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I dedicate
this lovely little book
to every child



with a kind heart for animals.



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



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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1. Finding A Pet Kitten

In a very beautiful village, there lived a little girl named Milki. She was the only child in her family. Her mother was a vet and her father was a doctor. Even though Milki did not have a pet, she never troubled her parents about getting one.

One day, when she was returning home, she saw a cute little kitten. It was so completely covered in dirt that it actually looked like a little pig!





After bringing the little kitten home, she gently washed it. At that moment, she realized that it was a very tiny kitten that had not even opened its eyes yet. Since her mother's vet clinic was nearby, she ran fast into the clinic with the little kitten.

After a long checkup, the kitten was declared safe. Her mother gave her a syringe and some medicine. The syringe was to give it some milk, and the medicine was given because the little kitten could get sick from not having a mother.



After feeding it some milk, Milki named the kitten Twinkli, because it rhymed with her own name.



2. Twinkli

Milki spent a lot of time with Twinkli.

Whenever Milki left the house, Twinkli would jump on her to try and stop her. But after a few minutes, she would let her go. Similarly, when Milki returned home, Twinkli would do the exact same thing.

After taking a bath, Milki would take a milk packet and some water, mix them together with a bit of sugar, and give the milk to Twinkli.

After a few years, Twinkli grew up very fast

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3. Lazy cat

One day, when she went to play with her friends, her best friend Nali said, “Twinkli’s tummy is getting a bit big now. You must stop feeding her so much.”



But Milki didn't do exactly what Nali said. Instead, she went and asked her mother. Because Milki's mother wanted to surprise her, she didn't directly explain what was happening. Instead, she told Milki that she must actually give Twinkli a bit more food and milk.

As time passed, Twinkli grew much bigger. However, Milki started to worry and wasn't very happy. Sensing her worry, her father pulled Milki onto his lap and told her to write about Twinkli every day.



This is what she wrote:

1. First day: Twinkli is a bit fat now.



2. Second day: Now Twinkli is way bigger.



3. Third day: Today, she is bigger than a huge bowl!

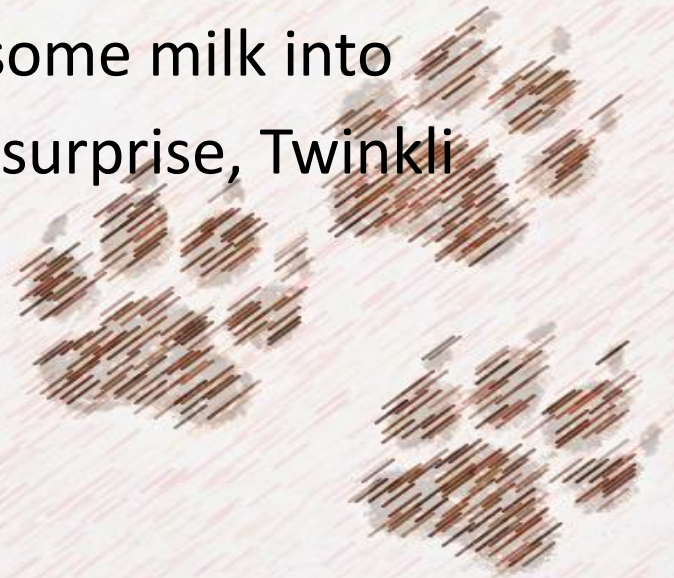


4.Missing Cat

As the days went by, Milki's school holidays began. Milki came home shouting, "IT IS THE HOLIDAYS!" She wanted to go outside and play with her friends and Twinkli.

But this time, Twinkli didn't come out. Milki said, "Oh... you lazy cat!" and went to play with her friends anyway.

Day by day, her birthday grew closer. A few days later, her birthday arrived. But since she had forgotten all about it, she simply woke up and poured some milk into Twinkli's bowl. To her surprise, Twinkli wasn't there.



She told her parents about it. Her father came to help her look for the cat because her mother was busy making a special, secret birthday cake.

When they couldn't find her anywhere, Milki even made a poster:



5.The Best Present Ever

Since her mother was finished making the cake, they all shouted, “SURPRISE!!!”

Milki said, “Oh... I forgot today is my birthday! I just wish Twinkli were here.”

Suddenly, they heard a soft “*meow, meow*” sound coming from the old sofa.

“THE BEST PRESENT EVER!” Milki cried.

There were four little kittens! “Oh... so that’s why her tummy was so big. Now you are a mother, Twinkli! We can name them Floppy, Lovely, Fancy, and Leo.”

Her father smiled and said, “Now we have four birthday kittens and one birthday girl.”

They celebrated the birthday party together and lived happily ever after.





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.

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