

### Myself



My name is Hiruni. I am in Grade One. My school is Ceylinco Sussex College, Kuliypitiya. I live in Kegalle. I want to be a lecturer one day.

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

### My favourite book

My favourite book is 'Madolduwa.' It is written by the famous writer, Martin Wickremasinghe. 'Madolduwa' is an adventure story. This is a very interesting story which I have read.

This book has been translated into several languages. The novel is full of escapades of rural boyhood. Some of them are the robbers, the *cadju* raid and the *Veddha* game, the main character of this story is Upali

Giniwella. Upali's closest friend is Jinna.

Upali is a poor motherless child. His mother died when he was seven years old and he was looked after by his stepmother.

We can learn many good qualities of Upali through this novel, I love this book.

**Farlah Faiz (13 years)**  
Al-Imran International School, Kandy

### Dream of my life



The dream of my life is to be a pilot. To be a pilot I must study mathematics, management and English. So I have to study hard to fulfil my dream.

At present there are three women pilots in Sri Lanka. I think there will be more women pilots in the future.

My only dream in life is to be a pilot and fly around the world and visit many countries.

**Sanduni Jayasekara**  
Dharmasoka College, Ambalangoda

### Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is my motherland. It is a small island in the Indian Ocean. Though it is small it is a beautiful paradise. Many tourists visit my country for its beautiful waterfalls, mountains, flower gardens, beaches etc. The currency used in Sri Lanka is the 'rupee.' The present President of Sri Lanka is His Excellency Mahinda Rajapakse.

The whole of Sri Lanka is divided into four parts, the low country, up country, coastal region and dry zone. It's very hot in Sri Lanka. There are some poor people in Sri Lanka and there are rich people also.

I love my country very much.

**Maneesha Morayas (8 years)**  
Jennings International School

### Winnie the Pooh



**Kathirgam Gawshik (Grade 4)**  
Highlevel International School, Hatton

### Myself and my friend



**Tehani Lye (5 years)**  
Lyceum International School, Wattala

### The seaside



**Lakshikaa Srithar (7 years)**  
Colombo International School, Kandy

### A trip to the Botanical Gardens



**Ayanthi Saranga (14 years)**  
Rathnawali B.V., Gampaha

### My Garden



**Dulanjaya Chandrasekara (Grade 2)**  
St. Aloysius College, Ratnapura



Topic for January - My new class  
Closing Date: January 31, 2007

## A Great Person - Leonardo Da Vinci

Leonardo Da Vinci was a person who had many talents and who engaged in technical innovations. He was a wise scientist, a glorious artist, a great explorer, a talented musician and an enthusiastic engineer too.

Da Vinci was born on April 15, 1452. His father was a rich lawyer who lived in the city of Florence.

When Da Vinci was 30 years old he joined the army as an army engineer as it was his ambition. During this period he engaged in a lot of research and made rough sketches of army trucks, fire guns, cannons and other tools and equipment, needed for a soldier.

Then he was an interior decorator in the city

called Milan. He was well organised in the country as a good technician. He used his deep technical knowledge and constructed valleys, bridges, streets and highways, springs and waterways, mosques and churches, flights of steps with various shapes, pavements and lamp-posts etc.

The plans of air planes made by him too are great. He didn't work only on sketches but also he made projects on them and succeeded in many achievements.

He was an all-rounder in art, which made him very famous around the world. The most valuable art, 'The Last Supper,' was completed by Da Vinci in 1497. The 'Mona Lisa' was well known

world-wide as it took three years to complete, facing many challenges. He started painting it in 1503 and finished in 1506. The art was awarded many times due to it being splendid, delightful and meaningful. The first copy of the art which is very valuable is displayed at the Louvre Museum in France, at present.

He spent his last days of life in Rome and died in his 67th year in 1519.

He was a versatile person who set an example for young achievers.

**Fathima Shafa**  
(Grade 10)  
Highlevel  
Internation School,  
Hatton

### My House



Rajeeva Ritiwaduge (Pre-Grade A)  
Lyceum International School, Panadura

## Leisure World

We went to see Leisure World. I like it very much. We played in the water. We also went on a boat ride in the lake. I like to go there again.

**Pubudini Karalliyadde**  
(KG 1)  
Springfield College, Kandy

A poem for the week

## Greetings to the New Year

The year has been concluded  
2006 has come to an end  
Another 12 months are in store for us;  
Let's see what's around the bend

Let's welcome the New Year with joy;  
Who knows what it may bring  
tears or laughter, sugar or spice,  
With joy let our hearts sing

We've overcome our obstacles,  
Laughter has sprung from a tear;  
So with wide open hands and merry hearts,  
Let us herald the prosperous New Year.

**Nethmee**  
**Mallawaarachchi**  
(12 years)  
St. Bridget's Convent

### 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.**

