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Preface

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a 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 to field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour.

To continue this effort, we have adopted digital technologies and an e book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with available 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 through out the country who contributed to this endeavor. 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 ,for my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

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Once upon a time there were two little girls. One was Liya. The other was Mariah, and They were both beautiful with black hair and bright eyes. Liya was very kind and she really wanted to become friends with Mariah.



Mariah did not have any friends because everyone thought she was unkind. One day Liya went to Mariah's house to ask if she would like to be her friend.



Mariah Opened the door and greeted Liya.

“Good morning Liya, what brings you to my house?”



“Good morning, Mariah. I am here to ask something from you.”

said Liya.

“What is it?”

asked Mariah.



“Can you be my new best friend?” asked Liya.

“I don’t think so.” said Mariah.

“Why?” asked Liya.

“Well, you are so kind. But everyone thinks that I am bad. I don’t know if you would like me.” said Mariah.



“Oh, I would love to be your friend. We all can be good, if we want to. So, you have a chance to be good. You only have to try.”said Liya.



“Oh, thank you so much Liya. I am so happy to make a new best friend. Let’s be best friends from now!”



They hugged each other happily and promised to always be there for each other. Next day early in the morning Liya came to Mariah's house and knocked on her door.



“Would you like to walk to school with me?”

“Of course, I would love to.”



The two best friends held each other's hands and walked along the beautiful path filled with flowers to school.

They have never felt happier.

Afterword

As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation. The e-book project will enable the students to reach international readers, and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve. I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavors .

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