are Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup. I love this cartoon.



**Sumaiya Rishard**  
**Thihariya Islamic**  
**International**  
**Montessori**

### My school

My school is Hillwood College. It is one of the best schools in Kandy. My school is on the top of a hill. It was started in 1890.

There is a dancing room, music room and a computer room in the school. The school swimming pool is very large. We love to swim in it.

In the school tuck-shop there is ice-cream, chocolates, buns, toffees and

Milo. We go there during the interval.

There are about seventy-four teachers at Hillwood. Our principal is Mrs. Hettiarachchi. She is a very kind lady. She comes to give speeches at assembly.

**Udani Navaratne**  
**(8 years)**  
**Hillwood College,**  
**Kandy**

### My pet dog

My pet is a dog. The dog's name is Blackey. Blackey can bark. It likes to play with me. It likes meat and fish. My Blackey is very beautiful. I like the dog.



**Rashmi Madara**  
**St. Jude's English**  
**Activity School,**  
**Warakapola**

### My friends in India

I went to India, when the last school vacation started. We stayed at the Army War College, Mhow (MP) for nearly two months.

I made some friends there. They were Surbhi, Sudhithi, Greeshma, Shasheema and Treena. They were very social and kind.

During most of the mornings, I used to go to the library with them. I learned the Hindi language from them. Regularly at about 4 p.m., we used to go to the basketball court and then the

children's park.

We communicated in English. They can speak English. They believe and worship God Shiva, God Ganesh and many other devas.

Surbhi and Sudhithi live in Chennai. Greeshma and Shasheema live in Punjab. Treena lives in Indore.

I had a very nice time with my new friends in India. I will never forget them in my life.

**Anupama Ariyasinghe**  
**(13 years)**  
**Ambalangoda**

### A visit to a rain forest

The van stopped near a spring on our way to the Sinharaja Forest. We all had a glance at the spring and restarted our journey towards the Sinharaja Forest via Deniyaya.

After an hour from Deniyaya we reached the Sinharaja Rainforest. From there onwards, we walked into the jungle accompanied by a guide, to explain the names of different kinds of trees and other things. He was very helpful.

We came to know that endemic species exist in this forest. We came across a snake named 'Ahatulla' and also an endemic chameleon named

'Pinum Katussa.' The only hassle was leeches where nobody could escape. But leeches help to balance the eco-system.

The soil in the rainforest was poor in nutrients because the trees are about 50m tall. These trees cover the sunlight coming to the ground.

The ultimate satisfaction we had was an adventurous trip. I would like to advise my friends too, to visit Sinharaja at least once.

**Ahamed Mafaz**  
**(12 years)**  
**St. Aloysius College,**  
**Galle**

My pet



**Shakir Ahamed (14 years)**  
**K/ Gampola Muslim M.V.**

Harmony



**Zaynah Haris (9 years)**  
**Km/ Almanar Central**  
**College**

#### 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.

A rainy day



**Fathima Shahani (Grade 5)**  
**Al Imran International School, Kandy**

## My favourite writer

Martin Wickremasinghe who was the greatest Sri Lankan writer of the last century, is my favourite writer. He was born in Koggala in 1890. He wrote many books for children and also for adults.

'*Madol Doova*,' is the famous novel which he wrote for children. Rohini, Leela, Yuganthaya, Kaliyugaya and Gamperaliya are

some of the books which are considered for teenagers. He wrote some books by using his childhood, marriage and his whole life story. '*Upandasita*' is a book which represents his whole life story.

His simple lifestyle and times are presented through photographs, sketches, awards, scripts and by hand-written manuscripts.

After his death his

ashes were interred in a grass covered mound on the right side of his house. '*Samadhi*' where his ashes are interred is symbolic of his simple life style. He did a great service to society as a great writer and also a great citizen.

**Thamali Kalubowila  
(13 years)  
Walisinghe  
Harischandra M.V.,  
Anuradhapura**

### The forest



**Achinthya Prasasthi  
(Grade 2)  
Minu/  
Arangawa  
Dammarama  
P. S.**

### Sunset



**Hansinee Wickramasooriya  
(14 years)  
Oxford  
International  
College,  
Balangoda**

### The dancer



**Amadhi Dassanayake (8 years)  
Kadawatha**

## 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**