

My best friend

My best friend is Sachini Gurugay. She likes to eat bread with chocolate spread. She is kind and fair. She can work well. I wish that we are best friends forever. I love Sachini and she loves me too. I wish that Sachini has a bright future.



Madushi Bandaranayake
(11 years)
Ecole International

The 'Battle of the Rocks'

March 9 was a memorable day for the Maliyadeva and St. Anne's College students and cricket fans, because it was the 28th encounter of these two leading colleges in the North Western Province.

There was a huge crowd to watch the match. In the two day innings match, Maliyadeva scored 260 runs for seven wickets declared, while St. Anne's scored 220 all out. In the second innings they scored 46 runs for three wickets. The match ended in a draw.

In a decisive 50 over match the

captain of St. Anne's won the toss and chose to bat. They scored 120 runs, while Maliyadeva scored only 113 runs. So, St. Anne's College won the 15th One-Day encounter after a break of three years, defeating the Devans by seven runs.

It was a memorable match for the Annites.

Possumus!!! Our cry.

Rakhan Dawood
(Grade 7)
St. Anne's College,
Kurunegala

A railway station

A railway station is one of the most crowded places in a city. People are always rushing around, getting in and out of trains. A railway station is a noisy place. There is the noise of the engine's whistle, the noise of the train's wheels on the tracks, porters shouting as they carry the luggage of the passengers, hawkers selling their goods – all adding to the noise at the station.

The railway station is one place where there is activity throughout the day and night – it is never quiet. Trains come and go all the time. The railway station is also a very important place in our neighbourhood. If there were no stations we would not be able to travel to other parts of the country.

Thanushika Bokalamulla
(10 years)
Mahamaya Girls' College,
Kandy

My garden



Chethana
Ariyasinghe
(Grade 1)
Dharmasoka
College,
Ambalangoda

Bradby Shield 2007



Anan
Manzil
(Grade 2)
Trinity
College,
Kandy

Real friend in my life

If you can share my happiness
If you can be with me
Sharing my tears
If you can teach me about the world
If you can give me the real love and affection
If you can understand my heart
If you can show me the reality of life
If you can be with me always in my life
You are a real friend of mine forever!

Abhimanika Rathnayake
Deniyaya Central
College

My favourite cartoon

Spiderman is my favourite cartoon. He is red and blue in colour. He can act like a spider. He wears a suit and a mask. I like Spiderman because he is a superhero.

Pandula Tennakoon
(Grade 3)
Sirimavo Bandaranayake
M. P. S.,
Matale

Ducks taking a bath



Amoda
Lokupathirana
(Grade 4)
Royal
International
School,
Kegalle

Design for wrapping paper



Dimithri Seneviratna
(11 years)
St. Thomas' College, Matale

My father

My father is Imamal ul Hassen. I call him, "Abu." My father is very handsome. He teaches me and helps me in my studies. He is kind and loving. His hobby is reading books. I love my father and he loves me too. I thank God for giving me a father like him.



Muhammed Mohidin
(6 years)
Zahira College, Matale

The village market



Amra Jauffer
(Grade 8)
Royal English
School,
Matale

Wood Cutters



Manuja
Edward
(11 years)
Christ King
College

My favourite hero

There are many heroes in Sri Lanka, my motherland. For special reasons I prefer Mr. Dudley Senanayake among all of them.

Dudley was the son of Hon. D. S. Senanayake, the first prime minister of Sri Lanka and the 'Father of the Nation.' When D. S. Senanayake died in an unexpected manner in 1952, Dudley became the prime minister of our country. But owing to ill-health and the situation that arose after the 1953 *hartal*, he resigned from his post.

Dudley was the last government leader who had parliamentarians elected from both the southern and the northern provinces within his cabinet. He worked for the landless peasants in the island. He granted many subsidies to the people, including one kilogram of free rice per week to every citizen. The multi-purpose river valley development project, the 'Gal-Oya Scheme,' which began in 1949 was when Dudley was the Minister of Agriculture and Lands.

Dudley was truly a gentleman politician.

Ruhith Thamel
(11 years)
Jennings International 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.

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