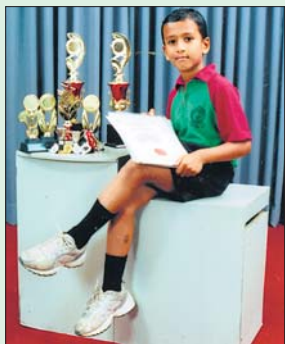


From our Kid Reporters



Kushan

M.D.Kushan Avishka
Vimukthi Thilakaratne

A young Table Tennis star

of Mathugama C.W.W. Kannangara Central College won the Kalutara district Table Tennis Under 10 Boys' Championship. He also became the Under 10 Boys' Western Province Runner-up. He was also in the All-Island Championship team and Runners-up

team.

Kushan who is trained by Indika Karunatilaka and Sarath Gunaratne was also placed champion and runner-up in many Table Tennis tournaments organized by the Aluthgama Brothers Sports Club. He also participated in a few Kalutara

district training camps.

Kanchana Ranasinghe
Kid Reporter C – 02
Alethea International School, Dehiwala



A peculiar friendship



Jayani

One day, when I was reading a newspaper, my eyes captured a photograph. It was a Visakhian girl called Jayani Buddiprebha Dumbutuge, who had won the best creation of a Vesak card in Sri Lanka. She has got a gold medal and a silver medal for art competitions conducted by the Shankar International

Foundation too. As I also have got a prize from Shankar International Foundation, I thought of writing to her.

As I didn't know her address, I wrote a letter to Visakha College.

Hey Presto! I got a reply for my letter which I never expected. So we continued writing. That is the way we started our friendship. She is from Hanwella and I am from Chilaw.

During my school vacation (August) we went to Colombo. Fortunately she had classes and we made

arrangements to meet.

Each of us felt that we were friends for ages.

She brought me a huge bag of tasty rambutan. Before saying bye, both of us promised to meet each other at one of our houses, though we live far away.

She has just passed her 'O' Levels with ten 'A's. Now she is getting ready for her 'A' Levels. I am just in Grade Seven. Though I am small, we have built up a very good friendship. She taught me how to make shorter notes by drawing diagrams and charts.

I think you can make friends in any way at any time. Actually there is no need to meet at all. It is more interesting to have friends throughout the world. We can exchange our feelings, thoughts, ideas and so many valuable facts.

I ask other readers also to try and get this experience.

Gimhani Waduge
Kid Reporter F – 02
Carmel Girls' C.C.,
Chilaw



9 – 11 years

Respecting elders

Elders are the people who are older than us and who know more about the world than we do. They are the people who teach us, look after us and guide us in the correct path. They are senior citizens and an invaluable resource to every country. This is why we should respect them.

The population of elders is increasing rapidly. Scientists say that in 2050 the population of elders will go up to about

two billion.

While respecting, we should help them too. We should care for them because when we were small they helped us. We should respect them because one day we will become old too and our children or grandchildren will take care of us. We should listen to their advice and obey them.

Shamlan Malik
(11 years)
Amal International School

Winners

8 years and below

My favourite author

My favourite author is Enid Mary Blyton. She was a British writer. She was born in 1897 in London and educated at a girls' boarding school.

She worked as a Kindergarten teacher. She was one of the most successful children's authors of the 20th century. She has written many books such as Noddy, Famous Five series, Secret Seven and the Naughtiest Girl series. I like Noddy books very much.

Blyton married Hugh Pollock in 1924. Mary Pollock was another name she wrote under. She had two daughters called Gillian and Imogen. She died at the age of 71.

Asel Wijeratne (8 years)
Trinity College, Kandy

12 – 14 years

Shevindi Rodrigo, Holy Family B.M.V., Wennappuwa