

### My mother

My mother's name is Chandrika. She is 40 years old. She likes to drink milk. She likes to eat fruits. I love my mother.



**Chanuri Gunawardana (4+ years)**  
Little Angel's Montessori, Rajagiriya

### My pets

I have many pets. They are a dog, two rabbits and one cock-bird. Their names are Sandy, Berr, Melady and Chicky. I have lots of fish too. I have giant guramis, gold fish, black gold-fish, platys, catfish and angels. I help my sister to look after them. I love all my pets very much.



**Shenalie De. S. Wijeratne (8 years)**  
Holy Family Convent, Colombo 4

### Butterfly



**Senuri Almeida (Grade 3)**  
St. Bridget's Convent

### The Olympic Games

The Olympic Games are world famous. They are international games in which hundreds of nations take part. They are held every four years under the guidance of the International Olympic Association.

Many centuries ago, the Olympic games were held in Greece in honour of the Greek God, Zeus. The father of the Modern Olympics was Pierre de Coubertin. The first modern Olympics were held in Athens in 1896. The Olympic flag has five interlaced rings on a white

background. They represent the five continents.

Winning a medal in the Olympics is not easy. Behind every medal lies a lifetime of discipline, dedication, hard work and talent. The Olympic Games also carries an important message to the world, "Not to win but to take part." Today the Olympic Games is one of the greatest events that brings the world together.

**Amrah Ahamed (11 years)**  
Ilma International Girls School

### Uses of a coconut tree

A coconut tree is a very useful tree. This plant is found everywhere in Sri Lanka. It is mostly grown in the North Western Province of our country.



There is also a part known as the 'Coconut Triangle.' Every part of the tree is very useful to the people. The fruits, leaves, trunks and shells are used to make something useful for people.

People can make fibre with the coconut husk. They also make cadjans, curios, brooms, rugs and

many more things. We also take the dry coconut leaves, husks to light fire.

Coconut oil and coconut treacle is used in daily life. We drink young coconut. It is a delicious drink.

In every house, a coconut tree is a must. Nothing goes waste or is thrown away from this tree. People called it the 'cupruka' because in Sri Lanka it is a must in our day-to-day life.

**Tajmi Kulatunga (10 years)**  
Sujatha Vidyalaya

### My friends



**Shenaya Fernando (5 years)**  
Ladies College Nursery

### A swan

**Chamodi Perera (11 years)**  
Sirimavo Bandaranaike B. V.

### I'm a little bug

Hi! I'm a little bug  
Who lives with Mrs. Smug  
Who sells comfy rugs  
Which many little bugs  
Find very very snug  
To live in her comfy rugs

My food comes from her jug  
From which I fill my buggie mug  
Then settle down feeling snug  
Oh! I'm a very lucky bug  
To live with Mrs. Smug

**Raveena Weerabahu (11 years)**  
Gateway College



### Beauty of Hands

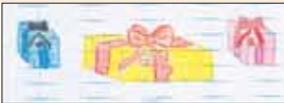


**Rushara Gunasena (8 years)**  
Musaeus College



## My Birthday Party

My birthday falls on February



2. I invited all my friends to my birthday party. They were given ice coffee to drink and sweets to eat. They sang Happy Birthday and gave me their presents. One of my friends brought a guitar and a drum set so we had lovely music. Each of my friends was given a present at my gate. When they all went, I opened my presents and I was very happy. I think my birthday party was the happiest day of my life.

**Shenali Dhammearatchi (9 years)**  
Musaeus College

## My hobby

Everyone has a hobby. My hobby is collecting stamps.



I have about a thousand stamps in my collection. The first stamp of the world was made in England. The only country that doesn't write the country name of the stamp is also England. I have two albums and my parents too, help me with my collection. About six hundred are Sri Lankan. There are stamps between five cents to two hundred rupees. I have stamps of different shapes, sizes and countries. I like to do such an important hobby.

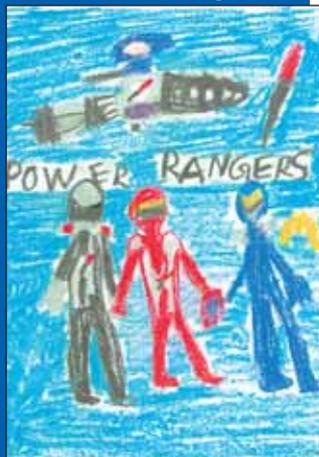
**Krishan Dhammearatchi (10 years)**  
S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia

## Waterfall



Melissa Ranathunga (Grade 2)  
Holy Family Convent, Colombo 4

## Power Rangers



Haani Raheem (5 years)  
Tiny Tots, Bambalapitiya

### 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.

## 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.**

## Firefly

"Firefly, firefly, please give me light  
You are the only one who can save us from this plight."

The little insect and the night flies – Shout out to me,  
Every once in a while, when they are in flight, throughout the night.

"You are the saviour," they say  
"You can lead the way.  
No other bird or beast could guide us through the mist."

"So come little firefly, come to us,  
Lead us on from dusk to dawn."  
I hear these words, I turn around,  
"My friend I am here, so have no fear."

**Charles Bernard (13 years)**  
English Academy,  
Negombo