

### Talk of a tree

My trunk is dark brown. My leaves are dark green.



The birds make their nest on my branches. I give a lot of fruits to little birds. Elephants, giraffes and cows eat my leaves. Birds and monkeys eat my fruits.

I give medicine to you. I give shade to you. I give sweet fruits to you. I protect water for you. I protect soil for you. I love everyone. But some people harm me. Please protect me for you.

**Uvindu Lokuliyanaawaduge (8 years)**  
Sivali C.C., Ratnapura

### My pet

My pet is a puppy. Its name is Tossie. It likes milk very much. It is very handsome. It plays with me. It is a bull terrier. It can run fast. It lives in the kennel that I made. It shows happiness by wagging its tail.

If I throw a ball it brings it for me. When I come home after school it is very happy and climbs to my knee. It eats fruits, meat, milk and rice.

It barks at thieves and guards our home. When I

close the door without locking, it opens it and comes near me. If I call its name soon it comes near me. When I put music it shows that it is happy.

Sometimes it jumps in my bed. It is an obedient and faithful puppy.

**Prabuddhitha Gunasekara (8 years)**  
Republican International School

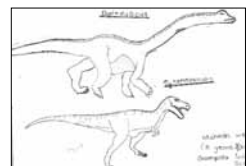


### Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs means 'Terrible lizards.' They were the largest animals to have walked the earth, many years ago. The largest dinosaurs weighed up to 50 tons and were twenty-five metres long.

Some lived 150 million years ago and some 80 million years ago. There were three types of periods. They are Trassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods. Some of the Trassic period were Melanosaurus, Mussaurus and Herrerosaurus. Some of the Jurassic period, Diplodocus, Allosaurus and Stegosaurus and some of the Cretaceous period were Torosaurs, Saltosaurus and Tyrannosaurus. Some of the meat-eating dinosaurs were Allosaurus and Tyrannosaurus and plant eating dinosaurs were Diplodocus and Melanosaurus.

**Mahesh Wedagedara (8 years)**  
Gampola International School



### My hobby

I enjoy myself by reading books and magazines. So, reading has become my hobby.

I read stories of interesting topics. Some are fairy tales. Others are surprising and real stories.

Cinderella is a very fascinating fairy tale. I love to read this story again and again. 'The Nightingale and

the Hawk' narrates about real life. I feel sad about the beautiful bird which was caught by the hawk.

I like to read more and more because I gain knowledge and understanding. At last I wish to say 'Reading maketh a full man.'

**M.K. Sajida (Grade 4)**  
Girls' High School, Kandy

### My pets



**Gayasha Nanayakkara (11 years)**  
Southlands College, Galle

### My house



**M. Minza (Grade 2)**  
Kg/Mw/ Baduriya Central College

### Parrots



### Princess Jasmine

**Maleesha Jayasinghe (10 years)**  
Leeds International School, Galle

### My garden



**Chanulle Attanayaka (5 years)**  
Kengalla

**Brundalini Jeyaseelan (13 years)**  
Good Shepherd Convent, Nuwara-Eliya





## My favourite cartoon

My favourite cartoon is Dragon Tales. There are seven characters in it. They are Max, Amy, Cosy, Orch, Zac and Wizy.

Max and Amy go to Dragon Land every holiday. Max is a boy, Amy is a girl and the all others are dragons. To go to Dragon Land, Max and Any hold a scale and make a wish. "I wish with all my heart to go with dragons to the land of Orch." And

then they sparkle and land in Dragon Land. To go back home, Max and Any hold hands and make a wish. They sparkle and land at home.

Orch is a greedy dragon and he likes to eat dragon berries very much. Cosy is very brave and she is Amy's best friend. Zac and Wizy is a dragon with two heads. My favourite character is Amy. Catsel is the dragon



uncle who helps them.

Every evening except on Sunday at 4.30 p.m., I watch Dragon Tales with my two sisters.

**Varuni Karalliyadde**  
(9+ years)  
**Mahamaya Girls'**  
**College,**  
**Kandy**

## A fish tank



**Fihama Irshad (Montessori 2)**  
**Malwana International School,**  
**Malwana**

### 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.

## Pixies and fairies

Pixies and fairies,  
Goblins and gnomes,  
Where are you?  
I would like to know.

You exist in my stories,  
And in my dreams,  
But do you really exist?  
I would like to know.

You would steal into my dreams,  
And poke into my stories,  
But do you really exist?  
I would like to know?

In the magical lands,  
Far beyond our reach,  
You really exist,  
That I do know.

**Hana Ayoob Khan (12 years)**  
**Ilma International Girls' School**

## 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.**

## Midnight

Darkness creeps as midnight strikes  
The time for villains to ride their bikes  
Dead trees swirl and come to life  
Blood trickles down a razor sharp knife  
Shadows always creeping, crawling  
Hunting, stalking, fading, drawling.

Nightmares explode inside people's heads  
Ghosts climb into people's beds  
Animals go wild, people fall ill  
All overcome by the ferocious chill.

As shadows perform their mime  
Darkness fills eyes for the last time  
As people wake from their dreaming hives  
Tomorrow remember, darkness creeps as midnight strikes...

**Sachira Chandrasekara**  
(Grade 7)  
**Colombo International**  
**School,**  
**Kandy**