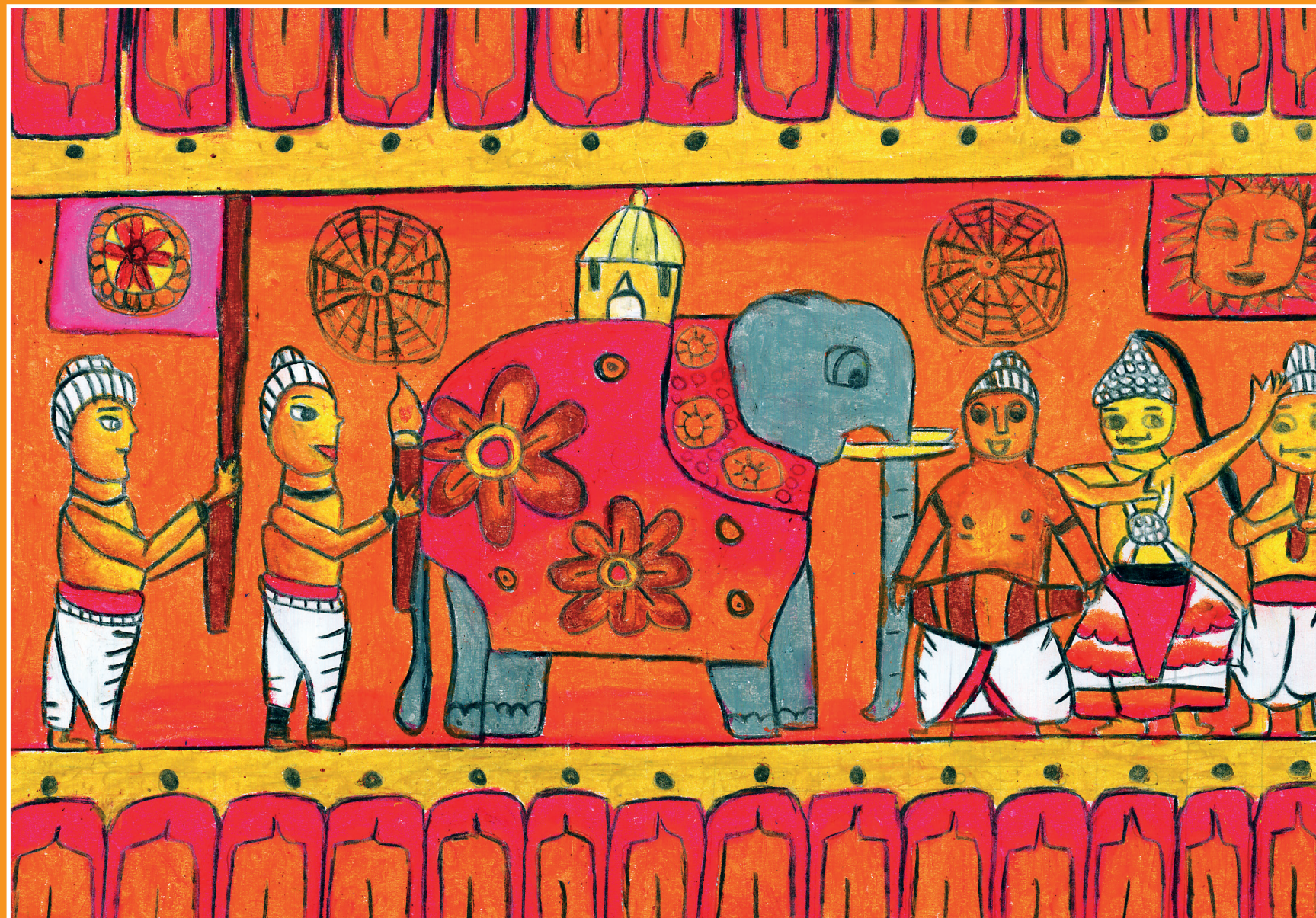


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Art by Sithmi Herath (12 years)

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Kaveen Gnanaweera (7 years)
Horizon College Int., Nugegoda

Let's keep our environment clean



Naveeta Fernando (10 years)
Ladies' College, Colombo

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Nishane Fernando (13 years)
St. Peter's College, Colombo

A new term at school

We didn't go to school for two years.
Now our schools have finally started
again. We did our studies at home via
online, so we missed a lot of special
things. We all were super excited to see
our class teacher and all our friends.

We can't hug our friends and we can't
hug our teacher. We can't share anything
either. We always have to wear the
mask and if we touch someone we need
to sanitize our hands. No one can see
whether we all are laughing or not

so our teacher told us to blink!
However, actually we were all so
happy to see each other again.

