

The day I will never forget

I have been to some countries and visited many places. But the day I went to Kithulgala was a memorable day.

First, we went to the place where the rafts are and booked a ride. Then we wore the safety clothes. Then we sat on the raft and the guide taught us how to control the raft.

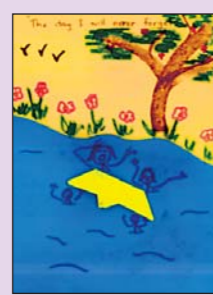
The level of the water was very low that day. After two kilometres the raft capsized.

Everybody screamed but I held the safely handle tight. In a while I realised that I was under the raft. Like the guide told us, I kept calm and breathed in

the space.

My mother screamed and screamed, and was looking for me. "Akash," "Akash," "My son," "My son..." Later someone pulled me out. Then only my mother stopped screaming.

I will never forget this day. It was exciting. I will go to Kithulgala another day.



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My best friend

My best friend is G. U. Harinakshi. She is nine years old. She lives at Karapitiya. She is in Grade Four. She likes to eat rice. Her favourite hobby is collecting stamps and drawing.

Her favourite colour is black. She studies at G/Southlands College.

She has one sister. Her name is G. Thushari Adithya. She

also lives at Karapitiya. Her favourite hobby is drawing. She also studies at G/Southlands College.

Harinakshi is very kind. Her mother's name is Upeksha Liyanage. Her father's name is G. P. Palitha.

Harinakshi helps me. I also help her. I love her very much.

**Ishini Sakunika
(Grade 4)
Southland's College,
Galle**



My doll

I have a doll. I named her Barbie. My doll has long hair. She has blue eyes. She has a nice frock. Her frock is pink colour. I play with her. I love my doll.



**Shavindya Jayatilake
(Grade 2)
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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Please remember that articles, poems and paintings sent, will not be published unless they are certified as your own work by a parent or teacher.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.

Is television good or bad?

In the modern world, almost every house has got a television set in their living room and the whole family gathers around it in the evenings. Actually it is good to watch TV towards the end of a hectic day. But the bad part of it is getting addicted to it.

The young generation loves to watch cartoons and nowadays, there are many interesting cartoons almost all the TV channels. However, because of this, children do not get a chance to play outdoors. In fact, a lot of children neglect their homework and studies as well.

On the other hand, some of the TV channels telecast educational programmes for kids to learn too. Parents should encourage their children to watch these programmes as well as cartoons.

Apart from these, lots of violent films are shown on TV, and young ones try to imitate the heroes in them. But the whole family can spend their leisure time by watching an interesting movie together.

Not only the children, but also many adults are addicted to the TV. However, there are programmes such as cookery lessons for them to learn too. Likewise, the sports lovers get the chance to watch the matches playing in any part of the world.

Of course, there are many good and bad things about the TV. But one can get lots of information about many things by using this magic box wisely.

**Shamindri Jayawarna
(11 years)
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How to develop tourism in our country

Sri Lanka has many attractive and historical places. Our country has lovely beaches. Our country gets sunshine in all months of the year. So our country is a famous tourist paradise. Tourism brings foreign exchange to our country. So we must develop tourism in the country.

Today tourists come to Sri Lanka not only for sun bathing. Modern tourists are very intelligent. They like to study about history and cultural festivals of our country. So we must arrange programmes for that.

Tourists need good facilities. So we must develop hotels, roads,

transport and electricity, in the country. Then we can draw more tourists to our country. Some tourists like adventure activities like rock climbing, elephant watching and boat riding. So we must arrange them for tourists.

Tourists like to eat the traditional meals of our country so we can treat them with our meals. Then we can draw tourists to our country. We should create CDs and films about our country and should distribute them in foreign countries.

**Thameera Ranasinghe
(13 years)
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Kids in Colour With **REEVES** Colours For Young Artists

Kids in Colour together with Reeves Art Competition is conducted monthly. A topic is given for each month. Three winners from three age groups will be selected. Winners will be announced on the second Sunday of each month and all winners will receive an attractive gift pack from Reeves.

Please note that all paintings should be certified by a teacher or parent, refer page 8 for further details.

All paintings should be on A4 size paper. Please write Reeves Art Competition at the back of your entry, together with your name, date of birth, address, telephone no., and school.

**Topic for November – Floods
Closing Date: November 30, 2007**

Winners of Reeves Art Competition please contact us in order to collect your prizes!

Wax Crayons • Oil Pastels • Paint Sets • Colour Sets • Water Colours • Oil Colours • Poster Colours • Powder Paints • Brushes

Winners – October – Favourite pets

4 – 6 years

1st place
Nethmini Wattetenna
St. Anthony's B.M.V., Kandy

2nd place
Amavi Kuruppu
Rainbow Kids Montessori, Galle

3rd place
Thiuri Peiris
Little Flower Montessori,
Ratnapura

7 – 10 years

1st place
Udani Perera
Sarasavi Uyana M.V.

2nd place
Vishma Kasturiarachchi
Wesley College, Colombo

3rd place
Acushla Mirihana
Methodist College, Colombo

11 – 14 years

1st place
Changa Gonsal Korala
Richmond College, Galle

2nd place
Amry Nawushad
Trinity College, Kandy

3rd place
Avishi Perera
St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo

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.**

Aliens

Oh! How curious creatures aliens are,
They are so vicious,
Yes they are,
They have heads shaped like goblets,
They have eyes large as tennis balls
And according to me,
They have bodies small as pillows!

You may say that an alien is cute,
But they are so cunning,
Yes they are,
They would gobble your television,
They would gobble your bed,
And according to me,
There'll gobble up you whole,
Even though they are small!

And I warn you,
That probably one day,
There'll be a sly alien,
Staring at you
Willing to gobble you!

**Roshion Ishaque (11 years)
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