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**At the Colombo International Book Fair**

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## A storybook character I admire

My favourite storybook character is Frederick Trotterville from the Enid Blyton book series 'The Find-Outers'. Frederick Trotterville is called Fatty by his friends. He owns a dog named Buster. He is the leader of a club that solves mysteries. He is serious when he cracks mysteries while he is funny when things are boring. He loves disguising himself as other people and keeps all his disguises down in his shed. He is also talented in ventriloquism, making weird noises and throwing his voice.

Fatty loves playing tricks on Mr. Goon, the policeman, who dislikes him. Fatty is intelligent and can solve mysteries easily. I admire him because he is quick and tactful. In one book, he gets caught by a dangerous gang and gets trapped in a room. He finds a way out by using a thin wire and a piece of newspaper! He is caring, kind and willing to share. He helps the police solve mysteries. Fatty is the most amazing character I have ever read about.

Onadi Kotuthenne (12 years)  
Musaeus College, Colombo

## Myself

I am Navithmi Shagya. I am 13 years old and in Grade 9. I attend Ananda Balika Vidyalaya situated in Kotte.

My country is Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is an island in the Indian Ocean. It is known as the Pearl of the Indian Ocean.

I have a good, caring family. Our family members are my father, mother, sister and me.

I have many beautiful dresses. I have many friends. There are not only kind but also helpful.

My favourite subject is Science. My hobby is collecting stamps. I am a member of my school debating team and I also play netball.

My ambition is to be a doctor one day. So I am studying very hard. I want to pass all my exams and be successful and realize my ambition.

Navithmi Widanaarachchi (13 years)  
Ananda B. V., Kotte

## Volcano



Amani Mehnaz (12 years)  
Lyceum Int. School, Nugegoda

## Landscape scenery



Shreenithi Nagarathnam (Grade 7)  
Belvoir College Int.

## Black Magic



Letisha Wendt (13 years)  
St. Lawrence's School, Colombo

## Life of crisis

Life was full of happiness and hope but after the crisis everything changed... Then life became miserable and sad. So many lives were lost in never-ending queues. Some people started to act violently and I was there when it happened. This is not our country I thought.

But I wanted to help. I collected money and gave food to some poor people. But I couldn't stop a crisis all by myself. I was upset when I heard my parents say that we are planning to migrate. I wanted to stay here and help my country and I was worried about missing my family and friends.

One day I understood how difficult it was to wait in a petrol queue when my

poor mother waited in line for four days! I felt helpless that my country's beauty was fading away. I felt that we should be unique and we should all work together. I think that fighting is never the right answer... it will only worsen the situation. The armed forces and police should work for the betterment of the lives of people and not to protect corrupt politicians.

I also realize that in unity is strength and that if we all work together selflessly, with compassion and honesty, we can make our country the beautiful Sri Lanka, the pearl which shines brighter than any other country in the Indian Ocean.

Tamashi Wickramarachchi (Grade 7)  
Methodist College, Colombo

## Interesting hobbies



Ruzaiq Junkeer (11 years)  
Carey College, Colombo



## Chase from Paw Patrol



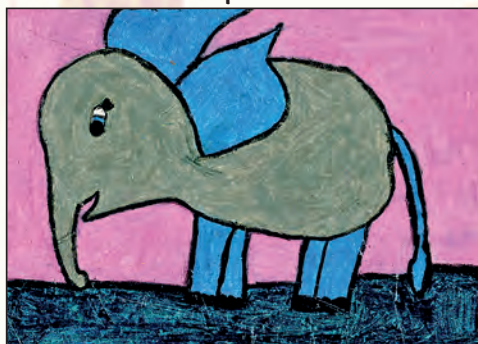
**Dineth Joseph (Grade 3)**  
Ferguson High School, Ratnapura

## School library



**Methupama Wijerathne (Grade 9)**  
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

## Elephant



**Minuki Bandara (Grade 2)**  
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

## Leaves



**A. S. Aima (Grade 3)**  
Royal Int. School, Kegalle

## Let's protect our environment

The environment is all around us. It includes all the living and non-living things. Animals, trees, air, soil and water are some of them.

Some people cut down trees, throw polythene, use chemicals and they destroy the environment. The environment is our home. Therefore we must protect our environment for the future generations.



**Osanda Vihansa (Grade 4)**  
G/Dharmashoka College, Ambalangoda

## The use of social media

With each passing day, the internet and social media is becoming increasingly important. Unlike in the past, the usage of the internet is vital in our school curriculum and our day-to-day affairs. There are pros and cons of using the internet and social media. Thus it is imperative that we choose wisely and act smartly with regard to the Do's and Don'ts with the guidance of our parents.

