

My pet

My pet is a dog. My dog is Tommy.



My Tommy is brown. Its eyes are black. Tommy has a tail. It is short and curly. I love my Tommy. I jump with him. I play with him. I run with him. I bathe with him.

My Tommy is nice. It is very wise. I give him milk. I give him rice. I give him bones. I give him fish.

Tommy can bark. It can run fast. It chases cats. It catches birds.

I love my Tommy. Tommy loves me.

Janindu Galagama (6 years)
Ferguson H.S., Ratnapura

Importance of reading books

As you all know, books are very important for every person. No doubt you may have heard this saying, "Reading makes a perfect man." If we make it a habit to read books, it'll be of immense help for us. We can gain good knowledge about everything by reading. If we read books always, one day we will be able to become doctors and engineers. People who



read books can easily become intelligent people in the society.

You may have already heard about famous scientists and mathematicians. Most of them have succeeded in their lives by reading books. So as a school student I request you to read books as much as possible.

Champika Herath (13 years)
Kuly/Saranath M.V.

Who are they?

Many colours
Different smells
Many shapes
Having all these things.

They are smiling, as the sun rises
They are dancing, to the songs of birds
In every morning.

But in the evening
They are going to sleep

Actually, who are they?
Flowers, they are flowers.

They are waking up
Early in the morning
And make the morning beautiful.

G.I. Dilhari (12 years)
Kegallu B.V.



First in class

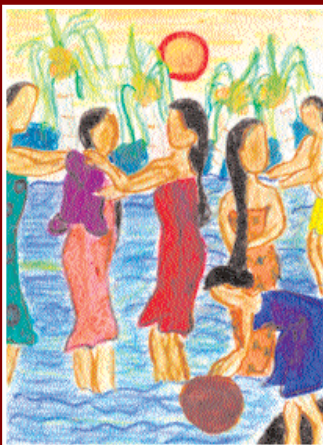
I am first in my class in the year-end test, and promoted to Grade Four. It's a happy news for me. And my father and mother were so happy too.

And I took 100 marks in English which is my favourite subject. I took 96 in Maths, 94 in Islam, 94 in Environmental Studies, 93 in Tamil, 98 for Reading, 95 in Physical Education, 95 in Aesthetic studies and 89 for Handwork. And my total mark is 854, average is 94.88.

So, my parents took me to P.G. Martin Wonderworld on the day we got the vacation. That was December 7, 2007. It was a great opportunity which I got luckily by Funday Times and enjoyed a lot of things free of charge. I felt double happiness. So I thank both my parents as well as Funday Times.

Ayesha Hazima (Grade 4)
Kg/Mw/Baduriya C.C.

Bathing Ladies



Samadhi Mohotty (12 years)
Ecole International College, Digana

A train

Ashen Attanayake (4 years)
A.M.I. Montessori, Kelaniya



Our National bird

Runsiri Randula (13 years)
Meril Kariyawasam Central College, Pelawatta



Rainy day



Tharushi Kasturige (UKG)
Ceylenco Sussex College, Galle

An imaginary visit to the North Pole

It was a cold day in winter. I was sitting on the bench by my house, alone. The snowflakes were falling, falling and never ended falling.

Suddenly, slippery ice was beneath my feet. I slipped away, away until I got to the North Pole. The snow was deep. I couldn't even see. I was weary and about to fall when I saw a little cottage. I knocked on the door and a little elf came out. When I went in, it was a big factory. But when you look from outside it is a small cottage. Lots of busy elves were calling out names and the things that children want.

Then Santa Claus came out. He had a long white beard and a hat with a bell. He asked me, "What do you want for Christmas?" I said, "Santa, can I have peace in my country?" He made a disappointed face and said, "I'm sorry, but that is a thing that you and the others in your country have to do. I cannot do anything to make peace."

Then I heard my mom call, "Rizniya, it's late. Get up." And all of a sudden I woke up in my bedroom.

It was all a dream.

Rizniya Yasir (12 years)
Vishaka Girls' College,
Bandarawela

My garden



← **Keyshalee Tillekaratne (Grade 1)**
Buddhist College, Matara

Smoking

Smoking is certainly harmful to the smokers when they puff in and puff



out the harmful smoke. The smoke they puff affects their lungs, heart and blood. Smoking is a bad habit and you waste your money on cigars and cigarettes. They weaken hearts, lungs, your pinky finger tips and rosy lips would turn pale and yellow.

Cigarettes are made of tobacco. Tobacco has nicotine – a poisonous chemical that gives us cancer. Nicotine enters your lungs when you smoke. It is a bad habit and it kills your life. From the lungs the poisonous blood goes to all parts of the body.

Thivanka Welianga,
Little Flower Convent,
Bandarawela

Army operation



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.

Running Bear

When Polar Bear stays out too late,
He wakes in a dreadful state.
The bedroom mirror never lies...
He needs to take some exercise.

So off he jogs at quite a pace,
Determination grips his face.
But soon he finds that with his weight,
It's easier to polar skate.

Using ice for their assistance,
Joggers cover twice the distance.
But look out Bear!
I think you 'oughta'
Stop! Before you reach the water.

Oh dear! I bet the sea is freezing.
Polar Bear has started sneezing,
No matter what that mirror said,
It's healthier to stay in bed!

Rushdiha Ikram (12 years)
Bishop's College

← **Rusiru Fernando (Grade 2)**
St. Nicholas International
School, Negombo