



# Vista

PERCEPTIONS OF YASODARA

The Vision of Yasodara

Self esteemed,  
courageous daughters  
adorned with  
wisdom and good  
qualities who are  
capable of facing  
challenges

First Batch - Second Volume - 2019 October, November, December

Price: 25.00

Telephone:- 033 2222746 Fax:- 033 2222746 Email:- gmydbv@gampahait.sch.lk Website:- www.yasodaradevibalika.edu.lk

## Mini Gardens

There's something magical going on in gardens. Miniature gardens-filled with magic tiny houses, chairs, lawns and ponds. It's a fairy world which you can create in any space you have inside or out. A corner of a flower bed, a tiny area under a tree, a broken flower pot or any small container can be used for a mini garden. These decorative miniature gardens filled with small plants and accessories have been growing in popularity among gardening enthusiasts who do not have the space or the means to have a full sized garden. Although it was started in America, today it has become a trend all over the world.

The concept of mini gardens brings a better solution for the schools which are not spacious enough for gardening. Proudly, the students of Yasodara Devi Balika Maha Vidyalaya have already started feeling the joy of miniature gardening.



A bad workman always blames his tools





## Dear Daughter

Once our Lord Buddha had preached that the person who masters himself through self control and discipline is truly undefeatable.

Self Control is the ability to regulate your emotions, thoughts and behaviour in the face of temptations. It is important to make decisions based on reason, and it helps you to achieve a goal. Lack of self control will compromise your judgement, common sense and confidence. It makes you a failure.

If you are a self controlled person, you have healthy attitudes towards others and you would never try to exploit others in any way. You know your own values and you value, others also. You are firm but gentle with others and you never put yourself or others, down.

Discipline is the practice or training people to obey rules or a code of behaviour. Self discipline is the ability to control yourself and to make yourself work hard or behave in a particular way without needing anyone else to tell you what to do.

Dear daughters, discipline in schools is also very important. There is a set of rules and regulations that remind us of the proper behaviour in the schools. But the most important thing is the self discipline. Many successful people attribute their success to self discipline. As students you may have goals and dreams. But what you always forget is that discipline plays a key role in your way to success, since it extends to your personal life career, life style and even social life. Additionally discipline helps us to command respect from others. However, lack of discipline and self control have become a common social problem today. It has created a lot of conflicts among people. Therefore we must realize that our education becomes incomplete without discipline.

Dear daughters, self control and discipline bring us self confidence leading us towards peace of mind and happiness. Therefore remember, if you are self controlled and practise discipline your self, you will never be a failure.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES



Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.

-Kofi Annan-



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the World

-Nelson Mandela-



Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me.

-Carol Burnett-



One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.

-William Shakespeare-



Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson-



Nothing beats a great smile

-Karl Urban-



Because of your smile, you make life more beautiful.

-Thich Nhat Hanh-



If you have only one smile in you, give it to the people you love

- Maya Angelou-

## THE EDITORIAL BOARD

### THE CHIEF ADVISOR

Mrs. H.M. Gayanie Wathsala  
(The Principal)

### THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Mrs. Champa Ranabahu  
Mrs. Pasanga Sooriyaarachchi  
Mrs. Diksha Dahanayake  
Mrs. Mershi Ranathunga  
Mrs. K.A.R. Siriwardhana  
Mrs. J.A.A. Swarnapali

### THE STUDENT COMMITTEE

W.W.S. Pabodhi Koshila  
Puja Geethanji Jayasuriya  
D. Sakuni Amaya  
A.M.A. Navodya Alagiyawanna

# Time for Interview

What Yasahodaravians gain from the school, is enormous. Therefore "Vista" thought of exploring the different academic sections in the school in order to focus on the service done by them. This interview with the Science Section of the school is the beginning.



**Q :** Madam can you please tell me your name?

**A :** I'm Upani Siriwardana.

**Q :** What's your subject and the section you are working for?

**A :** I'm teaching in A/L Science section and my subject is Chemistry.

**Q :** Who study in this section?

**A :** Those who follow the subjects in A/L science stream, study in this section.

**Q :** what are the different subjects students can learn under the A/L Science stream?

**A :** For A/L Maths students, Combined mathematics and Physics are compulsory while they have to select one subject from Chemistry or ICT. For A/L Bio students Biology and chemistry subjects are compulsory while they have to select one subject from Physics or Agriculture

**Q :** Do you think it is difficult for a student to learn Science for A/L/?

**A :** I can't directly say that it is difficult. Because there are limitations. If that student is bright enough and ready to face the challenge, then it's ok. Actually the three subjects that they have to follow are not easy. If they are capable enough to catch the subject content properly, then they find it easy. It's depend on their dedication and hard work towards learning.

**Q :** Some students think that studying Science in English medium is more difficult. What's your idea?

**A :** That's a good question. For the students who learnt in English medium from grade 6, it's a great opportunity to follow A/L s in English medium. According to my view it is not a difficult task. If they hope to shift to Sinhala medium, then it will become a difficult task. Because you have to be familiar with new terms which will take time. Not only that, if you find any subject area difficult, then you can search through internet and gather information.

**Q :** How does the Science stream help the students to select their future career?

**A :** When we consider the modern world, this is the stream that the students should follow. Because now there's a vast development in Science and technology, which creates a lot of job opportunities.

Development of mathematical concepts helps to solve the problems that the students have to face in future. Logical thinking, decision making ability are some of the important qualities that the students develop when they study in this stream which help them to face the future

challenges.

**Q :** Do you have any special plans to help the students to gain a good result?

**A :** We are already conducting certain projects towards increasing results. A result enhancing project is operating from 12.30 p.m to 2.30 p.m each week day for the students in grade 13, A paper is given from a selected subject area and a discussion is followed. I think it's better to guide students to do more MCQ s. A special project should be implemented for this. A practical session covering all the practicals should be conducted before the students face A / L s . conducting seminars by resource persons will also be a great help for the students to gain a good result.