During the global pandemic lockdown I realized how internet came to the fore, as it helped us as students to carry out our education through means of social media applications as physical school was not functioning for almost two years.

Finally, I reiterate social media and the internet is of paramount importance for our lives but we need to be cautious and act smart when using it.

**Keyaan Hamidon (10 years)**  
Lyceum Int. School, Wattala

## Knowledge

We go to school to study,  
Instead we play and be naughty,  
Knowledge is the key to be happy.

We can't get all the knowledge from others,  
We should find our own and come forward,  
We should try to be friendly,  
With people who have succeeded.

From small to big we should try our best,  
And never give up,  
Be the best.

**Yehiya Umama (12 years)**  
Nawalapitiya Oxford College



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.

Also please mention the topic, your full name, date of birth and address in your entry. Articles should not exceed 200 words. Art should be on A4 size paper.

## A book I enjoyed

A book I enjoyed reading very much is 'Heidi'. The author of this book is Johanna Spyri. It is a storybook for children. The main character of the book is Heidi. Heidi is a six year old girl. She lives with her grandfather. She is a very good girl.

The story of the book is very interesting. I enjoyed reading this book very much.

**Nethupama Wijerathne (Grade 4)**  
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

## My school

My school is Matala International School. It is one of the most popular and best schools in Matala.

I am very proud to study at this school. The vision of our school is to be the foremost organization in English education and the mission is to improve the quality of English education by providing all conveniences at fair prices.

The founder and director of my school is Mr. P. Dharmakeerthi. He works hard to improve the education level in our school. Our teachers sacrifice a lot for the students' wellbeing. They work very hard. They try to improve our skills, knowledge, talents and capabilities. The teachers are kind and encouraging. There are modern facilities in my school like a playground, swimming pool, computer land and other necessary facilities. My school prepares us to take part in extracurricular activities like debating and sports. My school has been an award winner in sports. I feel a great sense of pride when I enter to my school.

Finally I would like to say that a good school shapes the destiny of a nation and is a passport to a better future.

**Yusuf ul-Haq (10 years)**  
Matala Int. School





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**Please note that competition  
entries (except Reeves Art)  
are accepted by email.**

**Please write the name of the  
competition and the date clearly  
at the top of your entry and  
include the following details:**

Full Name (including Surname),

Date of Birth, Address,

Telephone No. and School.

Please underline the name  
most commonly used.

**All competition entries should be  
certified by a parent or guardian  
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**Closing date  
for weekly competitions:**

**October 12, 2022**

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**'My Body Is Mine'**  
by Dr. Nuwan Thotawaththa a book for  
children with the aim of teaching a  
difficult yet necessary topic through  
colourful illustrations with translations  
in English and Tamil, was highlighted  
at the Colombo International Book Fair  
held at the BMICH on September 18.



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Scenes  
captured at  
the Colombo  
International  
Book Fair  
held at the  
BMICH from  
September  
16 – 25,  
2022.



**Rionaa Rojeleo**  
10 years on September 20



**Clara Hettiarachchi**  
7 years on September 5

### Storytelling at British Council Libraries



Storytelling session at British Council Jaffna



Storytelling session at British Council Colombo



## My favourite hobby - mountain biking

My hobby is Mountain Biking. My sister usually says that I ride my bike more than I walk. Mountain biking is a lot of fun, but only some people in Sri Lanka know how much fun it is. If you have ever ridden in a terrain full of roots, rocks, boulders etc., you will know how fun it is, but if you don't have a suitable bike to ride on this type of terrain, you will get injured and you should have a perfect bike which is made for mountain biking. Furthermore, if you don't wear helmets, knee guards, elbow guards and chest guards you may also get injured during this type of ride.

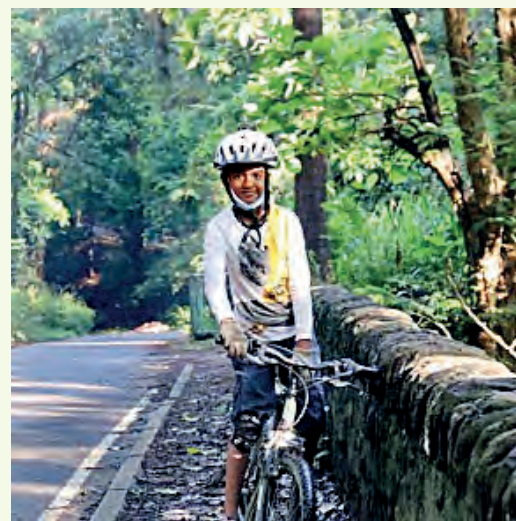
Basically I ride every day. My definition style for mountain biking is, riding in roots, flowing in the jumps, going fast as I can and landing as smooth as I can. That makes me get such a good feeling and that helps me to go to the next level.

