

# THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

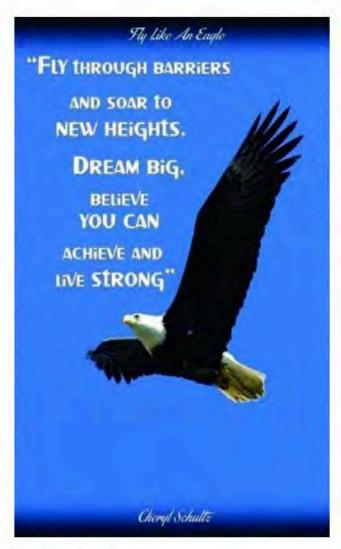
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(Dubazane, n.m.)

# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN FHSS



I would like to express my utmost appreciation to the DELT magazine committee and the students themselves for their tremendous hard work in bringing this magazine to life. It is through their dedication and creativity that this platform has been established, allowing for the showcasing of their unique talents and ideas.

As we embark on this new chapter, it is essential to acknowledge the significance of knowledge and its transformative power. The motto the University Jayewardenepura, "Vijja Uppatatham Setta," encapsulates this belief, emphasizing that knowledge is the greatest treasure one can possess. In a world where English has become the universal language communication, mastering it becomes a key to accessing a wealth of knowledge and opportunities.

The Department of English Language Teaching (DELT) plays a vital role in equipping students with the skills necessary to navigate the global landscape. Under the leadership of Mr. Sarath Ananda, the head of the department, and his team of esteemed lecturers, the DELT has taken a significant step forward with the launch of this emagazine. Their commitment and expertise have paved the way for an innovative and engaging platform that fosters the growth of students' English language proficiency and nurtures their creative expression.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." This sentiment holds true for each student who engages with the DELT E-magazine. By investing their time and effort in writing, reading, and exploring the English language, they are making an investment in their future. The dividends of this investment will undoubtedly be reaped in the form of expanded horizons, enhanced communication skills, and a prosperous life ahead.

In conclusion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the DELT department, the magazine committee, and the students for their remarkable achievement. May this emagazine continue to serve as a platform for creativity, learning, and the exchange of ideas. Let us embrace the power of knowledge and strive for excellence in all our endeavors.

With best wishes for your continued success!

Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

# MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD- DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING



It is with great pleasure that I write this message at the launch of the 2<sup>nd</sup> publication of the DELT E-magazine "Soar Like an Eagle- 2023". This is a tremendous achievement of the batch of 2023 students, of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Department of English Language Teaching (DELT) is committed to keeping the vision of the university: "prosper lives through learning" and the DELT is very proud to show the creative talents of the students to the world. The department usually takes necessary steps to empower the students with English language skills and this is, yet another step taken by the DELT to develop the creative writing skills of the students. I believe that this platform will provide a better chance for the students showcase their prowess in writing in English. I would like to extend my gratitude to the academic staff of the DELT for encouraging the students to contribute to the magazine and my special appreciation should go to the editorial board of the magazine for training students and their excellent contribution to make this magazine a reality.

D.L.S. Ananda

Head/DELT

#### Editors' Comments ...

"You become excellent when you fly at a level that creates a wide gap between where you were before and where you are now. Fly like the eagle; the eagle flies as if it never remembered it was once an egg!" -- Israelmore Ayivor.

We are proud to present the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive publication of the DELT E magazine, of the 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduates of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The journey we embarked on in 2022, with 'Rise Up!' was nothing short of incredible. We delved into the world of literature, culture, and society with the aim of providing you with thought-provoking and engaging content. In 2023, the students' response and support has been overwhelming, thus we return with an even stronger and more diverse magazine - 'Soar like an Eagle'.

The contributions of our youthful writers prove that they have honed their skills in English, embraced new perspectives and created a magazine that reflects the vibrant atmosphere of our faculty. This year's issue promises to be a culmination of our dedication and a testament to the growth we have experienced. It was a difficult task for the Editors to pick and sieve the articles submitted and sadly we were unable to publish them all.

As you browse through the DELT e magazine, you will witness the amazing creativity of our budding scribes. We have strived to showcase the diversity of voices within our faculty and foster a spirit of intellectual curiosity among our readers.

We place on record our gratitude, especially to our academic staff, for it is their hard work that is reflected in the students' amazing creative writing. We thank the Head of DELT, Mr. Sarath Ananda, for the encouragement given. A special word of thanks to Ameena Khalid, the President of the Creative Writing club of DELT and her enthusiastic committee for their invaluable support given to create this beautiful work of art. Together we have proved that "Teamwork makes the dream work" – (John Maxwell)

Dear Students of the DELT, we earnestly request you to "Choose to soar. Choose to fly your dreams." - (Jonathan Lockwood Huie)

We invite our readers to explore, question, and challenge the ideas presented here, as it is through this dialogue that we all grow and learn. We hope you will join us on this journey, and together, we can continue to make this magazine a source of inspiration, insight, and intellectual exploration.

Happy Reading!

The DELT E magazine Editorial Board

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# MESSAGE FROM THE DELT CREATIVE WRITING CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

English is often perceived as daunting and unapproachable by many who don't speak it as their first language. A challenge that many hesitate to take. Yet, the DELT E- magazine has proven to be an innovative approach to uplift and empower students. It is a veritable platform to showcase their talent and enthusiasm towards conquering the English language.

Sieving through countless articles that reflect the sentiments and fervour of the student writers has been nothing short of an eyeopening experience for all of us. Every article penned is a glimpse of their determination to grapple with the English language to express themselves.

We worked enthusiastically as a team along with our lecturers of the DELT E magazine Board of Editors, to display each article and to spotlight every article in its own light.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed lecturers at the DELT for navigating the project and ensuring that every student was given due recognition for their efforts. Mesdames, you have collectively given life to this e-magazine and your untiring efforts have made us – the first-year students of FHSS of the DELT, 'soar like eagles'.

We also thank our dear lecturers of the DELT, for their prowess in teaching us the language of the Great Bard and Mr Sarath Ananda, the Head of DELT for the support extended, in this worthy endeavour.

In the years to come, we ardently hope that this magazine would be a steppingstone for uncertain hearts to gain a sense of confidence in their capabilities and continue to soar higher, bearing in mind that the sky is the limit

"It's not the lack of ability or opportunity that holds you back; it is only a lack of confidence in yourself." —Richard Monckton Milnes

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(Brian A Jackson, 2022)

#### Art is the Heart

Art is medicine!

That cures many hearts.

It gives warmth to the

Ice-black-cold hearts.

Art turns heartless people,

Into caring and loving humans

Who always feels sympathy for others.

Art helps to vanish,

The poker faces of people.

Nature also blesses,

Humans with hearts filled with art.

Art gives us strength,

To stand strong even at worse

So give your heart filled with art

To cure another heart.

Art is the heart,

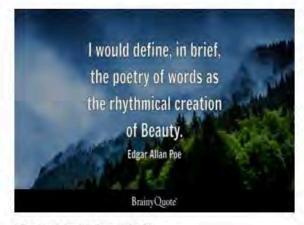
We all should have!

H.A Chamudi Hasangana Horawala

AR/107396- Class 6



(Gogh, 1889)



(BrainyMedia Inc, 2023)

#### Ode to a Mosquito

Oh, you creature with tiny wings!

Flapping amidst the fan blades

My love, you thought I don't have senses. You began to suck my blood through your Delicate tentacle.

To nourish and flourish so you could bear a child And continue your generation.

Oh! Darling, my heart is not so passionate,

So you got a shot from my palm.

Your wings tore and the womb popped open. You spat out the blood you drank from me, Now look you lie beautifully in a pool of blood

Which I will wipe off leaving no trace of your Existence.

Frailty your name is mosquito-

Rest in peace my beloved.

#### Shamla Hamza

AR/109996

Class 15

#### Whispers of dreams...

#### Unseen...

In childhood downs she starts to bloom, With the innocence that fills the world, Filled with dreams she moves forward, Until the magic of teenage deluged her.

From girlhood's freedom to confined, Teenage dreams now tucked behind, Societal roles, expectations, chains,



A struggle within, as she rearranges. Once a girl with dreams so grand, Now a wife with a wedding band, Conforming to

norms, she bears

(Azevodo,n.m) the weight,

Of societal roles, she can't abate.

A neither's love, a neper's role,

Her aspirations, sometimes confined,

Yet within her heart, a fire still burns,

For paths untraveled, for dreams to return.

Time may have passed, but her spirits alive,
Yet societal chains, they still contrive,
To keep her confined, in a role predefined,
Her desires and passions were left behind.
A woman's strength, both seen and unseen,
In the roles she plays, in the routine's
routine,

May she find power to break the mold,

And claim her dreams, both precious and bold,

#### Naduni Weerasinghe

AR/109529 - Class 13



Dear Son...

The body weighs on the rattan chair

The hour day and the

(Ano.n.m)

weeks are passing by,

The moon asks where are my babies?

Weeping in the sky without stars.

Those who come on feet will go on the shoulder.

No one goes alone.

In an untold story about the love of children
Only the secret will be taken away.

Felt the smell of milk in the dream.

Waking up in the middle of the night

When I see the meritorious sons who donate

Son my heart is breathing.

There is no weight to the vine.

You made a king of the king's burden.

To forget the love of father

Did I do something wrong son?

Son, feet without wards are weak.

The wicket can't escape and come searching.

How can I think badly about you?

In my mind of reading preaching books

Must be crying secretly for everyone.

The whole kitchen is the prison hall hers

Mommy must have done that work now.

She might have room to my goodness.

May Allah (PBUH) strengthen the heart that beats by mistake.

Waiting, watching the road day and night From your temple to the Elders' home Why is the distance too much dear son? ...

W.M.B.K. Warnasooriya.

AR/106907

Class 11

#### Life Without Parents.....

There is a no life in a treeless land,

There is no essence in a waterless river,

There is no light in a sunless day,

There is no future without mother...

Where is the coolness of a moonless light?
Where is the lotus in a Waterless tank?
Where is the cooling in a treeless land?
So, where is the Comfort of a fatherless

H.K.D.Dewmi

Home?

AR/106477 Class 2



(Ano, 2015)

#### Father

No caption

No words

But I feel you

D.S.D Kaushalya

(Ano, 2023)

Class 10

#### Mother

The deepest places of the heart

Delicately touching

The whole heart is filled with undying love.

The sweetest melody in the song of life

"Mother"

#### K.G.K.Sathsarani

AR/106906

Class 11

#### Mother's Love

You protected me like a

Cobra protects a gem,

When you see my eyes

I see the whole world through your eyes,

When you hug me,

I feel you heart warms.

When you sit near by me

People say "I am a copy of you."

The day you leave me,

My whole world will turn dark,

My heart, my blood, my life, my world and

My smile is you,

My world incomplete without you in it.

#### S.M. Chandima Abeysinghe

AR 106706

Class 07

#### **Darling Mom**

You are the greatest woman in this world...

You are the one who took care of me,



[Tamps, 2019]

since childhood...

You gave me everything I needed.

So, you are my queen.

The most beautiful woman, I have ever seen,

In my life.

She was with me for all my activities...

She cried tears of joy...

For every step I took

Time moves forward slowly...

You are getting old...

No matter what happens...

I will always be your little daughter.

I'm always in debt to you my darling MOM!

W.M.B.M.Pinsara

AR/107177

Class 16

#### My Mother, my 'Buddhu Amma'

Showed me the darkest parts of life.

Explained to me where to go...

She sacrificed her life and saved us...

Here is the Buddha, My 'Buddhu Amma'

No matter how many obstacles come to life...

My mother taught me how to live...

She took care of us from meal to meal...

My 'Buddhu amma' you should go to

Nirvana...

My mother when trouble comes to life...
Suffered, after all suffering...
No matter how difficult the path of life is,
My mother, who sacrificed her life for us...
Samma Sambudhu saranai my dearest mother,

May you attain Nirvana in this samsara of our Supreme Gautama Buddha!!!

#### M.R. Tharushi Pramodya

AR/106475

#### Growing up

Sisters are married off, brother have moved away for the job, You go back home and find, Appachchi in the yard, Ammi in the kitchen.

At 5-years-old I said,
"I want to grow bigger."
Now I've grown bigger,
mind and body
But here I am standing...
in a deserted house.
Laughter has disappeared,
struggle for life remains...
I hold my father's hand...
I feel the rough callouses....

#### S.J.M. Parami Jayasundara

AR 107464 Class 03



(subjug,2017)

#### Life

Those who praise you today.

Will insult you tomorrow.

People who love you today

Will hate you tomorrow.

Those who are happy with you today...

Will be happy with others tomorrow...

People are amazing!

Such is life...

There is no comfort...

#### G.D.N.Prathibhani

AR/106468

#### **Book of Life**

A lonely and gloomy day

With a cup of coffee

With the book of Life

I look at the pages.

All pages full of mysteries

I am looking and cherishing pages.

ONLY I

Ohh Ahh book of Life

What a wonder

I read the story of my life...

I am looking at the pages...

Coffee gets cold.

My hopes shattered.

No one is listening.

My book of Life...

ONLY me and the coffee

Lots of lonely days

I begin to enjoy LONELINESS.

With my shattered hopes

Oh still I am looking at the pages.

With a hope of a lovely, colourful

BOOK of LIFE!

#### C.J.Hardy

AR/107457

Class 02

#### Life

Life is not an easy thing.

It's like the time of the devil.

Within a short time, frame

For a little pleasure

Searching for breath under the thorns

But stop beating our chests.

Lab dub lab dub

Yes, I also feel that I'm running to

Make ends meet.

#### K.D.M.Piyumini AR 106895



#### One Way

"Snowdrops melts

When it hit the ground

Hearts do the same,

Even with unrequited love"

"They say if it is meant to be, it will be.

What if it's not meant to be But I still want it to be?"



(Ano,n.m)

D.G.S Jayakody

AR/107060

Class 14

#### The Night

The night is quiet



(Ano, n.m)

Sometimes

disturbing.

The night heals my thoughts,

So, I love the night.

My favorite time to stay outside,

Is at night.

Sitting comfortably under a tree

Looking at the distant sky

Looking at the immovable trees

I love to open my thoughts to the universe,

I know I feel the universe listening to me.

So, I love the night.

The night embraces my sorrow...

The night embraces my happiness...

Sees all my thoughts...

So, I love the night.

R.M. Thilini Upeka

AR 106502 Class 03

#### Breathe

Breathe.

My chest presses into my back.

My eyes begin to prickle,

My stomach drops.

I'm fine. I must be.

Inhale,

The lump in my throat tightens.

I stare ahead, glassy eyed,

They don't look at me anymore.

To them I don't exist.

I'm fine, I'm just overreacting.

Exhale,

The gravity hits,

Anger consumes me,

How dare they use me and then toss me aside?

I straighten my back.

Blink back the tears

Nothing changes.

Nothing can change.

I sit, I stare.

I pray they don't notice my existence.

I'm fine, I must be.

Tasha de Silva

Class 13

#### **Daily Motivation**

Don't compare your life!

To others.

There's no

Comparison between the

Sun and the moon.