On the first day back in school we
didn't do any work. Instead we all just
had a friendly chat with the others

Now we work according to the
regular timetable. We enjoy a lot in
school and love going to school every
day.

Senuri Gunawardana (8 years)
Methodist College, Colombo

My home garden

My home garden is small but very
beautiful. In the front garden there are
various kinds of flowers which is very
beautiful when the flowers are in bloom.
In the back garden there are vegetables
such as ladies fingers, capsicums, tomatoes,
leeks and kathurumurunga. There are also
fruit trees like banana, guava, mango and
pomegranate. There are flowering plants
also in the back garden like baby roses etc.

I love to see bees, butterflies and
caterpillars come to my garden. I water
the plants everyday and I take care of
them. I like trees, so gardening is one of my
hobbies.

Thameem Dilshan (9 years)
Negombo South Int. School, Piliyandala

My cousin brother

My cousin brother's name is Iyaad. He is
eight years old. He lives in Ratnapura. He likes
to eat bananas. He likes to drink milk. He visits
me during the holidays. He plays with me.
He is tall and dark. I love him so much.

Raima Ghazni (7 years)
Najaa Int. School, Mt. Lavinia

An evening by the sea

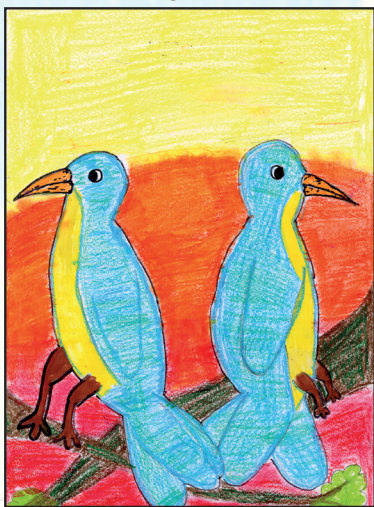
The waves come roaring
The seagulls soaring
As I take a seat on the sand
I close my eyes and listen well
As a crab crawls on my hand
The sun was setting down the
horizon
I watched it burn down a while
I moved my hair right off my
face,
As mom gave me a warm
embrace,
I look back at the almost buried
sun,
I breathe in and exhale just one
big one,
The seagulls caw and fly back
home,
As the big blue still roars
I collected shells by the shore
Then stopped and realised that it
was time to go.
I looked at the sea with
positivity,
And then I went back home

Mariah Perera (10 years)
Ladies College, Colombo



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Pigeons



Nethupama Wijerathne (Grade 4)
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

My favourite cartoon – Peppa Pig



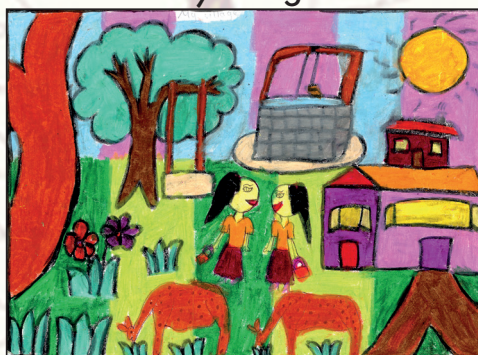
Saqeef-ul-Haq (7 years)
Matale Int. School

Rubble from Paw Patrol



Nishi Joseph (Grade 2)
Ferguson High School, Ratnapura

My village



Brindha (Grade 5)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

From an overseas reader

To my world

Every day he shines on me,
Like the Sun, oh! How cheerful,
filled with glee.
But now he has to go away,
Plunging my world into darkness,
I followed him, I always did,
But he will depart from me,
Yes, he will, but I know that it will not
be forever.
Time flies, I always say,
And now I wait for him to come and say
“Sorry for leaving you, I am yours
forever, Mother.”
Yes, I know you would come to me,
And shine on me with a brighter light,
very soon....

Manuthi Batapola (Grade 7)
New English School, Amman, Jordan

COVID-19 and the holidays

Because of COVID-19 we had to stay home and couldn't even go on trips. There were many holidays for us. So I stayed home and studied via Zoom. I could see my friends and my teacher through the online classes. But I felt that it was boring without going to school.

I was scared with this pandemic because of my father. Always he needed to cover his body. As a doctor he had to face many difficulties. We were worried about him.

To get rid of my sadness I played my organ and guitar. Most of the time, we helped the people who suffered from the virus.

I hope that there will be a better future for Sri Lanka after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sandali Sidangana (Grade 4)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

My teddy

My teddy's name is Pendi. It is yellow colour. My teddy was brought for me by my uncle. My teddy has a fluffy tail and one black nose. Its ears are brown colour. Its nails are heart-shaped. Its eyes are brown colour and very cute. Its skin is very soft. I love it very much.

