

Lets protect the environment

The environment means all the things including trees, animals and people around us. In addition it is the surroundings where we live. We get so many uses from our environment. But it is sad to say that people pollute the environment without thinking of the future.

People always cut trees. They scatter rubbish everywhere, and they also add harmful chemicals to the water. Then people will not have fresh water for their daily activities.



Apart from these, there are many other ways that people pollute the environment.

In the past people protected the beautiful environment as their mother. They did not cut trees. They did not put rubbish into the water. Therefore they had fresh water. As a result of that people were free from diseases.

As a nature lover, I ask you to please try your best to protect the environment.

**Champika Herath
(13 years)
Kuly/ Saranath M.V.**

Our Founder's Day

On Friday February 8, 2008, we celebrated the Founder's Day of our college. First, monks from the nearby temple came and chanted *pirith*. It was the 2nd anniversary. Thereafter, clergy from the church and mosque came to give blessings.

When the religious activities were over, the Chief Guest and the two Guests of Honour arrived. We welcomed them at the main gate by offering betel. We played in the band too. They hoisted the National Flag and the College Flag. Then we

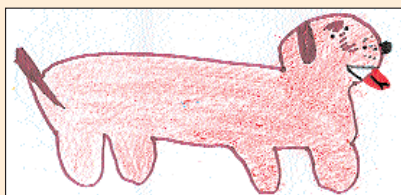
played the National Anthem. After that, they lit the traditional oil lamp.

There was a beautiful birthday cake. The prefects of our college cut it, while we sang the birthday song. Thereafter our vice-principal, chief guest and the guests of honour delivered speeches. After that we sang the College Song and the National Anthem.

**Hiruni
Vidanapathirana
(Grade 3)
Ceylinco Sussex
College, Kuliapitiya**

My pet Bruno

Bruno was a lovely dog
But now he has been sent God
He lives somewhere nice in fog
I love Bruno who lives with Lord



**Nicole Rudrakumar
(9 years)
West Hill Primary School,
Dartford, U.K.**

My favourite cricketer

My favourite cricketer is world famous Sanath Jayasuriya. He is one of the best cricketers in the world, but he is not a proud person. He is a silent man. He looks good. He has a round face. He is not a tall person. He has played in both one day and test matches.

**Azha Akram (7 years)
Thihariya Islamic
International School**

My new class

My new class is Grade Four. There are 43 girls in my class. Mrs.

Nirmali is my English teacher. Devindi and Nethmi are monitors.

There is a flower vase on the teacher's table. My classroom is beautiful. The blackboard is behind the teacher's table. The new calendar and the time table are on the wall.

**Nirasha Perera
(Grade 4)
Holy Family Primary
Girls' School,
Wennappuwa**

My favourite storybook

My favourite storybook is 'The Naughtiest Girl.' The author of this book is Enid Blyton. In this book there is a school called Whyteleafe. I think that is the best school, that Enid Blyton wrote a series about. She wrote what happens in this school, year after year.

A girl called Elizabeth Allen comes to this school.

At first she is naughty, but she became good. Elizabeth was good and kind. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Allen. Her best friend is Joan. Joan is a good and kind girl. Elizabeth has many friends such as Jenny, John, Robert, Kathleen and Harry, but her best friend is Joan.

Whyteleafe is a mixed school. In this school the

weekly meeting is held in the gym. The Head-Girl is Rita and the Head-Boy is William. They collect money and in the last term they evenly divide it among the students. Any grumbles and complaints are brought to the meeting and solved fairly.

They play games and hold concerts. There is a music room to practice

music. There is a beautiful garden too. The Head of the garden is John. Elizabeth likes to help him in the garden. There are so many fun things in this school. I like Elizabeth very much, and I like this school and this book too.

**Aysha Azhar (10 years)
St. Thomas Girls'
School, Matale**

Winners – February – Independence celebrations

4 – 6 years
1st place



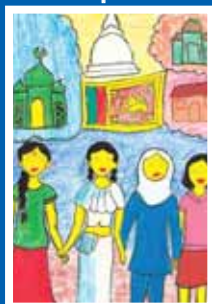
Savindu Herat
Royal International
School, Kurunegala
7 – 10 years

1st place



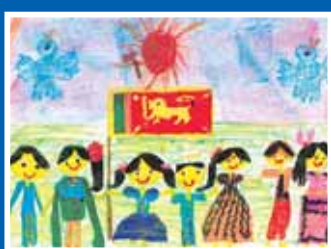
Shehani Silva
Holy Family Convent,
Wennappuwa
11 – 14 years

1st place



Sepali Tennakoon
Vihara Maha Devi B. V., Kandy

2nd place



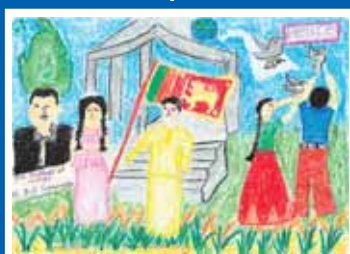
Minnel Fernando
Holy Family Convent,
Bambalapitiya

2nd place



Amanga Kuruppu
Southlands College, Galle

2nd place



Sachini Uthpala
Lindsay Balika Vidyalaya

3rd place



Amavi Kuruppu
Southlands College, Galle

3rd place



Yoshani Ranaweera
Ward International School

3rd place



F. Irfana Hameed
Badi-Ud-Din/ Mahmud Girls'
College, Kandy

Reeves Art Competition – Age Groups

The age groups for this competition are as follows:

4 – 6 years, 7 – 10 years and 11 – 14 years.

Winners please contact us on 2331276/2479337 and arrange to collect your prizes.

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.

War

War is nothing but a hideous calamity

War in reality is very little glory

The only things they do are slaughtering and killing
Filling their hearts with hatred

So is war needed?

Sweeps the strong and leaves the old

Unfit to carry on the race alone

War is such an Evil
Leaving people homeless and avoided

So why is war needed?

As shadows are drawn to hatred

Darkness fills their eyes
All they do is mourn and cry
So let there be harmony and peace

No matter what race, colour or religion

So is war really needed?

Lishan Hatharasinghe
(13 years)

Lyceum International School, Nugegoda