

## My fish tank

I have a big fish tank. It is made of glass. It has a roof also.

There are small stones, shells, little plants and an oxygen pump inside it.

There are Gold fish, Catfish, Angels, Carp and some small fish in it. It is very beautiful.

Once a week, my father cleans my fish tank. I also help him. I put some food twice or three times a day.

My fish are bigger than earlier. So there is not enough space for them to swim. Therefore I asked my parents to build a



pond for them. They will do it in the near future.

I like my fish very much.

**Kumuditha Weerasinghe**  
(Grade 4)

**Sri Dhamma College,**  
Galle

## Fishes

Fish live in water. There are two main types of fish, namely fresh water fish and salt water



fish. Now the Fisheries Department has started breeding in large lakes too. For this type of breeding the eggs are mainly imported from Japan.

There are many varieties of fish caught in the seas around our island. Some of the names of these fish are Balaya, Kelawella, Alagoduwa,

Attissa, Sprats etc.

People rear ornamental fish in fishing tanks in their houses as a

hobby. Some have even built large ponds to rear fish. The names of some types of fish that are being reared are Gold fish, Angel fish, Siamese Fighters etc.

**Jumana Moosalebbe**  
(10 years)  
**Beaconhall International School,**  
Panadura

## My new friend

I have a new friend in school. Her full name is D.S. Sathya Sewwandi. She is tall, thin and fair. Always her face is filled with a smile. Therefore she is very beautiful. We are in the same class. Her father and mother are teachers. She hasn't any brothers or sisters. She lives in Udubaddawa.

She is a clever student. She likes to eat chocolate and drink Coca Cola. We play together. We never fight with each other. I know she is a good friend. So I love her very much.

**Nimasha Madhuwanthi**  
(Grade 6)  
**Holy Family B.M.V.,**  
Wennappuwa



## My favourite cartoon

My favourite cartoon is Three Bears. Tom is the best role. It is a dog. It catches thieves. Tony, Jugy and Maggie help Tom to catch thieves. Tony is a girl. Jugy is a yellow coloured bear. Maggie is a red coloured bear. I like to watch their actions. It is on every Monday on Swarnavahini.

**Chathuni Amanda**  
(Year 1)  
**Sujatha Primary,**  
Matara

## My garden



**Uvindi Attanayake**  
Visaka Pre-School

## First day in Year Five

After a joyful holiday, a new academic year of my school started on August 30, 2006.

I packed my lovely school bag with new books and stationery on the previous day. I woke up earlier than usual on the 30th morning and got dressed in my brand new uniform.

It was a lovely sight near the school gate to see lots of children running up the steps. I was happy to see most of my friends in Year Five - C. And then a pretty fair lady walked in. It was my teacher, Mrs. B.Lee. We

greeted her and she gave us places to sit.

Next, we had our assembly and Madam Weragama welcomed us for the new academic year.

My friends and I talked about the things we did during the holidays. Mrs. Lee kept us busy in the class, although it was the first day. I liked it because it was much better than idling at home doing nothing.

**Shamindri Jayawarna**  
(10 years)  
**Colombo International School - Kandy**



The sea

**Charitha Epa**  
(Grade 7)  
**St. Thomas' College,**  
Gurotalawa

### My contribution to national unity

I am Sandrini Nimesha, 14 years of age, and a pupil of Sri Pannananda Maha Vidyalya, Seeduwa. I am a Buddhist. I have many friends. From them my closest friends are Geetha a Tamil Hindu, Susan, a Burgher Christian and Benazir Ahamed, a Muslim. Because of our friendship our

families have become one united group, forgetting all language and religious barriers, which are a threat to our motherland. On Christmas day we all get together at Susan's place. The Tamil and Sinhala New Year is celebrated at my place by the four families. For Hindu festivals, Geetha does not

forget to entertain all our families. For Muslim festivals, all of us get together at Benazir's place. Not only during happy times, but during difficulties, all four families have been of great assistance to each other. I am sure if each one of us from our small days chose our friends from different com-



munities and different religions, we could build a united Sri Lanka for the future generations.

**Sandrini Nimesha (Grade 8)**  
**Sri Pannananda M.V**

### 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**

### My house



**Rahul Ramani (4 years)**  
**Colombo International School, Kandy**

### What I saw at Udawalawe



**Udani Navaratne (7 years)**  
**Hillwood College, Kandy**

### The wind and the trees

**Buddhika Jayatilake (11 years)**  
**O. K. I. International School, Wattala**

### Do not destroy the jungles

**Hiruni Vidanapathirana (Grade 1)**  
**Ceylinco Sussex College, Kuliypitiya**



### 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.**