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**-----My heartfelt dedication To-----**  
My dear Teachers, Children's, Wonderful  
Readers  
And my Loving Parents



## Foreword

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and

Dambadeniya eras stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the

*Mahamaya* as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past *Yatiwara* writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, **Karadana Atthadassi Thero**.

The *Pirivena* student monks have also taken up book writing “**The Herana Gatkarani**” project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and *Pirivena* education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one's innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

Shashikala Senadheera,

Principal,

Mahamaya Girls' Collage, Kandy.

## Foreword

This, my message which I pen with tremendous joy highlights the creativity, hard work, and dedication of the young writers of Greenhill International School. More over this been our very first attempt in publishing a book with writings of our own young authors, permit me to express how proud I am in the accomplishments of the task given to all at Greenhill and my gratitude to teachers, parents, and mentors who supported the project. May I also emphasize the importance of storytelling, self-expression, and the power of words in shaping the future of these budding leaders of tomorrow and the nation at large.

Finally, I encourage readers to appreciate and celebrate the students' voices while inspiring them to continue writing and sharing their ideas.

A special thank you to our librarian Mrs. Hansika Ranaweera and veteran writer and author Mr. Seneviratne Mahalekam for his guidance and support given to make our dream a reality.

"Duty First Pleasure Next"

Dr. Lalith Navaratne

Principle

Greenhill International school kandy



**THE DOG**

**AND THE**

**HAPPY FAMILY**

Once upon a time a young family had a dog. All the members of the family loved him very much. Even the dog was very happy to be a part of that family.

One night after everyone had gone to sleep the dog went to sleep too,



and suddenly the dog heard a sound outside the house. The dog felt that someone was coming without waking up the master. He went to look outside but no one was there,

So he went back to sleep again after a few minutes passed and the dog heard another sound again in the kitchen. It was a thief! He was coming in from the kitchen window. When the dog was going to bark. So,



the thief in order to stop the dog from barking' the thief said " hey dog! See what I have got for you; a juicy piece of

meat I will give it if you don't bark and if you let me in the house.

The dog said to the thief, "I don't need your meat," keep away from this house and my master" and the thief replied to the dog" Oh come one! I will give you two juicy pieces of meat, please don't bark, let me in to the house. A Big juicy piece of meat just waiting for you! The dog replied to the thief, "I don't want your piece of meat, this is my master's house now go away from here or if not, I will bark".

The thief saw the golden watch which the master kept in the kitchen he forgotten to take the watch with him. The thief came into the kitchen to take the watch.



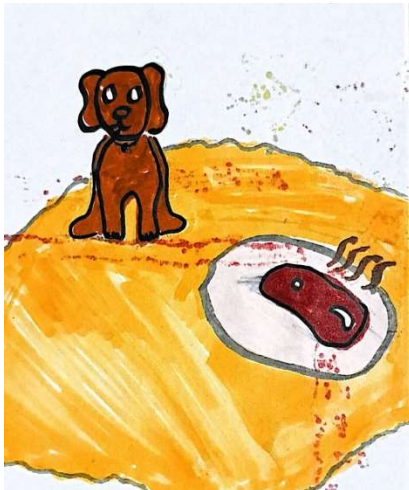
The dog barked and barked' the dog said to the thief, that you should leave from here'

Hearing this sound coming from the kitchen. The dog's master woke up and came down to look at the noise. He came to the kitchen and said What's going on here who is there?"



Hearing the master's voice, the thief ran away from the house while the thief was climbing the

kitchen window the master saw the thief escaping from kitchen window and saw the meat pieces near the kitchen window. The master immediately understood what had happened there and said to the dog,



You are such a good dog that you didn't let the thief' to come into the house even though he offered you some meat.

You are such a good dog. I am so proud of you, my little dog, because of this loyal act I will reward you with a juicier piece of meat. After all the long suggestions the dog and the master went to sleep. When it became morning when everyone woke up, the master told the whole family what happened last night.’ the master said to the dog, ‘If you were not there at that time our valuable would be with the thief.

Like I promised you last night, now I will offer you some meat. The dog was happy and proud of himself.



After some time passes the whole family plan to go on a trip to a big famous urban park with the dog too.



In the park the dog saw the same thief who came to the master's house' and the dog barked at his master. Then the master requested to the nearby police officer and



explained that what had happen that some time back in his house.

The police officer took immediate action and secured the whole park but however the thief escaped from the park.



The watch that the thief stole before fallen down in the park's entrance gate. The dog saw the watch after the thief

escaped. The master of the dog gave the watch to the police station to see the fingerprint [DNA] of the thief. At last, the thief was found, and the thief was arrested.



The dog was happy. The whole family was happy too. And they all lived happily ever after.

**-----The Moral of the Story is-----**

**Do not let others fool the one who takes  
care of you.**

## Afterword



According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education. This time, it is special that the Pirivena student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the Principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country.

To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

Project Founder and Coordinator,

Senevirathne Maha Lekam