**Q :** Who help you to achieve the progress of the Science section?

**A :** Special thanks must go to madam principal who always pays special attention for the development of Science section. The main role behind the programme of the Science section is the teachers of the Science section. They work hard to achieve the goal. I would like to inform that last year our science society won the five star rating competition conducted by National, Science Foundation. And also I must remind the Science society is doing a great service in the school with regard to extra curricular work.

**Q :** Do you have any message for the students?

**A :** Dedication and hard work is the main part of

Pabodi Koshila -13/L

I am so lucky to be a Yasodevian. I recieved lot of love, care, supervision from every teacher in the Science section. Eventhough I was the President of the Science Society they made sure my studies weren't disturbed. We had extra classes in the morning and evening 3 times a week and also we had paper discussion in a very organized base. We had our practical session thoroughly and the teachers made sure that all of us witness those practicals. The help I recieved is priceless and they were always there for me when I needed them. Once again I would humbly like to say without the teachers of the Science section, the results I got would be just a dream for me.



G.M. Buddhini Sathindra  
Jayawardhana  
Physical Science 2018  
District rank 59





## William Wordsworth

William Wordsworth was one of the most important figures during the English romantic period. He is considered as a poet of spiritual and epistemological speculation, a poet concerned With the human relationship to nature and a fierce advocate of using the vocabulary and speech patterns of common people in poetry.

### Splendour in the Grass

By William Wordsworth, (1770-1850)

What though the radiance  
which was once so bright  
Be now for ever taken from my sight,  
Though nothing can bring back the hour  
Of splendour in the grass,  
of glory in the flower,  
We will grieve not, rather find  
Strength in what remains behind;  
In the primal sympathy  
Which having been must ever be;  
In the soothing thoughts that spring  
Out of human suffering;  
In the faith that looks through death,  
In years that bring the philosophic mind.



## A day without dew....

There are glimmering tears  
Which fall at midnight  
When the moon tells her fears  
To the stars with little light

'Cause with silent breeze  
Moon feels every beat  
When hearts going to freeze  
Without hope or a heat

'Cause with shivering chill  
She feels every sigh  
Rise without any will  
From hearts going to die

Moon wants to console  
All who want love and care  
Will a day come to the world  
Without dew anywhere?

**Mrs. Sameera Liyanage**  
Deputy Principal

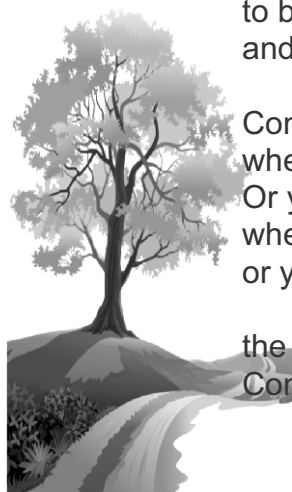
## Healing Forest

come home to the forest  
where time goes slow  
and the breath is smooth  
where thoughts find rest  
and calm comes to nest

come home to the woods  
to be friend with trees  
and listen to the breeze

Come home to the nature  
when your heart is hurting  
Or your soul needs healing  
when something feels wrong  
or you just need a place to belong

the forest awaits for you  
Come home. Be healed.



**D. Sakuni Amaya**  
13-L





## Environmental alarm is ringing

Fairy of the precious mother nature  
 With the streams of fair she mature  
 Sleeps on the greeny bed  
 with the shade of giant trees  
 Sweeten with the perfume of fresh flowers  
 And the song of mischievous bees  
 Glittering of bunches of fruits in the golden strings  
 Dancing with the sweet juice and dew drops  
 With the proud of giant rocky mountains.  
 She lived in prosperity for a longer time  
 But,  
 With the hard reddish beams of wicked sun  
 The flowing bluish streams keep silent forever  
 The giant greeny face for a mortal accident  
 Then, Let's get together to protect our precious nature  
 As our streams of blood.

N.T. Methwari Yenuli Sandinka  
11-G

## A lovely Dream

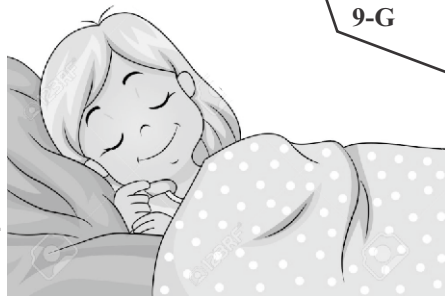
I saw a lovely dream  
 It was a multi coloured carpet  
 Do you believe?  
 I felt like lying on it.

I felt the cold  
 But I forgot the cold  
 Do you know why?  
 My dream was so beautiful.

I saw a bench  
 But nobody was there  
 Do you like to sit there?  
 To enjoy the fragrance.

Suddenly, I heard a voice  
 But I couldn't get my eyes away.  
 Do you know the reason?  
 I wanted to stay there.

Thisumi Jayathilaka  
Grade 8-F



## Father

You are silent  
 Less appreciation of me  
 But I know your love  
 You gave me your blood  
 It is your love  
 You work hard to earn  
 To bring me up,  
 It is your love  
 You have no rest  
 Till you keep me happy  
 It is your love  
 What else a father can do  
 you are the greatest ever  
 I love you father

Ashani Taniya  
Grade 13-C



## Jolly sailor,

I see a jolly sailor,  
 Sailing in the sea  
 He hoists a jolly flag  
 For all others to see.

He sails over the jolly seas  
 He is happy to toss on them.  
 He sings and sings on his sails  
 While the waves wave at him.

