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**This book is dedicated to.....**

**All my teachers**

**Who tried hard**

**To teach me ...**

**How to read and write**

**In Sinhala and English...**

**And**

**My loving parents**

**Who are always with me....**

## Preface

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognize children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world.

Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers in the field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour.

To continue this effort, we adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenges that will benefit them in the future. The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavour. I commend and applaud all the young authors of these books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task.

I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

I'd also like to thank Mr. Senevirathne Mahalekam for his tremendous support and assistance in initiating this project.

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The principal,  
Mahamaya Girls College – Kandy.  
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Pahandi likes to spend her time in her garden. She walks with her granny every evening. She watches birds and butterflies that come into the garden.



One day she saw a butterfly hanging under a leaf. She went towards it and looked carefully. She saw some tiny eggs under the leaf.

“Granny, what are these under the leaf?”, Pahandi asked Granny.

Granny replied, “These are some eggs laid by an insect.” Pahandi was surprised.



Pahandi was curious about these eggs. So, she watched these eggs carefully every day.

When she went to the garden, instead of tiny eggs she saw some tiny caterpillars moving all over the leaves.

“Now they will eat all the leaves of the tree.”, Granny said. But she didn’t remove them because she knew that Pahandi was observing them.



Gradually, caterpillars grew big by eating leaves of the tree and they moved all over the tree. After a few days, caterpillars were not on the tree. Pahandi was surprised. She saw something like small bags hanging under the leaves.



Granny told Pahandi that the caterpillars made cocoons around them. Pahandi watched with full of wonder. She did it daily but didn't notice any difference on them.

"Granny I think they might be dead." One day Pahandi said sadly.

"Don't worry. Nothing will happen to them. They make themselves beautiful inside the cocoons. Wait and see what will happen in a few days.", Granny consoled her.

A few days later, Pahandi went to the garden with her granny early in the morning. The tree was full of colourful butterflies. She saw that some cocoons had broken.



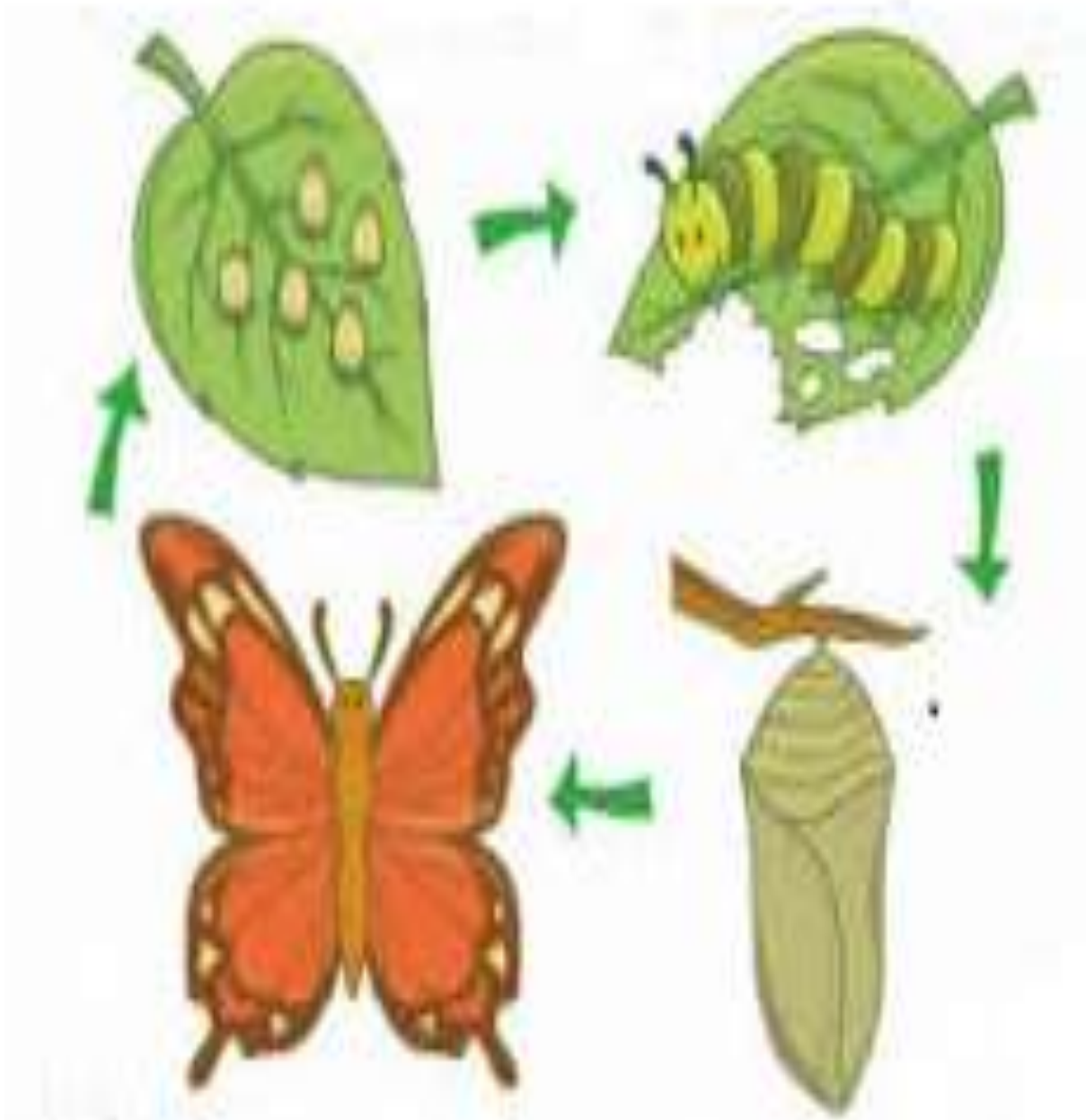
“After making a cocoon inside it, the caterpillar turns into a beautiful butterfly. Then it comes out from the cocoon by breaking it.”, Granny explained to Pahandi.

“I saw you observing them day by day. Now you know the life cycle of a butterfly . You observed and learned it very well.”, Granny admired Pahandi. Pahandi was very happy.



**-The End-**

# Life cycle of a butterfly



## **Afterword**

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