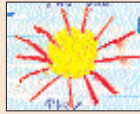


The sun

The sun is bright and shines.



It gives us light everyday

Without sun light we cannot live

The plants also needs sunlight

I love the sun

Mark (9 years)
St. Peter's College

Sinharaja meaning, 'Lion King,' was declared a World Heritage Site in 1989. It is the largest tropical forest of our beautiful island.

The forest is situated in the southern part of Sri Lanka. It covers the Galle, Matara and Ratnapura districts. The area of the forest of about 11,187 hectares, from east to west. The length of it is about 21 kilometres and the width from

Sinharaja Forest

north to south is about 3.7 kilometres. The average annual rainfall is over 2500 millimetres and the average annual temperature is 23.6 centigrade. The conditions are dry in February.

Many kinds of trees and woody climbers are found in the forest. Some of them are very rare and very useful to man in many ways. Many varieties of amphibians, birds, fish, butterflies, mammals and reptiles are

found here.

Visitors to this world famous forest could see endangered or rare birds such as Sri Lanka's wood-pigeon, the blue magpie and the red faced *malkoha*. Those who wish to see the forest should get permission from the Wildlife Department in Colombo.

Rizkha Saleem (11 years)
Dilshaath International School

My hobby

I think collecting sea-shells is



a good hobby and it is also very interesting. It is in different sizes, shapes and colours. We can collect sea shells from the beach. I like to make many ornaments, flowers, animals, birds etc. We can take sea shells from Arugambay Beach and other places.

We can use them for functions, for decorating vases and picture frames. We must have a good eye and rich imagination.

I like to collect sea shells. We can feel very happy by looking at the final product.

I have lots of sea shells and I love it. I collect it. I will exhibit them and sell them.

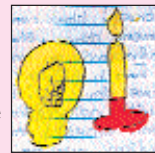
Hasara Nawshani (13 years)
Visakha Vidyalaya

Light pollution

Light pollution is excess or obstructive light created by humans. Among other effects, it disrupts ecosystems, can cause adverse health effects, obscures the stars for city dwellers, interferes with astronomical observatories and wastes energy.

Light pollution can be construed to have two main branches. They are, annoying light that intrudes and

adverse health effects. Since the 1980's a global dark sky movement has emerged, with concerned people campaigning to reduce the amount of light pollution. Please don't pollute light.



J. Samarawickrama (12 years)
Musaeus College

War-Hell in the house

My mum's out of town, so is my dad
Out for the day - with me in charge of the house
My cousins and my brother are driving me mad
Turned this house into a war-hell - in a bounce

I'm so tired of shouting and arguing
Cinde took a fish out of the tank
With his bare slimy hands -
Which made my heart skip a beat.

As evil fled upon us, we knew it was war,
As I drew near him, he had no choice -
But to use the simplest way of escape
By running out of the house!

Sakuni Dharmadasa
St. Bridget's Convent

A place of historical value

There are many places of historical value in Sri Lanka, Sigiriya is one of them.

Sigiriya is a rock fortress built by one of our Sinhalese kings. It was built by King Kashyapa. It is situated in the Matale District.

Sigiriya is world famous for its frescoes. Hundreds of foreign tourists visit this place everyday. It has become a popular place among the local tourists too. We can also see the inscriptions on the Mirror Wall. They are called Graffiti. These verses have been written on this wall by visitors in ancient times.

The height of the rock is about 600 feet. There are ruins of an ancient palace on the top of the rock. Also there is a moat around the rock.

Sigiriya is considered the eighth wonder of the world.

Dilshan Laheer (Grade 5)
D. S. Senanayake College

My pet

My pet is a dog. Its name is Patti. Patti is a very beautiful dog. I gave this name.

I give food to Patti. My pet likes to drink milk and eat fish with rice. My pet sleeps on the doormat. I play with Patti when I finished my

home work.

Patti does not like cats. It is happy when I come home. My pet comes when I walk in the garden. My pet likes to bathe. Patti is a very clean dog. I love my pet very much and Patti loves me too.



Ruvini Priyadarshani (12 years)
Gothami Balika Vidyalaya



Winners – December – Christmas fun

4 – 6 years

1st place



Krithika Srithar
Colombo International School,
Kandy

2nd place



Savindu Herat
Royal International School,
Kurunegala

3rd place



Nethmini Wattetenna
St. Anthony's B.M.V., Kandy

7 – 10 years

1st place



Amanga Kuruppu
Southlands College, Galle
11 – 14 years

2nd place



Shanmugam Muhundan
Kandy Grammar School,
Kandy

3rd place



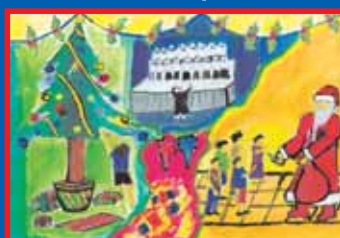
Ayesha Hazima
Kg/ Mw/ Baduriya C.C.,
Mawanella

2nd place



Shahna Ramiz
Good Shepherd Convent, Colombo

3rd place



Thushara Mataraarachchi
Dharmaraja College,
Kandy

1st place



Isuruni Kumanayaka
Musaeus College

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.

The Tsunami Child

Three years have passed
Yet, no one has asked
How much I suffer,
As a child with no mother...

The Great waves carried her away
Though I searched for many a day,
In sorrow, in fright,
Hoping for a beacon of light...

No laughter, no happiness,
But a world of sad
emptiness
No clothes, books or toys,
I have nothing to enjoy...

No home of my own,
I feel so alone,
Help me to survive,
For I was,
And am,
The Tsunami Child...

Ayodhya Perera
(12 years)
Bishop's College