They

Shine when it's their

Time.

#### H.K.T.N.Gunasekara

AF/21/17608



(Anegada, 2010)

#### Silky Cascade

Camouflaged behind, the gramineous troops,

Thwarting the coming curse from the mortal world.

There stood the guards, guarding the queen monarch,

Her jewel all covert, glided down the marble.

Puny shallow souls,

To soothe the hungry bellies

Trailed to hunt the prey?

Up across the valleys,

Fought they all the guards.

The whimper of the queen,

And the toothed spear,

Clashing the guard's armour.

Little girl heard all these.

All they down, passing,

For a while silence.

Looted they all the lavish,

No not yet they finished,

On the ruins they flicked a glow,

Hell on display through the dark.

Morning stood the guards dead,

Troops gone; queen forlorn.

As the queen, she is with grace,

All the mishap, not a grimace,

Enduring yet their nasty pace,

Still looks she ready to embrace.

Vast serenity sparkling wide,

The girl waves silky cascade tide.

Can hear now SHE calls her little child,

"Dear, Let's forgive them, they are little in mind."

A.V.D.Banduni Mihikalpa Atigala

AR/107455

Class 08

#### The Sweetest Memory

You are the love that

lighted up my life.

You are the love that

quenched the lovely heart...

You are the sweetest memory

in my memory lane...

So, I will always love

your memory until the end of my life...

A.H.M.C.Maheshi

AR/106444

#### Nostalgia

By sitting under an oak tree

Just tripped down the memory lane

Feeling nostalgic!!!

Make me remember the

Wholesome vibrant childhe

Make me remember the

Mandatory cuddles with m

Guardian angles.

But reality comes again!

No more freshness and inn

Only the evilness and hatred

(Ano,n.m)



which make me tear up!!

H.W.Ranudi Nuhansa Kalathunge

Yet endless questions - no answers

Pitiful,

For myself.

Shades of pink fade away

Hues of dark is here to stay.

AR/109192 "Aren't you afraid?"

Class 11 She wanted to know.

But something light that's so bright,

<u>Sky of Hope</u> Caught her eye – In this stormy night.

Near a window there's a soft light

She smiled and gazed at the sky

A hopeless soul that needs some shine Knowing all that she needs to know

She stares up at the sky...

Bright as blue soft as white Near a window there's a soft light

Yearning to know-what's there to know. But a hopeful soul that shines so bright

Something beyond Savindi Thalagala

Something out of reach AR/107400

From daylight to midnights Class 7

Through spring and summer **Daydreams** 

"How do you survive through it all?"

She wondered. Thousands smiled from afar.

As the blues and white Knew they weren't for me.

Turns to shades of pink, But I still stared.

She smiled and gazed at the sky. Walking down this lane; all alone

Knowing all that she needs to know. If our paths cross my fate.

I hope that you'll share a smile with me,

Birds come and go as they please... Flatter me, awaken my euphoric dreams.

Through the clouds the sees

Yet they won't stay – won't look back.

"Aren't you lonely up there?"

She asked.

R.P.Y.R Pathirana

#### Diary

"Life" is a diary that
Writes pages day by day
You are a page in it
beautifully shaped.

That page was written, by my hand beautifully But that page does

Not belong to the diary now. (Ano,2001)

Oh, you say! Tear that page!

But do you know? If that page is torn,

Unknowingly another page of the diary is being torn.

#### Ayesha Dilhani

AR/107134

#### Feelings in the night



(yumutate,n.m)

In this dark night
My soul weeps.
The pain I feel,
Breaks my heart.
The tears I cry,
Are the tears of love.
The love that ruins
All I try to achieve.

In this dark night
with only the moon
For a light
I stand alone,
Cold and tired.
Tired of my pathetic heart
That depends on love.
A love that will
Never find me...
In this dark night.

AR 107594

#### To that one heart

Glittering eyes when looking at meThe warmth of your warm hands
Slowly melting me.
Words get stuck, feelings start to speakThe twinkling eyes speakingLost in shining hints.

Worlds meet in infinity end,

When feeling get matched with each.

I don't know a definition to express this,

but you mean a world to me.

Each day with a brand-new feeling,

Me, myself diving into me.

I see you resting in my heart.

Healing myself soothing my soul

At peace!

#### Sulakshee Illangasinghe

AR/109168

Class 07



(Ano,2019)

#### **Broken heart**

I'm sorry for not loving you...

As much as you did.

I'm sorry for greedily taking,

Without ever giving.

I'm sorry for not realizing what I had,

Until I lost it.

But most importantly,

I'm sorry you ever had to deal with

someone like me.

AR/106850

#### Love

Love is a meditation.

When falling

In love with

A lost heart.

#### D.G.D.S.Rajapaksha

AR/106795

Class 09

#### True love

Everyone makes mistakes in life,

But some mistakes

Can never be corrected.

One day I met my best lover.

Everyone keep in mind that,

He said.

"True love never exists".

#### Heshara Wishwani

AR/106850

#### Lovely Night... Without Moon...

Beautiful morning, with flowers

Nice afternoon, with sunshine

Calm evening, with wind

Lovely night, without moon...

Blooming flowers, with bees

Flowing river, with fish Colorful sky, with clouds

I'm alone, without him...

#### B.L.Tharushi Navodya Bogoda

AR/106869

Class 10

#### **Unrequited Love**

Blossoming flower

On the tip of a tree

Smile on his face

Because of someone else in his heart

I will love him,

For the rest of my life

When the wind blows

From far away

When a flower

Offers its fragrance,

Confused in an unfamiliar tune.

I'm still laughing,

Burning in the fire

When the sunflower is accepted

By the sun,

The sword lily

cries secretly

For unrequited love.

A burning heart that hides,

Years and withers is

Unrequited love,

Written every night...

So, where is the justice for the

Love that is considered a non-standard,

When love being the standard

Is unfair?

#### K.P.Chethani Vimukthi

AR/107015

Class 13



(Getty Images, 2022)

#### Half a Heart

I realized when your heart,

Is immersed in love.

Unexpectedly, unplanned...

And then Suddenly

You see it leave.

When you need it

LIKE

Air to breath

And you have no choice,

But to move on

And you got to

Rip that part,

Off your heart

And

Then

You realize ...

That you will never

Fall for someone again

Because

You only have

Half a heart, left to give!

Afra Wazeer

AR/107462

#### You and the Sky

Even today the sky is beautiful.

Yes, I remember.

That day is like today.

The sky is very beautiful.



I came today like always.

To the familiar bridge

Alone without anyone

(toman, 2010)

Yes, I remember.

You were wearing a red dress that day.

Like the sky, you are beautiful too.

Come if you can!

Even today

Wearing a red dress

There are still a few moments left.

Let's walk far!

Looking at the sky without speaking

But you are beautiful to me...

More than the sky.

#### W.H.S.K.Bandara

Class 08

#### If Love

Do you see the unseen of love?

With my eyes.

Does the heart feel the weight?

Of this breath.

Do you know about dreams that see the heart?

Even if it is not near.

Do you feel the

Never ending love?

Write poems for love.

I'm your poetess.

Love you from a distance!

I'm your beauty.

One day I took your heart and.

I'm your mischievous.

Take your hand one day and,

I'm your owner.

#### AR/106738

#### Class 08



(Ano, n.m)

#### Friendship

I wanted to thank you.

But was unable to explain.

What it means to have a friend

To share life's joys and life's pains

It's good to know our friendship.

Is one of endless devotion.

Forged out of respect.

And every kind of emotion.

It's patient and forgiving.

Never failing or forsaking

When a hand is outstretched

Or one's heart is breaking.

It's ever faithful.

Even when the world condemns.

And sparkles in the darkness

Like fireworks and gems

It does my heart good.

At the end of the day

To know that you will never.

Be more than an email away.

PROOF OF A TRUE FRIEND IS KNOWING THAT IN LIFE WHEN I'M LOST.

YOU WOULD FIND ME.

K.M.Nimanthi Subodha Senevirathna

AR/107138 - Class 16

#### Self-Love

You are the most honest person.

You can see in front of a mirror.

Because you never

Deceive yourself!

And the person

Who supports you?

In your life

Ups and downs are only you.

Greatest gift you can give.

Yourself is the gift of

Self-love and inner happiness...

Nobody in this entire universe

Can love you,

As much as you...

You are the teacher of your life.

Because you guide yourself with

Self-confidence and your passion...

So, push yourself up!

And love yourself.

Be a self-lover...

#### M.M.Shavindhya Navodhani

AR/106816 -Class 09



My Colorful Pillow Painting

Entrusted to believe.

Life seems so excruciating.

(Ano,n.m)

Because

death is inevitable.

Hence, life becomes hard.

Weep like an infant...

Though, they are by-gones

But beautiful memories hits so hard

Hence, life becomes hard again.

Heaven calls upon, rainbow shines.

And petals get vibrant colours

But they wither in no time.

Hence, life becomes hard again.

I loved you as much as the sun loves the

But the pain hit rigidly.

My eyes were heavy, and my shirt was billowy.

Hence, life becomes hard again.

How do I love again?

In a place there was no response & empathy

But I'm still smiling despite the boundary.

Hence, life becomes hard again.

If my tears were colourful

My ugliest pillow would be.

The beautiful pillow painting in the world

But life doesn't stop being so hard to you.

Hence, life becomes hard again.

#### A.D.Anjana Nawarathna

AR 106469

#### Mirror

Looked at the mirror.

Saw a black shadow.

While every dark evil

Haunting me.

Saw a grey painting!

Between two worlds

Floating!

Never lasting winter,

Like an illusion

Of spring, magic.

Saw

White, through it

Emotionless

Blood drained pale rose,

Can see a shadow, alive.

Tanned skin and black hair

Colourless.

Black, grey, white, or red

but multi-coloured.

Love that shadow.

Beauty, Smile. Talent. Emotion.

I love that shadow; Me; Mirror

My self.

#### K.D Hirunima Senarathna

AR/106727

#### Out of every loss in this world

Out of every loss in this world is.

Something beautiful for you.

If you lose something, you will surely gain Something more.

The worm gets transformed into a butterfly The fetus is lost and a child is born,

So, if you don't miss something.

You should have a beautiful experience.

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(Karlie Studio, n.m.)

#### Surprise!

Dark? Yes, it's dark.

Where? Inside me

But why? I simply don't know

No, you know... I know.

The morning breeze didn't smell like cake.

But I waited...

For what? Surprises

I waited...

For what? Wishes

The time, Holy Mary! - No, my mother

With surprises

Can hear Joys, Laughter

Filled with colours

What else, LOVE

Happy? Of course

Why? My mother

Dark? Not at all

Kavindi Dimalya

AR/106372

Class 18



(Ano, 2023)

#### Nature

Everything is nature.

God gave us this treasure.

Birds fly in the sky,

and mountains are so high.

trees are green,

and water is so clean,

the rivers are so long...

And it sounds like a

song

Animals are part of nature.

They are gems of this treasure.

Nature is full of joy,

Please don't think it's a toy.

Mother nature is the life of man.

WE SHOULD PROTECT IT

YES, WE CAN!

Oh, wonderful Nature!

You are so beautiful.

#### T.A Sanduni Sankalpani

AR/107183 -

#### The Lady River

The lady river is always flowing,

She can flow slowly,

She can flow quickly,

She can change all things,

But she cannot stop the flowing.

Sometimes she flows as a windy stream,

A journey filled with hope and dreams,

Through villages,

Through mountains,

But she knows that eventually all of this will have to end,

Truly, it's like our life.

#### P.T.Samarasinghe

AR/107363

Class 02



(Ano, n.m)

#### That you have created, are indeed a mindblowing scene...

People enjoy their inspiration as they can...

You created everything for us.

But those guys destroy them without thinking about you.

By the way, why do you still love us mom?

Don't you feel any hatred towards us?

I know you love us so much.

It's okay, I promise you...

I'll try to protect you as much as I can!

#### Mother Nature

Thank you for your great miracles, mom!

You teach us great lessons...

You have given everything for us,

I wonder of your power mom,

And I want to say that "I love you mom."

You always love us as same as the beginning.

But people are harsh towards you,

They try to destroy your great miracles,

I feel so sad, mom,

But what I can do alone, mom?

The trees, vines, waterfalls, and rivers

#### K.Kaveesha Nethminee

AF/21/17607 - Class 11

#### A Feather Speaks

Separated,

From bonds

Into infinite spaces

Slowly and slowly

Flying

Relaxing too

Again and again,

While flouting

Feeling light

So

Is separation sad?

**B.M Pabasara** 





Goddess of Justice

A scale is balanced in the hand...

People believe that justice is equal...

Always keep the balance

(Ano, n.m)

between the fingers...

You are limited to the statue goddess of justice...

Goddess of justice, do you see?

Look at your philosophy,

Carried away in a rough tornado...

Look at your Justice,

Hidden in a rich hand full of coins...

Look at your kingdom,

Today - an unholy place "court."

So, goddess, are you like-a statue?

Today you are a prostitute...

Stripped of Justice...

#### D.D. Wanigabadhu

AR/106449 - Class 2

#### The Right to live...

Dear Sri Lankans,

Raise your hands and voice,

Raise your head.

To ask for your rights

Ask them WHY we haven't the right to live?

As a human being, we all have right to live,

Find freedom to live abiding by the law.

Literary or golden rule

Whatever,

Public do not know about it.

"It is not a reason to be ignorant about law."

Do not be a puppet in front of the court!

Know about law. About people,

Ask them your rights!

Ask where are our rights to live?

Finally,

Keep in your mind,

"Ubi Jus Ibi Remedium" \*

Where there is a right there is a remedy.

(\* As quoted by Lord Holt CJ)

#### P.D.K. Anjana Pothpitiya

AF/21/17495 - Class 9



#### (Ano, n.m)

Beautiful morning bliss

People went to celebrate.

A stranger came in.

No one knows how.

The Stranger went to the middle.

With a suicide mission

Blasted them all in a second.

No one knows how it happened.

Souls went to heaven.

Leaving a flood of tears

There was no justice to them.

Only in the heaven they have gone...

4 years have passed now.

No one knows how.

Soul went in peace.

Leaving us with a flood of tears and

A mountain of pain...

AR/107361 Class 18

# WHO is the Murderer?

4 years have passed now...

No one knows

how?

#### Silky Cascade

Camouflaged behind, the gramineous troops,

Thwarting the coming curse from the mortal world,

There stood the guards, guarding the queen monarch.

Her jewel, all covert, glided down the marble.

Puny shallow souls,

To soothe the hungry bellies

Trailed to hunt the prey?

Up across the valleys,

Fought they all the guards.

The whimper of the queen,

And the toothed spear.

Clashing the guard's armor.

Little girl heard all these.

All they down, passing,

For a while silence.

Looted they all the lavish,

No not yet they finished,

On the ruins they flicked a glow,

Hell on display through the dark.

Morning stood the guards dead,

Troops gone; queen forlorn.

As the queen, she is with grace,

All the mishap, not a grimace,

Enduring yet their nasty pace,

Still looks she ready to embrace.