I started mountain biking when I was 8 years old and at that time I couldn't do anything. Now I ride on staircases, ramps, roots anything.

There are not many trails in Sri Lanka, so I like to make trails, pump tracks, downhill parks etc. I have built pump tracks, dirt jumps and trails at my home because there are no pump tracks in Sri Lanka. I would like to participate in all the mountain bike trails in Sri Lanka. Dilshan aiya helps me a lot when educating me about bikes.

My bike is like my hand and I can't stay without riding my bike. Sometimes I skate, as that helps me to balance my body. During the holidays I go for a ride in the morning. There are no foam pits in Sri Lanka so I put wood powder and learn tricks for all kinds of riding.

There are many more things like dirt jumping, street trail riding and more.



My plan is to keep Sri Lankan records and race at the world games in all the countries and bring honour to Sri Lanka. I also would like to learn to do all the tricks, and be the first one to do them in Sri Lanka and teach them to other Sri Lankans.

**Dayan R. Kulatunga (11 years)**  
Trinity College, Kandy

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## The funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

Thousands of people, including world leaders and members of the Royal Family, came to Westminster Abbey on September 19 to celebrate

and reflect on the life of the Queen. People in London waited on the streets to watch her funeral procession.



In the morning, guests started to arrive at Westminster Abbey for the funeral service. The building is more than 700 years old - it dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Guests wore black as a mark of respect for the Queen, or special uniform if they were involved in the military.



The Queen's coffin was taken through Westminster Abbey. On top of the coffin was her royal crown, her special orb (the gold sphere with a cross on top) and sceptre (the golden staff next to it), which are hundreds of years old.



Prime Minister Liz Truss gave a special reading for the Queen.



Thousands of people waited on the streets in London to watch the procession go past after the funeral. After the service, the Queen's coffin was moved across London to Windsor Castle.



The Queen's coffin in procession.



Prince William, Princess Kate, Prince George and Princess Charlotte enter Westminster Abbey.



King Charles III (left) and other members of the Royal Family at the service.

Members of the public watched the service from outside, where it was shown on a large screen.



Senior members of the Royal Family joined the procession as the state hearse approached St. George's Chapel at Windsor.



The Queen's corgis - Muick and Sandy - were walked into the special service in St George's chapel. They were looked after by royal staff.



A special service, called a committal service, was held later in the day at St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle. This is where the Queen is going to be buried, and her husband Prince Philip was buried here last year. After the service in Windsor Castle, the ceremony continued at a special service for Queen Elizabeth's close family, where she was buried.

Source : CBBC Newsround



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## News in Pictures



### Mo i Rana, Norway

A hiker stands in front of Austerdalsisen, an arm of the Svartisen glacier, one of Norway's largest.



### Tampere, Finland

British artist Thomas Houseago, centre, poses with US actor Brad Pitt, centre right and Australian musician Nick Cave, prior to the opening of their joint exhibition.

### Jerusalem

An archaeologist holds a vessel that contained opium in the 14<sup>th</sup> century BC when it was used by Canaanites as an offering for the dead, according to a study by the Israel Antiquities Authority, Tel Aviv University and the Weizmann Institute of Science.



**September 19**

### Lianyungang, China

A dentist discusses oral hygiene with children on Dental Care Day.

### Troitske, Ukraine

Olga Valkova, 64, meets her 80-year-old sister Garina Nazorenko as she returns to her liberated home village after six months in the Kharkiv region.



### Naples, Italy

The archbishop of Naples, Domenico Battaglia, holds a vial believed to contain the blood of the third-century St. San Gennaro during the so-called liquefaction miracle.



### Cape Canaveral, USA

SpaceX launches Starlink satellites from the Florida launch site.



### Gaza Strip

Byzantine mosaics dating from the fifth to seventh centuries after being uncovered by a farmer ploughing his land.



### Cala en Porter, Spain

A caixer (horse rider) is surrounded by a cheering crowd during the traditional Jaleo festival in Menorca.

Source : The Guardian