Once he sails near the rocks  
 Then he sails near the shore  
 Nobody knows where he sails  
 May be seeking a jolly shore

When he sails in the night  
 He sees stars shining bright  
 Then he rests on his oar  
 Till he sees morning light

Oh, jolly good sailor  
 Sea is rough and deep,  
 I've heard  
 Tell me its true or not  
 You are really jolly good

Dulmini Himanga Gomis  
9-G



## Temptation

Oh my lovely,  
 You lay on,  
 waiting to see me,  
 At early morning,  
 You give me  
 pleasure,  
 Knowledge and  
 confidence  
 I have never  
 experienced,  
 pages and pages,  
 You make me happy....



D.A. Madeera Govindi Dunuarachchi  
Grade 10-G

## Our Mother, Yasodara...

*Let thy ground - have a silver bath  
 At the very beginning of the dawn, while  
 princesses - gather beneath  
 Dual huge Na trees  
 Towers of our memory  
 Yasodara...*

*Time to time, they're breathing  
 Blowing breeze; cooling  
 Scatter the fragrance  
 Along those 'fifty six' foot prints -  
 you've been passing  
 Since a long time*

*Huge Na trees  
 witness thy fragrance  
 witness thy dedication  
 Giving birth to Yashodevianz  
 For thousand, and thousand years  
 Your name will remain here*

*we love thou forever  
 for thou are our Spirit  
 wish thou a long life  
 In this sacred landscape  
 Our mother, Yasodara...*



Ridmani Bhagya 11-F



Sri Lanka is a paradise on earth surrounded by a palm fringed coastline baked to perfection. The secret of Sri Lanka's attraction lies with its people. The spice addicted, cricket crazy, tea drinking people of Sri Lanka are famed for big smiles and a bigger heart. Despite being a relatively small island Sri Lanka is endowed with a diverse collection of landscapes, climate and ethnocultural backgrounds.

Sri Lanka has been mired in ethnic conflicts since the declaration of Sinhala language as the national language of Sri Lanka which privileged the Sinhala Buddhist majority of the country and surfaced extremists island wide. As a nation, we faced a 30 years long civil war with LTTE; a local Tamil extremist organization. Along the way, we lost the Sri Lankan youth in large magnitudes. Just as we recovered from the terror and violence of thirty years it is extremely unfortunate that another group of religious extremists managed to haunt us back to the age of terror.

The co-ordinated bomb blasts on the Easter Sunday which brought death to more than 250 civilians and injured more than 300 were the latest in a long history of ethno-religious tragedies in Sri Lanka. For many, the bomb blasts immediately recalled the ethnic civil war. However, after the reveal of who actually was responsible for this attack, all the accusations were pointed at the local Muslim community. The islandwide investigations that discovered multitudes of sharp knives and swords from Islamic mosques and households made the matters worse.

With the corrupted political background of Sri Lanka the need for the civilians to act and interact with other ethnic groups with respect and unite as one, has become a necessity than ever. If we were to accuse each other, discriminate and spread violence, would it bring back the precious lives we lost last Easter

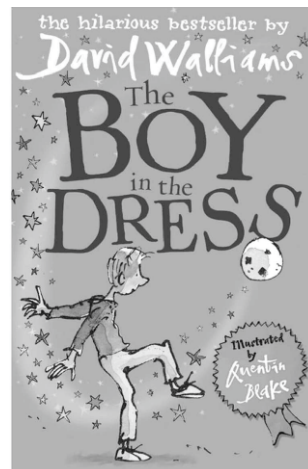
Sunday? Will it bring justice to their untimely deaths? Will it answer the racial conflicts we had for decades? Will we feel better? Well the answer is a big "No"

To keep a fullstop to this national crisis, we must set aside our differences and unite as one. The world is beautiful because of its diversity. Imagine the world in black and white. Boring Isn't it? That's exactly why we are made different from each other. That's why we should learn to respect that diversity. That way we can create a beautiful and a peaceful Sri Lanka for a number of unborn generations ahead.

**Maheesha Jayawardana**  
**Grade -13**

## Book Review

### The Boy in the Dress David Walliams



Dennis seems to be normal but has unusual feelings inside. His desires kept on growing since his mother left them. He has two desires; One is football and second one is dressing with frocks.

Boy in the dress by British author David Walliams shows us the importance of a family unit, and he indirectly says that there is no gender

barrier for our desires. With the humiliation and pleasures of our hearts, we automatically understand how to release our day-to-day pressure by doing what we like.

The novel shows the brotherhood between two brothers, but the elder brother, John previously did not show his love towards his younger brother, Dennis. And also their father didn't show any love towards them. But, finally the family that was broken, is reunited. The author says that's because of football since football is in the blood of English people and Dennis, finds love and new friends and even a nice headmaster and a nice French teacher!

**Lahirunee Hettiarachchi 11-F**



## The hidden beauty of Vesak.



There are three main poya days for a year as, Vesak, Posa and Esala. The most prominent poya day celebrated by Buddhists can be simply introduced as Vesak. Buddhists remark the birth, enlightenment and passing away of Lord Buddha. A significant feature of this festival is all Buddhists decorate their houses, schools, temples and Buddhist institutes with colourful lanterns. Beside the roads there are huge pandals and rotating vesak lanterns. Buddhists all over the world wear white colour representing purity. "Dansa" is another event that shows hospitality of Buddhists. It is opened not only for higher classes but for the people of middle and lower classes.

Various colours of lanterns, light bulbs and oil lamps make that beautiful night illuminate. Full moon also provides his maximum support to light that day. Buddhists also participate in "Bodhi Pujas" and "Mal Pujas." They offer flowers and wish millions of dreams in front of Lord Buddha. They organize special programmes too. Bathing the "Bo tree" with milk at Sri Maha Bodhi and organizing perahera to worship, Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha at Kandy are examples for it.