Vast serenity sparkling wide,

The girl waves silky cascade tide.

Can hear now SHE calls her little child,

"Dear, Let's forgive them, they are little in mind."

#### A.V.D. Banduni Mihikalpa Atigala

AR/107455

#### The Jet-Black Waterfall

I was stepping down,

Running through the stairways

A waterfall flows,

In waves alongside with me through the stairways It's no crystal-clear waters

But jet-black waves flowing through the stairways Waves of dark locks,

Dancing to the rhythm of the stairways

A blow of wind kisses the dark locks,

Flowing through the stairways.

Hither and thither

The dark locks dances through the stairways

With a wink I thus said, "it's no waterfall you silly! But my long jet-black hair locks, dilly"

#### H.G Suhardi Chandupama

AR/109171

Class 07



(Ano, n.m)

#### Philtatos

The little sing of a boy who reached the threshold of God hood.

They sing of the ichor in his veins.

They sing of the blood on his spade,

And the wars that lived in the ridges of his palm.

They sing of a story of a son who killed a son.

They sign of Achilles, and they sing of wrath.

What a waste.

For they do not sing of the sun in his eyes,

They do not sing of the tinge of God on his lips,

And they do not sing of how, everything that you are,

Is reduced to the patch of skin beneath his fingertips.

They do not sing of the way he held another man,

The way Appollo held the world.

#### Kinara Kumudesh

AR/110882 Class 13

#### Who knows about the cleaners' life?

Cleaners...

It's an easy word to pronounce,

but that position is not easy.

Anyone doesn't talk about them.

but we should talk about their lives.

Get up earlier, go to places...



(Ano, n.m)

When we look at them.

They share their smile with all.

But do we share our smiles with them?

Really who knows about cleaners' lives?

AR 107394

#### **Pretty Savage**

I continuously try to get rid of my memories.

I do not know whether to confront them or not,

But I have to observe it definitely.

I'm waving around the wall like a paper kite.

Start to clean, this is their daily routine!

All cleaners are not rich.

But their hearts are richer than us

They live happily,

cos it is a simple life.

They feel tired,

but they never stop their work.

They feel sad,

but they do the job happily and kindly.

Most of the people don't care about them, why is that?

Because of them

We live cleanly, we can't forget that.

Oh, dear destiny will you wait for me?

I hear the sound of your echo.

And I strive to wave like a snowdrop Thus, I'm wondering.

They say you should be focused.

My inner soul is smiling.

Yeah, I try but they do not know.

Why don't you leave me alone!

They whispered like bees around a hive

Again, my inner soul is silent.

The beat of my heart

Oh! What kind of amazing theories

Cleaners' faces are pretty.

Yet, no one can behold it

Even I seek it.

The time flows tick-tock.

In the corner of my heart, lub dub.

#### R.G.T.S Ranaweera

AR/109164

Class 07



(Ano, n.m)

#### The Soul

The wondering soul, the heart of gold
Flies to the highest skies and
Swims to the deepest of oceans.
Have the urge to cry out loud!
but fear the loudness and tears,
that attract gossipy eyes.
Loneliness encompassed one to the core,
never to release its grip.
Thought of the peace of death,
twitching in one's existence.
Unfortunate events swarmed around me,

As I was its queen bee.

Why me?

A question that prolonged

Forever

Never an answer to be found.

May be the soul knows.

For it had

Flied to the highest skies and

Had swung to the deepest of oceans.

But unfortunately, it got amnesia,

With every new birth.

## K.B.M.V.M Sanuli Chama Muhandiram

AR/109163



(Ano, n.m)

#### YEY! TGI FRIDAY!

Comes the end of week.

That's the happiest peak.

The time that I should leave...

The palace full of peace

Throughout all the week

My mind works like a flash...

That run around in minute full world.

As fast as a cheetah

I run as fast I can...

And do as much I can

Thinking of my future plan

And wishes of my lovefam

Comes my blessed Friday!

The day I love all the way....

I feel happy in an enormous way.

Arrive on my sweet home way!

It's so short I say.

Filled with enjoyable rain.

The rain stops every Sunday.

The day my flash replay...

Beraka Fernando

AR/110651

Class 18

#### A Beautiful Day

Every day is a beautiful day.

If we can laugh

No reason to be worried.



(Ano, n.m)

Every day is a beautiful day.

If we can think positively

No reason to be worried.

Every day is a beautiful day.

If we can be strong

No reason to be worried.

Nothing is impossible in our life,

Therefore, you must,

Laugh,

Think positively.

Be strong.

Then every day is a beautiful day.

#### T.R.Ratnayake

AR/106799

Class 09

#### Smile

Smiling keeps you happy!

Every day

It is the reason for

Someone else's smile

The world's most

Valuable thing

Is an honest smile.

#### H.S.P. Kaveesha Thathsarani

AR/106807



(Ano, n.m)

#### Smile

Smile is the best Medicine,

For any problem

So, keep smiling!

M.K.Miyurika Dinali Rajapaksha

AR/106811

Class 9

#### Life

Do as much as the sky!

But don't expect anything.

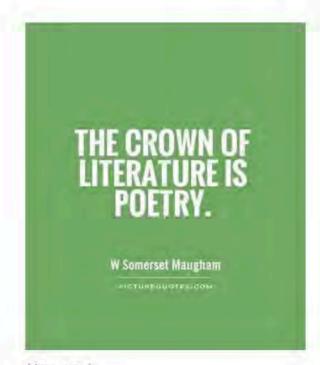
Not even a grain of sand

But do good, be good!

#### M.K.Miyurika Dinali Rajapaksha

AR/106811

Class 9



(Ano,n.m.)

## ONE WORD POEMS

#### The best day of the year

Today

K.D.Thulani Thewmini

AR/106802

Class 9



(Ano,2022)

My Mother

Soul.

Love

Sky.

Life

River.

Home

World.

Father

Breath.

D.S. Nadeesha Damayanthi

AR/106803

Class 9

My Mother

Moon.

My country

Pearl.

**Father** 

Ocean.

P.G.D.S. Upeka

AR/106794

Class 9

Home

Paradise.

(Ano,n,m.)

**Hostel Room** 

Universe.

My best friend

Mistake.

J.A.S.R.M. Jayaweera

AR/106817

Class 9

Sri Lanka

Diamond.

**Happiness** 

Mirage.

My mother

World.

J.G. Hirushi Dulansi

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My Parents

Gods

T.G.N.T. Kumari

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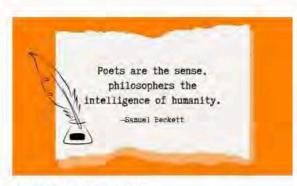
#### Life

A paradox

#### Rashmi Tharaka

AR/107180

Class 9



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# ONE PHRASE POEMS

#### Be Careful

You Are Precious!

H.K.K.Ushari Imalsha AR/106665 Class 6



(Ano,n.m)

#### Mother

Mother is the soulful poetry of yours and my lives.

#### S.G.K.Sammani

AR/106628

Class 9

#### My Soulmate

Sorry, error!

#### K.D.Thulani Thewmini

AR/106802

Class 9

# THE SMART SCRIBES OF DELT

#### SHORT STORIES

#### The Lady in Red



The main street is more crowded and noisier. But "Bracy this Street" is calm and quiet. It is because this street headed to the St Paul's cathedral. This street is paved with stones and (Batiuk, n.m)

both sides of the street are mostly covered with tall buildings. But it is a quite broad street than other parallel streets in the town.

"Oh flowers!", "Flowers make my life". Today I hope I will start a new journey in my diary.

"Oh, my lady, my lady, Lady Olivia, you look gorgeous today."

"Where have you been for three days?"

"Oh!! Hello, top of the morning to you!!" smiled Olivia. But there is a bit of a difference in her face. She wears a nice winered summer solid color, square nailed, beaded short sleeved mid length 'A line' dress with a hat which goes with the dress, and I think it was Mary Janes one on her feet.

"What colors do you prefer today?"

"Hmm.... Well on this warm, I choose these four roses, three yellow carnations and two dahlias which suit me today".

"Ah.... That's a great choice lady Olivia" Her shoes make a nice sound with the moving salvage bricks on the street with the water from last night's rain. I have never seen a lady having such a sharp eye line which catches all the young men's hearts in the town. Her face is always filled with a bright smile, the pink lips make me jealous all the time. And today, her red dress makes her look like a goddess. She likes to read novels, but I don't understand why she reads novels of 'Agatha Christie' and 'John Creasey' as she is a lady. She is very famous in the town not with her beauty but with her vantage point because she always likes to help older people and spend evening time with chatting men and women here and there in the street and her most favorite habit is telling fairy tales to the small ones who are playing around the pond. As she is very different from the other opulent people in her social class, she walks while others travel by their own vehicles, she takes her tea with the poor while other ladies of her age drink their hot tea with their fiancé at home in Victorian tea rooms.

-But this brightness faded after a day-

Now, it is so dark, rainy, gloomy, misty, and cold. It makes me afraid, and my mom said to get a good sleep as I must wake early to pick flowers.

Yes, my diary begins a new journey but, it's not for good. Today the whole town is mourning and there is no storytelling, children laughing and playing around the pond. My flowers also seem to be very dry. Today this colourful environment is attacked by dark and it makes the whole street like a haunted one. There is no demand for my blue lilies, yellow carnations, and roses but for white carnations. The bell is ringing in the cathedral. My heart is hurting me to tell you

that "you are not allowed to see Lady Olivia" Scandals are moving very fast with a contrast of a murder and a suicide. But no one knows the truth. "I can't see her like this!". The priest is sprinkling holy water on her. I can't stop my tears. So, I grabbed my eyes from that scene.

"The lady! The lady!" in the left corner of the last row has a faded smile in her face and..... Oh Jesus! I can't believe this. She's wearing a red dress under a dark black coat. This is my first time seeing her in this town. But she is very similar to lady Olivia.

# Lakna Elvitigale

AR/106796

Class 9

# Don't give up!

A long time ago, there lived a boy named Ravi. He lived in a small rural village. He was very happy with his family. Ravi and his village people face a huge problem. They were waiting for the rain since the trees had dried up. As there was no rain the river too was drying up slowly.

One day, village people met near the river. Then, Ravi told the villagers, "We all have heard tales from our grandparents about an underground river in our village. Why don't

(kuriyawen,n.m)

we dig and see?" The villagers agreed and started to dig. They dug for some time, but soon gave up. However, Ravi continued digging. People told him to give up. He said, "God is helping and guiding me".

One day he dug deep enough. Ravi saw the freshwater flower. He ran and told the villagers. They were very happy about that. His not giving up attitude saved the whole village. Never give up so easily. And Ravi told the villagers "Don't give up at any time,

when a problem arises." We can find a solution, Your problems have solutions.

#### Dunishi Shashika

AR/109195

# The Great God's Pet

The thunderstorm starts to blast at the human world. The green trees dance through the wind. Grey clouds are floating in the sky with laughing strikes. And there's someone who is not a part of the human world. Nikhilesh, the great god, and protector of the human world is staring at the sky. He is standing on the rooftop of a building. And he is whispering in to midair.

"Ashook, where are you?" Then he jumped from the rooftop. Luckily, he's not a human. He can fly, not like superman but teleport to another place for instance. He's so wet because of the heavy rain. Yet he's looking for something or maybe someone. Then he sat on a bench. No human was around because of the thunderstorm, so he has the freedom to do whatever he wants. But today he's not in the mood to play around. He's sad, tears like mini silver pebbles are falling from his face.

"I have to find him" he whispered again. Then a golden butterfly came from nowhere and she whispered something to Nikhilesh.

"Yes! Yes! thank you", he shouted as the butterfly vanished away. Then he vanished like a tiny stone met with a tornado. But where? Then he appeared somewhere. He walked around. So many animals were in

cages. A zoo? He came to a zoo. Then he wanders around the huge zoo. There are lots of animals, but he whispered again, pointlessly.

"Where is he?"

Then Nikhilesh saw a board. It was, 'Do not enter'. Nikhilesh is the god of the earth, he's afraid of nothing, yet he didn't find the one he's missing. Without a tiny bit of fear, he opened the door. It's locked but there's nothing his magic can't do. Then he entered.



"Ashook!" Nikhilesh suddenly screamed

(Williams, soundlessly). "I finally found you". A tiny little snake opened its eyes as it heard Nikhilesh's voice. The light blue glittery eyes were in pain. Nikhilesh could see it. Then there is an invisible box around the little snake. Nikhilesh tried to touch it.

"Ouch", the pain and anger came through his body. It is powered by electric power. No one can touch it, no ordinary guy can touch it but yet he can do it. He took his sword. The bloody red sword with a golden blade. Once he cut the invisible box with it the little snake who's called 'Ashook' hopped into his master's body and wrapped its glittery wet body around his neck.

"Ashook, where have you been? I missed you so much", then "These humans are so cruel. They even dared to touch supreme god's pet. Yet they must be punished", he continued. "But I am the God. I don't hate them".

Then he looked at his magical pet's eyes. He's a cute snake with beautiful blue eyes. "Oh, Ashook. I will forgive humans because of you I don't want to hate those filthy humans".

Then they vanished, into thin air.

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# Journey through the forgotten moments.....

One day a new shop appeared in the town. It was full of old things like toys, clothes, and strange objects. The shop's name was 'Echoes of Time'. A person named Alex walked inside the shop. He lives alone. His wife and two daughters died in a car accident. So, he lives alone with a saddest and heavy heart. When he walked inside the shop, the owner, an old man with kind eyes, greeted Alex warmly. He explained that each item in the shop had a special story from the past.

Alex shows an old watch that sparkled. The owner said it was a 'Time echo' watch. When you held it, you could see and feel moments from history as if you were there. Alex chose the watch and put it on.



(nyi,n.m)

Suddenly, the world around Alex changed. Alex was no longer in the shop but in his house with his two daughters and beautiful wife, from many years ago. He was drinking a delicious coffee which was made by his wife, and he was talking with his wife about many things and their future plans. His wife said she wants to go to Paris because it was her dream place to visit. Alex said "Ok, will make it one day". Both his daughters were cuddling him and sat on his lap. He was the

person who was the happiest on earth. Alex talked with his family and experienced history like never before. As the day went on Alex had more adventures in different times. Alex visited Paris with his family.

But the sun started to set, Alex knew it was time to return with a heavy heart. Alex took off the watch and suddenly was back in the shop. The owner smiled and told Alex that the time echo was so special. It was a way to learn from history and appreciate the moments that shaped the world. Alex left the shop with the watch and a promise to tell stories about the past. The Time Echo watch became a treasured possession, reminding everyone that the past was never truly forgotten.

#### Nuha Irshad

AR/107495

Class 9

#### Shoby

Once upon a time, there was an old woman. One day she walked alone on the street. She saw a basket. It's like a picnic basket. Old woman opened it and there was a kitten in it.

"How cute you are?" old woman said.

In fact, that kitten was so cute. It has big black eyes and white



(Gomez, n.m)

patches. She brought him home and took care of him like a child. Also, she gave a name to him.

It was "Shoby". Shoby tried to be independent. He didn't listen to the old woman.

