

Christmas

Christmas is a festival for Christians

It falls of December 25.

Santa brings toys for children at Christmas.

Children write letters to Santa mentioning what they like to have for Christmas.

We put up a Christmas tree and we decorate it with lots of decorations.

Christmas is celebrated as the birth of Jesus.

I like Christmas very much.

Shavin Webster (7 years)
Mt. Lavinia

Antique almirah

This almirah is over 200 years old, passed down four generations and is now with my grandmother. It is a Rangoon teak.



She keeps her curtains in them. It looks new, as it has been kept polished always. The carvings are really nice. It has a top cupboard with three shelves on either side and two shelves down. There are three drawers in the centre.

Once when my grandmother was about three years old, she had got into the cupboard and fallen asleep, and everyone searched for her for a long time and only found her after some time.

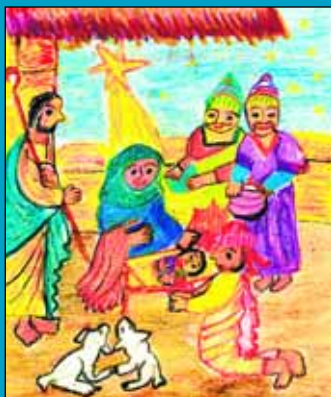
Saadiya Hassen (Year 5)
Gateway College, Rajagiriya

Santa Claus



Dedunu Fernando (8 years)
Visakha Vidyalya

Nativity



Ravindu Dias (11 years)
Royal College

Merry Christmas



Keshiya Noyahr (13 years)
St. Lawrence's School

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Christmas is celebrated every year on December 25. Christians are reminded that it is the time to celebrate the birth of Christ our Saviour.

The Christmas Tale or Story which is known as the "First Christmas" is a much loved tale which the young and old enjoy. The birth of Jesus in the little town of Bethlehem, which in other words is called the "Nativity" is often known by non-Christians too.

The arrival of the month of December, Christmas movies are telecast on television, carols are sung as occasions, you hear the sound of people wishing each other a "Merry Christmas," and the sound of fireworks being displayed.

At a Christmas party you would see an evergreen tree which is also called a 'Christmas Tree' which is decorated with lights and ornaments, and more often you would see Father Christmas or in other words, 'Santa Clause' comes surprisingly in his red and white costume and gives gifts to everyone especially children, saying that he has come from the North Pole. You would also see that there are lots and lots of lights and decorations on very street and house which includes the non-Christians too, who sometimes celebrate as well.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Renushi Ubeyratne (11 years)
St. Lawrence's School

Christmas angels



Shavinka Motha (9 years)
St. Bridget's Convent



Birth of Jesus

Elaine Samarasinghe (14 years)
Colombo South International College



The happiest day of my life

I wrote a letter to Santa and I have got a chance to meet him at a Christmas Party. This day is yet to come. I am excited to meet him. I am counting the days to see Santa and enjoy the party. I am sure this is going to be the most happiest day in my life and my dream will come true.



**Shenali Liyanage
(7 years)
Musaeus College**

Snowman



**Stefan Rajaratnam (9 years)
St. Peter's College**

Space travel

Less than four years after the launch of the first satellite into space, Sputnik 1, in October 1957, human space travel began. Since then, American astronauts have walked on the moon and Russian cosmonauts have remained in space for more than a year at a time, in space stations. Today astronauts travel in both rockets and the space shuttle. In the decades to come, astronauts are likely to return to the moon to set up bases, and even travel to Mars to explore the secrets of our neighbouring planet.

Yuri Gagarin was the first man to travel in space on April 12, 1961, orbiting earth once. The first American to orbit Earth, John Glenn flew into space on February 20, 1962.

On July 20, 1969, Apollo II made the first moon landing. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon.

There would be no space exploration without rockets but they are not a modern invention. The Chinese developed the first rockets around 1200 AD.

An object that circles another, in space is called its' satellite. Earth has one natural satellite, the moon, but also a swarm of artificial satellites. The USSR launched the first artificial satellite, Sputnik I, in October 1957.

**Shaakya Siriwardena (14 years)
Bishop's College**

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.

A Newborn Child

The Christmas breeze is blowing,
The world outside is snowing.
The snowy branches bowing down,
Paying homage to the Infant born.

The night sky is glowing,
And the golden star is shining.
Guiding the way to the manger,
Where the Holy Infant lay.

Luxury and comfort are all we seek,
Searching for more in our hearts so deep.
But true happiness lay in a stack of hay,
In the gentle heart of a Newborn Babe...

**Ayodhya Perera
(12 years)
Bishop's College**