Thimali Liyanage (11 years)
Holy Family B. M. V., Kurunegala

Our food

We need food to grow, to get strong and stay healthy.



We get food from plants and animals. Food gives us energy to work and play. Different foods help us in different ways. There are three types of food and they are, energy giving food, body building food and protective food.

Vishaka Ariyaratne (Grade 2)
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

Our school

Vidyananda College is the name of our school. Vidyananda is in Mulliyawalai, an area in the Mullaitivu district. Our school is now a national school. Established in 1951, it was named Mulliyawalai Junior English School. The founding father of our school was late Professor C. Suntharalingam, the then Member of Parliament for Vavuniya. The first principal of our school was late Mr. A.F.K. Gnanaapiragasam.

There are classes from Grade Six to G.C.E. (A. Level). There are over one thousand two-hundred pupils and seventy-two teachers in our school. Now our principal is Mr. S. Balachandran.

Our school has a large playground. There is a good library with so many valuable books. There are three science laboratories, a technology lab and three rooms for computer studies. Our college compound is surrounded with large shady trees.

Our school has the College Anthem in Tamil as well as in English. Vidyananda's motto is “Learning to Purity.” We respect the rules of the college. We are obedient, polite and loyal to Vidyananda.

Let God bless our Vidyananda, ‘Lanka's North Eastern Beacon’ to scatter her lights towards ‘Learning to Purity.’

T. Hariny (Grade 7)
Vidyananda College, Mulliyawalai

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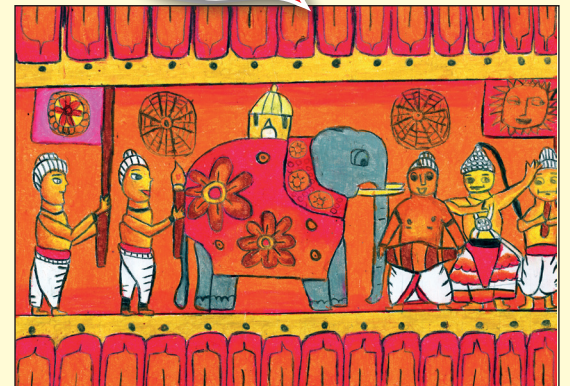
Yahath Perera
Royal College, Colombo

8-11 YEARS



Nethuli Perera
Visakha Vidyalyaya, Colombo

12-15 YEARS



Sithmi Herath
Sri Sanghabodhi N. S., Nittambuwa

2nd Place



Neroli De Mel
Holy Family Girls' School, Wennappuwa



Mumudi Gajadeera
Horizon College Int., Matale



Hikma Manajir
Springfield College, Kandy

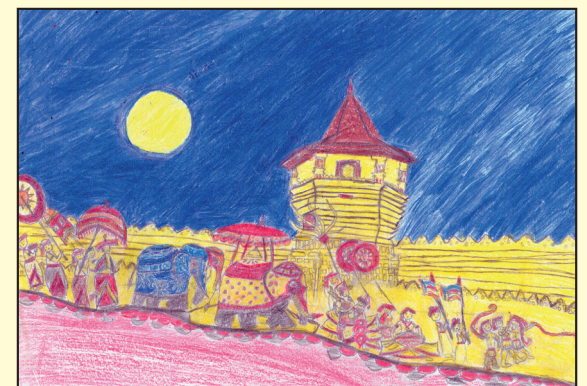
3rd Place



Sithumi Hirunya
Colombo South Int. College, Kalubowila



Haazik Ahamed
Royal College, Colombo



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St. Joseph's College, Wattala

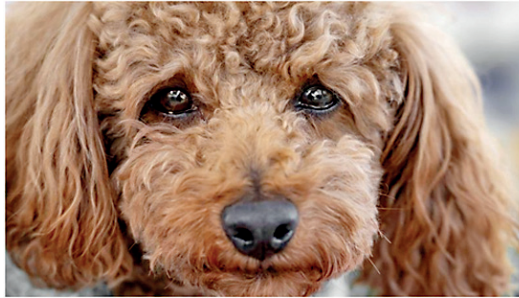
Dogs cry 'happy tears' when they see their owners

August 23, 2022

Does your dog love to see you after a long day at school? Well, they may be crying happy tears, according to scientists in Japan.

The discovery was made by researchers at Azabu University measuring the amount of tears there were in dogs' eyes during different situations. They found that dogs really do cry 'happy tears' when reunited with their owners!

The team of scientists found that the dogs they tested had more tears in their eyes than normal when reunited with their owners, but that the amount of



tears didn't change when they met someone they didn't know.

Because dogs have lived with humans for so long, scientists reckon the animals may have learned to interact with people to help us understand their feelings.

