

## My mum

My mum is nice. Also she makes some lovely rice. She works really hard.

So that's why we give her a card.

She is very healthy and also wealthy.

So that's my mum who is nice.

And also makes some rice.

**Nicole Rudrakumar  
(8 years) Kent, UK**



## My little umbrella

I have a little umbrella. It has many colours. They are red, blue, yellow and green. It protects me in the rain and sunlight. I take it to my school. I like my little umbrella.

**Oshadee Dias (5 years)  
Sri Bodhi Vidyalaya,  
Gampaha**



## The fruit season

The fruit season in Sri Lanka begins in early April and goes up to the end of July. When the fruits ripen, predators like squirrels, crows and birds gather around the trees; one by one, or in flocks. Then the owners of the trees tend to make use of various devices to protect the fruit.

Sri Lanka also exports fruits to several countries. But it's still done on a

small scale. The fruit has a very good market within the country. And most of the buyers are children and elders. Sri Lanka's famous fruits are mango, banana, nuts, avocado and many other fruits. The fruit season is a very good season. Everybody likes it.

**Dulanji Jayasinghe  
(Grade 10)  
Wickramashila N. S.,  
Giriulla**

## An unknown place to visit

During the last holidays I went to Trincomalee with my family. We stayed in a hotel. One of my father's friends told us about 'Pigeon Island.'

The next day we decided to visit Pigeon Island. It is in Nilaveli. We went to Nilaveli and from there we travelled to Pigeon Island by motor boat. It took about 25 min-

utes to reach the island.

Oh! That was a wonderful and lovely place. There were many kinds of pigeons in different colours. There were other birds also. There were tall trees and small bushes. Some trees and bushes were full of flowers. Some were full of fruits. Small birds were sucking honey from the

flowers and big birds were eating the fruits. The ground looked like a green carpet.

We spent a lovely time there and returned. It is a lovely island in Nilaveli.

**R. Mayurapavan  
(11 years)  
St. Michael's  
College,  
Batticaloa**

## The grey squirrel

Grey squirrel sleeps in his nest,  
Till the alarm clock rings.  
Then out he slips to do his history test,  
And then runs to the big red swings.

He rushes out of school,  
And runs all the way to the bay,  
Which was close to his favourite pool,  
To cut and take some of his hay.

One day in June,  
He learnt many songs,  
He made a song and a tune,  
Most of the songs he learnt were written by Mr. Tongs.

One day he got a baby,  
Who was very red.  
Her name was Ruby,  
She slept in a blue bed.

**Enoch Justin (12 years)  
C. P. M. Faith School,  
Wattala**

## My pet

My pet is a cat. Its name is Kitty. It is black and white. It likes to eat fish. It likes to drink milk. I love my pet.

**Ravindu  
Prabash  
(Grade 1)  
Siridhamma  
College,  
Labuduwa**



## A journey by train

Once I went to Hatton by train. I went with my grandmother and parents. My aunty also joined the trip. We left by morning train. We had our breakfast in the train. We had some home prepared food and also tea.

The train was running at high speed. After passing Kandy the train stopped suddenly. Passengers looked out from the windows. Later we came to know the road was broken. After one hour we again started our journey. When we reached

Nawalapitiya we were very hungry. So we started to take our lunch. Within three hours the train was passing some tea estates. They were very beautiful. We were one hour late due to the accident that occurred in Kandy.

**M. N. Shihana  
(12 years)  
Kuli/Assedduma S.V.,  
Kuliyapitiya**

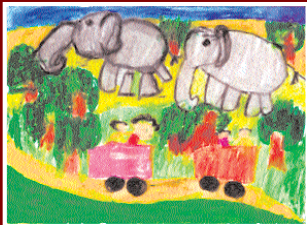


## Note

**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.**

**Winners – August – Picnic**

4 – 6 years **1st place**



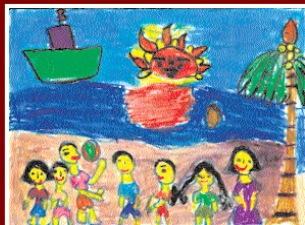
**Ashwin Fernando**  
Lyceum International School,  
Kandana

**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**



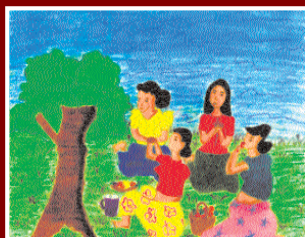
**Hermal de Silva**  
St. Xavier's  
College,  
Marawila

**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