

## The Tower of Big Ben

The Tower of Big Ben is situated at Westminster, London, United Kingdom. It is the largest four-faced chimney turret clock tower in the world. It is situated at the north-eastern end of the Houses of Parliament. This tower is designed in Victorian Gothic style. It chimes every hour.

This was named Big Ben in 1859. According to history, this was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The clock tower is 96.3 metres high and weighs 13.8 tons. The four clock faces are 55 metres above ground. The length of the minute hand is 4.3 metres and the hour hand is 2.7 metres. A number on the clock face is 60 centimetres in height.

The tower of Big Ben will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2009. This clock tower is also known as St. Stephen's Tower. This is a famous clock tower around the world. I think this is a great, man-made, wonderful clock tower.

**Nethuvi Gunatillake**  
(11 years)  
Southlands College,  
Galle

### 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Please remember that articles, poems and paintings sent, will not be published unless they are certified as your own work by a parent or teacher.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.

## My doll

I have a doll. I call her Pat. She has blue eyes. She can talk. She can walk too. I love my doll.



**Oshadhee Dias**  
(5 years)  
Sri Bodhi Vidyalaya,  
Gampaha

## An unusual pet

The unusual pet I have is a Moscovian drake named Baba. He has been living with us for the past two years. He lives in an enclosed area at the back of our garden.

He is black and white in colour. He loves to eat cucumber and raw onions. He will not go inside his cage unless we give him red rice in the evenings.

He's very fond of his mate Barbie and will always let Barbie eat first and then will happily have

the leftovers for himself.

When we let him out in the afternoons he gets so excited, he flaps his wings and runs for a while, takes off like an aeroplane and lands on the green grass in front of our house. He dislikes having a bath, but enjoys getting wet in the rain for hours.

I pray he lives with us for many more years.

**Saarah Anas (9 years)**  
Ceylinco Sussex  
College, Kandy

## Our school anniversary

On September 15, 2007, we celebrated our school's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. We went to school about 8.30 a.m. When we went to school, we went to our stalls.

When it was time to cut the cake we all gathered in the reception area. The Junior Choir sang the school song. Then the Senior Head Boy and Head Girl cut the birthday cake.

The Senior Vice-Principal said a few words.

Then the Junior Head Boy cried three cheers to our school and ten students let gas balloons. Everyone had a piece of cake.

Then everyone went to buy things from the stalls and play games. I bought many things such as bracelets, bookmarks, sweets and fruits. There were many games such as catching the fish, throwing the sponge to the clown, skittles and many more.

I went for many games.

There was a bouncer and a merry-go-round. Then I went to my stall and sold some things with my teacher.

Then my mother said it was time to go. I went home sadly. It was a memorable 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary for me.

**Lakshikaa Srithar**  
(8 years)  
Colombo International  
School,  
Kandy

## The Teacher

**T**ender as a mother,  
**E**ven,  
**A**t times  
**C**hallenging and harder.  
**H**iding in tears, her anger  
**E**qually treats us all  
**R**espect she earns, not demands.

**Savitha Waidyaratne**  
(Grade 10)  
Swarnapali B. M. V.,  
Anuradhapura

## International Children's Day

World Children's Day falls on October 1, every year. This is a day dedicated to children around the world, and what adults could do to create a clean, safe and a peaceful world for children to grow up in.

Many children of this world could not go to school. All children have the right to enjoy without any additional burdens. Children often get separated from their families because of the war.

UNICEF, UN are some organizations which work for the development of children around the world. Not only on Children's Day, everybody must think of children every moment, as we are the world's future.

**Harini Nanayakkara**  
(9 years)  
Lyceum International  
School,  
Panadura

## 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.**

### Butterfly

I am a little butterfly,  
 with colours of the sky,  
 I flit from tree to tree,  
 To keep myself alive.

My mum says I must be aware  
 of snakes and lizards  
 everywhere  
 But because I am so small  
 I could make myself invisible  
 to all,  
 by hiding amongst the flowers  
 For hours and hours and hours.

I wish I had a friend  
 who'll flit just like me  
 From tree to tree  
 Drinking honey just for free

I love being a butterfly  
 I love being free  
 like the little honey bee  
 Freely buzzing in the breeze!

**Kiki Wilson (11 years)**  
**English Academy,**  
**Negombo**

### Winners - September - My hobby

4 - 6 years

1st place



Rivindu Keragala  
 Subharathie College,  
 Kuliypitiya

2nd place



Ashwin Fernando  
 Lyceum International  
 School, Kandana

3rd place



Chavidu Attanayake  
 Trinity College, Kandy

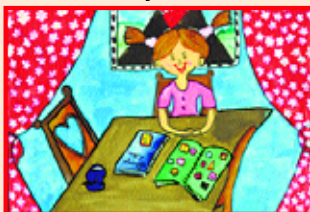
7 - 10 years

1st place



Mayuka Gunaratne  
 Lyceum International  
 School, Panadura

2nd place



Gayesha Nanayakkara  
 Southlands College, Galle

3rd place



Randika Perera  
 St. Benedict's College,  
 Colombo

11 - 14 years

1st place



M. Fouzan  
 Ku/ Maliyadeva Boys'  
 College

2nd place



Thanushika Marasinghe  
 Musaeus College

3rd place



Yoshika Pabasarle  
 St. Anne's B.M.V., Wattala

### 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.**