

### Stanley

Stanley was the chimney sweeps cat  
He went to the river and caught a sprat  
Whenever he did this the nearby rats  
Sang psalms for the innocent sprats

Stanley's fur is dark in colour  
He is worth a million dollars  
When Stanley was bad and sprats did he  
swallow  
All of the tiny rats would begin to holler

"Oh my dear Stanley what ever have you  
done  
You never ate the sprats but caught them for  
fun!"  
The rats give him advice from ten to one  
But Stanley growled and made them run

Stanley went on and on and on  
Until one day he met a Japanese feline  
They fell in love and went to Japan  
And all the sprats were safe again.

**Meherin Hamid (14 years)**

#### My pets – Taffy and Jessie



Shenaya Fernando (5 years)  
Ladies College Nursery

#### Ballet Dancers



Reshani Abayasekara (6 years)  
St. Bridget's Convent

### My sister

My sis-  
ter's  
name is  
Samali  
Lithara.  
She was  
born on April 2.



Once she was born a  
nurse said that she was  
like me. But when she  
started to grow up people  
around us said that she  
is like my mother and I  
am like my father.

She wears jeans the  
most. She likes to eat  
apples and drink milk.

She is like a fairy and  
makes me and my family  
very happy . She is three  
years old. My sister  
shares her food with me.  
Sometimes we quarrel  
with each other.

She is fairer than me.  
We play together when  
we are in the park. We  
keep a race for running.  
Most times she's not the  
winner, but she enjoys it.

She really is a pretty  
and happy girl. I love my  
sister very much.

May God shower his  
blessings upon her.

**Sajani Fernando  
(8 years)  
St. Bridget's Convent**

#### Flowers



Shenaya Daniels (4 years)  
Methodist College

### My best friend

My best friend is  
Esangeeth Perera. He  
is six years old. He lives  
in Kolpetty. His  
favourite subject is Maths.  
Esangeeth likes to eat potato  
chips. His favourite cartoon is  
Scooby Doo. He is very kind and  
good. I love my friend very much.



**Rukshith Karunanayake  
(Year 1)  
Gateway College**

### On the beach

One day I went to the beach  
with my family members. It was  
on Sunday. So there were so many  
people on the beach.

When we went, the sun was  
setting. It was big and red in  
colour. We had kite competitions.

My mother brought some  
snacks for us. We spread the mat  
on the beach and had some  
snacks. The wind was blowing. It  
was cold. Some children were  
making sandcastles.

We enjoyed it very much and  
around 7.30 p.m we left the beach.

**Oshadi Ratnayake  
(11 years)  
M. D. H. Jayawardena M. V.**

#### Mother cleaning the garden



Thihansa Ranaweera (Grade 1)  
Musaeus 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.**

### The Personality Garden

Loving Roses hug each other.  
Gentle Lotuses calm another.  
Kind Marigold twirls and sings.  
Sweet Jasmines dance in rings.  
Sunny Sunflowers brighten the day.  
Singing Bluebells are pretty and gay.  
Watery Lillies cool us all.  
Violet Lavenders shine the hall.  
Scientific Hibiscus wit a fool.  
Cool Snowdrops keep him cool.  
Yellow Daffodils are good and happy.  
Warm Orchids are warm and sappy.  
Gay Petunias are beautiful and gay.  
Solumn Poppies are sad and so have their say.  
This is my Personality Garden.

**Yadurshini Raveendran**  
(11 years)  
The British School in Colombo

### Value of trees

Trees are very valuable possessions for all humans and animals. Trees provide us with food, shade, medicine and fresh air. So they are very valuable for all living beings on Earth. Trees with large leaves provide shade to humans. Some people even break leaves and carry them over their heads while it rains so as not to get wet. Plants like kohomba, kuppamenia,

polpala, ginger, Aloe vera, mimosa and coriander provide us with medicine.

Trees take carbon dioxide into them and release oxygen outside to keep the air fresh. Trees can stop landslides occurring by strengthening the soil.

So in those ways we can prove that trees are important for us, but humans do not protect trees. Humans destroy

trees because they want to construct buildings and for cultivation.

The people who destroy trees do not know the importance of trees. So we must teach them the benefits that trees give us and stop the destruction of trees and protect them.

**Krishna Jeyanthan**  
(Grade 4)  
Vidura College

### My friends kovil



Tharshan Kingsly  
(13 years)  
St. Peter's College

### Note

**Please ensure that all articles, poems and pictures sent for publication are certified by a parent or teacher as your own original work. We have found that some articles and poems sent to us have been copied from the work published by others.**

### My house



Bethmi Yahampath  
(Year 2)  
Sri Sangamiththa  
B. M. V.

### Friend

A friend is a single soul  
Dwelling in two bodies  
You needn't have  
The same hobbies

Getting a friend  
Is quite rare  
Surely she has  
Something to share

Who helps us  
In many ways  
Being with her  
Brightens up our days

Someone who is always  
There when we are in  
need  
She is surely  
A friend in deed

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