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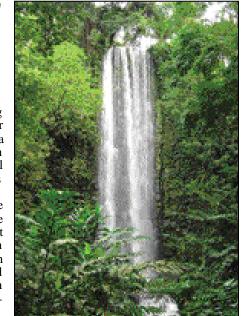
Jurong Falls



n our series famous waterfalls in the world let us focus on the Jurong Falls which is the tallest continuous ly running artificial waterfall in the world, at 30 metres (100 feet) tall. The falls are located within the openaccess Waterfall Aviary at the Jurong Bird Park in Singapore.

Water plunges over the top of a towering cliff at a rate of 140 litres (31 imp gal) per second. The water is recirculated through a meandering stream, that cascades down over a series of levels, creating an ideal environment for water birds, fishes, plants and other lifeforms at the aviary

Designed with a rainforest landscape, the Waterfall Aviary is a 20,000 square metre walk-in aviary, the largest in the world, that houses some 1,500 free-flying birds from 80 African species and 10,000 plants with 125 species of trees, bamboo, palms and ground-cover vegetation. Two observation posts at the top of the waterfall offer visitors panoramic views of the aviary.



Information technology and bus becoming inextricably interwoved think anybody can talk meaningf about one without talking about the other - Bill Gates

Year 2009 - the Year of **English and IT**

Dear Children,

Computers play a vital role in today's fast developing world. English as the link language is important to communicate with the rest of the world. So the declaration by the President that Year 2009 will be the Year of English and Information Technology is very appropriate.

Sri Lanka is hoping to meet the demands of the 21st Century in skills with the expansion of IT related facilities and proficiency in the English language. The projects at the school level which gives young children access to computers and Internet facilities are noteworthy.

Training in IT and teaching English at rural schools is very important for those poor and innocent students will have better job opportunities. Dear Children, please try to make the best use of the facilities given in school and be well equipped with two important skills - English language and IT to face the new challenges posed in life. It is the gateway to success. Bye for now.

Flower Vase

- Aunt Anji

Waterfall



D. R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Children's art exhibition tomorrow

lobal art and creativity is an international art program which is present in 16 countries. Australia, Singapore, Indonesia, India to name a few. The ILDP Academy is the master license holder of the internationally acclaimed art program 'Global art and cre-

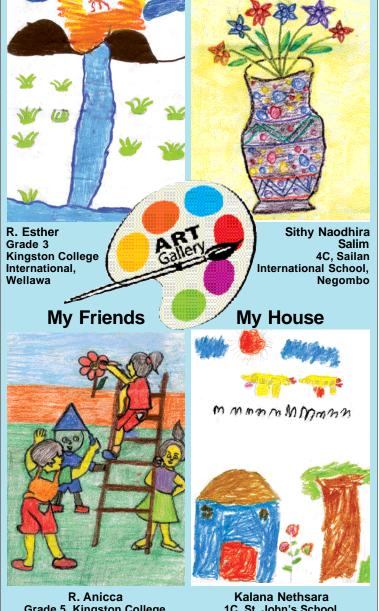
Global art not only teachers drawing and colouring but through its unique methodology unlocks the creativity of the child. Global art appreciation and skill in our stu-

Global art is certified by Lim Kok Wing University Malaysia and UK.

The GAC svllabus is for-

Level 1 to 6 (age 7 and above, Advanced Level 1 to 3 (age 15 and above). Global art students successfully completed the grading exam conducted by Lim Kok Wing in October and the certification ceremony will be held today at the Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7. The Chief Guest will be Buddhika Pathirana, a renowned social worker in Matara, Founder of Samadhi Foundation. Students of Global art have put in a lot of hard work for the past three months and teachers also have instills a higher level of artistic been of immense support to these keen students and they have exhibited their art work at the Lionel Wendt Art Gallery which will be open for the public tomorrow (28) and March 1 between 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

We invite all to believe your eyes mulated as what children aged 4 to 16 can cre-1 to 4 (age 4 giving a free trial class for all the to 7 yrs) children visiting our exhibition.