Monks show the correct path to Nirvana. The bell sound of temples, makes the villagers alive. Buddhists make their stressful minds calm and their lifestyle a better one. They help others believing that they will return whatever they do. Oil lamps, Joss sticks are being blown out showing that people too die. Not only Buddhists but Islamic people, Christians and Hindus too consider this day, as one of the most happiest days. Finally, I would like to point out Buddhism is a philosophy and Lord Buddha is the greatest philosopher

*Sandadeewmi Tharinsa 9-G*



**Dr. C.W.W. Kannangara**

He was the first minister of Education in Sri Lanka. He is called "The Father of the Free Education." He was born on 13th of October 1884. He went to Richmond college. He was a lawyer. He was born in a rural town in

Ambalangoda. As the minister of education he introduced free education to all the students in Sri Lanka. He began central schools. Grade five scholarship was introduced by him. He died on 23rd of September 1969. There are number of schools named after him. He did a very good service to Sri Lankan education.

**M.A. Kaveethma Sammani 7-C**

## Sinharaja Rainforest



Sinharaja Rainforest is a well known rain forest in the world and a very famous tourist destination. It is located in Sabaragamuwa and Southern provinces, and 270 metres above sea level. Its highest point is 1060 metres. Sinharaja has nine hills and Hinipitigala is the tallest one of them.

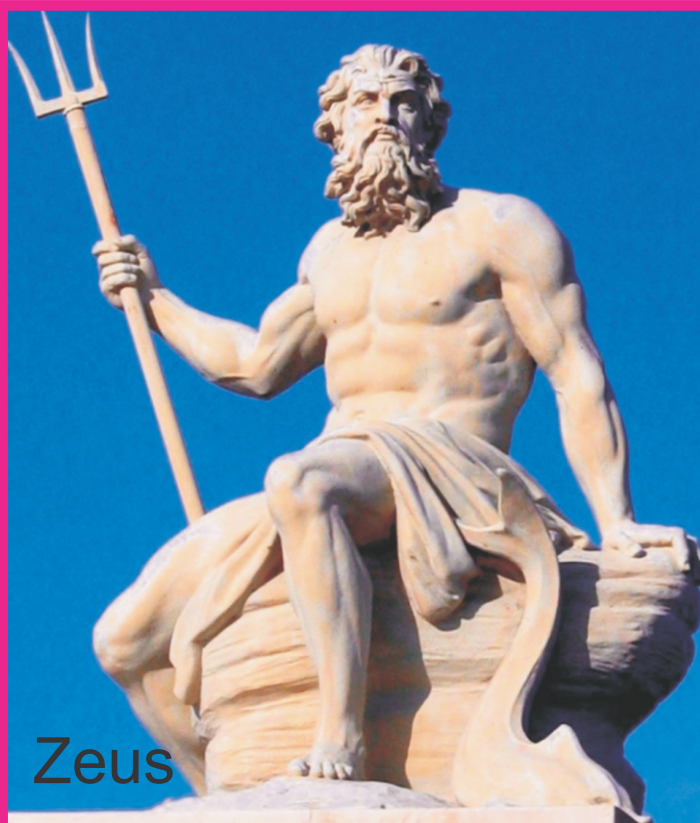
In 1989, UNESCO included this forest in the world heritage list as the first national heritage in Sri Lanka. This forest is a government property and it is maintained by the department of forest conservation. Therefore no one can enter without permission.

Many streams start from the high grounds of Sinharaja and fall into bigger rivers. There is a small waterfall called Duhuveli Ella. Perhaps it is named because of the dust like spray of the water fall. For thousands of years the forest has been providing the protection for different kinds of animals, birds, insects, reptiles, trees and plants. It has been home to the mammals like Purple faced monkey, Wild pigs, Sambar, mouse deer, barking deer. It has been providing protection to 147 species of threatened birds like Blue magpie, the white headed starling, ash headed babbler. Not only that 45 species of reptiles like snakes, lizards and tortoises can be seen in this area.

Sinharaja rainforest is the best place where a cool environment can be experienced, because there are thousands of valuable trees and plants in the forest. Wal del, kela del, Dorana, Godapara, Gal demata, Ginihiriya are few of the endemic trees among them.

As a Sri Lankan, I am really proud of this green land. So, please keep nothing except your foot prints and take nothing except your wonderful memories of Sinharaja Rainforest.

**Umesha Sewmini Perera  
11-C**



Zeus

## Olympian Pantheon

Greek mythology is the body of myths originally told by the ancient Greeks. These stories concern the origin and the nature of the world, the lives and activities of deities, heroes and mythological creatures and the origins and significance of the ancient Greeks' own cult and ritual practices.

In Greek mythology, twelve main gods Zeus, Poseidon, Hera, Hephaestus, Hades, Athena, Artemis, Apollo, Ares, Demeter, Aphrodite and Hermes live on Mount Olympus. So they were called Olympians and Zeus was the king of them. He was the god of the sky and thunder. His symbols include the lightning bolt, the eagle, the bull and the oak tree. Hestia, Hades, Hera, Poseidon, Demeter and Chiron were his siblings. Zeus had the power of controlling the weather. He also had the ability to hurt those who displeased him, by lightning bolts. Zeus had the power to mimic people's voices to sound like anyone. He could also shape shift so that he looked like an animal or a person. If people made him angry, sometimes he would turn them into animals as punishment.

Zeus had a number of children. Some of his children were olympic gods such as Ares, Apollo, Artemis, Athena, Aphrodite, Hermes and Dionysus. He also had some children who were half human and were heroes such as Hercules and Perseus. Other famous children include the Muses, the Graces, and Helen of Troy. Zeus' father Cronus was worried that his children would become too powerful, so he ate his first five children. They didn't die, but couldn't get out of his stomach. When Zeus was born

his mother Rhea hid him from Cronus, so Zeus was raised in the forest by Nymphs. When he grew older he wanted to rescue his siblings. He got a special portion and had Cronus drink it. When Cronus drank it he coughed up his five children.

