

### My grandfather

My grandfather's name is Mr. Amerasekara. He is sixty years old. He lives near my house. He is good and kind.

My grandfather likes to eat rice and curries. He has a green colour car. He was a teacher. He is tall. He plays with me. He helps to do my homework.

I love my grandfather very much. God bless my grandfather.



**Savindu Herat (6 years)**  
Royal International School, Kurunegala

### My mother

My mother's name is Nirmala Alahendra.



She is 37 years old. She is a doctor. Her favourite colour is yellow. She has two sisters and one brother. I love my mother.

**Shavindhya Jayatilake (Grade 2)**  
Girls' High School, Kandy

### A fish-monger



**Chamod Kodithuwakku (Grade 2)**  
Sirimavo Bandaranayake M.P.S., Matale

### My friends



**Amavi Kuruppu (5 years)**  
Rainbow Kids Montessori, Galle

**Note**  
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### A river



**Ayushki Pathiraja (6 years)**  
Kiddles Castle, Kurunegala

### Days and seasons

When the earth travels around the sun, it spins like a spinning top. After every 24 hours it spins around, making one side of the earth facing the sun and that makes it daytime and the other side night time, because there is no sunlight on the other side.

We get seasons because of the northern and southern halves of the earth. When the northern half is tilted towards the sun it is summer there, and at the southern half it is winter. In June the northern half is tilted towards the sun, making long sunny days and short dark nights. In December it is the opposite and the southern part is much warmer.

It takes a year for the earth to travel around the sun that means it takes 365 days.

Places near the equator, that is an imaginary line around the world, only have two seasons. One is hot and dry and the other is warm and wet.

The earth's landscape changes during seasons. Many trees grow new leaves in spring. The leaves are fully grown and green in summer. They turn brown and start to fall in autumn and the branches are bare in winter.

**Bhanuka Seneviratna (Grade 5)**  
Fraser Coast Anglican College, Australia

### Joseph Lister

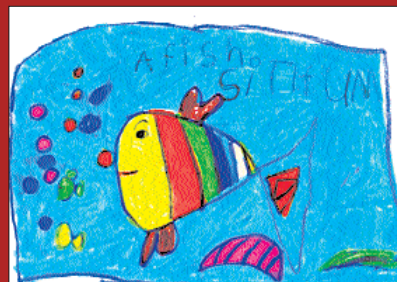
In Scotland, an English doctor named Joseph Lister read of Pasteur's work concerning disease germs. The studies had suggested to Lister that microbes were causing infection in wounds. Lister then began to experiment with ways to sterilize surgical instruments. Eventually, he found that carbolic acid was effective. Lister also began to insist that bandages were to be clean, and changed often.

Within two years he was able to write to Pasteur that, as a result of the use of antiseptic methods, deaths among surgi-

cal cases in his hospital had dropped from 95 to 15 percent.

Pasteur too tried to introduce antiseptic methods in France. He began to warn doctors to wash their hands and clean their instruments before an operation, but they would not listen to him. But gradually, as a result of the work of both Lister and Pasteur, the idea about antiseptic practices spread, and more and more lives were saved.

**Nushra Azam (13 years)**  
Al-Imran International School, Kandy



### A fish

**Situm Ralgamage (5 years)**  
Oxford International College, Balangoda

## What I want to be when I grow up

I like to be a general scientist when I grow up because I like to invent and discover many things and show it to the world so that they can use it for help in many ways.

There is much more information to find out in the world. More information can be found out about the history of the human society and evolution. We can find out about how people started to grow. New information

can be found out about the history of the world too. We can find out about how the world was made. As we find out about the world we can also find out about the future of the world. Sometimes disasters can happen and we can prevent them.

We can also find out about underwater discoveries. We can find out about the little creatures and large animals that

live in the sea. We can also invent robots which can help us in many ways.

I hope that we can get help from all the information and inventions to brighten our future.

I would like to be a world famous scientist and my aim is to win the Nobel Prize one day!

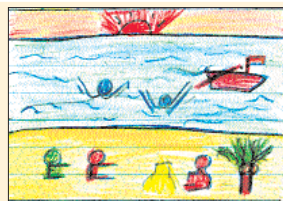
**Maneka Wijesundara  
(10 years)  
Ecole International**

## The sea

This is the sea. I swim in the sea. It is very big. It is very deep. Its colour is green and blue. In the afternoon, we can see the sun going down to the sea. Some children swim in the sea. Ships and boats sail in the sea. Fishermen go to sea to catch fish.

It is very beautiful in the evening. I like to go to play on the sea beach.

The sea is all around our country. I like to run with the waves as they roll onto the shore.



**Supuni Bhagya (Grade 2)  
Siri Dhamma College, Galle**

## Selling Rambutan



**Praveen Abeyesundera (13 years)  
Trinity College, Kandy**

## Myself



**Kevin Joseph (3 years)  
Kiddles Montessori, Bandarawela**

## 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.**

## The destructive wind

A powerful wind came roaring by,  
Swaying trees to and fro.  
Leaves rustled and broke free,  
Down to the ground they did pour.

The wind blew a lady's hat,  
And passed by a peaceful farm.  
It made the cows, hens and goats,  
All scream out in alarm.

The howling wind destroyed bird nests,  
It made little babies cry,  
Bothered people in the street,  
And troubled anyone passing by.

The strong wind ruined every house,  
And in the end it calmed down,  
After worrying all the people,  
And damaging the town.

**Aranya Dewanarayana  
(12 years)  
St. Joseph's Convent,  
Kegalle**