

Eid-Mubarak

Eid-ul-Fitr is marked at the end of Ramadhan, after thirty days of fasting. It is a period of pleasure and celebration.

Muslims all over the world look into the sky for the sight of the new moon.

Children get up early in the morning, refresh themselves, put on their new clothes and go to the mosque. We cook savoury foods and give our neighbours.

We give *sallam* to elderly people and visit our relations. Hence I too like to wish all our *Funday Times* readers a Happy 'Eid-Mubarak'.

Huda Begum
Minaret High School



Deepavali

Hindu people celebrate Deepavali. They go to the Kovil. They make sweets. We wear new clothes.

On Deepavali day we light crackers. It is celebrated in October. On that day we will be happy. And we celebrate Deepavali.

V. Divya (Grade 3)
K.C.I., Mutwal

Horses



Saminda Irosana (12 years)
Dharmapala Vidyalaya,
Pannipitiya

The brain

Our body is like a computer. The central processor is the most important part. The top part is called the cerebrum. It is the thinking part of the brain. The back part of the brain is called the cerebellum. It is also called the mini brain. It helps us to keep balance and posture. The rest of the brain is called the brain stem. It joins the spinal cord and the cerebellum

The brain stem includes the pons, thalamus, medulla and



hypothalamus. The pons is a junction area for nerve fibres. Thalamus is a processing centre for signals. The medulla deals with actions like heart-beat, breathing and blood pressure. Hypothalamus is in charge of basic body functions such as thirst, hunger and temperature control.

The brain is a wonderful creation.

B. Balamurali
(Grade 5)
Royal College

What is the Nobel Prize?

Nobel Prizes are awarded every year for outstanding achievements in the fields of Science, Literature and promoting world peace. The winner gets a gold medal, a certificate and a large sum of money. This is awarded to people who have made large contributions in the fields of Chemistry, Physics, Literature, Medicine, Peace and Economics.

A famous scientist known as Alfred Bernhard Nobel instituted this prize. He was born in Stockholm on October 21, 1833. The Nobel Prize is given after his name. At the time of his death, he left behind a large sum of money. He also left a will indicating that

this money should be given to a person for their outstanding contributions in the various fields. The first Nobel Prize was given to Roentgen on December 10, 1901 for outstanding research in X-rays.

A council called 'Nobel Foundation of Sweden' awards Nobel Prizes. Some of the famous people who have received the Nobel Prize are: Albert Einstein, Mother Theresa, Ravindranath Tagore, Hargobind Khorana, Sir C.V. Raman etc.

Nobel is the world's most important prize and a valuable prize too!

Enakshi Sivasudhan
(Grade 9)
Hindu Ladies College

My flower garden



Azmarah Rizvi
Dominican Sister's Nursery,
Athurugiriya

Blue : the colour of my life

Summer skies have come and gone
Adorned with colours bright
But nothing's grander than midsummer blues,
When heaven seems just in my sight.

Interesting memories spin in my head,
But most vivid among them all,
Is the one of the bright-feathered blue-bird,
Crying out its shrill call.

I walked among the vendors,
Anticipating what I should find
But what caught my eye was a ring so blue;
Which I consider a treasured find.

And now as I recall those memories,
As I rest my head and lie;
I know for sure that my colour's blue
As I prepare to die.

Nethmee
Mallawaarachchi
St. Bridget's Convent

My favourite Barbie Dolls



Ishenka Fernando
(10 years)
Sujatha Vidyalaya,
Nugegoda

My mother

My mother's name is Jennifer. She is 31 years old. She is fair and short. She is kind to me. She is pretty and nice. She is a housewife. She cooks for us. She keeps the house neat and clean. She teaches me. She has lovely long hair. I love her a lot.



Amanda Paul (Grade 3)
St. Bridget's Convent

Fruit seller



Wathsala Divyanjali
(Grade 1)
Ceylinco Sussex
College, Nugegoda

My Ambition

My ambition is to be a Scientist. I love Science, and to invent things to make the world a better place. I like to grow up to be like the famous Scientists, such as Albert Einstein, Max Planck, William Shockley and Alexander Graham Bell. They invented things which people could use for the future, which we all use now, like the telephone to communicate, the television for entertainment and news and so much more!

I'd love to invent things like them and become a great scientist. I'd love to identify fuel solutions for the future, better electronic objects and so many things that will be useful to everyone.

I wish that during my life-time I will become a famous Scientist.

Devni de silva
(Grade 6)
Lyceum International
School,
Nugegoda

Going to the temple



Santhushi Makulloluwa
(4 years)
Busy Bees Montessori, Nugegoda



Play house



Uvini Jayasinghe
Musaeus College

A Poem for the Week

Thoughts of a tsunami child

I sat under a big tree,
And thought about my life.

I remembered my parents,
They looked after me with love.

My father a fisherman,
my mother a housewife,
We lived in a small hut by the sea.

I lost my parents in the tsunami waves,
I was left alone with no one to care for me.

Now I live in a tent,
With others who lost their loved ones.

Children without their parents and parents without their children,
And no home to go to.

I want to forget the past,
And make my parents' dream come true.

I want to study and become a teacher,
I know I can do that,
my parents' wish.

Chandima Weragoda
(13 years)
Pushpadana Girls' College,
Kandy

Poems... Poems...

Create your own little poem and send it in to us. This competition is open to age groups from 4 - 14 years.

There will be one winner each week. The poems will be judged according to the age of the competitor. The winner will receive a book voucher for Rs. 500.

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 should be certified as your own by a teacher or parent.

Word limit : 100 words.
Please write 'A POEM FOR THE WEEK' at the top of your entry.