

Dogs



There are about 115 dog breeds in the world. Some of them are the German

Shepherd, Pomeranian, Beagle and Doberman etc. Dogs are used for many purposes. They are used for police services, hunting, guarding and for companionship.

If we train a dog properly it is capable of helping its owner. Dogs are carnivores but because they live with us they have learnt to eat other foods. They are very faithful to their owner. The dog is the first domesticated animal. The dog is human's best friend.

Samith Ailapperuma (8 years)
Trinity College, Kandy

Pollution

Factories, motor cars and power stations spew grit and soot into the air. This damages people's lungs. Fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas, when burnt, produce poisonous oxide of sulphur and nitrogen. These oxides dissolve in moisture in the atmosphere. They later fall to the earth as acid snow or acid rain, may be hundreds of kilometres from where they were formed.

Acid rain attacks trees and plants and kills fish and other aquatic animals. It also damages the brick and stone work of buildings. It dissolves the aluminium present in the soil and carries it to rivers and lakes. The acid destroys insect life, and the aluminium chokes the fish. There are many lakes in America and Scandinavia in which fish cannot live.

Lahiru Galwatta
Jenning International College,
Nainamadama

A sweet story about chocolate

We all like to eat chocolate. This is because of the sweet taste of it. Now you can know about the history of chocolate.

Chocolate was first invented by a Spanish explorer called Hernando Corters. It was invented in 1519. By 1763 it was a very popular food in England.

The first chocolate factory was started in 1765 by Mr. John Hanen. It was started in America. Now the popular country which manufactures chocolate is Switzerland. But the largest chocolate in the world was manufactured in Australia.

Now scientists have found that chocolates don't harm our teeth, the reason for this is because it mostly contains protein, calcium, phosphate and minerals.

Now we can see chocolates are made by mixing milk and other kinds of essences. Chocolate is used to make different kinds of food also. There are different kinds of greeting cards that we can read and taste as well. I think chocolate gives us an instant power too!

Kenneth Fernando (Grade 7)
St. Mary's College, Kegalle

A broken chair is speaking

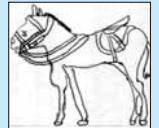
I'm a broken chair but earlier I was very colourful. My colours were red, blue and yellow. When my owner writes beautiful essays, I'm very happy. He sings and draws pictures by sitting on my lap. His drawings are very beautiful.

One day one of my owner's friends came to visit. He is very bad, not like my owner. My owner let him sit on my lap. He sat on my lap and began to rock me. I fell down and I broke into pieces. My owner put me on one of the dirty edges he could find in his room. I sat down there.

I heard the owner's parents talking that they were going to buy a new chair. When I heard it, I was very sad. When they were ready to buy a new chair, my owner's mother said, "why do we spend money to buy a new chair, we will give this to repair." So they repaired me and I was the same as I was before. After that, my owner took great care of me.

Lahari Usgoda Arachchi
(Grade 2)
Ceylinco Sussex College,
Kandy

Horse



Horses are wild animals.

Horses are mammals. Horses are herbivorous. It has four legs. The horse's tail is beautiful. The horse's legs are strong. It can run fast. Horses run fast and it is called galloping. The female horse is called a mare. The horse's little one is called a calf. We call the noise made by the horse a neigh. Horses like to eat carrots and grass. People catch horses from the forest. Horses are kind. The horse is very useful to us because horse pull carts and carriages. I like horses very much because they are very harmless animals.

Shehan Horadagoda
(8 years)
Ceylinco Sussex
College, Badulla

My school

My school's name is Colombo International School, Kandy. It is in Mawilmada. The Kandy branch was opened in 1998. My school is nine years old. The principal's name is Mr. Andrew Fowler and the Senior Vice Principal is Mrs. Madri Weragama. There are three sections in our school, they are, Infants, Juniors and

Seniors. There are more than 50 teachers and more than 600 students. There are classes from Playgroup to Year Thirteen. There is one music room, three libraries, three computer rooms, one basketball court, one playground and two halls. We celebrate lots of festivals like Christmas, Deepavali, Ramazan and the Sinhala

and Tamil New Year. We have many play areas. When we get out during the interval, we go to one play area and eat and play. I love my school very much.

Lakshikaa Srithar
(8 years)
Colombo International School,
Kandy

Winners – November – Floods

4 – 6 years

1st place



Thilini Karunaratna
Lyceum International School,
Panadura

2nd place



Minnel Fernando
Holy Family Convent,
Bambalapitiya

3rd place



Anjalee Attanayake
Hilburn International College,
Kegalle

7 – 10 years

1st place



Randula Wijetunga
St. Benedict's College, Colombo

2nd place



Azmy Ahamed Nawshad
Trinity College, Kandy

3rd place



Gayara Randini
Southlands College, Galle

11 – 14 years

1st place



Shewuri Pinto
Thihariya Islamic International
School

2nd place



Thamali Kumari
Pushpadana Girls College,
Kandy

3rd place



Gimhani Samarakoon
Seetha Devi B.V., Kandy

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.

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.

A visit to the farm

While walking through
the soft hay,
We see the kids leaping
about,
And the grey donkeys
hee-haw and bray,
While the workers fish
for trout.

While walking in fields we
hear the roar of the tractor,
While the hens and the ducks
run in fear,
And the cows are examined
by the doctor,
While the men in the house
drink some beer.

In the evening the sun sets,
And at night you hear the
owls hoot,
While the men play cards
and hold bets,
And the surroundings look
black as soot.

Enoch Justin
(12 years)
C.P.M. Faith School,
Wattala