

## An elephant talks

Hello everybody! I'm Jumbo a baby elephant, six months old. I was born at the Pinnawela elephant orphanage and I live with my mother. I have large ears, which I keep flapping to keep my large body cool. I enjoy a bath twice a day in the river with my friends, spurting water at each other. I also feel very proud when little children pose for photographs with me.



My friend Bimbo was taken to the zoo last month and my mother said that he will be trained to perform there. I love to listen to the stories my mother tells about her life in the jungle and I too like to visit the jungle someday. But my dream will come true the day I walk at the Kandy Perahera as the main tusker, carrying the casket with the Sacred Tooth Relic.

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

## T-Rex

This is T-Rex the dinosaur. It lived a long time ago. It is green and 5.5m tall. It has a long tail and sharp teeth. It lived 65 million years ago.



**Wishma Wickramathunga (7 years)**  
Gateway College, Rajagiriya

## Kiddies Day

My school is Sisura International Pre-School at Kesbewa. I am studying in the English Upper Class II. The school held its Kiddies Day Concert at the Youth Centre Hall, Maharagama under the patronage of the Schools' Chairman, Mr. Costa. All my school mates and I were very happy as we had to take part in four items.

My thanks go out to my beloved Principal and the energetic staff for taking all pains to make the concert a great success and also thank our Principal and staff for giving us this opportunity for a concert.

Finally I thank all the parents and well-wishers of the school for giving us their full support.

**Hasanga de Silva (UC II)**  
Sisura International Pre-school,  
Kesbewa

## What I like to become

When I grow up I like to become a Veterinary Doctor, which means a Pet Vet. I love animals especially dogs, horses and leopards. When I become a veterinary doctor, I will learn a lot about animals. I often go to the farm with my mother to see the horses. I have three dogs. My mother says, "Too many

dogs." But then I say, "Why?" I love animals but I don't like insects. I love all types of whales and fish. I think when I become a vet it will be good for the animals.

What do you think?

**Rushara Gunasena**  
(Year 3)  
Musaeus College

## How I spent my holidays

On a day that I never thought We got our holidays, Oh my God! Again we had to go to school On the 14<sup>th</sup>, but I was in the pool.

We were at Cinnamon Lodge It was really nice, Oh my gosh! Too bad that we had to go back home But when we went, Oh! I was bored.

On the following days I watched TV And then I shouted, "Oh please help me!" I was so bored I had nothing to do, So I thought of sleeping, What else to do?

I didn't know but the days passed by Then I had to buy books for Grade Eight, Oh My! And then I waited until school starts That's how I spent my holidays.

**Navodya Kiriella (12 years)**  
Bishop's College

## Myself

I am Pamudi Bimalka. I am nine years old. I live at Diyagama. I study at Samudradevi Balika Vidyalaya. I am in Grade Four. My favourite subjects are Maths and Art. My hobbies are reading story books and playing Netball. I like mango. I have one brother and no sisters. My favourite colour is yellow. I want to be a teacher.

**Pamudi Bimalka**  
(9 years)  
Samudradevi B.V.,  
Nugegoda

## 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.

## If I were a bird

If I were a bird I would be happy. I would like to fly over the mountains. Then I would be able to see the seven wonders. I would be happy with the other birds. I will fly over the paddy-fields and eat all the grains. I would have a bath in the beautiful streams and rivers. I would make my nest in the jungle, high up in a tree. I would live in a good environment happily.

I will make friends with all kinds of birds, and I can fly freely, far away up in the sky. I think I would be the happiest bird in the world.

**Savish Pulitha (9 years)**  
D. S. Senanayake College, Colombo

**Winners – January – Back to school**

4 – 6 years

1st place



Hanan Haleem  
Trinity College, Kandy

2nd place



Tharini Fernando  
St. Bridget's Convent

3rd place



Malltha Lankanayake  
Royal International School,  
Kurunegala

7 – 10 years

1st place



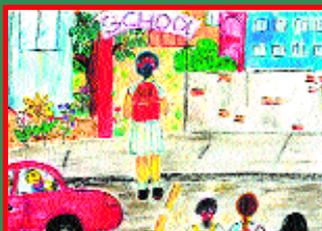
Senara Perera  
Musaeus College

2nd place



Hiruni Cooray  
Bishop's College

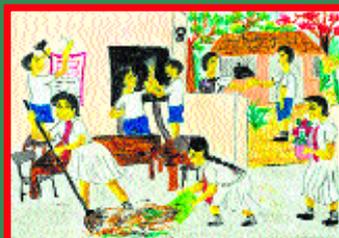
3rd place



Musaffa Mafaz  
Sacred Heart Convent, Galle

11 – 14 years

1st place



M.T. Nusfa  
Kg/ Thaldawa Muslim M.V.

2nd place



Pavini Weerasinghe  
St. Joseph's B.M.V., Kegalle

3rd place



Nihara Perera  
Musaeus College

**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.**

**Peace**

Peace Oh! Peace,  
Wherever have you been?  
I know you are on the corner  
But never to be seen.

Please come out will you  
We need you very much  
Come out and see  
People suffering so much.

Day by day passes  
And you never show up  
Is this a mere trick of yours,  
To fool all of us?

It's not the first of April  
Or a game of hide and seek  
But death and drops of tears  
Making man so weak.

Please do come and stay  
You do make us grieve  
We'll look after you well  
Then you never have to leave.

**Safna Nazar (13 years)**  
**Minaret High School**