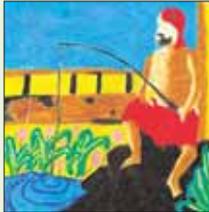


A visit to the beach

Last Sunday we went to my uncle's home in Colombo. His house is near the sea. My father, mother, brother and I went there.



I walked along the beach with them. There were a lot of seashells on the beach. We collected them and put them into a bag. The soft sand on the beach was very clean.

We saw some little children building sand houses on the beach. We also saw some young men splashing water at one another. We were not allowed to bathe in the sea. So we came back home. We enjoyed ourselves very much on this day.

Dushan Perera (11 years)
Vision International
College, Kandy

The value of a soldier

We all need a country to live in. We should have the freedom to spend a peaceful life. A soldier is the person who protects his country and the peoples' freedom.

A soldier has to work throughout the day. When we sleep, he keeps watch. When we watch TV with our family members, he has to take his gun and protect the country. He has to be away from his family members.

We have seen how he fights with terrorists. He has a brave heart. He fights with death. He has no time to even think about his family. We have a safe life because of his service. So we should always admire the duties of a soldier.

Anuruddha Dharmasena (11 years)
Lalith Athulathmudali
College

Peacock

Peacock, Peacock,
Dancing so beautifully

Peacock, Peacock,
How do you dance so beautifully?

Young child, young child,
My feathers are beautiful,
I spread my feathers.

Peacock, Peacock,
So that's how you dance!

You just take a look at
that lovely Peacock,
Dancing down the lane!
Young and old would like to see
The Peacock!

Minoli Gamlath (Grade 3)
Ceylinco Sussex College, Kegalle

My garden



Chaveen Ellawela (Year 4)
P. de S. Kularatna College, Ambalangoda

Butterfly



Yeshmi Dehara (Toddlers Class)
Atamie International School,
Ragama

If I become a doctor

If I become a doctor, I will do my job with great care. I will treat the patients very well. I will give them the correct medicines. I will not treat them badly. I will respect each and every patient. I will console them, to get well soon.

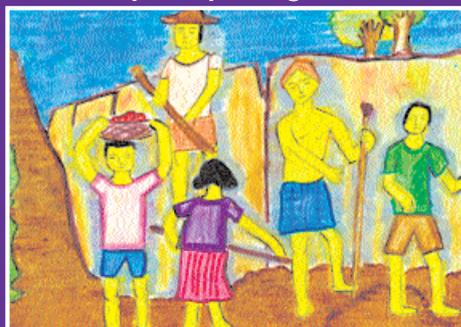
I will conduct free seminars and workshops and advise them to be healthy and avoid diseases. I will conduct clinics and provide drugs, free of charge for the

poor. If I couldn't handle the more serious patients, I will send them to senior doctors who will be able to treat them successfully.

I will work for longer hours with the patients. I will always be punctual. I will do my job with dedication and sincerity to all.

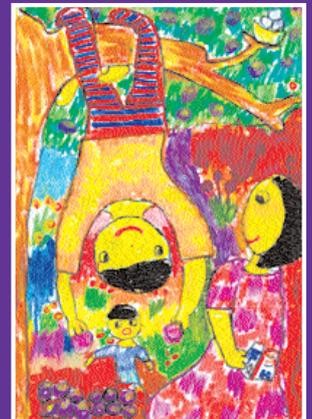
Nuha Akbar (Grade 7)
Royal English School, Matale

People repairing a road



Hlrushi Rozairo (12 years)
St. Anne's B. M. V., Wattala

Playing



Asel Wijeratne (8 years)
Trinity College, Kandy

Our house



Sachitha Dissanayake (6 years)
Leeds International School, Galle

My favourite toy

My favourite toy is a small, woolly teddy bear. My parents presented it to me on my fifth birthday. Ever since then, it has been my best friend. I have named my teddy bear 'Tommy.'



It is dark brown in colour with a thick woolly coat. It has black, shining eyes and a black shining nose. It has short ears and looks very cute. Tommy has always gone to bed with me at night. When I go to school, he sits on my study table. Though Tommy is now three years old, he looks as good as new. I would not like to part with him for anything.

Kasun Dahanayake (8 years)
Rahula Primary College, Matara

My friend

My friend is Lubna. She is nine years old. She has one brother. She is very nice. Her mother is a teacher. Lubna's father is a businessman. She is in Grade Four. She studies very well. She likes me and I like her. She likes to sing She watches TV in the evening. She likes to tell jokes.



N. F. Afra (Grade 4)
Unique School of English, Mawanella

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. Articles should not exceed 200 words.

My country

My country is Sri Lanka. It is an island in the Indian Ocean. People call it the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean.'

Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims and Burghers all live together in my country.

Mahaweli is the longest river in Sri Lanka.

Piduruthalagala is the highest mountain.

People from other countries come to see the beautiful places in my country.

The administrative capital is Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte. The national flower is the Water Lily (*Nil Manel*). The National tree is *Na*. Our national game is volleyball.

Sri Lanka is a developing country. I love my country very much. I am loyal to my country.

Sanduni Ranasinghe (8 years)
Sacred Heart Convent, Galle

A bird's nest



Varuni Edirisinghe (Grade 7)
Girls' High School, Kandy

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 lovely day

Fluffy white clouds in a bright blue sky,
Planes and helicopters go flying by.
The corn grows tall so does the oats and rye
Does anyone want to know why?

Birds are flying through the trees,
Flowers are feasted by butterflies and bees.
The sand is yellow, blue are the seas,
All these things are good to please.

The sun is shining very bright,
Look up, there's a kite so white.
Nobody wants to fight,
Oh! What a wonderful sight!

Thirandi de Silva (6 years)
Ladies College