

My teacher

My teacher's name is Mrs. Gayani Jayasingha. She is very pretty. She wears beautiful sarees. She is very kind to us. I love my teacher very much.



Chanuri Gunawardana (Grade 1)
Musaeus College

An ancient city

Anuradhapura was the first ancient capital city of Sri Lanka, founded by King Pandukabhaya about 380 BC. According to the Mahavamsa, the city was a model of planning.

It was during the reign of Pandukabhaya's grandson, Devanampiyatissa that Buddhism was introduced into the land. Anuradhapura became the first holy city and Buddhism spread over the land.

This ancient city had a great civilization and is one of the world's major archaeological sites.

The Sri Maha Bodhi is the oldest tree in the world. This tree was brought to the island by Sangamitta,

daughter of Emperor Asoka.

The most important monuments in Anuradhapura are the *Sri Maha Bodhi*, the Brazen Palace, *Ruwanveli Dagaba*, *Jethavanaramaya*, *Thuparama Dagaba*, *Abhayagiri Dagaba*, *Samadhi Buddha*, *Kuttam Pokuna*, *Tissa Wewa*, *Nuwara Wewa* and *Isurumuniya Viharaya*. These great works by our ancient kings in Anuradhapura can still be seen, but in ruins.

Shamana Bangsajayah (Grade 6)
Buddhist Ladies College

The horse

My favourite animal is the horse.



It can run fast. The horse can kick us. The horse has lots of hair. Some horses look friendly. Some horses are eating grass. The horses live in the stable and the zoo. The horses' fur is soft. They can help man to pull carts.

Tharin Dabarera (6 years)
St. Nicholas International College

Horana

An ancient king once declared the victory of a war by using a trumpet on a mountain. The area where the sound of this trumpet was heard is called Horana, because in Sinhala 'Horana' is trumpet.



Jithmi Gayara (Grade 5)
Sirimavo Bandaranaike Vidyalaya

New Year games



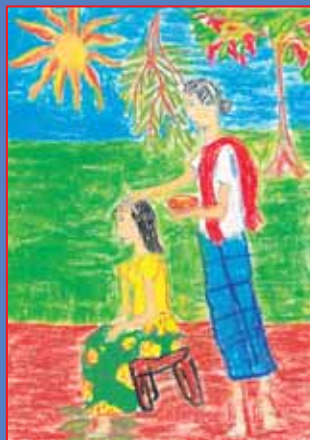
Vimuth Mendis (6 years)
Lyceum International School, Nugegoda

My best friend

My best friend is Avindaya. Avindaya is seven years old. He is in Grade Two. He goes to Gateway College. Avindaya's favourite colour is blue. His favourite food is pizza. Avindaya's favourite sports are cricket and football. Avindaya has a small sister. I like my best friend very much.

Sachintha Pilapitiya
S. Thomas Preparatory School

Anointing with oil



Acushla Mirihana (8 years)
Methodist 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.



Lighting crackers at New Year

Viruna Cooray (4 years)
Bishop's College Nursery

Hafsa Riza (9 years)
Ilma International School

A trip to the beach

By seven o'clock we were on our way,
By train to the seaside for the day,
People having fun,
In the hot smiling sun.
Children with baskets of sand,
Making castles on land.

Birds fly in the sky,
Making a huge cry,
The passing wind
Made my eyes blind,
A dull wave enters into land,
To break a castle on the empty sand.

Sanduni Mulleriyawa
(10 years)
Lyceum International School,
Nugegoda

New Year Customs



Chamodi Perera
(11 years)
Sirimavo Bandaranaike Vidyalaya

My grandmother

My grandmother's name is Sita Godamunna. She is my mother's mother. My grandmother lives in Madabowala, Kandy. She is a very beautiful lady. She can cook very tastily. She likes to eat chocolates and likes to drink tea.

On our holidays we go to see my grandmother. She waits for us. She cooks very tasty food for us. She can make various kinds of puddings, cakes and sweets. She wears Kandyan sari everyday. She has very

long black hair. She was educated at Good Shepherd Convent in Kandy. She has four daughters and two sons, but three of her daughters are in Australia. One daughter and two sons are in Sri Lanka. That daughter is my mother.

I like my grandmother very much. God bless my grandmother!

Eresha Mapa
(Grade 8)
St. Paul's B.M.V.,
Kelaniya

New Year Customs



Dedunu Fernando
(8 years)
Visakha Vidyalaya

Harmony

Sathira Perera
(7 years)
Royal College



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.

Life

Life is like a flowing river,
Or so I've heard...
Songs have it...
People say it...
So I believe it's true!

The water is our life,
Moving steadily onwards.
The rocks that the water crashes against,
Are the obstacles we meet in life,
The river bank on either side,
Are our parents,
guiding us, in the right path,
The streams that join the river,
Are the blessings we receive,
Which make us stronger people.

And finally, when the river joins the sea,
Symbolizes where our life ends,
When we re-unite,
With all the people we had to say good-bye to,
Because all rivers eventually join the sea...

Shenali Amaratunga
(14 years)
St. Bridget's Convent