During the battle with Titans Zeus set the giants and Cyclopes of Earth free to help him fight. They gave the Olympians weapons such as lightning and thunder to Zeus and a powerful trident to Poseidon. The Titans surrendered and Zeus had them locked deep underground. Mother Earth was angry with Zeus for that and she sent the world's most fearsome monster called Typhon to fight the Olympians. Zeus defeated it and trapped him under mount Etha. Thus, Zeus was the most powerful of gods.

In ancient Greece, Zeus was famous for many love affairs. He was married to several goddesses, deities and mortals. But later he married one of his own sisters, Hera, the goddess of marriage and birth. Hera is the wife and sister of Zeus. In images and statues Hera is portrayed as being majestic and solemn. Even before her marriage with Zeus she ruled over the heavens and the Earth. That is why Hera is well known as the "Queen of Heaven" Hera was worshipped in all parts of Greece. Temples were erected in her honour.

However Hera was a jealous wife, since Zeus had several



Hera

affairs with some mortals even after his marriage with Hera. It caused Hera constantly seek for revenge. On the other hand she was well known for punishing offending husbands.

**Mrs. J.A.A. Swarnapali**  
Teacher of English



# Tribute to Friendship

Emily was playing in the back garden with her Favourite doll, Hannah. "Hello, Emily!" called a cheerful voice. It was Sarah, who lived next door. The two girls were best friends. "Can I play with Hannah, too?" asked Sarah, reaching out to pick her up. Emily held on tightly to Hannah. She was a very special doll, and Emily didn't like anybody else to play with her. "Hannah's tired," said Emily. "I think I'll put her to bed. Then I'll come back to play with you."

For the rest of the morning, Emily and Sarah played in Emily's tree house. It was their special hideout, and nobody else was allowed it. They both thought it was great living next door to one another. The next day, both girls got up early and ran down to the front garden. They were very excited.

They were going on holiday together. Every year, they went to the same holiday cottage. Sarah was travelling with Emily's family. That way they could talk to each other on the journey. "Can Hannah sit between us?" Sarah asked Emily as they climbed into the car. "Sorry," said Emily. "Hannah says she wants to sit by the window" And she tucked Hannah safely out of Sarah's reach. At last they arrived at the cottage and the girls raced from room to room checking that nothing had changed since last year. At bedtime, they snuggled down in their cosy beds in the attic. They loved sharing a room on holiday. They stayed awake long after the lights went out, talking and laughing together. This holiday was the best one yet.

One day Sarah rode her bicycle without stabilizers for the first time. The next day Emily did the same. Soon the girls were racing each other "Can we carry on racing each other when we get home?" Sarah asked her mum and dad. Her mom frowned. "Hmmm," she began. "There's something we've been waiting to tell you. We're moving away. Daddy's got a new job, and we've found a wonderful new house." Emily and Sarah couldn't believe



their ears. They wouldn't be neighbours any more! It's not too far. You'll still be able to see Emily at weekends and during holidays," Dad said. "But I don't want to move!" cried Sarah. She threw her arms around Emily. "You won't forget me, will you?" She whispered. Back at home after the holiday, the last days of summer flew by.

One morning that Sarah and her family were due to leave, Emily and her parents came outside to say goodbye. "I've brought you a present to remember me by," said Sarah, handing Emily the gift. Emily ripped off the paper. Nestled inside was a gorgeous golden heart necklace. "It's beautiful!" Emily smiled. Then she rushed inside her house. She came out a minute later carrying Hannah. "Here," she said, putting the doll into Sarah's arms. "Hannah will keep you company until you make friends at your new house." Sarah was speechless. She gave Emily an enormous hug. Emily grinned. "Sharing is really great," she declared "Especially sharing things with your very best friend."

**Anujana Insari Rajakaruna**  
10-G



## RIDDLES

- 1) What word in English language does the following;  
the first two letters signify a male,  
the first three letters signify a female,  
the first four letters signify a great man  
while the entire word signifies a great woman  
what is the word?
- 2) This belongs to you, but everyone else uses it.
- 3) It is an insect, and the first part of  
its name is the name of another insect, what is it?
- 4) What does man love more than life?  
Fear more than death or mortal strife?  
What do the poor have?  
What do the rich require?  
And all men carry to their graves?
- 5) What English word retains the same pronunciation,  
even after you take away four of its five letters?
- 6) Which tree can be carried in your hand?
- 7) I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old  
what am I?
- 8) You can drop me from the tallest building and  
I'll be fine, but if you drop me in water I die what  
am I?
- 9) If you have me, you want to share me. If you  
share me, you haven't got me. what am I?
- 10) Take off my skin, I won't cry, but you will. What am I?
- 11) I always run. but never walk, I sometimes sing but  
cannot talk, No head on which a hat to place, you  
always look me in the face. What am I?

## Punctuation Marks

Correct punctuation helps us to grasp the meaning quickly.

1. Full stop (.)  
*It is used at the end of a sentence and in abbreviations.*  
**Eg-** He is a businessman.
2. Question mark (?)  
*It is used after an interrogative sentence.*  
**Eg -** Where has she gone?
3. Comma (,)  
*It is used to show the difference between two separate ideas or elements.*  
**Eg-** We bought a table, a chair, a bed and a book shelf.
4. Exclamation mark (!)  
*It is used when a person wants to express a sudden out cry or add emphasis.*  
**Eg -** What ! You are here again!
5. Apostrophe (')  
*It is used to show that certain letters have been omitted from a word.*  
**Eg-** That's Ramu's bicycle
6. Inverted comma (".....")  
*It is used at the beginning and end of a quotation or speech.*  
**Eg -** He said, "I heard a cry"
7. Colon (:)  
*It is used to introduce a quotation, an example, a series or an explanation.*  
**Eg -** Our main goal is this: We must develop our country.
8. Semi - Colon (;)  
*It is used to separate two independent clauses.*  
**Eg-** He is a naughty boy; indeed he is never out of trouble.
9. Hyphen (-)  
*sued to join two or more words together in to a compound term.*  
**Eg-** brother - in - law





# Cherish Your Life

Life is a Journey, not a destination. Everyone travels through this journey in their own ways. That journey can make you or break you. You have to choose whether you enjoy or give up on the journey.