One day, Shoby went to the jungle alone. When he was going a little distance, he saw a river. He tried to catch a fish. But suddenly, Shoby fell into the river.

"Help me, please help me! Anyone?" Shoby shouted. Fortunately for him, a parrot saw this incident. That parrot told the old woman about the incident happened.

"Oh my god Shoby!" old woman was afraid.

She got ready quickly and went to the jungle. She saved Shoby. Shoby was crying and old woman explained to him.

"My Shoby don't be disobedient when you grow up".

"I'm sorry mother, I understand my fault. I will never do that again" Shoby understood his fault.

# N.C.Subhasinghe

AR/106986

#### Tom's Adventure

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Tom. He always likes to be silent and watch others. He was not social, and he was always calm and silent. He talked to himself and because of that he had a special mind. He also studied well, and he had so many talents. Others said that he was a great person. Also, Tom was a brave boy and he always helped other people.

Every day, he had a schedule. When he woke up, first he breathed fresh air coming from the window and had a tasty coffee made by himself. He worked at a library in the town. He grew up in an orphanage. One day when he was going to work, on the way he saw a girl who was running towards him. She was so afraid. Tom had no idea what to do, Her

name was Anne. She said that she came from a faraway land and gave him a key and a



(Anoes,n.m)

When Tom took them, the girl disappeared. Tom had no idea about this and then he remembered that he had read a book about the key and the sword. Then he ran to the library and found the book. It said that there was a palace in the middle of the forest and that could be opened with the key. Then Tom decided to find the palace, but he had no idea about the sword. The map in that book took Tom to the old palace. It was so big, and Tom entered the palace. There was no-one but Tom felt that someone was watching him. Suddenly, so many dwarfs jumped into Tom and the sword started to shine. Then the dwarfs scared him and said, "long live the king" and put knees down. One dwarf came to him and said, 'please release the souls in that box using the key'. They took him to a room and told him to find the box. The room was so dark, and Tom thought about what he could do. Then he opened the door again and took a dwarf in. Then from the light of the sword, he found the box.

When he opened the box, the souls came out of it. The palace turned new and kings, queens, knights, and all of them were free. They all thanked Tom and Tom lived there happily. The king named him a knight. But Tom had no idea about that girl who changed his life. Then he realized that the palace he went was the kingdom of dwarfs. He helped all and lived happily. But each and every moment he was in search of that girl.

#### M.D.M.Nishadi Samarakoon

AR/107505

#### Playful Lisa

Lisa is a very mischievous and stubborn eight-year-old girl. She brings trouble and danger to her parents daily.

Her mother is a teacher, and her father is a bank officer. In the morning, after her parents go to work, her grandmother gets her ready and sends her to school. Even after coming home from school, she spends more time with her grandmother. She always makes her grandmother tired by playing various games.

One day, she asked her grandmother to come and play hide and seek with her and to find her hiding place. Lisa came out of the house and looked for a place to hide, realizing that Grandma knew her hiding places well as she had played this game often. Then she saw that the back of the car parked in a nearby house was opened and went in and closed the door.

About an hour later, the vehicle owner came, locked the door, started the vehicle, and left. Lisa, who was asleep in the vehicle at that time, did not know that she was travelling. The grandmother searched for Lisa all over the house and yard and could not find her. She was very scared and informed Lisa's parents who immediately came and started searching for Lisa, but no one was there.

Later, the neighbor who owned the vehicle also came there to inquire Lisa and helped in search for her. After some time, the owner of the vehicle opened the vehicle and found Lisa hiding inside the vehicle. Everyone gave advice to Lisa, and since then she never did anything naughty.

# Group 3 members-Class 12

# Mysterious classroom

Once upon a time there was a class full of mysterious things. It was a boys' school and there were 12 students in that mysterious class. But the thing is there were only 11 names in the register. How it happens. Every day the monitor went to the canteen and bought 12 lunch packets for his classmates. But they gave only 11 lunch packets to him. But he didn't recognize it because there was no problem when they shared their food at lunch time. Everyone had their lunch.

But one day the monitor identified that one student didn't get his lunch. So, he keeps an eye on him. He was Peter. When they were studying in a hostel, he saw Peter didn't have a shadow. So, it means he was a ghost in his class. So, he shouted to Peter to get out of his class. But Peter's story is sad. When he was young, every day, he was sick, and he didn't come to school. Unfortunately, he died at his young age and his soul came to school to achieve his dream. After the teacher heard his story, he gave him a chance to study in his class. Peter graduated with his friends and after that his soul went to heaven.

#### J.P.J. Vidusini

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Class 18

#### The Mirror

Once upon a time, a little girl came to a new city with her mother. The girl's name is "Beauty". Beauty was very happy because she could find new friends now. She went to a new school. But when she entered the classroom, the students started to bully her. Beauty went to one of the girls and asked,

"May I sit here?" The girl said "No don't sit here. Go somewhere else." One student said, "You are ugly. You look like a pumpkin! You are the ugliest girl we have ever seen! Here's



(Mirjam Delrue, n.m.)

a crown for you Miss Ugliest in the universe, Ha! Ha! "Everyone laughed at her.

She went home and cried. She looked at herself from the mirror. "Everyone told me that I don't look good". She was sobbing. Her mother came to her room and asked, "Why are you crying sweety?" She replied, "Friends bullied me mom". Mother said, "You are unique and beautiful in your own way sweetheart. She said, "Don't lie to me mother!" and started crying again.

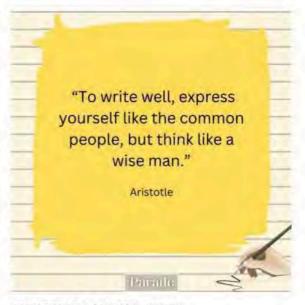
Beauty started to wear a head covering to school. She wanted to hide herself from everyone. She always used to go to the beach alone. But one day, an artist came to her and asked, "Can you turn this side please?" Beauty asked "Why?" and then he replied, "I would love to draw a picture of you" Beauty was surprised and said "You mean my picture? Ha! Ha! Ha!" The artist saw the real beauty within her and drew a picture. Then, something unexpected happened. The drawing became famous all over the world.

Finally, she understood her real worth, and she removed her head covering and stayed strong.

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# ESSAYS

# Most memorable day in my life.

It's my dream day. Since I was about 13 years old, I dreamed of walking on stage in a white saree when the announcer called my name.

Now I'm in the main hall. In front of me, this hall is filled with many students dressed in white sarees and school uniforms.

I remember that day. I was dressed in my school uniform with my prize in hand. I was smiling that day, holding my prize for the first place in the class and proficiency in Sinhala. In the las of the ceremony, our senior high school sisters dressed in white sarees solemnly carried their prizes. The faces of their parents also have secret happiness. Seeing that, I also felt a desire to go up on stage in a white saree. I told myself, "I am also going to campus one day."

Now I'm in the same hall but dressed in a different dress. A white saree.

"Next, Malshi Sadunika Who got the first place in class A, with proficiency in Sinhala and Logic, and a university candidate"

"Is it the voice of God?" I thought. I climbed up on stage very proudly and secretly looked at my mother's face full of happy tears. The dream of seven years had come true.

When I was a child, when I was going to tuition class with my mom, my aunt said, "Like being dragged to campus" (Hariyata campus yawanna wage) and I still remember it. Now my mother can say, "Yes, I sent my daughter to campus" (Ow mama mage duwa wa campus yewwa).

I will never forget that day when I fulfilled mine and my poor mother's only dream.

#### W.M. Malshi Sadunika

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Class 12

# Bonds between family members.

Family is the smallest unit in our society. A family consists of father, mother, brothers, sisters, and grandparents. It's like a petal of a flower. If one petal of a flower falls, it is not like a flower anymore. Between every member of the family there should be a powerful bond. If not, we cannot consider it as a family anymore.

Father is like a tree, because he is the only person who earns money and looks after all the members of the family. Without a father the family is incomplete.

A mother is like the branches of that huge tree. Her job is sharing and caring for all the members of the family except herself. She doesn't have much time to think about herself because she



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does everything in the house. She does her children's work, helps them with their homework, cooks, and washes the clothes. Next are the grandparents. They have good experiences with their family life and can advise us always. They are the roots of that huge tree.

Without having children, the family is not a complete one. Children are like the leaves and flowers of that tree. Because the tree has leaves and flowers it looks like a real tree.

Family needs happiness and to enjoy each other's company. We can live without friends, but we cannot live without having a family. It is like people living without food for two or three days but cannot live without water. A human is a kind of social animal. He needs a family to release his stress. If you are studying at the university or else if you are working in an office, sometimes you may get angry because of this hectic lifestyle. But when you are spending time with your family, you may not get angry. You enjoy your life to your best. because in a family they care for each other. They are very supportive of each other.

According to my opinion, I think if you have a good family, you are the luckiest person in the world. Because of that, you don't need to worry about your weaknesses. The family will always help you. They guide us to the correct path. Be positive and enjoy your life always.

### M.P.T. Senanayake

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# Environment.

The environment is a gift to us. It has a lot of things such as trees, birds, animals, waterfalls, mountains, rivers, forests, and many more beautiful things. We can get a lot of benefits through the environment. Therefore, the environment is an important part of our life. We should protect the environment. It gives us lots of benefits such as medicine, flowers, provides shade, cleans

our air, purifies our water, and provides habitats for animals. It relaxes our mind. The environment is calm and peaceful. Therefore, it's a good medicine for our body. So, we must protect the environment.

At present, most of the people have polluted the environment. It is a very harmful thing. We should not use chemical fertilizers and pesticides to plant trees. Don't pollute the environment. Don't use plastic bags and artificial products, don't add poison to the water, and don't cut trees. Use organic fertilizers.



(Ano,n.m.)

By taking these measures we can protect our environment. Otherwise, various diseases could occur. Cancer and other health problems will increase.

In the past, people spent their time close to the environment and protected the environment. They planted trees and get a lot of benefits from the environment. They planted medicinal plants, vegetables, and fruit trees. Therefore, they could eat them and live a healthy life. Therefore, we should understand the environment is an important part of our life.

We can see, some other countries protect and love their environment, but some people destroy the environment. From now on we should protect and save our environment. Be sure to preserve nature.

# R.L.K. Ashalya Liyanage

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### Beauty of Japan.



(Japan Guide Agency,n.m.)

Japan is a country of incredible natural beauty. From the snow-capped peaks of Mount Fuji to the vibrant cherry blossoms in spring. Japan has a lot to offer in terms of natural beauty. There are also beautiful temples and gardens like the famous Kinkaku-ji in Kyoto and the historic temples of Nara. Japan is also known for it's stunning coastlines and the sandy beaches of Okinawa. And let's not forget about the food. From sushi to ramen, Japanese cuisine is world renowned for it's beauty and flavour. There are many beautiful flowers. Among them

Sakura flowers are special. It is very beautiful and attractive.

Even the way people dress in Japan is beautiful, with the traditional Kimono and Yukata being particularly striking. Overall, Japan is a country that is rich in beauty, both natural and cultural.

#### G. Nethmi Pabasara

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Class 06

# Social Media vs Us.

Social media is no longer a wonder for us in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. Due to the rapid development of modern technology, social media usage is skyrocketing. Social media can be considered as an umbrella term, as it includes platforms like Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Threads, etc. within it. However, this could have both pros and cons as well. Therefore, it is important to focus on both sides.

First of all, let's start focusing on the negative side as every one of us expects to have a happy ending in everything. The topmost minus point is social media addiction. We are getting addicted to social media eventually with the time when we use them. None of us can get rid of this addiction unless we don't have a smart phone. On the other hand, cyber bullying too is one of the greatest threats that is embedded in social media. The two points that have been mentioned above are very common among teenagers. Cyber bullying means an act of corrupting the mentality of someone through sending inappropriate pictures, text and in another way, stealing

someone's confidential data by hacking their devices illegally. Brainwashing can also be included under the negative effects of social media.

As every dark cloud has a silver ray within it, it is possible to transform those negative effects into beneficial things. For example, although social media is having such bad effects most of us were able to utilize it in a more innovative and creative way during the COVID-19 lockdown period. For those who are willing to be entrepreneurs, social media platforms are very useful to pave their way to success. Moreover, most introverts tend to move forward and socialize thanks to social media. On the other hand, we have plenty of resources to update and improve our knowledge when it comes to social media.

Therefore, finally as a conclusion, social media can be metaphorically brought out as a knife, because we can use a knife to either prepare a mouthwatering meal or kill somebody. Therefore, it is up to us to use it wisely or to destroy ourselves with it.

#### Sanjalie Mandika

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### The Best Day of My Life

All of us have good days and bad days in life. Some things will be forgotten over time and some things will stay in our hearts forever. This is about the best day of my life.

The best day of my life was when I went on a school outing with my friends. We ate delicious food and enjoyed the day to the fullest. I woke up at 6 a.m. and got ready for school. My mother dropped me to school.

From there we went to a science park by bus. During the entire journey we danced, sang, played games and did many more fun activities. We ate snacks and played games with our teacher also. When we arrived, we visited the Science City and enjoyed every bit of it.

Besides the science park, there was a water park, so we quickly changed our clothes and jumped into the pool, and we kept on playing for an hour. After that, we took a bath and changed our clothes. We had rice and chicken for our lunch. We loved the food. After lunch, we returned by bus. During the whole bus journey, we danced and sang.

This day is memorable as I could spend it with my friends. The day was a day to be remembered. We had so much fun together. Everything is worth remembering from the beginning to the end of the journey.

#### Thathsarani Piumika

AR /106771 Class 08



(Ano, 2021)

# An Unforgettable Incident in my Life

There are many unforgettable incidents in my life. But the most unforgettable incident in my life was my last birthday party. It was a memorable day. When I got up, my whole family and my best friend wished me luck. It was a surprise. The day started very well. In the evening, my family had prepared a small party for my birthday. Many of my friends participated in it. My relatives also came there. Anyway, the time came to cut the cake. It was the time when everyone was looking forward to it.

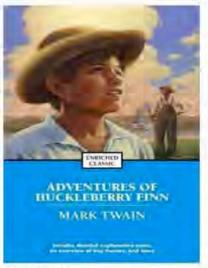
But then something unexpected happened. My cat ran and jumped on my birthday cake. After that, my cat started eating it. Everyone was surprised. My mom was very angry, and I was sad. Then my brother came and took the cat away. But I realized that I was the reason for my cat's unusual behavior because I had forgotten to feed it for the whole day. The day started well but it went badly. However, I felt sad because of what happened. But my family members and friends comforted me. Finally, we celebrated my birthday by eating the candies my mother had prepared. I got many gifts. We were very happy.

Therefore, I think that this is the most unforgettable day in my life.

(ZH,2021.)

R.M.M. Madhavee AR/106952





(Ano,n.m.)

# Book Review- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

A general and satirical fiction, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn undermines the prejudices and expectations of the 19 century social context. Huckleberry, who is well known as the "Huck", is the protagonist and the narrator of the novel. Hick is depicted as a smart child who comes from a poor family with an abusive father. In this novel, Tom Sawyer appears as the best friend of Huck with a pure heart. Huck escapes from his abusive father and then he encounters a runaway with a slave named Jim, and then the two embark on a raft journey down the Mississippi river. The most important message Twain tries to demonstrate throughout the story is importance of freedom and liberty for one's life against racism and criticism.