Grade 5, Kingston College International, Wellawatte

1C, St. John's School **Panadura**

Inter-school Western Band Show

The senior Brass
Band of Pushpadana Girls' NETHIMA 2009 College, Kandy presents Nethima 2009 on March 2 at Dharmaraja Auditorium, Kandy from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Rhythms from;

hara Balika Vidyalaya (Borel la), Ceylinco Sussex College (Kandy), St. Anthony's Col lege (Kandy), Dharmaraja Col lege (Kandy), Kingswood Col

Devi

Vidyalaya (Colombo), Yashod

Balika

Pushpadana Girls' College (Kandy), lege (Kandy), Trinity College (Kandy), Ran Mahamaya College (Kandy), Girls' High abima Royal College (Kandy), Royal Col School (Kandy), St. Anthony's Convent lege (Colombo)

Oh, My friends! You are standing by me When I am feeling sad You encourage me When I lose confidence! You call me to play When I am alone You make me laugh When I am sorrowful

International School

RIMSA FARWIN MEEAD GCE O/L, Kandy Al-Imran

They never ever end. They spread all over the But not empty, With piles and piles of knowledge..., And courage. The thing which refreshes

ourselves, This fills our heart and soul With happy moments.... We won't feel sad, We won't feel odd, When books are with us. We don't need anyone, We can learn alone. Read and read, Throughout the lifetime. We can stand on our own, On our own legs,

I made friends under your shelter, We shouted in your corridors, The laughter, tears, anger and funny things were in it, But the time has come to leave you Alma Mater, And I'm so sad to leave you my dear Alma Mater.

A tribute to Alma Mater

Alma mater, Alma mater,

You're my knowledge master,

And you taught me, how to become an Author,

I scribbled on your doors and windows,

And on your walls,

I scribbled on the teachers books,

And on my friends too.

RANMALEE NANAYAKKARA Grade 7C, Bishop's College

Just look at a book. Just read a book, That's exactly the way...., The way we learn alone. D. W. LILANI ANURUDDHIKA 7G, Sanghamitta Girls'

College, Galle

Maggie's house

Part 25

ingly and soon the rabbits

were very much absorbed

in the tale. Nalaka and

Shamilka had to keep on

out on while Champika's

still for a minute. Mean-

foot of the nearby tree to

reminding Sachi about cer-

tain episodes he had missed

BY UNCLE SACHI AND AUNT RUWI

One of the exhibits

The story so far... Nalaka, Pramodaka, Champika and Chinthaka go on a trip to the woods with their parents for their school holidays. In the middle of the night the children are awakened by a strange noise. On following their dog, Scooby, Chinthaka is snared by the age old spell of the 'luring stones'. Pramodaka departs with "Why are you going to Ruwi, a pixie, to recall a Maggie's house?" Kapu book of spell to cast off the spell while Nalaka, Champika and the dog remain behind with Sachi, a gnome who updates them on the life of mythical creatures. Shamilka, a friend of the mythical creatures joins in and they begin hunting for Pramodaka and Ruwi as there is no

sign of their return. Just as they were coming to terms with the fact that they were lost, six

rabbits scamper along the

Basu scowled but realising that he is outnumbered, he gave in. "I suppose it wouldn't matter if we are just a few minutes late," he said, his scowl deepening as Anu gave a whoop of joy.

"It's only a few minutes, mind you. You know how tough the chief elf can be at times and he has his eyes on all of us at the moment especially him and me," he muttered pointing at Samu.

wanted to know.

"It's a quite a long story...," Sachi began. 'Go on we are all ears... Get it? All ears," Anu interrupted him, grabbing at his long ears before cracking up. Champika frowned not quite getting the joke but the rabbit earned a smile from Nalaka and Shamilka along with a frown from Basu.

take a nap while Basu's "Go on," he said shooting a look at attention was focused elsewhere. "Really! Quite a fascinat-Sachi that said 'we ing tale, I'd say...," Wasu haven't got all day'. Pramu nodded encouragsaid as both Sachi and

Nalaka finished, slightly out of breath. "Fascinating all right, if all of it were true...," Basu muttered almost to himself. Shamilka's sharp ears caught his words and she frowned in annoy-

You think we are making up this tale?," she cried, outraged. "You positively know that uncle Sachi cannot tell a fib and you just stand there..

"I didn't mean it," Basu replied hastily, his face turning slightly pink as Anu started snickering behind his hand.

We would like to help you but only one of us actually knows the area very well. You see, the elf chief pixie camp,

eyes kept wondering to Anu had assigns us to specific areas. I'm in charge of the who couldn't seem to keep while Samu had crept to the Pramu explained. "And I'm with the gnomes," Anu piped up, winking at Sachi. "I do the dwarves errands," Wasu replied, exchanging the satchel