We can't enjoy the life while struggling with the fears we have. You make that fear inside your mind because you are too busy with thinking about what you have lost and what the world would think of you. This is your life, don't make it others.' You can think that, what you have lost is a blessing for your journey and make it a strength. Always think about your abilities, don't care about your disabilities. The god has given you this life at least with one ability. So be grateful for what you have gained. You don't want to be perfect for the world, be perfect for yourself.

The happiness gives you a better life, but the happiness doesn't lie on money or success. It lies on gratitude. Through your journey of life don't think that you are alone, always think as 'we'. If you take a deep look in to the world, you will find many people need your help. So, take that opportunity that you will never regret and try to make someone smile. When you make someone's life better, that is the moment you have really lived. You should make your existence useful. Life is not perfect, but it is beautiful. Always cherish what you have and live every moment in your life.

**Dewmini Mandira**  
13-L

## Answers for the riddles

- |              |             |              |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Heroine   | 5. queue    | 9. Secret    |
| 2. Your name | 6. A palm   | 10. An onion |
| 3. Beetle    | 7. a candle | 11. A clock  |
| 4. Nothing   | 8. Paper    |              |

# MIRACLES

"There are two ways to live. You can live as if nothing is a miracle, or you live as if everything is a miracle"

Those are the words of Albert Einstein. It's quite surprising I know, those words coming from one of the great scientists, because miracles and Science hardly go together. But I really believe in this quote, and I try to live as everything is a miracle. I believe that each new day is a miracle. Every sunrise and sunset, every raindrop, every snowflake is a miracle that people don't think of. You may not notice it, but life's small miracles are always happening. We are constantly walking right past them either not knowing or just ignoring them. We take every miracle because, the sun rises every morning. We don't see the magic of a flower blooming because they bloom everyday. We don't hear the robin's sweet song because he sings it every morning. But, just imagine-if the sun stopped rising one day, if the flowers stopped blooming and the robin stops singing. Will the world be beautiful?

We can't even think of such a day, can we? That's why I told you that we take life's miracles for granted. Great things happen to people, and their lives change forever. Lance Armstrong is a famous cyclist who discovered that he had a cancer several years ago. Anyone who has a cancer is deeply affected by it as everything is mostly terminated. Armstrong went to see a doctor with hopes of curing the cancer, but the doctor was almost sure that he would not live through it. But he did not give up. He fought and fought it, and eventually he recovered and won the "Tour de France" several times.

What I'm trying to say here, is that we are so focused on our own lives and getting things done quickly that we totally miss life's little wonders. So the next time when you are hurrying off to somewhere think about taking the long route, slow down a bit and pay attention to life's miracles.

**Puja Jayasuriya**  
13-L



## My Country

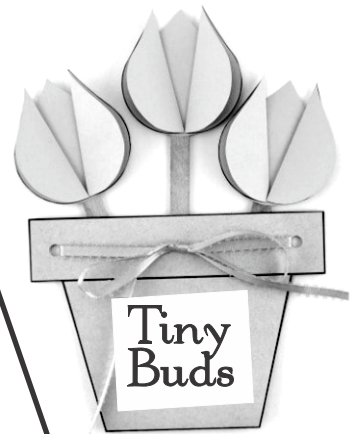
My country is Sri Lanka. It is an island. It is called the "pearl of the Indian Ocean." It has rivers, mountains. We have a hot wet climate. Most of the people are farmers. Our national tree is the Na tree. There are Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims and Burghers. But we all live happily. I am proud to be a Sri Lankan.



R.K. Savini Ramanayake  
5-C

## My hobby

My hobby is reading books. I like to read Wimpy kid books. It is a funny story. It was written by Jeff Kinney. It is the first book in the "Diary of the Wimpy kid" series. The book is about a boy called Greg Haffly. He is the middle boy of his family. Greg and his friend Rowly are funny characters. I like this book very much.



A.M. Desandhi Methuli  
Atapaththu  
6-F



## Vesak Festival

This is a very special festival to Buddhists. It is in May. We make Vesak lanterns. We light colourful buckets. We go to temple and Observe sil. People give "dansas". My favourite festival is Vesak.



W.A. Himasha  
5-A

## My Cat

My pet is a cat. It is brown colour. It has a long tail. It drinks milk. It can't swim. It can't fly. It can run. It can jump. It eats fish. I love my pet.

Anumi Dulsadee  
4-B



## My self

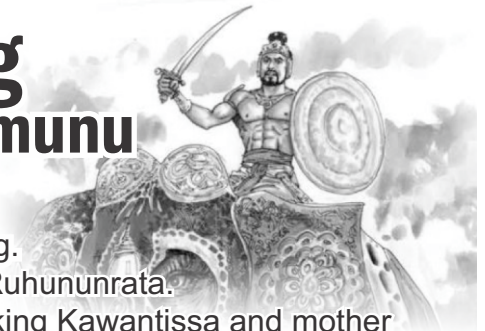


My name is Geethma. I live in Bemmulla. I'm in grade 4-B. My school is Yasodara Devi B.M.V. My hobby is reading. I'm nine years old.

Geethma Ranmali  
Grade 4-B

## King Dutugamunu

Dutugamunu was a great king. He was in the Ruhunurata. His father was king Kawantissa and mother was queen Viharamahadevi. He had only one brother. He was Tissa. Prince Dutugamunu had a religious education. He was very brave in his childhood. He had ten giants. The king built many temples and shrines. Ruwanweliseya, Mirisawetiya and Lovamahapaya were built by the king Dutugemunu. He did a unique service for the country. King Dutugamunu loved his motherland and Buddhism very much.