The moral lesson that can be learnt from the novel is that you should not depend on society, but you should be independent to make decisions on your own.

A.D.A. Athugala AR/109167- Class 7

# The Importance of Reading and Writing

Both reading and writing are important. You can't have one without the other. They are skills that develop constantly due to little things where most of the time it isn't noticed to us. Whether it is from a book or a poem, there will always be a way that it helps with your school performance. Reading and writing in general only helps to absorb the information and enhance leisure or school related writing tasks. It has also made life itself so much easier because reading and writing are so beneficial for school and for life as well. How much you read and write today will somehow affect your future occupation, family, position or even your salary.

Although most people feel that reading is a leisure time activity, writing itself is a form of art, I'd say because it has to appeal to the reader too. You won't be writing something not only to fill the shelves or for your literature to read, but also for the people so they can be enlightened. Reading comes as the second step. First, you write and then you read. The more you read what you write, the more you get better at writing.

Reading helps in mental development and is known to stimulate the muscles of the eyes and it's also an activity that involves greater levels of conversation skills of the reader. The habit of reading also helps readers to convert new words and phrases that they come across in everyday conversations. Reading and writing are necessary skills that were taught to me when I was a child.

### H.P.N.S. Hewapathirana

AR/106909 Class 11

# **Internet Safety Tips for Kids**

- Never give your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, password or school name.
- Never send pictures of yourself to a stranger.
- Never open e-mails, web pages and files from people who you don\*t know or trust.
- Always check with an adult before downloading something from the internet.
- Never reply to messages from unknown people.
- Inform an adult if someone makes you feel uncomfortable, confused or scared.
- Tell an adult if someone asks you to meet him or her in person.
- Don't use mean or rude language when posting something on the internet.
- Check well before ordering products online.
- Never use a chat room without any adult person.



(Ano. 2019)

L.T. Jayanika

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# Importance of Learning English

English is a bridge that connects all the nations and countries. In modern time, English language holds an important position among the other languages. Because it has become a universal language. Therefore, it's very important to learn English.

One of them is the importance of English language for higher education. Even in countries where English is not the main language, today education related activities are based on this language. Even if you are studying higher education in another country, English knowledge is very essential. Another importance of learning English is qualifying for higher career opportunities. If you want to find a higher career, your English knowledge

must be at a high level.



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Apart from that, English language is important for the International Relationships as well. In this way, the importance of English language can point out.

#### M.Yashodhi Chandrasiri

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### Honey Pot Ants

This species of ants is different from others. They adopt a special way of surviving when food is scarce. They store food in their bodies to feed their members during the times of scarcity. They are found in arid regions of North and South America, Australia and Africa.



(Swain,n.m)

These ants eat food and turn it into a sweet syrup and then save the syrup in their stomach. In this honey colony, the other ants are fed and cared for. Labour ants' sugary liquids and others for honey ants provide nutrients. Honey ants in their bodies store to the extent that honey ants can't move are large. They are a species within the ant colony who are in a cabin.

During times of food scarcity, worker ants retrieve stored food reserves by gently tapping on the bodies of honey ants. The worker ants are then consumed and distributed to other colony members. Honey ants are very important for our biodiversity. There are also some indigenous people who use them as food. But we must protect those animals. It's our responsibility.

H.O.Kaushalya AR/106754 Class 08

# Self-confidence and Personality

Be it the people we meet at unexpected times in life. Be it the opportunities or experiences or anything, it should be received as a blessing. It will be closer to you by me explaining it to you from my life experience. One day a good friend I met asked from me,

"Are you on Facebook"?

I answered clearly that "no". Because I have not created a Facebook account yet. Then she asked me a question like this,

"So how do you know about world events?"

Then I smiled and gave this answer,

"I don't need a Facebook account to know the world"

After that, she and all her friends started laughing at me and getting active on their Facebook account which they have created. Well, let it be, if I ask you a question, what answer will give you give me,

What is self-confidence? What is personality?

Now you have a lot of answers, yes, I know that because I believe you have a proud personality, but let me ask you, do you measure your self-confidence by the number of social media accounts you have? It doesn't matter if you have a large number of social media accounts if you can't speak like a person with a backbone in front of a stage.

Does it matter how many likes you get for a post if the image known about you by the outside society is bad? It doesn't matter how many followers you have if you don't spend much time with your parents. We should not remove ourselves from the fantasy world that we have created for outside society to build a real personality. Build true self-confidence by being honest with yourself and developing your own skills and abilities, not with false opinions. Some politicians may not be able to

speak for their people. Then what's the value of his position? What is the point of masquerading as a human if you can't build an identity for yourself?

What are the reasons why a small child is unable to build a personality in the current Sri Lankan society? Which is still dependent on other countries, which are considered to be developed countries that can fulfill their own living expenses. It's true that it's possible to know the information of the world through Facebook, but one should keep in mind that personality should be built from one's own self-confidence account.



(Isabella Mason, 2021)

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# Miscellaneous Musings Love and Life

It started so abruptly, their love story. They started as competitors; they had never seen each other before. In fact, neither of them thought they would ever bump into each other again. But well, fate has its own ways of changing life. They started like friends but

soon feelings grew. It was he who fell for her first and she, who was afraid to love, learned to love too. It started off fast but progressed slowly. Ups and downs fill their story every day. Hopefully, troubles will end for them, and sun will shine. Until they fight, fight till you see the light.

Music is more than just noise. It's more than just sounds but is a set of notes that could calm a person's soul. While some prefer rock, some prefer calm and serene songs. Taste can differ but the power it has on a human being is magical. Research even says it can heal wounds. It helps people to relax their minds. In fact, listening to a good song after a hard day is all a person needs. It's a beautiful gift given to us by God.

#### Child

Some things will change, some things will break but the love and bond between a mother and her child is unbreakable. Day and day, from the moment she's conceived, the flower of love blooms the day. She falls in love with someone she only feels and the moment she sees him/her after 9 months, that is when true love begins. A beautiful miracle created by the universe, the bond between a mother and her child.

<u>Laughter</u> is the best medicine for the soul but if you laugh too much for no reason you are clearly going to need some medicine!

Risini Kannangara

#### My University life

A wonderful turning point in my life was the day I entered university. It was one of my dreams. My university is Sri Jayewardenepura University. I think my campus is better than the other campuses. The second thing I must say is that I think my life has started. I had to learn everything by

myself. A new culture, new friends and many new experiences have been added to my life. I have a bunch of beautiful memories in my mind. The little time spent with assignments and assessments is stressful, but I have got used to living with endurance. This is a sweet step in my life more than any other time.



(Ruwan Windsor and Gayan Narandeniya, 2021)

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#### Fun Memories

Being a daughter of a schoolteacher is the best, especially when he works in the same school as me. As a child I had many fun memories as a school student whose father worked in my own school.

As an agriculture teacher, my father maintained a garden in our school. I used to accompany him every day after school. I remember him giving me wheelbarrow rides all around the school when I was 6 or 7 years old. He let me sit on the wheelbarrow, holding two edges and taking me uphill and downhill. This of course happened after school, when all the students had gone home.

I also had the prestige of eating for free from the canteen on account of my father. My friends also benefitted from this.



(Tigatelu,2019) S.J.M.Parami Jayasundara AR 107464 Class 3

# Why should we protect the environment?

The environment is a gift from Mother Nature. Our earth is our home. So, if we want to protect our home, we should protect our environment from harmful effects of human activities. They are cutting down trees, littering, and releasing toxic gases into the environment. This causes environmental pollution. Environmental pollution has four main basic categories. They are water pollution, air pollution, soil pollution, and sound pollution. Pollution has become a serious issue today. Some of these problems are global warming, the melting of glaciers, sea water levels up, and acid rain. Acid rain has very dangerous chemicals. This is caused by smoke from factories. Another problem is food poisoning.

The Earth is a home for different living beings. We all are dependent on the environment for food, air, water, and other needs. Therefore, it is important for every individual to save and protect our environment.

So, I think we should plant trees to protect the environment and to minimize the pollution.



(Ano, n.m.)

# D.Charuni Wathsala

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Class 8

# **Looking Through the Pensive**

I belong to childhood when smartphones and constant notifications ceased to exist, but rather TV and land phones were a thing. It's a tapestry woven with beautiful moments and memories that time cannot erode. Unbothered by the demands and adulthood and the exhausting cycle of work and home, we had the privilege of cherishing the unlimited fun and freedom time had to offer.

We used to rush to our common backyard like a bird, after lunch, to enter our own world of fun. I had a few neighborhood friends around my age, whom I shared my pleasant childhood with from hide and seek to 'kabadi', we played it all. If the ground had the ability to sense things, it would know the number of times we have fallen. Our culinary masterpieces in toy pots and pans, our dolls dressed in the 'cheeththa gowns' our moms

used to stitch for them, and our mothers' sarees draped on our shoulders, allowing us to live the characters of our dreams, were the keys to the doors that transformed our ordinary moments into extraordinary memories. Our evenings were never complete without an episode of Sonic, Scooby doo, or Mawgli's jungle book in front of the TV. Our eyes were set upon our fathers returning home from work, with the hope of a snack or sweet to accompany the cup of tea. The 'sweet paan' from Rathnayake Bakers was among the favorites. The August and December holidays were like Eid came early for us, as we cut out the channel schedule of Sirasa TV from the Sunday paper and had the dates of the kiddie's movies memorized. Those were the days.

Having all grown up now, stuck in the pace of adult life and the rat race, all we can do is cherish those memories which are never coming back. Stumbling upon one of those old friends is as rare as a solar eclipse. But we all have those memories etched in our hearts, which time can never sever.



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# Healthy Lifestyle Eating Fit



(Chelisha Jain, n.m.)

Most people have different definitions of life. For some, it might be eating fruits and exercising and for others, it might just simply be having a good mindset and feeling good about oneself. These are all things that can benefit one's personal health. It is important to analyze what being healthy means to you and how you can achieve a healthy lifestyle to make yourself feel good.

For me, living a healthy lifestyle is eating food, exercising daily, and participating in things that make me feel good about myself. We have all heard the saying what you put in your body is what you get out of it which is one hundred percent true. Eating good food can have a myriad number of benefits in your life.

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# My Favorite Book

My favorite book is Harry Potter. The author of this book is J.K. Rowling. She is a world-famous writer. She is very popular among teenagers. Her stories are mind-blowing. When we are reading her stories, we can imagine the scene in our mind. Mrs. Rowling has written so many books, but Harry Potter is the most famous one. She is a British writer. Harry Potter has seven books and

eight films, and it has been translated to so many languages.

The plot is very interesting. It is about a wizarding world, Harry Potter is the main character and her parents died when he was only 8 months old. He grew up with her aunt, uncle, and their only child Dudley Warnan. His childhood was a nightmare. Dudley did his best to annoy Harry and he always beat him for no reason. His aunt gave him some leftover food, but he had to do all the chores. He used to live in a small cupboard under the staircase. He never celebrated his birthday or never got a gift until his 13th birthday.

Harry has green eyes from his mom Lilly, and he also wears glasses like his father James. He never had friends in his childhood, and he used to wear Dudley's old clothes.

Surprisingly on his 13th birthday, he got a letter from Hogwarts, where his parents graduated, and they are wizards. He entered the school, and he met so many wizards there. Ronald Wisely and Hermoine Granger became his best friends. This trio broke so many school rules and got punished but they never gave up. Draco Malfoy always bullied Harry and his friends. Especially Hermoine because she is not coming with a wizard family. Draco called her Mud Blood.

Harry Potter fell in love with Ginny Wisely. She is Ronald's one and only sister. Hedwig is the pet of Harry, and it is an owl. Professor Dumbledore is the principal of Hogwarts, and he tried his best to save Harry from Lord Voldemort. Lord Voldemort is the villain of this story who killed Harry's parents and tried to kill Harry Potter. Harry and Voldemort have the same wand.

The Sixth Harry Potter book includes a plot twist. Professor Severus Snape, who used to be a villain, appears as a hero. He sacrifices his life for Harry and Serius Black also sacrifices his life for Harry. He is Harry's godfather.

In the final book Harry, Ron, and Hermoine find all the Hocroxes and destroy all of them. Lord Voldemort was killed by Harry Potter and Harry Potter became a hero among wizards.



(Alexandra Hurtado, n.m.)

# Advantages and Disadvantages of the Internet

Advancements in technology have changed our lives in several ways, including how we communicate, how we do business, how we run our social and personal lives, etc. We must thank the internet because we benefit in many ways. However, it has some negative effects too,

The Internet has made the world a real global village which permits us to travel by looking at the online map, pay bills, or do the shopping without going out of our houses. We can read newspapers, play games, or even plan our holidays. A huge merit of the Internet is the possibility to download music and film in no time. Especially, during the lockdown period internet helped a lot of teachers conduct many online classes with Zoom and WhatsApp. We can also communicate with other people from all over the world by means of applications like Facebook, Viber, and Instagram. We can join

a chat group and share our special interests with each other. A very useful thing is electronic mail. Therefore, it is faster than ordinary regular post and even airmail.

Unfortunately, the Internet has several drawbacks, especially in developing countries like Sri Lanka. In our country, the internet is still too expensive, and connections are not fast. Generally, one disadvantage of the Internet is the danger of getting addicted. Another bad point of the internet is that it is not suitable for children. Spending too much of time on the internet causes us to be less active and it leads to many health problems.

Therefore, the Internet has more pros and cons impacts and it depends on the way we use it. In addition to that, it must improve further because the future generations will be benefited.



(Kamal Subedi, 2020)

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Class 09

# A Monument - A Memoir

Can you hold my hand? It's shivering since I'm ailing. My fingers are on a journey. They are tracing a cold black wall. No, wait! It found him. When he came to my womb like threading beads in a string to make a chain, I gathered letters with a specific astrological meaning to make his name. Worth my effort. Now, everyone can see it displayed on this tall black wall. Do you see? They carved the year he was born. The date which gave me the privilege to be a mother.

They have carved something else besides all of these. Ignore that. It says මැරුණා/අතුරුදහන් (dead/lost). It does not matter to me anymore. I know he will never come to touch my feet and get my blessings.

One day when he was playing in the field. I worked, and he fell over a fence and scraped his knee. I then picked him up, soothed his cry, kissed him on his forehead, and put him to sleep. I know everything but I don't whether anyone bothered to soothe his cry. When he got caught in a landmine. I don't know whether he cried out for me when he lay in pain.

My child the stars only align to the rich. Now I pay the cost of patriotism. In the distance, I see another woman. She too is trying to find a name displayed on this black wall. So I called her and said, Come closer, my dear. I'll help you find it.



(Sandy Strickland, 2019)

Shamla Hamza

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Group 15

### Importance of Reading Books

Reading is such a habit that can make anyone socially and mentally strong. Reading is a good hobby. In the world lots of people like to read so they choose reading as their hobby. Because those people understand the importance of reading books. We all know there is a famous quote reading makes a full man. This quote proves the importance of reading books.

