

My flower garden

There are many flowers in this garden. There are roses, anthuriums, temple flowers, jasmine, bouganvillea, shoe flowers and more. We also have vegetables in our garden. There are beans, lady's fingers, brinjals, pumpkin and snake gourd.



We eat vegetables from our garden. We also have green leaves such as gotukola and kankun, which we eat fresh from our garden. There are lots of fruits. They are guava, banana and mango.

Pubudini Karalliyadde (5 years)
Springfield College,
Kandy

Thai Pongal

Thai Pongal is an important Hindu festival. It is a thanksgiving festival. It is especially popular for the farmers. It falls in the month of January. Thai is the Tamil name for January and this day is the first of January for the Hindus. It comes at the end of the rice harvest.

Pongal is celebrated for three days. Bhogi Pongal is the first day of the festival. People worship God Indra, the main god. All clean their houses, throw away old things and decorate with banana leaves, sugar canes, mango leaves and flowers.

The second day is the Surya Pongal. We worship God

Surya the Sun God. On that day we boil pongal rice and offer to the Sun God. The last day is Mattu (cow) Pongal, specially for cows. They bathe and decorate them and feed them with fried cakes.

In some villages they play many games on all the three days. We draw *kolam* patterns with rice flour because the insects will eat it. We clean ourselves and wear new clothes and we go to the temple and worship the God. The festival brings joy and happiness.

Thivyaa Ramani (8 years)
Colombo International
School - Kandy

My favourite movie

My favourite movie is 'Paulie.' Paulie is an intelligent parrot. It is the main character of the film. Paulie is reared in a house, where there is a girl called Marie. Marie and Paulie are good friends.

Marie can't talk well. Marie's parents thought that the friendship between Marie and the parrot Paulie is not a good one. So they decided to separate Marie from her friend Paulie. They sent Paulie away.

After that Paulie faced so many hardships. As a result of those hardships he even lost his wings.

After that Paulie met a kind person. He listened to Paulie's story. He felt sad and he promised to help Paulie to find his friend Marie.

Finally that person was able to get a clue about Marie. He went to that place with Paulie. Paulie met his loving friend Marie there and Marie has become a grown up lady.

Rashmika Madhuranga (Grade 5)
Sri Sumedha M.V.,
Gampaha

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 jeep



M. R. Muhammed (Year 1)
Zahra National College, Puttalam

I like to be a ballerina



Chenell Jayawardena (6 years)
St. Nicholas International
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A cow and a calf



Lakindu Matharaarachchi (4+ years)
Tokusho Nursery, Homagama

Apple garden



Malltha Lankanayake (Grade 1)
Royal International School,
Kurunegala

Topic for January – Back to school
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My pet

My pet is a cat. My pet's name is Blacky. It likes to eat fish. It likes to play with me. I love my pet.



Rakitha Perera (6 years)
Maris Stella College

My favourite pet



Ramall Jayakody
(7 years)
Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy

The floods



Fathima Fazal
(7 years)
Ranpokunugama M.V., Nittambuwa

My village

My village is Pangollamada. It is a small village. It has about 300 houses, one school and a medi aid. My village is surrounded by mountains. It has lots of paddy fields. There are coffee trees, banana trees, cardamom trees, clove trees in my village. It is really a beautiful village. I wish it to be a developed one.



F.A.M. Shafri (Grade 4)
Alawathugoda Junior School

My penfriend

My penfriend is Yuko Yoshimura. She is from Japan. Her birthday falls on June 1. She has a brother called Kazuyuki Yoshimura. Her mother is Yasuko Yoshimura and her father is Satoshi Yoshimura.

Yuko is 19 years old. She has finished her studies. So she is doing a part-time job. Her hobbies are shopping, snail-mailing, collecting miscellaneous goods etc. She likes overseas customs. Not like other Japanese, she is interested in home cooking.

She never has gone to another country. She likes gifts. She doesn't like to live in hot countries. Yuko likes me. So she sent me CDs, traditional pillows, Hello Kitty bags, books, towels, books about Japan etc. I also sent her a lot of gifts. I love her very much.

Jayani Senathilaka
(12 years)
Sumana B.N.S., Ratnapura

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 'Sweet' Fight

The sweets were having a long squabble,
Who was the best? That was the problem.

"I'm the prettiest of the lot!"
said the strawberry lollipop.
"You!" snorted caramel toffee.
"You look more like a mop
to me."

"I'm not pretty,
but I'm tasty."
Said the chocolate
Who was not very friendly.

"You are too expensive,
but we are nice and cheap."
Squeaked the chocolate drops,
Who thought themselves sweet.

The sweets were busy fighting,
No one noticed the fridge
opening.
The kid of course took the best,
And THEN the sweets knew
who was finest!

Githmi Wijenarayana
(11 years)
Southlands College,
Galle