

### Museum



A museum is a typically permanent institution which enables people to explore collections for inspiration, learning and enjoyment. They collect documents, preserve exhibits, interpret materials, evidence and associated information for the public benefit. There are many types of museums, art, history, natural history, zoo and zoological gardens, open air museums and mobile museums.

I want to write about a few of them. First I want to write about the art museum. An art museum, also known as a gallery is a space for the exhibition of art, usually visual art, primarily paintings, illustrations and sculpture.

The first museum opened was the British Museum, which opened free to the public.

About Zoo and zoological gardens, although zoos are often thought of as museums they are considered living museums. They include Wild life Conservation International in New York and the London Zoo.

**S. Kabithvajann (11 years)**  
**St. Michael's College,**  
**Batticaloa**

### My beautiful garden

I have a garden  
 It is so beautiful.  
 Flowers bloom everywhere  
 Making it so pretty.

Colourful butterflies and bees  
 Come to my garden everyday.  
 They suck the nectar of flowers  
 And make my garden a lovely place.

Beautiful humming birds  
 Come here and talk with me  
 They fly around the garden  
 And go back away.

Breeze from every direction  
 Come to my garden  
 I can hear it say  
 Your garden is the best garden in the world

**Champika Herath (13 years)**  
**Kuly/Saranath M.V.**

### My pet

My pet is a puppy. It is Shiroy Petto. He is light brown in colour and is a Pomeranian. Shiroy is very naughty but he is a good watcher. Shiroy doesn't like to bathe. His favourite food is rice with fish, meat, dry fish. And also he likes to eat chocolates, biscuits, Samaposha, cakes etc.

Sometimes I keep him in shirts. Everyday in the morning, Shiroy quarrels with me. That is because

he doesn't like it when I go to school. But he waits until I come home from school.

Shiroy Petto is a very good puppy. It is only seven months old yet. Shiroy's birthday falls on July 29. I love my pet Shiroy Petto forever.

**Jayani Senathilaka (12 years)**  
**Sumana Balika School,**  
**Ratnapura**

### How I spent my vacation

On December 8 we got our vacation. The next day we planned to visit Anuradhapura. In Anuradhapura we visited some historical places.

First, we went to the Samadhi Buddha statue. That place was very beautiful. Then we went to Ruwanweli Mahaseya. After that we went to Polonnaruwa to see the Galviharaya. There were Buddha's sitting statue, sleeping statue and standing statue.

Then we had our meal at Mihirigala Hotel. Then we went to see the Parakrama Samudraya, which was built by King Parakramabahu. Then we set off from Polonnaruwa.

The next day, we went to Kandy. We went to the Dalada Maligawa to worship the Sacred Tooth Relic. After that we set off for home.

**Gayan Danushka (Grade 6)**  
**Ceylinco Sussex College,**  
**Kurunegala**

### My mother



My mother's name is Swarnapali. My mother is 36 years old. Her job is teaching. She teaches English. I love my mother.

**Nethma Gunarathne (Grade 3)**  
**Holy Family Convent,**  
**Kalutara**

### 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.

### Easter



**Marian Ignatius (5+ years)**  
**Trinity College, Kandy**

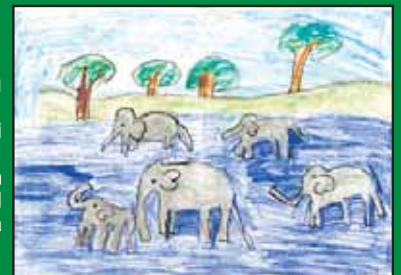
### A boat



**Prathiba De Croos (5 years)**  
**Atamie International School,**  
**Ragama**

### Elephant bath

**Eesa Hettiarachchi (Grade 3)**  
**Lyceum International School,**  
**Wattala**



## Cats



Cats live all over the world. Even though the cat is now a domestic animal, it was first a wild animal. Because people have brought them to the city, it is known as a domestic animal.

Under a cat's leg is spongy. Because of that when they hunt they do not make a sound. Some people think that the cat is a vegetarian. It is a carnivorous animal.

There are many cat breeds. Some of them are Persian cats, Siamese cats, Maggies etc. Now the cat has become a wonderful pet. The cat's lifespan is 15 years.

**Samith Ailapperuma**  
(8 years)  
Trinity College,  
Kandy

## My car



**Lakindu Karunanayake**  
(4+ years)  
IDM Nations College,  
Matara

## My favourite hobby



My favourite hobby is reading books. There are many books in my bookshelf. I chose reading books because it is a knowledgeable, interesting and enjoyable hobby.

I have read a lot of books, like Famous Five, Secret Seven, Ben Hur, Susie and Sam, Fairy Tales, Scary Things, How to eat fried worms, Bed time stories etc.

My favourite story book is 'Secret Seven's Three Cheers.' The author of that book is Enid Blyton. She is very famous. I love reading books very much. I keep on reading books over and over again.

**Sumudu Bandara (Grade 6)**  
Lexicon International School,  
Kandy

## My class



**Sobashi Somindi**  
(8 years)  
Southlands  
College,  
Galle.

## My garden

**Savindi Dias**  
(5 years)  
Suwarnamalee  
B.M.V.,  
Kandy



## 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 ghost

The ghost which came to my house  
Was not as quiet as a mouse  
It was tall and thin  
And it made a noise like a rattling tin.

It came at midnight  
And gave me a terrible fright  
I hid behind the cupboard  
I saw that the bed had shivered.

It wore a white sheet  
And was tidy and neat  
It had big black eyes  
That night I heard the squeaking of mice.

Suddenly I heard a terrible laugh  
In which I noticed my sister's cough  
Then I realized it was she  
Who had frightened me.

**F. Shahama Ikram**  
(12 years)  
Ilma International  
School