

My brother

My brother's name is Charaka. He is three years old.



His hobby is playing ball. He goes to Dewdrops Nursery. He does lots of handwork there. He knows how to count up to ten. His teachers' say that he is a very clever child.

He likes to wear t-shirts and trousers. His favourite colour is green. He is tall. He is very nice to me. He plays with me a lot. He obeys our father and mother. He is a very good child. I am very proud of him. I love him very much.

Sanduni Weerasinghe
(Grade 2)
Ladies College

Parrot



Chamodi Dewmini (Year 3)
Dharmapala Vidyalyaya,
Pannipitiya

The monster in the closet

I thought I could have a pleasant afternoon playing soccer. But heavens to Megatroide! It was pouring with rain outside. I was thinking what to do when suddenly Matthew shouted, "Hey Sam! How's about a game of ping-pong?" "No way Matt! I am not going to play ping-pong," I said.

He strolled away and suddenly I heard a rattling noise in the closet. I wanted to see what it was so I went to see. It sort of gave

a growling noise and with a tremendous force something pulled me.

"Welcome!" said something in the dark, "To my Kingdom in the closet." "Who are you?" I asked. "I am Monstezsellella!"

I can't think how he pronounced that! "Anyway, I'm going to get out." "Oh no you're not! You're staying," it hissed.

I froze in fear thinking how will it be! Maybe I could have a new mom and dad! Yeah, and they could

have a new Sam! I stood without moving thinking that the monster would put me in his mouth and gobble me up. But No! He put me in the 'Regenerator' and transformed me into a Monstezsellella! Hey! I got it! If you're a monster, you could pronounce it too! Well that's the end of me! Bye!

Shamlan Malik
(11 years)
Amal International School

Seaside



Shamana Bangsajaya (Grade 5)
Buddhist Ladies College

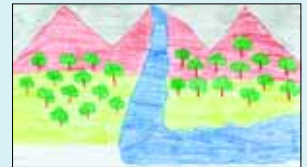
Superman



M. Atta (Grade 4)
Gateway College

Nuwara Eliya

Nuwara Eliya is a beautiful place. It is a very cold place. There are many waterfalls and mountains in Nuwara Eliya. There are lots of tea estates and vegetable farms. Beautiful flowers grow in Nuwara Eliya.



In Nuwara Eliya town, you get the park and the lake. I love to go on ponies when I go there. Piduruthalagala, the tallest mountain, is in Nuwara Eliya. I like Nuwara Eliya very much and want to go there every year.

Sarindri De Silva (Grade 3)
Musaeus College

Self portrait



Maheshi Fernando (10 years)
Lyceum International School

Flower pot



Thiyesa De Silva (5 years)
Bishop's College

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.

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.**

Hope-less

Beautiful lies,
The doctors say,
Of me surviving,
'Enough' my heart says,
To the ones that keep saying,
"Don't worry -
Everything's just fine."
When I'm struggling
For life.

I hate it;
This life
So miserable, so sad,
Tell me,
I can die now
And all this pain
Will be over.
There's nothing
I can do
To make myself live
All I can do
Is pray,
That my next birth
I'll be born
In a world
With a cure for cancer.

**Thisuri Wanniarachchi
(14 years)
St. Bridget's Convent**

The happiest day in my life

The happiest day in my life was my surprise birthday party. My birthday was on February 14. Last year was the best party I ever had! I woke up at 6 a.m. and got ready to go to school. My parents wished me first. Then I took cake to school, with my sister. Then the teachers, my gang of friends, my sister, principal and vice-principal all wished me and I gave cake to everyone. That day I was staying after school for basketball practices and my sister took the empty cake box and went home.

My father came to pick me up at 6p.m. and when we went home it was around 8p.m. I switched on the lights, then everyone shouted, "Surprise!" My parents, sister, my cousins, my grandparents, uncles, aunties, and so many others wished me and gave me so many gifts. All the gifts were my favourites and we had so much fun playing games.

That was the happiest day in my life and it was the best birthday party I ever had!

**Hafsa Kamar (Grade 6)
Bishop's College**

Fish tank



**Ranidu Ekanayaka (5 years)
Isipathana College**

My new school

I have crossed over to a new school as my parents have shifted to Colombo for employment. Before, I studied in Al Imran International School in Kandy.

The name of my new school is Ilma International Girls' School (I.I.G.S). It is a very big school. It is located next to Asian International School in Narahenpita.

There are about 2500 students. Our school has two sections in separate buildings. The Senior section and the Junior section. Our principal is Mrs. Haneema Hashim. There are many facilities in our school such as two well equipped libraries and a good laboratory. Our teachers are very helpful. We have an efficient staff. They are prepared to help us at any time. My class teacher is Mrs. Manal. She is very kind to us.

All the teachers are dedicated, hardworking and kind and they guide us to get a good education. Our principal leads the staff to give us an all-round education.

I have got a lot of friends at Ilma. Most of them are my classmates. I am very happy to study at Ilma. I wish that Ilma will continue to spread the light of education to build a better Sri Lanka.

**Fathima Shahani
(10 years)
Ilma International Girls'
School**