Methuni Nethulma  
5-C



## My mother

My mother is Savithri. She is 39 years old. She is very clever, and very good. She helps me with my studies. She is very beautiful. She has long hair. She brings me everything I want. I love her very much. She loves me a lot.

Sayumi Chameli  
Grade 5-C



## My Family

We have a big family, consisting of five members. Besides my parents and my self, it also includes my elder sister. We live in our house.

My sister and I go to the same school and she is in the O/L class. The School is close to our house and we walk there every morning. We are like best friends and rarely fight. My sister loves me a lot and so do I.

### My pet

My pet is a puppy. Its name is Rex. It is brown in colour. It has a short tail. Rex likes to drink milk. I play with puppy. I like it very much.

Shanuji Sehansa  
4-B



Sanjalee  
Nawandana  
4-B

## My best friend

My best friend is Nanashi. She is nine years old. She lives in Gampaha. She likes to eat rice. She likes to drink fruit juice. She likes to play badminton. Nanashi has a long hair. She can write nice letters. She can draw nice pictures. She is pretty and kind.

Yenumi Sandilya  
4-C

## My favourite sport

My favourite sport is badminton. It is a very active sport. I play badminton at school. Sometimes I play it with my brothers at home. I get lot of exercise from this game. It keeps me fit. I love this sport.

A.A. Savani Viranga  
5-A

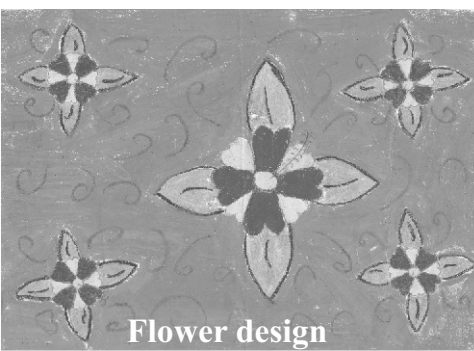
## My house

My house is beautiful. It is big. There are many rooms in it. It is in Udugampola. There are fruit trees around the house. My favourite room is the study room. I love my house so much.

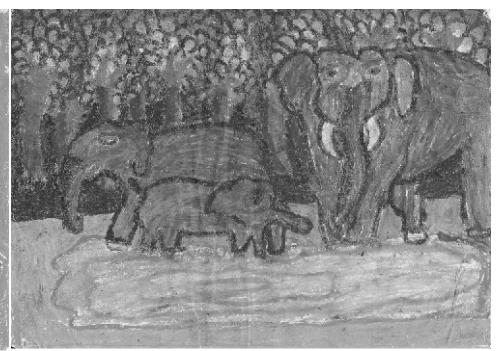
G.G. Osandi Vinudini  
5-A



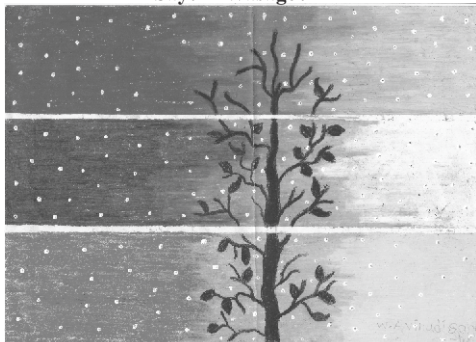
Fish tank  
Sayuni Wasage / 4-A



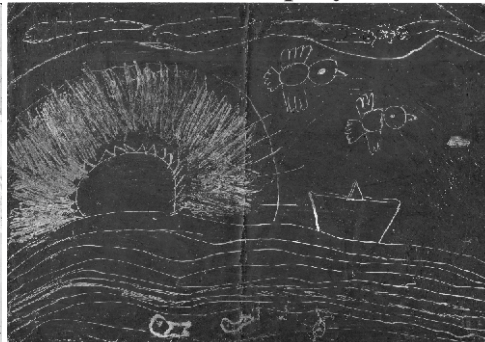
Flower design  
Saneli Naranapitiya / 5-A



Herd of Elephants  
Senudi Suhansa Nissanka / Grade - 5



A tree  
Vinudi Sanara 4-A



The Sea  
K.A. Medinee Dulanthaya 4-C



My Garden  
S.M. Seneesha Sasindi / 4-A



# GRAMMAR LESSON

## LET'S LEARN THE PASSIVE VOICE

The passive voice is used when we are not interested in, or do not know, the doer of the action. Our main interest is in the action itself and the agent often remains unexpected.

Eg: Rubber is produced in Sri Lanka.  
An exhibition will be held at our school next month.

**When converting Active into passive Voice, You should see to the following important points**

- \* When converting Active in to passive Voice, We must see that the tense is not changed.
- \* First, identify the object and start the sentence with it.
- \* Then you should take the appropriate helping verb.
- \* After that take the past participle of the verb.

Active voice			passive voice		
kusum	writes	novels	Novels	are written	by kusum
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
subject (doer)	verb	object	Subject	verb	doer

### Passive Voice - Simple Present Tense

- ★ They sell cars (Active)  
Cars are sold by them. (Passive)
- ★ Brother makes kites (Active)  
Kites are made by brother. (Passive)
- ★ We sweep the classroom. (Active)  
The classroom is swept by us. (Passive)
- ★ People mend the road (Active)  
The road is mended by people. (Passive)
- ★ My friend writes novels. (Active)  
Novels are written by my friend. (Passive)

