

## Plants

There are different types of plants, like trees, creepers, bushes and herbs. There are some plants which reproduce by spores.

We could get fresh vegetables, fruits and greens for meals. We can use fresh flowers and leaves to make the home beautiful. We could take an added income at times. Leaves are useful to make health drinks, like pol-pala, ranawara, gotukola and iramusu. We take young coconut palms and coconut flowers for various cultural programmes and activities. Plants are important at weddings, farewells and other

occasions. Growing floral plants is a means of self employment. Exporting leaves and flowers brings foreign exchange.

A plant has different parts such as roots, stems, branches, leaves, flowers and fruits. Plants need water, air, sunlight and enough space to grow well. We see different plants around us.

Prevention of deforestation, planting trees, saplings and organising such campaigns stress the importance of trees and plants and there by creating an awareness among the younger generation.

Plants are a shelter to animals such as bees, wasps and other animals. There are flowers which bloom right throughout the year such as coconut, king coconut and other fruits. Some flowers bloom only during particular seasons, like mango, lime, rambuttan, magosteen and dendrobium.

**Do not cut trees, grow plants, people cannot live without plants.**

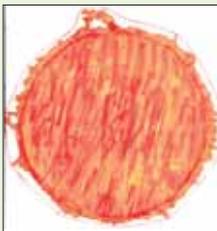
**Bhaagya Wethasinghe  
(9 years)  
St. Bridget's Convent**

## Note

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## Sun

The centre of the solar system is the main star, i.e. the Sun. The sun is the biggest star in our sky. It is about five billion years old and will continue to shine for another five billion years in the similar fashion it is doing now.



It's diameter is about 1,400,000 kilometres. The temperature at the surface of the sun is about 6000°C. But the temperature at the core of the sun is about 15,000,000°C. From earth the sun seems extremely large compared to all the other stars. It consists almost entirely of hydrogen and helium. Traces of oxygen, carbon and other elements have also been found. At the centre of the sun, hydrogen is converted to helium by nuclear fusion, releasing enormous energy in the process. This energy travels from the centre of the sun to the visible surface called the photosphere where it leaves the sun in the form of heat and light.

**Indra Kumar Abimaanyu  
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C/Bambalapitiya Hindu  
College**

## The parrot

The parrot is a beautiful bird. He has green wings and a red beak. There is a red line around its neck. He likes to eat fruits.



**Devin Karunanayake  
(5 years), Gateway College**

## My pet - Little Tittoo

I had a baby bird,  
And it's name was Little Tittoo  
I loved it very much and it loves me too!  
It bit my finger,  
And it wagged its tail!  
It liked to eat pineapple,  
Mango and grapes.  
Sometimes it cried,  
Because its parents were not coming  
But, sometimes it's happy  
Because its mother brought cake!  
The same day I was going to sleep,  
My grandma called me and said,  
"Oh child where's Little Tittoo?"  
And I told her  
"It's in the cage."  
My goodness it was not in the cage,  
I was very sad,  
I was crying my little loving Tittoo  
Had gone away for good.

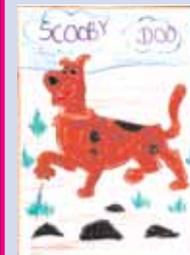
**Rozanne Rajendren (7 years)  
Sujatha Vidyalaya, Nugegoda**

## Scooby Doo

My favourite cartoon is Scooby Doo. It is a cartoon about four teenagers and a dog. They solve mysteries. Their names are Freddy, Shaggy, Velma, Daphne and Scooby Doo. Shaggy and Scooby love to eat food. Shaggy and Scooby's favourite food are Scooby Snacks.

They have a van. They call it the Mystery Machine. Freddy drives the Mystery Machine. They have solved lots of mysteries, such as the Gold Monster Mystery, Coral Monster Mystery, Scooby Snacks Monster Mystery, Sea Monster Mystery, Dinosaur Mystery and more.

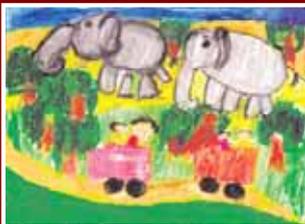
They use traps to catch the monsters. Freddy makes the traps while Velma finds out who is the monster by searching for clues and to bring the monster to the trap Shaggy and Scooby will act like live bait. As well as the Scooby Doo cartoon, the Scooby Doo movie is also there. And I love to watch them again and again.



**Nadeem Ashraff  
(9 years)  
Wesley College**

**Winners – August – Picnic**

4 – 6 years **1st place**



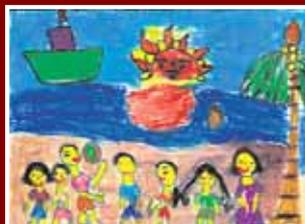
Ashwin Fernando  
Lyceum International School,  
Kandana

**2nd place**



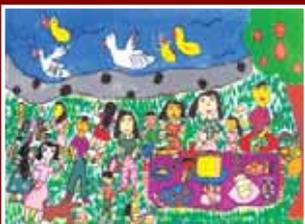
Asiri Gauthamadasa  
Kegalle M. V., Kegalle

**3rd place**



Pravinie Buddhika  
Srinivasa P. S., Walagedara

7 – 10 years **1st place**



Hiruni Cooray  
Bishop's College

**2nd place**



Amanga Kuruppu  
Southlands College, Galle

**3rd place**



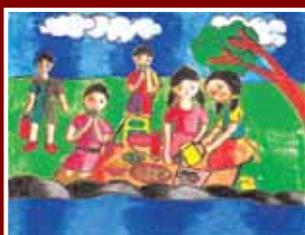
Zainab Zuhrie  
Mukarramah International  
School

11 – 14 years **1st place**



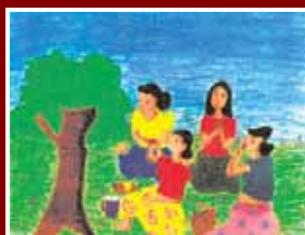
Hermal  
de Silva  
St.  
Xavier's  
College,  
Marawla

**2nd place**



Dinithi Kularathne  
Ke/Thalangamuwa Dudley  
Senanayake C. C.

**3rd place**



M. Riska  
Kalutara Muslim Central  
College, Kalutara

**Reeves Art Competition – Age Groups**

The age groups for this competition are as follows:  
**4 – 6 years, 7 – 10 years and 11 – 14 years.**  
Winners please contact us on 2331276/2479337  
and arrange to collect your prizes.

**A Poem for the Week**

Create your own little poem and send it in to us. This competition is open to age groups from 4 – 14 years. The poems will be judged according to the age of the competitor.

**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 clearly certified as your own creation by a teacher or parent.

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

**The winner will receive a book voucher for Rs. 500.**

**A history lesson on a rainy day**

It was a terrible rainy day,  
What can be worse, I thought,  
Than have a test the very next day,  
On sea routes explorers sought.

Studying away for two whole hours,  
Hadn't seemed to fill my brain,  
But suddenly a wonderful idea struck me,  
By gazing at the falling rain.

I ran with three papers of different colours,  
Into my garden with my book of notes,  
And after locating the biggest puddle,  
I turned the papers to boats.

The routes being plotted on the soil,  
Off went Columbus and Magallen,  
I watched my boats pass, and topped my class,  
At the history test next day.

**Savini Chandrasinghe**  
(14 years)  
Bishop's College