"Through this process, their tears might play a role in eliciting protective behaviour or nurturing behaviour from their owners," the report in Current Biology journal states.

Lead author of the report, Professor Takefumi Kikusui, was inspired to carry out the research when his poodle had puppies and he noticed the dog had tears in her eyes after giving birth. "We had never heard of the discovery that animals shed tears in joyful situations, such as reuniting with their owners, and we were all excited that this would be a world first," Kikusui said.

"Dogs have become a partner of humans, and we can form bonds. In this process, it is possible that the dogs that show teary eyes during interaction with the owner would be cared for by the owner more."

This is not the first time that scientists have proven dogs are trying to communicate with humans. Scientists previously found that the types of dog we keep as pets have different muscles to animals such as wolves in the wild. Our pets actually have muscles in their face which allows them to raise their eyebrows and make their eyes appear bigger! So the classic puppy dog eye look that melts our heart is something that dogs evolved to be able to do.



CBBC Newsround

Australian Seagrass meadow is World's Largest Single Organism

August 5, 2022

A sprawling seagrass meadow has been declared the "world's largest single living organism" based on area. The Poseidon's ribbon weed seagrass (*Posidonia australis*) is located in Shark Bay, a protected body of shallow water in Western Australia. It covers an impressive 77 square miles (200 km²) — the equivalent of about 280 soccer fields! The record was previously held by a 3.7 square-mile mushroom, dubbed "Humongous Fungus," in the Malheur National Forest in Oregon, USA.



The flowering seagrass meadow in Australia

Based on its size and growth rate, the researchers estimate that the meadow is 4,500 years old. While that is ancient, it is not record-breaking. A *Posidonia oceanica* seagrass plant in the western Mediterranean, which covers about 9.3 miles (15 km), is believed to be over 100,000 years old!

Researchers from the University of Western Australia and Flinders University stumbled upon the plant accidentally, while investigating the genetic diversity of Shark Bay's

ribbon weed seagrass. The team analyzed seagrass specimens from ten meadows across Shark Bay, where the salt levels ranged from normal ocean salinity to almost twice as salty.

To their surprise, they found the samples were genetically identical — meaning they all belonged to one plant. Further analysis showed that the seagrass originated from a single seedling. It grew by copying, or cloning, itself through an underground network of branching roots. The massive plant also has another unique quality. Most seagrasses inherit half of each parent's DNA. However, the Shark Bay seagrass is a polyploid — a plant that carries the entire genome of each parent. Polyploid plants often reside in places with extreme environmental conditions, are often sterile, but can continue to grow if left undisturbed, and this giant seagrass has done just that.



Shark Bay is a protected body of shallow water

DOGO News

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News in Pictures

Shanghai, China

Landmarks fall dark as the city switches off decorative lights in areas including the Bund, North Bund and the Lujiazui financial area across the Huangpu River for two days in response to a nationwide heatwave that has sent power demands soaring.

**Cambridge, England**

David Lawless and his son Toby work with Shire horses Cosmo and Boy to harvest the wildflower meadow at King's College. The heavy horses from Waldburg Shires stable are helping to cut the meadow before turning and carting the hay on a traditional wain, with the bales used to propagate more wildflower meadows across the city, and hay offered to local farmers as winter feed for livestock.

**Lone Pine, USA**

An aerial view of evaporation ponds, show remnants of Owens Lake near Lone Pine, California. Large portions of the west are in the most extreme drought category, and fire officials are warning of another devastating wildfire season in California.

**Kyiv, Ukraine**

Members of the honour guard prepare to raise Ukraine's biggest national flag at a ceremony to mark the country's National Flag Day on August 23.

**Yala, Sri Lanka**

A wild boar and a Ceylon spotted deer roam in a meadow in the Yala National Park.

**San Diego, USA**

A male southern white rhino calf nuzzles up to his mother after playing in a mud wallow at Nikita Kahn rhino rescue centre at the San Diego zoo safari park.

**Kent, England**

Mack Rutherford, a 17-year-old pilot, celebrates at Biggin Hill airport as he continues his attempt to secure the Guinness World Record for the youngest person to circumnavigate the world solo in a small plane. The Anglo-Belgian teenager recently completed an 11-hour flight across the Bering Sea from Japan to Alaska. He will now fly from the UK to Europe to finish his flight in Sofia, Bulgaria, on Wednesday.

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Phetchaburi, Thailand

A tiger at the Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand. The conservation and animal rescue centre has spearheaded the country's largest rescue of tigers by taking in and then re-homing 11 tigers, as well as two bears from Phuket zoo, left behind after its closure due to financial pressures caused by COVID lockdowns.

**Macabebe, Philippines**

Students attend the first day of in-person classes, at a flooded school during a high tide, in Pampanga province.



Source : The Guardian