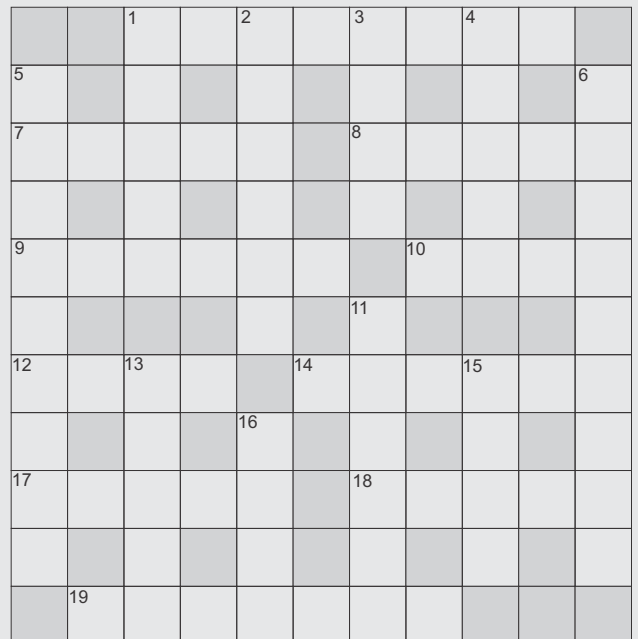
#### Exercise:

change the following sentences from the Active into passive voice

1. People all over the world admire his paintings.  
.....
2. They forbid smoking here.  
.....

## CROSSWORD – NO. 02

Try to complete. This is a good task to improve your vocabulary



### Down

1. A party
2. Next to
3. on
4. You can listen to music using this.
5. An emergency vehicle
6. A racing dog
11. A thing under a cup
13. A unit of length
15. This is chopped for paper making
16. Closed.

### Across

1. A month of the year.
7. Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
8. A command that must be obeyed.
9. Messy
10. Do exactly the same as someone
12. Can be seen in sleeves
14. A sketch in skin
17. Present form of "caught"
18. No dirt.
19. 100 years.

All entries must be given on a post card and certified by a teacher or parent as your own work.

Please enter your full name, Grade, date of birth, home address,

**Closing date 30.11.2019**  
**Please hand over the entries to**  
**Mrs. Champa Ranabahu.**  
**Teacher of English**

3. The Principal supervise their work.  
.....
4. They see me daily.  
.....
5. Someone sweeps the room every morning.  
.....

**Mrs. G.K.A. Chandrarathna**  
**Teacher of English**





# Healthy food



Healthy food does not cause short term or long term health problems to the user. They do not contain much fat, sugar and

artificial flavours. Healthy food includes whole grains, dairy products, fresh fruits, vegetables, green leaves, meat and eggs.

Eating vegetables and fruits in large quantities helps to reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases such as diabetes. They are rich in lots of nutrients such as vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates, fiber, proteins, lipids and iron.

First of all, the healthy food should be well balanced. It is needed to eat vegetables and fruits but also you have to do some physical exercises. We should drink sufficient water. Not only that healthy food should be prepared cleanly. When preparing food, person's hygiene and the place where the food is prepared, should be concerned.

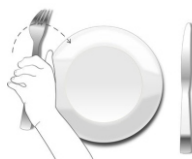
We can grow healthy fruits & vegetables in our home garden. It is a very easy task and it saves our money. We can eat fresh fruits and vegetables without harmful chemicals. Obesity and heart attacks are some of the key defining health issues in present society. Junk food is identified as one of the key cause for obesity and heart attacks as they contain high fat, high sugar, high salt, artificial flavours and colourings. To prevent from these diseases it is our responsibility to eat healthy food and teach others about the importance of eating healthy food.

**Nadini Sandanima**  
Grade 9-F



Sit properly and straight in your chair.

Hold your fork in your left hand, tines downward



Don't talk with your mouthful.

# Doughnuts

Home  
Made



Ingredients,

- ★ 3 cups of plain flour
- ★ 100ml milk
- ★ 1 egg
- ★ 30g butter
- ★ 1¼ tsp yeast
- ★ 4 tbsp sugar
- ★ ¾ tsp salt

Method,

- » Break and pour eggs into a mixing bowl.
- » Beate them well. Add milk and butter. Whisk until butter melts completely. Add yeast, salt, powdered sugar and vanilla essence.
- » Whisk in well for few seconds.
- » Gradually add flour and make the dough stiff and smooth.
- » Cover with a lid and rest it for 15 mins. After 15 minutes dough become soft.
- » Put it on the Volume dust rolling board with little flour. Roll out dough into 1cm thick slab. Cut dough into doughnuts with any round objects.
- » Heat oil in a pan for deep frying on moderate flame.
- » Once the oil is hot, drop doughnuts carefully one by one into oil.
- » Leave them for a minute. When both sides have turn golden brown, remove them onto a tissue paper plate.

**Mrs. W.G. Chandima Kumari**  
Teacher - Home Science Section

## Table Etiquette



Place your napkin on your lap.

Hold your knife in your right hand an inch or two above the plate.



Chew with your mouth closed.



## Great Dinner!



## Seasonal Changes



January is "the month of Janus" The Roman god of beginnings and endings. Janus proceeded over doors and gates-appropriate for the beginning of the year. So it is the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It belongs to the winter season and it is the coldest and the snowiest month of the year. In this time of the year the temperature of the Northern hemisphere is the coldest, and southern hemisphere is the warmest. Animals in cold regions migrate to warm areas or used different methods to overcome the harsh weather. In January, day time is short and night time is longer But the changes such as snowing cannot be seen in the countries closer to the equator.



February, the month of cleansing is derived from Februa, the name of Roman purification festival. It is the second and the shortest month of the year. It's the last month of the winter season in Northern hemisphere and last month of summer in Southern hemisphere. In February, day times are shorter. China celebrates their New Year. February is important for Romans because of the preparations for spring including the festival of purification. In addition to these, many other special things are celebrated in February.



March is named after the god of war and the planet "Mars." March is the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of the year. In March, the beginning of spring and autumn occur in Northern and Southern hemispheres respectively. But Asian countries experience summer in this time of the year. In March the day times and night times are equally long with 12 hours each. March seems to be the beginning of mating of many animals, especially the hares.

**S.K.D. Lihini Warusha**  
12-K