

My sister



My sister's name is Sanari. She is very small. She is very beautiful. She likes to drink milk. I love my sister.

**Kavindi Sugathadasa
(5 years)
Hilburn International
School, Avissawella**

My favourite cartoon



My favourite cartoon is Scooby Doo. There are five characters in it. They are Fred, Daphne, Velma, Shaggy and Scooby.

Fred is the leader of the team. Velma is the brave girl in the team. Shaggy and Scooby are very greedy for food. Velma, Fred and Daphne like to find clues. Shaggy and Scooby like to eat Scooby Snacks.

My favourite character is Velma. Every evening at 5 p.m. (except on weekends) I watch Scooby Doo with my grandmother.

**Shadiya Feroz , (10 years)
Good Shepherd
Convent**

Sleeping Beauty



**Lihini Boteju
(12 years)
Bishop's
College**

Our cultural heritage

The people of Sri Lanka have inherited a great culture and civilisation. According to our History books it is shown that Sri Lanka has been populated for over 3000 years. The Sinhalese have settle in the areas of Anuradhapura in about 800 B.C.

We as Sri Lankans have inherited a great culture. This is proven by the ruins of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Kandy. So we should protect the ruins of these places because they are the symbols of our history. Actually

we can imagine the talent of our ancient ancestors, through the buildings, carvings, images and paintings.

When we talk about paintings we have to mention the Sigiriya paintings. It proves that we had many traditional arts and crafts. Even today's engineers cannot imagine how the water fountains of Sigiriya have been built. It is actually marvellous!

All Sri Lankans should protect the remains of these ruins and preserve them for our future genera-

tion too. Then they will also be proud of our ancestors.

We also have the traditional customs and practices that we follow at our National Festivals such as the Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebrations. We should pass on these customs and cultural habits to our younger generation and make them aware of the value of these customs and habits.

**Lahiru Ranasinghe
(14 years)
St. Benedict's College**

A pair of parrots



**Nethml
Wickramarachchi
(Grade 5)
Buddhist Ladies
College**

Parrots



Commonly parrots are green in colour. Some have a red line like a necklace. It's beak is red in colour and curved. There are different kinds of parrots in the world, in different colours like red, blue, white and yellow. We can see these different types of parrots in the zoo.

Parrots live in holes in trees. In the jungle, they live as flocks. Parrots like to eat fruits like mango, banana, papaw and they also like to eat grains.

We can tame them. Some people keep them in cages as pets. We can teach them to talk. Parrots can identify persons who live with them. If a stranger comes, it begins to shout.

Parrots are lovely, beautiful birds. I like parrots very much.

**Shashanka Cabral (8 years)
Nalanda College**

Strawberry Shortcake



**Senadle
Ekanayake
(Grade 4)
St. Bridget's
Convent**

Swimming pool



**Ometh Llyanage (4 years)
Busy Bees Montessori**

Myself

My name is Binadi. I am four years old. I live at Maharagama. I have long curly hair.

**Binadi Almeida
(4 years)
Little Friends Montessori,
Maharagama**

My school

My school is Vidura College. It is in Nawala. Our Principal is Mr. D.G. Sumanasekara. Our school flag is light blue, dark blue and silver. My school is very big and it is very beautiful. I love my school and I like to go to school very much.



**Manuja Rajakaruna
(Grade 2)
Vidura 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.



Independence celebrations

**Abdul Sulthan
(12 years)
Ikra International School**

The automobile

Many inventions have taken several centuries to come up to their normal form. However, it is my opinion that the creation of the automobile is one of the greatest inventions in the history of our world.

The automobile as we know it, was not invented in a single day by a single inventor. It is estimated that over 100,000 people over the years created the modern automobile.

The first road vehicle was a military tract invented by a French engineer, Mr. Nicholas Joseph. It was powered by a steam engine and had to stop every 10 to 15 minutes to build up steam power. It was used by the French Army. It was bad luck for the inventor, when a passenger died in an accident in his experimental automobile.

A model of this vehicle is on display at the muse-

um, in Paris.

The car built by two brothers, Charles and Frank was the first gasoline powered car invented in America. This smaller, less expensive automobile, with its internal gas engine provided comfort to its passengers.

Several developments followed thereafter and electric land vehicles in America outsold other types of cars. After the discovery of oil in Kansas, many inventors decided to use automobiles powered with oil. Since then our lives have developed around this technology. We have modern vehicles in the world now, thanks to its inventors and developers over the centuries.

**Lasandhi Rajakaruna
(13 years)
Musaeus College**

Our house



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.**

I am a pencil

I am a pencil
A black and red one,
I like to be sharpened,
Listen, everyone.

Once I was lost,
In a very dark drawer,
My mistress was looking,
In each and every corner.

I was feeling nervous,
If things worsened,
I would not be found,
On any matter of ground.

Suddenly, I heard a sound,
And I saw the drawer open,
My mistress quickly grabbed me,
For she thought I was lost forever.

**Anam Ashfaq (8 years)
Ladies College**

**Linal Wickramarachchi
(Grade 2)**