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Dedication

This is my second attempt of publishing my creative writing, I would like to thank my loving parents for their priceless assistance, my teachers who advised me and encouraged me, I would like to extend my gratitude to my loving friends at school who appreciated my work and my loving loku amma who assisted me and tolerated me. I owe you all.



Foreword

In an increasingly complex global future, the "Hemamala Upahara" book project, led by Mahamaya Girls' College, stands as a turning point in girls' education. Over a decade, it has successfully nurtured thousands of children to become young authors.

This year, by collaborating with other schools, we aimed to provide students with a wealth of new experiences. The goal was to develop multi-faceted skills, including communication, values, and creative growth. As a result, children have written books that pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic—the supreme symbol of the Buddhist world—to the Hill Country (Kandy).

I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, including the students who contributed their creativity and the teachers who guided them.

Shashikala Senadhira
Principal
Mahamaya Girls' College

Foreword

I am pleased to extend my greetings on the occasion of this e-book project organised by Mahamaya Girls' College Kandy collaborating with our School Library Council.

This initiative reflects the creativity, critical thinking, and enthusiasm of our students. It is encouraging to see young minds engaging in reading, writing, and sharing knowledge through modern digital platforms.

My sincere appreciation goes to the Librarian, Library Council, teachers, and students whose efforts made this publication possible. May this project inspire a continued love for learning and discovery.

A special word of thank you to Mr. Seneviratne Mahalekam for his continuous guidance given to our teachers and students.

Wishing you every success.

Dr. Lalith Navaratne
Principal
Greenhill International School

Congratulatory Message

It is a great honor for me, as the Governor of the Central Province, to send a congratulatory message for the launch of the books created through the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project initiated by Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy.

Education is the fundamental foundation for the progress of society, and it is further strengthened through books and literary creations. It is clearly commendable that students' talents, creativity, and intellectual abilities are emerging through projects such as this.

I believe that this book creation project will provide valuable knowledge and a precious literary contribution not only to the students but to the entire society. Furthermore, I hope that through such efforts, future writers who will bring pride to Sri Lanka will emerge.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and blessings to the Principal, the academic staff, the students, and everyone involved who dedicated themselves to this successful endeavor. I wish this project and the book launch ceremony great success.

Sarath B.S. Abeykoon
Governor, Central Province
Emeritus Professor, University of Peradeniya
2026-05-10

Congratulatory Message

I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, the student daughters, the students of other participating schools, and everyone who dedicated themselves to plan and implement this book publication project. The project was organized under the leadership of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, with the participation of other schools in the Kandy Zone, with the aim of encouraging children toward book creation within the current school system, as a tribute to Hemamala Kumariya who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Sri Lanka.

For several decades, Sri Lanka has been committed to providing free, compulsory, quality, and equitable education to all children, thereby producing a future generation of intelligent and skilled citizens. In such a context, this book creation program for school children helps develop creative ability, critical thinking, and other positive qualities for a balanced and well-rounded personality, and contributes to building a future knowledge-based society.

May all activities of the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project be successful through the blessings of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela
Diyawadana Nilame,
Sri Dalada Maligawa.
2026.05.10.

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01.The arrival of the cousins

Jenny was waiting impatiently until a blue and white minivan appeared in their driveway. She was trying to read a story book to calm her mind. But she couldn't. The reason, it was her birthday, and she was waiting until her cousins Jack, Mary, and Elizabeth, whom they called Eliza, arrived. All of a sudden, she heard a familiar hank from what seemed it came from their driveway.

“It’s them!” She exclaimed as she ran to the door.



Just like Jenny, her cousins were ecstatic to see her, and be reunited again. Everyone was 5 years older than they were at their first outing together.

“Happy Birthday Jen!” They exclaimed.
“Thanks” replied Jenny, come inside.

As they entered, Jenny’s dad, William Watson, was trying to hang the birthday decorations.



“Nice decorations, Mr. Watson” said Jack.

“Why, thank you Jack” he replied. “after all, it’s all for my little girl”

“Dad” said Jenny, Blushing and slightly embarrassed.

“Well,” said Mary “What are going to do today.”

“Yeah,” chimed in Elizabeth “It’s not we visited for nothing”

“She’s got a point” said Jack “I’m a bit bored now”

“Alright, alright let me think” replied Jenny. “Hmm, I know! Let’s all have a picnic! It won’t be far.”

“Wow! Jenny. That’s a brilliant idea!” The three cousins said.

“Well then,” Said Eliza “Let’s get to work”

02.The Picnic

Jenny, Mary, Jack, and Elizabeth got to work. Jenny and Mary were collecting food and baskets. Meanwhile, Jack was searching for a picnic mat and Elizabeth was trying to find a spot for the picnic. Once everything was ready, they began.



“Eliza, this is such a wonderful place to have a picnic!” exclaimed Mary.

“It certainly is!” replied Elizabeth.

“These cakes are delicious!” said Jack.

“Why, thank you Jack. Replied Jenny and Mary.

“Cheers!” They said as they clinked their glasses of orange juice.

“This is the best picnic ever!” said Mary joyfully.

“I think so too!” said Jenny.

“Don’t worry about permission Jenny, I’ve already handled it” said Jack.

“Ah, thank goodness” sighed the three girls.

“But we’re not going to stay here for long” pointed out Jenny.

“So, let’s enjoy the most while we can” added Elizabeth.

They played for what seemed like hours until Jenny’s mom, Melissa Watson, called them to dinner.

“Mom” said Jenny.

“Yes hon?” replied her mother.

“Can we have a picnic like this every year?” asked Jenny.

“Of course, honey,” said her mother “but you’ll have to get good marks this time”

“Ok, mom” replied Jenny.

03.The Birthday

The parents went into their bedrooms to wrap the gifts. The children were sent into Jenny's bedroom to play and not to come out until everything was ready.

"I'm bored" said Mary.

"Me too" added Elizabeth.

"I know" said Jenny. "Let's play snakes and ladders.

And they played. Mary won.

"Hooray!" Exclaimed Mary "I won"

"Good job Mary!" said the others.

Soon everything was ready. Jenny was dressed in a beautiful dress.



“you look stunning, Jenny” said the two girls.
“Thanks” replied Jenny.
Her mom brought the cake and lit the birthday candles.



“Now we shall start” said her mother.
Soon everyone started singing;
“Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear Jenny,
Happy Birthday to you,
Then everyone started clapping.
Jenny blew the candles.



“Did you make a wish” asked her mother.

“Yes” replied Jenny.

“What was it?” inquired her mother

“I wish to have a birthday like this every year” replied Jenny.

“Oh, darling! said her mother while hugging her.

The End.



Afterword

With the approval of the Ministry of Education, this research-based project has empowered thousands of student authors for over ten years. Educationists recognize it as a program that significantly enhances the quality of school education.

In alignment with modern educational reforms, encouraging students to author a research work is a milestone in this journey. In this digital age of "Smart" technology, the modern school must demonstrate through research that books and technology should be used together. This is because the unique joy a child receives from a book cannot be replaced by anything else.

To prevent children from drifting away from books—which remain our primary educational tool and storehouse of human knowledge—Mahamaya Girls' College has spearheaded the "Hemamala Upahara" project for many years. Its primary objectives are to foster academic discipline, promote values, and pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who fulfilled a historic mission to empower women.

We express our gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, alumni of Mahamaya Girls' College, representatives of other schools, the Diyawadana Nilame, and the staff of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for their support.

Seneviratne Mahalekam
(Project Creator)