If a person is fond of reading books, his working style, thinking pattern, and creative ability are completely different from common people. Reading books not only helps to improve our knowledge but also it helps to sharpen our thinking style. Reading books is a good hobby. It helps to reduce our stress. So reading is a good activity to maintain our mental health. We all know children nowadays are addicted to smartphones and video games. So, it is not good for our brain. So, if we practice children's reading, we can protect our children from social media. Reading anything is helpful. In childhood we started to practice reading books. We must also know that knowledge is the only thing that a person cannot lose. So, if we want to be a successful person full of knowledge, we have to get used to books. So finally, we can understand the importance of reading books.



(Marc Hill/Alamy, n.m.)

H.A.V.H.Rathnayaka

AR/106920- Class 11

# **Environment is Our Life**

What is the environment? If we explain biologically, the environment is the place where we live or occupy. The environment provides essential factors for human survival. As we all know, all humans depend on this environment for all their essential needs such as water, air, food, and other daily necessities. However, at present because of human dependence on this environment, it can be seen how the environment has been polluted. They are cutting down trees, littering, and releasing toxic gases into the environment as human activities lead to the distraction of the environment.

We can follow three main methods to protect our environment. They are recycling, reusing, and reducing. Today the developed countries have faced the threat of being polluted. We should protect the environment not for living creatures, but for the plants and trees that provide more benefits to us. They provide us with Oxygen which we need to breathe. When we consider all these reasons, protecting the environment should be as important as the protection of your own life.



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# 9 Secrets to Happiness

Everyone would like to be a happy person because happiness and a peaceful mind is the best gift people can get. However, we can't buy those things for money. On the other hand, happiness directly affects our health. We only have one life, so we must spend it with happiness. However, people waste their whole life to find happiness. Therefore, I will share a few secrets with you about how to be happy.

### 1. Positive thinking

Our lives do not always give us what we need but if we have some patience we will realize we deserve better and more than we need. So ready to welcome the best things. All is well and everything happens for good.

#### 2. Hobbies

Why do people have hobbies? The answer is people need time for their favorite things. Furthermore, they should have at least three hobbies and they can use them for their happiness.

# 3. Spend time alone.

We call it 'me time'. Give some time to you. Don't depend on others every time. Be independent and make strong decisions. 'Me time' helps with it. Do things for yourself. Happiness is an inside job. Actually 'me time' is so good for every human.

### 4. Count your blessings.

This is the most important thing about happiness. Every day we have reasons to be happy, but we don't notice them. That's why we can't be happy every time. We believe happiness is in big things but

if we look around, we can find happiness in little things around us. At least we can breathe, we have food, and we have water; these are the blessings but unfortunately, we can't see those things as blessings.

### Don't try to impress society.

Be real and believe in yourself. Don't be a puppet to society. Accept yourself as you are and enjoy yourself because selflove is a beautiful feeling in this world. Don't hurt yourself because of society.

### 6. Spend time with pets.

Pets don't hurt us. So we can love pets without any fear. When we spend time with our pets, they can reduce our stress. There are so many benefits of spending time with pets.

#### 7. Try to improve your skills.

All people have a talent or a bunch of talents. Some of them are hidden. We must find them and add more value to ourselves. This is another way to release our stress and keep our peace. It may be sports talents or aesthetic talents.

#### 8. Meditation

In this society, everyone is in a race. They are busy with their never-ending targets. I suggest meditation is the best medicine for all. It's good for students, sportsmen, businessmen and others. If we can allocate time to meditate (at least 10 minutes), you will feel the difference.

#### 9. Don't expect too much from others.

Don't give your happiness key to someone's hand. Learn how to be happy alone. If you like flower bouquets, don't wait for someone. You can buy a flower bouquet for you. Don't expect everything from others because sometimes it will hurt you.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we don't get everything we want but we can be happy with what we have right now. Keep it in mind and it will change your life.



(Kendra Cherry, MSEd, 2022)

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Class 09

### Social Inequality

Inequality is an issue that started in this century. It has been continuously growing for 1000 years. Someone can say it is a cheap desire of a group of people. Yes, it is true. Inequality is the condition in which everybody will not be able to approach the opportunities equally. This inequality depends on the status of income, gender, age, caste, value of property, skin color, etc.

We can find many shreds of evidence to prove that many old civilizations maintained this inequality concept. From the oldest civilizations like Mesopotamia and the Nile Valley, we can find evidence about slaves. This slavery was ended with the end of colonization. In Eastern civilizations like India, people were separated into cheap castes. It depended on their religions and occupations. Brahmins introduced the casting system, and they proposed 4 castes like Brahmin, kshashthriya, Vaishya, and Kshudra. Some civilizations divided society based on gender. In Greek civilization, women were named as second sex. They didn't have any chance to participate in and enroll in any of the important activities in society. In many European civilizations, there is a large division of people on skin color also.

But we live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Everybody says we live in a global world; everyone is updated, and they don think about the past and there are no other distractions to active their goals. Is it true? Is there anybody separated under skin color? In the last few years, we had news on a Black American who was killed by a White policeman. Does every girl in India get a proper education? Accordingly, I can say this inequality has not changed throughout the years. It should be changed to make the world a better place for everybody.

(Ano, 2021)

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Group 08

# The Third Eye Photographs with captions



Life is like the sea!

G.A.Pasandi

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Waiting for waves!

W.B. Sanjalie Mandika

AR/107403



Chasing rabbits!

# Shamla Hamza

AR/109996



"She burned herself to give you light."

D.G.Geenadi Risinima

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Class 14



"Not everyone expects great things.

Even if it is a wildflower,

Gift it with love."



Lord Buddha said, "All that exists is perishable".

# M.D.D.P. DE SILVA

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Class 9

# Miscellaneous collection RECIPES

# Let's Make Korean Tteokbokki in Sri Lankan Style

Tteokbokki is a famous Koren dish. It is also called rice cake. Korean food fans in Sri Lanka also love to eat this dish. But sometimes they may not have the necessary ingredients to make this dish. So, I'm going to explain how to make Korean teokbokki is quickly made using the ingredients that we have at home.



(Sue, 2022)

# The ingredients needed to make rice cake:

- ✓ Boiled and peeled yams- 02
- ✓ Flour (string hoppers) 150g
- ✓ Butter 01 Tablespoon
- √ Salt 01 teaspoon

### METHOD

1) First, mash the yams.

- Then add salt and butter and mix it well.
- Next, add flour little by little to the mixture and mix it.
- After that we have to make it like dough.
- 5) Then place it on a board and cut it.
- Finally, we can steam it with the help of a steamer in a rice cooker.
- 7) Steam this for 10 minutes.

# The ingredients needed to make the curry:

- ✓ Corn flour -1 1/2 teaspoons
- √ Garlic 3 pips
- ✓ A piece of ginger
- ✓ Big onion -1/2
- ✓ Some curry leaves.
- ✓ Some tomato pieces.
- ✓ Chili flakes powder 2 teaspoons
- √ Pepper powder 1/4 teaspoon
- ✓ Chili powder -1/2 teaspoon
- ✓ A little bit of turmeric powder
- √ Some coconut oil
- ✓ Soya sauce -01 teaspoon
- ✓ Tomato sauce -02 teaspoons
- √ Some sugar

# **METHOD**

- First of all, put some water on the corn flour and mix it. Then put it aside.
- Now put a pan on the stove and put some coconut oil into the pan.
- When the coconut oil is hot you can add garlic, ginger, onion, curry leaves and mix it Well.
- After 2 minutes, you can add chilie flakes, pepper, chili powder, turmeric powder, some water and mix it.

- Now you should cover the pan with a lid.
- After 1/2 minutes you can add soya sauce, tomato sauce, and some sugar to the mixture.
- Then add the corn flour mixture that was made earlier to this and mix well.
- 8) Finally, you can add the pieces of rice cake that were prepared. Then cover the pan with the lid and put it on the stove for around 5 minutes.
- 9) Now our dish is ready! Let us eat and enjoy!
- ❖ If you have noodles and eggs at home, you can add to it and increase the taste.

In this way we can make Korean *tteokbokki* easily using the ingredients that we have. So, now try out this recipe soon!

# **Chocolate Biscuit Pudding**

# Ingredients:

- √ Milk Maid 390g -1 Tin
- √ Margarine 200g
- √ Cocoa Powder 5 tbsp
- ✓ Biscuits
- √ Nuts 100g

#### METHOD

Step1: Add together: Milk 330g, Milkmaid, Margarine, and Coca Powder to make the chocolate paste,

Step 2: Add some Milkmaid to water in a separate bowl and mix. Dip biscuits in the Milkmaid mix and place them at the bottom of a glass dish. Spread the chocolate paste over

the biscuit layer in the dish and repeat. Step 3: Garnish with cashew (Optional) and refrigerate for 4 hours.



# Let's make a delicious fried rice dish

# **Ingredients:**

- ✓ Chicken 500g
- √ White rice 1kg
- √ Carrots, Leekes 100g
- √ Onion 50g
- ✓ White onion 20g
- ✓ Chicken cubs 02
- √ Eggs 03
- ✓ Chili powder 10g

### METHOD

 Prepare the ingredients: Making fried rice is fast. So have all your ingredients ready and by the stove.
 Dice your chicken into small cubes

- and salt it. Wisk the egg, make sure all the veggies are diced and ready to be cooked.
- Scramble the egg: then remove it from the pan. You want to cook the egg first so that it does not end up overcooking and so the egg stays in larger pieces.
- Stir fry the chicken: then remove it from the pan too, make sure it is cooked well.
- Cook the vegetables but leave them in the pan.
- Add the rice-season it, then add the egg and chicken back to the pan.
- 6) Serve hot.



# My Favourite Dish (Pasta with Bacon and Tomato Sauce)

### Ingredients:

- √ Red Onion
- √ Red peppers
- √ 120g bacon
- √ 450g tomatoes
- √ 1 cup water

- ✓ Olive oil
- √ Garlic
- √ 50g pasta per person

# METHOD

- Cut the onion, red peppers, and bacon into small pieces.
- Heat some olive oil in a pan and fry onion, red peppers, and bacon.
- Add oregano, garlic, tomatoes, and water and cook for 2 minutes.
- Cook the pasta in a big pot of boiling water.
- Finally mix everything together and add some cheese and cook a little.
- 6) Serve the pasta with the sauce and enjoy!

# Chicken Potato Roti with Kochchhi Sambol

# Ingredients:

- √ Chicken
- ✓ Potato
- ✓ Flour
- ✓ Salt
- √ Kochchhi
- √ Peper
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Lemon
- ✓ Curry leaves
- ✓ Onions

#### METHOD

- Firstly, we make the dough. We get pieces of chicken and potatoes and boil them.
- 2) After that we chop boiled potatoes.
- Then get a bowl and add the chopped potatoes, boiled chicken, flour and

- mix them after that we add salt, some pepper, curry leaves and mix it well. And add some water little by little until you create a perfect dough.
- Next, divide the dough into small pieces and brush the pan with some oil and heat the pan, then cook and prepare roti.
- Now we are going to prepare the Kochchhi sambal (To eat with roti).
- Take some Kochchhi and onion and blend it. After that add a pinch of salt and lemon juice to that blended paste and mix it well.
- 7) Now you can have a delicious meal.



### How To Make Kollu Curry

Kollu is a delicacy unique to the Uva Province. It is eaten mostly with porridge. It can also be eaten with rice. In some areas it is also eaten by mixing coconut and sugar and making delicious agala. These can be purchased at any store in Sri Lanka but many people are not aware of this.

#### Ingredients:

- ✓ Kollu Powder
- ✓ Chili Powder

- ✓ Salt & Onion
- ✓ Curry Leaves
- √ Raw Chili
- √ Rampe
- √ Coconut Oil
- ✓ Garlic

# METHOD

- First put the Kollu powder into the cooking pot.
- After that, add Chili powder, Onion, Curry Leaves, Raw Chili, Rampe.
- 3) Add the water.
- After that, cook this curry on low heat.
- 5) Mix well until thick.
- Take a new pan and put some coconut oil.
- After the oil is heated, add the garlic and mustard.
- 8) Then add in precooked Kollu curry.



(Archana, 2016)

# Words of Wisdom A collection of famous quotes

# Quotes about life

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years"

#### -Abraham Lincoln-

"In real life, I assure you, there is no such thing as algebra"

#### -Fran Lebowitz-

"The purpose of our lives is to be happy"
-Dalal Lama-

# Quotes about self

"You are what you believe yourself to be"
-Paulo Coelho-

"Be yourself, but always your better self"
-Karl G. Maeser-

"Be proud of who you are, never be ashamed of how someone sees you" -unknown-

### Quotes about family

"Rejoice with your family, in the beautiful land of life"

#### -Albert Einstein-

"You don't choose your family. They are god's gift to you, as you are to them"

#### -Desmond Tutu-

"Home is where you are loved the most and act the worst"

-Marjorie Pay Hinckley-

# Quotes about friends

"A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked"

-Bernard Meltzer-

"Time doesn't take away from friendship, nor does the separation"

-Tennessee Williams-

# **Quotes about love**

"Love is likely the wind, you can't see it, but you can feel it."

-Nicholas Sparks-

"It's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all"

-Alfred Lord Tennyson-

"When one loves, one does not calculate"
-unknown-

"Loved you yesterday, love you still, always have, always will"

-Elaine Davis-

"I saw that you were perfect, and so I loved you. Then I saw that you were not perfect, and I loved you even more"

-Angelita Liam-

"I need you like a heart needs a beat"

-One Republic-

"Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood"

-Oscar Wilde-

"To be your friend was all I ever wanted, to be your lover was all I ever dreamed"

-Valerie Lombardo-

"Thinking of you keeps me awake. Dreaming of you keeps me asleep. Being with you keeps me alive."

-- Unknown

#### -unknown-

"I'll be loving you, always with a love that's true"

-Patsy Cline-

"A man is already halfway in love with any woman who listens to him"

-Brendan Francis-

"Take my hand, take my whole life too. For I can't help falling in love with you"



-Elvis Persley-

"Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."

-Robert A. Heinlein-

Dewmini Rupasinghe & Weruni Wijerathna Class 9



# DIALOGUES Aunty Monica.

# (Ramesh, 2011)

# Let's grow Anthurium flowers.

- 1) Prepare the flowerpots.
- Break the bricks into small pieces for the pots.
- Cut the coconuts into small pieces and put them in the pots.
- Take small Anthurium plants and plant the Anthurium plants between the coconut husks.
- Place the flowerpots in a place where the sunlight does not fall strongly during the dry season.
- 6) Water daily.
- 7) Add fertilizer every week.

Malshi: My rabbit is gone.

Monica: When I looked at the sky yesterday, I saw your rabbit.

. Chamodi: Why does sea water taste salty?

Monica: Because a salt ship capsized.

### G.G.D.N. Gunathilaka

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CLASS 09

. Chamodi: Why does sea water taste salty?

Momca: Because a salt ship capsized.

Akila: Why sometimes the sunshine and the rain are together?

Monica: Because at that time it is the marriage of a fox.

# Mirror Mind

Tharushi: Why do tears taste salty?

Monica: Because we eat food with salt.

Madu: Why is tar black?

Monica: Because they forgot to add food

colouring.

Group 3 members

CLASS 12

"Your mind is everything. Let the mind build up and it will build you up in return."

Me: I can't hold this anymore. This is too

much for me.
Mind: So?

Me: Shall I give everything up?

Mind: Will everything be alright then?

Me: I don't know please help me.

Mind: Forget everything for a while and

listen to me.

Me: Will it help me?

Mind: Definitely. I'm sure this will not

waste your time and instead will be a turning

point.

Me: OK, then.

Mind: Do you know the story of the

Chinese bamboo tree? **Me:** No. What is that?

Mind: Like any plant, the Chinese bamboo tree requires water, soil and sunshine. In the first year there are no visible signs of development. In the second year, it is the same. And in the third and fourth years, there are still no signs of growth. During this time, you will begin to question your effort.

Me: Then?

Mind: Finally, in the fifth year there is growth. The Chinese bamboo tree grows eighty feet in height in just six weeks.

Me: Wow! That's amazing. How is that

possible?

**Mind:** It's simple. Let time rebuild you. And finally, you will be able to find the answers yourself.

"Often signs of progress are slow; but it is worth it, especially if you are patient, you will bloom."

A.D. Dilini Alwis AR/106733 T.G.P.N. Jayawickrama AR/107489 L.D.H. Chamodi Liyanage AR/106695

# **Human relationships and Technology.**

(It is a Sunday. Time 3:00pm. The phones rings. Niresha answers the phone)

Niresha: Hello?

Uma: I want to end my life.

(Uma cuts the line)

Niresha: Hello? Uma!? What? Hello!

(Niresha runs to Uma's room)

**Niresha:** Open the door Uma! Listen to me. Don't do anything mad, please open the door. Uma, please...

(Niresha begins to cry but somehow manages to open the door and sees Uma trying to commit suicide. Niresha slaps Uma).

**Uma:** Why don't you let me do this? I want to die. Don't slap me, I'm sorry.

**Niresha:** I don't want to hear anything from you. Just tell me what happened.

Uma: I broke up with my boyfriend. He told me that he will destroy my entire life using computer technology. So, I decided to end my life. If I don't do this now, my parents will kill me for sure and they will also die.

**Niresha:** Computer technology? You mean AI technology?

Uma: Yes.

(Niresha slaps Uma again)

Uma: Why did you slap me!?

Niresha: You are such an idiot. What nonsense!? How can he do that to you? While I'm still alive, I will never let that kind of thing happen to you. You're my best friend. You're just like a sister to me. How could you even think of dying? If you die, I cannot tolerate it. You know that.

**Uma:** I'm sorry...I'm sorry, Niro.

(They both hug)

Niresha: I told you not to fall in love with him. You never listened to me. If he does something like that, we can take legal action against him. Don't you know about that? He cannot destroy your life using a computer. Your best friend is here, I will never let anything happen to you.

Uma: I'm sorry. I'm really stupid. I never knew you loved me so much. Everyone should have a friend like you. You're God's blessed gift Niro. You're the best thing I have ever got in my university life.

Niresha: Don't fear anything. Computer technology and AI technology are good things until we use it in the wrong way. So be careful when you are using your mobile phone and computer. The world is going to be digitalized. So, we should know how to protect ourselves from this technology. Anyone can use this technology in the wrong way, and they can destroy our lives using a mobile phone. Do you know that?

Uma: What? How is that?

**Niresha:** When we download the app, we allow that app to access everything in our

phone. So unknowingly we let someone live in our house. We call them hackers. So' please be aware when using this technology, because a lot of people like to use it in the wrong way, like your boyfriend. Also, once we know something has happened to us, we can complain about it. So, don't do anything like committing suicide, because we don't have to sacrifice our life for someone else's fault. Our lives have a value, remember that. Now, please sleep and stop thinking about that.

Uma: Thank you so much Niro. Today you saved my life and proved to me that my life has value. We don't have to end our life because of another one's fault. After our death they will happily live, but I will lose my life.

**Niresha:** Wow, you got that my girl. Now, please smile. (*Uma smiles*)

Niresha: That's my girl. If you try to do anything stupid hereafter, I will throw you into the sea.

Uma: Never. I will never give you the chance

**Niresha:** Thank you. Finally, friendship won.

**Uma:** Yeah, I'm so glad I have a friend like you who has knowledge about technology.

(They both smile and hug)

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Class 5

# DEAR STUDENTS OF DELT --FHSS,



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(Zazzle,n.m.)



(Ano,n.m.)

# DEAR STUDENTS,

We express our profound gratitude to you all, for your efforts and for submitting entries for the DELT e-magazine 2023. We deeply appreciate your writing. However, due to lack of space and other reasons, we regret that we were compelled to select and sieve the articles that were published. We have taken the pains to include all your names and details of your entry to encourage you and to motivate you to write more in the future. THANK YOU & GOOD LUCKI KEEP WRITING!

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T.M.J.Chathura	AR 109518	Favourite Recipe	Recipe
H.M.R.S.Bandara	AR 106569	Making A Chicken Curry	Recipe
K.N.C.Kapugedara	AR 106581	Cottapol Sambola	Recipe
Sulakshana Illangasinghe	AR 109157	The Undergraduate	Poetry
	AR 107461	That Summer She Begged For	Poetry
S.M.Rathnayake	AR 107335	This Moment	Poetry

CLASS 05				
NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE	
Kalpana Wijelath	AR 106588	Who Is God	Essay	
M.K.V. Perera	AR 106605	My Goal in Life	Essay	
H.D.K.M. Ingurudalwa	AR 106591	The Happiest Day in My Life	Essay	
R.G.M. Gunasinghe	AR 106621	An Unforgettable Experience	Essay	
E.M. Chathumi Prarthana	AR 106630	An Unforgettable Experience	Essay	

W. Iresha	AR 106664	We Are Helpfully	Poetry
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CLASS 06				
NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE	
J.M.D.M.Jayasundara	AR 106650	My Village	Essay	
D.D.R.Yashoth	AR 106652	My Country Is Sri Lanka	Essay	
W.M.Manamperi	AR 106635	My Future Dreams	Essay	
G.G.K.K.Samarasingha	AR 106653	My Village	Essay	
A.W.A.L.Wishwajith	AR 107367	Sri Lanka	Article	
P.I.S.Preathilaka	AR 106638	My Village	Essay	
Shenali Hiranga	AR 106634	Social Media	Essay	
Bimaya Bandara	AR 106682	Conflict Between Village and City	Essay	
S.H.Senarathna	AR 106669	Rangiri Dambulla Cave Temple	Article	
A.A.Dinusha Harshani	AR 10660	Father's Love	Poetry	
Ushari Imalsha	AR 106665	Dear God	Poetry	
N.M.Manamperi	AR 106635	The Childhood	Poetry	
W.M.Vishmi Sathsarani	AR 106645	To The Powerful Girl	Poetry	
H.E.L.Achini Sithara	AR 106654	Did You Get Your Dream University Life	Poetry	
A.M.R.Sansari	AR 106655	Importance Of Learning English	Essay	
Ninnadi Theekshana	AR 106639	My First Train Journey	Essay	
W.A.M.Imasha Sewwandi	AR 106649	My World Is My Mother	Essay	
V.K.E.Vithanage	AR 106657	Benefits Of Social Media in Education	Essay	
A.C.Weerakkodi	AR 107376	Addiction	Essay	
R.A.K.Sdayewwandi	AR 106674	My Mother	Essay	
E.M.N.S.Ekanayake	AR 106671	The Rainy Day	Essay	
T.G.N.P.Ariyarathne	AR 106666	My Favourite Actor Is Jackson Anthony	Essay	
Sanuri Ishara	AR 106680	Environment	Essay	
A.H.C.Balasooriya	AR 106647	Sigiriya	Article	

CLASS 07			
NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE
Rashmi Raveena	AR 106701	Affection	Poetry
Himaya Jayasuriya	AR 107479		0.553
Piyumi Sansala	AR 109166	Love For the Young Witch	Poetry

Navoda Thisara	AR 109058	A Day in the Spring	Poetry
H.G.Suhardi Chandupama	AR 109171	The Jet-Black Waterfall	Poetry
A.D.A.Athugala	AR 109167	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Book Review
A.A.D.D.Alwis T.G.P.N.Jayawickrama L.D.H.Liyanage	AR 106733 AR 107991 AR 106695	Self-motivation	Dialogue
S.M.K.Illangasinghe	AR 109168	To That One Heart	Poetry
K.B.M.V.M.Sanuli Chama Muhandiram	AR 109163	Soul	Poetry
S.M.C.N.Abesinghe	AR 106706	Mother's Love	Poetry
K.D.Hirunima Senarathna	AR 106727	Mirror	Poetry
T.A.K.Savindi Thalagala	AR 107400	Sky Of Hope	Poetry

CLASS 08			
NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE
(A)	AR 106747	That's Why We Learn English	Poetry
ijej	AR 107474	Broken Heart	Poetry
YES	AR 106765	Waterfall	Poetry
D.M.Irosha	AR 106757	The Queen Who Painted Life	Poetry
80	AR 107407	The Innocence Is Gone	Poetry
Ama Munasinghe	AR 106743	The Unofficial Sponsors of My Daughters	Poetry
H.R.Dasuni Rashmika	AR 106780	<u> </u>	Poetry
(#I	AR 106775	Life	Poetry
Yes	AR 106763	21	Poetry
355	AR 106751	My Favourite Place in Sigiriya	Essay
W.G.Shashini Sewwandi	AR 106746	Healthy Food and Unhealthy Food	Essay
K.H.Y.Hasani	AR 106782	My First Travel Experience by Train	Essay
ē	AR 106760	Travel Guide	Essay
S.R.Dilini Apsara	AR 106736	A Memorable Day in My Life	Essay
U.B.M.N.K.Gunawardhana	AR 106769	Beauty Of Nature	Essay
*	AR 109172	The Importance of the Environment	Essay

CLASS 09				
NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE	
L.K.N. Umayangani	AR/ 106801	Hostel life	Essay	
Weruni Wijerathna	AR/ 106822	My father	One word poem	
Dewmini Rupasinghe	AR/ 106831	His eyes	One word poem	
Sanduni Madusha	AR/ 106814	Friends	Poem	
Inolika Priyamanthi	AR/ 106790	Advantages and disadvantages of internet	Essay	
Inolika Priyamanthi	AR/ 106790	Evening sky (beach)	Poem	
Taniya Thisarani	AR/ 106823	Seethawak Botanical Garden	Essay	
W. M.K. Sathsarani T. H. Lakshani Janeesha Ediriveera	AR/ 106826 AR/106793 AR/ 106809	'Cheese Pasta' Recipes	Recipe	
J. M.M. Dewmini	AR/ 106788	'Dumb heart'	Poem	
N. G. Nisha Kamuduni	AR/ 106832	'The rain'	Poem	
K.Y.N.P. Kumburugamuva	AR/106800	Life	Poem	

J.M. Methma Dewmini	AR/106788	The Heart	Poem
W.G.L.P.S.Rathnapala	AR/106806	Shooting Star	Poem
P.D.K. Anjana Ranga	AR/106812	School Motto	
P.W.D.S.G. Withanage	AR/106820	The Miracle Gate of Opportunity	Poem
K.Y.N.P. Kumburugamuwa	AR/106800	Water	Poem

CLASS 10				
NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE	
<u>- 1</u>	9	An Interesting Place I've Visited	Essay	
Aruni Senevirathne	AR 106845		Poetry	
Chandrasiri Thero	W.	1-23	Quote	
Vineetha Thero	SEE:		Dialogue	

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NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE
R.G.S.S.Kulathunga	AR 106915	Reading	Essay
W.M.Mandira	AR 106888	Importance Of Learning English	Essay
S.E.M.Jayani Nisansala	AR 106902	My Best Friend	Essay
W.Pubudunee Dilanka	AR 106931	Importance Of Reading Books	Essay
K.A.D.Kawindya	AR 106914	My Superhero	Essay
S.V.Jayawardhana	AR 106887	My Hobby	Essay
Rev.Paragoda Sumananda	AR 109508	My Country	Essay
Rev.Karunarathna	AR 109190	The True Friend	Essay
Rev.Lakkhana	AR 109510	Aimed At Adistana	Essay
B.A.Rashini Kaveesha	AR 106928	Environment	Essay
G.Sandunika Nirmali	AR 107395	The Power of Unity	Essay
R.D.Lakshani	AR 109916	Sinharaja Forest	Essay
Navod Pasind	AR 106889	Sri Lankan Tourism Industry	Essay
Himaya Obesekara	AR 106890	The Hope	Essay
Pamodi Nuhansa Wijewickrama	AR 107513	Importance Of Learning English	Essay
A.J.S.Priyangani	AR 106901	The Fox and The Grapes	Essay
W.L.Shehan	AR 106893	Sitar	Essay
Oshani Virangi	AR 107591	Learning Literature	Essay
K.B.Indunil N.Rathnayaka	AR 109191	Clouds	Poetry
S.A.G.Lakshika Sewwandi	AR 106892	I Believe in My Self	Poetry
H.N.Madurika	AR 106933	My Favourite Food	Recipe
E.M.N.Dilhani	AR 106911	To My Friend	E-mail
K.Dhamsarani	AR 106899	To My Friend	E-mail

CLASS 13				
NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE	
Kulani Sathnara	AR 107032	Foods	Essay	
P.K.Y.Devindi	AR 107000	Global Warming	Essay	
P.P.Manurangi	AR 107033	Value Of the Time	Essay	
Y.P.Madushi Panchali	AR 107004	Beautiful Places of Sri Lanka	Essay	
-	AR 107019	Artificial Intelligence	Essay	
Rev.Gathore Indarathana	AR 109526	My university	Essay	
P.K.S.V.Mendis	AR 107005	The Environment	Essay	
W.P.C.Fernando	AR 107006	Importance Of English Language	Essay	
D.M.A.Srimal	AR 106991	Why Are We Having Pets	Essay	
H.W.S.Dasun Sandeepa	AR 109525	My Favourite Sport	Essay	
G.B.L.Buddhika	AR 107022	Importance Of Education	Essay	
<b>1</b>	AR 106994	Importance Of Protecting the Environment	Essay	
H.M.S.D.Senarathna	AR 107009	Importance Of English Language	Essay	
M.R.Janani Raveena	AR 107013	Story Of Our Life	Poetry	
W.M.N.P.Wanasinghe	AR 106997	Sunshine	Poetry	
B.M.A.K.Wijebandara	AR 107008	Dreams	Poetry	
D.M.T.Nethranjalee	AR 107001	Clouds	Poetry	
T.S.Nawarathna	AR 107027	Black Shoes	Poetry	
Sahan Theekshana	AR 106389	Dear Sun	Poetry	
H.P.M.S.Subasinghe	AR 106384	Life	Poetry	
U.L.Ubeywarna	AR 107010	Try And Try One Day You Can Fly	Poetry	
D.M.Dinusha Nethmini	AR 106993	The Mystery	Poetry	
Madhushi Sewwandi Thennakoon	AR 109522		Poetry	
Ama Nethmi	AR 106987	Gonna Miss My Place	Poetry	
Chamathka Keshani	AR 109533	An Unforgettable Scene in My Life	Short Story	
H.P.N.Shehani	AR 106990	Lion And Mouse	Short Story	
Rev.S.Suchiththa	AR 107014	Two Good Friends	Short Story	

CLASS 14				
NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE	
M.P.Supun Lakshitha	AR 109989	My Hero	Essay	
Rev.Saddhajeewa	AR 109786	My Hero	Essay	
Rev.Baddegama Saranasiri	AR 109540	My Village	Essay	
N.V.Janaka Prasad	AR 107044	An Unforgettable Experience	Essay	
W.A.I.K.Wijesooriya	AR 109537	An Unforgettable Experience	Essay	
G.M.Chamika Jeewanthi	AR 107035	An Unforgettable Day	Essay	
H.Thevinka Gunasekara	AR 109539	The Orange Ball	Poetry	
M.I.Oshadha	AR 107510	***	E-mail	

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NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE
M.D.I.M.Bhagya	AR/107124	My Village	Essay
A.D.M.Arachchi	AR/107105	Benefits Of Social Media in Education	Essay
Nimesha Rashmi	AR/107091	Social Media	Essay
Malithi Udeshika	AR/107133	The Most Beautiful Place in Sri	Essay
Tharushi Thikshana	AR/107094	Lanka	
W.S.M.N.I.Wijesundara	AR/107388	Environment	Essay
=	99 <b>4</b> 5	My Pill	Poetry
Shehani Ganthurage	AR/107127	The Silent Streets Have Many Things to Say	Poetry
D.M.P.M.Dasanayaka	AR/107103	Break Up	Poetry
Malithi Maheesha	AR/107112	I Can't See It	Poetry
N.A.Dulmi Narangoda	AR/107109	Speech Star	Poetry
H.H.Dilini Nimasha	AR/107114	Parents	Poetry
J.I.Dinushika	AR/107098	The Beautiful Flower	Poetry
S.M.M.P.Kumarasiri	AR/107130	University	Poetry
N.P.T.T.Wijeythilaka	AR/107108	Life	Poetry
R.Imasha Udayani	AR/107104	A Paradise	Poetry
Divya Nirmani	AR/107490	It Makes Me Cry	Poetry
S.A.W.S.Chamathka	AR/107122	Life Journey	Poetry
S.N.H.B.D.Nethmini	)) <del>=</del> )	Life	Poetry
Dilshan Ranathunga	AR/109991	Kind Ravana	Article
Rev.K.Sumananda	AR/106251	How To Win Always as a Good Person	Article
D.K.Sasindu Jananga	AR/107121 AR/107108	Online Education and Onsite Education	Article

Hamesha	AR/110004	Company City Life with Village Life	Dialogu e
Imashi Sandeepani	%=	The Reality of Love	Dialogu
G.A.Pasandi	AR/107096	3E	Riddle
M.S.F.Nifla	AR/110003	Let's Achieve Our Goals	Quotes
P.C.K.L.Dharmasena	AR/107111	The Little Kitty	Short Story

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NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE
Naduni Chathushka	AR 107137	120	Poem
Sanduni Chanchala	AR 107160		
O.D. Ayesha Tharushi		Graduation	Poem
S.U.J. Nethsarani	AR 107155	Freedom	Poem
Sashini Imasha	AR 107179	Forget Me Not	Poem
S.P.O. Maheshini	AR 107172	Destiny	Poem
O.S.D. Fonseka	AR 107170	Friends	Poem
R.M.U.O. Rathnayaka	AR 107181		30.00
R.M.I.P. Rathnayaka	AR 107171	Flowers	Poem
R.E.U. Gothama	AR 107152	The Moon	Poem
Madusha Lakshan	AR 107168		5-0-0-0-0-0-0
W.A.T. Dinajini	AR 107157	Shining Heart	Poem
R.A.H.M.P. Pabasara	AR 107156	The Father	Poem
Sandali Mishel	AR 107167	Desert Life	Poem
Kavindya Bashini	AR107180		-
I.G.T.K.K. Inikohothenna	AR107144	Favourite Recipe	Recipe
K.U. Dilani Dewindi	AR107169	Yummy Cheese Pasta	Recipe
Himasha Samuduni	AR107174	Favourite Recipe	Recipe
P.A.C.C. Pasyala	AR107162	A Recipe About Jelly Rolls	Recipe
Rashmi Tharaka	AR107146	About An Amazing Movie	Essay
Jayani Nethra	AR107148		1 1550 500 541
J.M.S.Kawshalya Jayasinghe	AR107164	Life	Essay
G.D.H.T. Piyathissa	AR107173	A Brief History of the Temple	Essay
5.		of the Sacred Tooth	358
Dharma Moorthi Thero	AR107135	The Manager I	
N.Kawya Kithmini	AF/21/17828	My Family Is My Everything E	
Dilmi Ishara Elapatha	AR107141	To My Secret Crush Es	
€ <u>-</u> VI	AR107163	Sri Dhalada Perahara Ess	
R.M.K.G. Kularathna	AR107176	Life Journey	Essay
W.A.S. Niwarthna	22 N	An Unforgettable Day in My	Essay
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M.H. Dilshani Kavindya	AF/21/17834	•	Letter
K.W.A.S. Imasha	AR107154	Inside The Home	Dialogue

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NAME	AR NUMBER	TITLE	GENRE
D.M. Dananjayna Sewwandi	AR 106755	My University Life	Essay
Sachini	AR 107460	Damaged Inner Spirit	Essay
I.G. Erandi Thilakshika	AR 106255	My Dream Job	Essay
K. Thihansa Nethmini Perera	AR 106368	A Book I Like Most	Essay
I.P. Randi Nadeesha	AR 107350	My Favourite Book	Essay
B.H.D. Thakshila	AR 106366	My Favourite Place	Essay
M. Kupenthini	AR 107592	Environmental Pollution	Essay
Luxshiya Muhindu	AR 107477	Save Our Environment	Essay
Rashmi Sanjana	AR 106370	Vesak Festival	Essay
Ž.	AR 106280	Lectures Of University	Essay
P.A. Dewmini	AR 110011	An Unforgettable Experience in My Life	Essay
K.U. Amrasinghe	AR 110012	An Unforgettable Experience	Essay
Kalana Dullewa	AR 107580	My Future Plans	Essay
L.G. Samindi Thathsarani	AR 106352	Sri Lankan Culture	Essay
M. Shashimi Nimasha	AR 106363	Poson Poya Day	Essay
S.K. Kavindi	AR 107186	My Favourite Book	Essay
220	AR 106353	Dammapadaya	Essay
\$ <b>2</b>	AR 106356	Dammapadaya	Essay
i <b>⊕</b> i	AR 107194	The Book Which I Have Read	Essay
漢	AR 110013	Innocent Or Evil	Essay
G.M.L.T. Samarakkody	AR 110010	Two Heart Touching Birds	Poetry
H.J. Senarath	AR 110008	The Pride of the Lamp	Short Story
3 <del>1</del> 41	AR 107188	127	
SH2	AR 106359	Maya	Story Short Story
8F)	AR 107184	The Wallet	Short Story

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3	56	AR 107398	Why I Missed English	Essay

-	AR 107362	Merits And Demerits of Online Education	Essay
Jegatheeswaram Menaka	AR 107485	Benefits Of Social Media in Education	Essay
W.C.M.M. Parame	AR 107466	Are Mobile Phones Necessary for Us	Essay
H.R.R. Bandara	AR 107507	My Favourite Place	Essay
A.M. Malsha Paramee	AR 107540	Protect Our Environment	Essay
Eranga Ravihari	AR 107370	Education	Essay
S.W.S. Udayamali	AR 107339	Benefits Of Social Media in Education	Essay
Rev. Mahakurugoda Saddhasara	AR 110648	Our Mother Land	Essay
W.G.M.N. Priyabhanu	AR 107338	Sri Lankan Cycle	Essay
Rev. E. Vijitholoka	AR 106348	Love Is Blind	Essay
J.A.S.B. Ranasinghe	AR 107504	Unforgettable Trip to The Forest	Essay
Sivanesan Sivalaxsi	AR 107365	My Hostel Life in University	Essay
	AR 106373	Sri Lanka	Essay
Rev. Amitha	AR 110019	My Village	Essay
L.M.M.H. Lindara	AR 107392	My First at University	Essay
W.P.A.P.A. Weerasinghe	AR 107383	Atleast We See the Same Sun	Essay
W. Chathumi Madhushani	AR 107501	She Is	Poetry
S.M.N.D. Samarakkodi	AR 107371		Poetry
Madhushika. O.S.	AR 110904	My Lovely Mom	Poetry
G.A. Umayangani	AR 107480	Logical But Magical	Poetry
R.M.N. Dhananjani	-	One Day of David's Diary	Short Story
Meedula Imadoowa	AR 107476	=	Dialogue
Rev. Akiriyankumbura Chandanand	AR 106367	About University Life	Dialogu
<b>%</b>	AR 106379	-	Dialogue
H.D.A.M. Akuramboda	AR 107357	Come On You Guys	Recipe
Rev. K. Piyarathna		-	Letter
Rev. Sunanda	AR 110646	2	Notice

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H.W.Herath Thennakoon	AR 106859	True Love	Poetry	
NE3	AR 107594	Feelings in the night	Poetry	

k.D.Hirunima Senarathna	AR 106727	Mirror	Poetry
K.B.M.V.M.S.C.Muhandiram	AR 109163	The soul	Poetry
R.G.T.S.Ranaweera	AR 109164	Poetry Savage	Poetry
D.G.S.Jayakody	AR 107060	One Way	Poetry
R.P.Y.R.Pathirana	AR 107070	Day-dreams	Poetry
Rashmi Tharaka	AR 107180	Life	Poetry
W.M.C.S.Wanninayaka	AR 106949	in an	
W.A.A.L.P.Karunarathna	AR 106966	The mirror	Poetry
H.K.C.S.Kodithuwakku	AR 106944		
R.M.M.Madhawee	AR 106952	An unforgettable incident in my life	Short Story
H.O.Kaushalya	AR 106754	Honey Pot ants	Essay
(4)	AR 106749		Essay
Risini Kannangara	U.S.		Essay
Thathsaranai piumika	AR 106771	The best day of my life	Essay
R.K.L.A.Liyanage	AR 106677	Environment	Essay
G.Nethmini Pabasara	AR 106643	Beauty of Japan	Essay
t.=i	ii <del>e</del> i	Social Media vs Us	Essay
A.D.Dilini Alwis	AR 106733	*	
T.G.P.N.Jayawickrama	AR 107489	Mirror Mind	Dialogue
L.D.H.Chamodi Liyanage	AR 106695	/c w	
H.D.Tannya Anurangi	AR 107483	Let's make Korean Tteobokki in Sri Lankan style	Food recipe
R.M.H.R.Nawarathna		60 Fr	
V.J.S.I.S.Jayathilaka		500 0	
R.D.S.N.M.Ranasingha	100	How to make	Food recipe
H.A.M.S.Herath		Kollu Kari	
P.Warshawithana			
in the same from a transport contract the same of the	AR 106778	Boss	Drawing
S.H.D.Apsara	AR 106739	Let us make a delicious fried rice	Food recipe
Isuri Anupama Kavindi	AR 106774	Chocolate biscuit pudding	Food recipe
M.H.Dedunu	AR 106582	Unity	Essay
S.H.Sachini	AR 106572	2	Dialogue
M.R.Janani Raveena	AR 107013	Story of our life	Poetry
Imashi Sandeepani	15	The reality of love	Dialogue
Nimesha Rashmi	AR 107091	Social Media	Essay
Hameesha	AR 110004	Comparing city life with village life	Dialogue
Malithi Udeshika	AR 107133	W	Essay

Tharushi Thikshana	AR 107094	The most beautiful place in Sri Lanka	
G.A.Pasandi	AR 107096	Riddle	Poetry
W.S.M.N.I.Wijesundara	AR 107388	Environment	Essay
Rev.K.Sumanananda	AR 106251	How to win always as a good person	Essay
N.A.Dulmi Narangoda	AR 107109	Speech star	Poetry
H.H.Dilini Nimasha	AR 107114	Parents	Poetry
NO.	AR 107098	The beautiful flower	Poetry
S.M.M.P.Kumarasiri	AR 107130	University	Poetry
P.C.L.K.Dharmasena	AR 107111	The little Kitty	Short story
Sasindu Jananga	AR 107121	Online Education and Onsite Education	Essay
N.P.T.T. Wijethilaka	AR 107108	Life	Poetry
R.Imasha Udayangi	AR 107104	A Paradise	Poetry
Divya Nirmani	AR 107490	It makes me crazy	Poetry
M.D.M.Nishadi Samarakoon	AR 107505		Short story
H.N.T.Rathnayake	AR 106455	A dangerous thing	=
A.D.Anjana Nawarathna	AR 106469	My colourful pillow painting	Poetry
Berasha Fernando	AR 110651	Friday	Poetry
Afra Wazeer	AR 107462	Half a heart	Poetry
Rashmi Raveena	AR 106701	Affection	Dootes
Himaya Jayasuriya	AR107479	Affection	Poetry
Piyumi Sansala	AR 109166	Love for the Young Witch	Poetry
K.A.G.A.Bavila	AR 106391	Morning	Poetry
H.K.T.N.Gunasekara	AR 106925	Daily Motivation -	
K.D.M.Piyumini	AR 106895	Life is not an easy thing	Poetry
Amna Azmy	AR 107517	Looking through the pensive	Essay
(A)		Beauty is a pain	Essay
Himaya Obesekara	AR 106890	The hope	Short story
A.J.S.Priyangani	AR 106901	The Fox and the Grapes	Short story
NS.	AR 106918	Positive Impact of Social Media	Essay
S.V.jayawardhana	AR 106887	My hobby	Essay
K.A.D.Kavindya	AR 106914	My super Hero	Essay
S.E.M.Jayani Nisansala	AR 106902	My best friend	Essay
R.G.S.S.Kulathunga	AR 106915	Reading	Essay

H.N.Madurika	AR 106933	Favourite Food recipe	Recipe
Rev.Lakkhana	AR 109510	Aimed at Adistana	Short story
R.Karunarathna Thero	AR 109190	The True Friend	Short story
Rev.Welimada Gnararama	AR 109506	My best friend	Essay
H.P.M.S.Subhasinghe	AR 106384	Life	Poetry
Sahan Theekshana	AR 106389	Dear Sun	Poetry
W.A.S.Niwarthana	( <b>*</b>	An unforgettable day in my life	Essay
O.D.Ayesha Tharushi	N <del>a</del> j	Graduation	Poetry
R.M.K.G.Kularathna	AR 107176	Life Journey	Essay
55	AR 107163	Sri Dalada Perahera	Essay
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