

Children's Festival

SATURDAY 30 JANUARY

A whole-day programme includes lunch for the children. The Festival will provide transportation for the 8-14 year olds to and from the Martin Wickremasinghe Folk Museum (Koggala) so parents please drop off and pick up your children on time! (see below). 5-7 year olds will be at the Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel and parents are requested to come directly to the venue. The children's programme is pre-booked as advertised and we regret that, for logistical reasons, we are unable to accommodate walk-up requests to join the programme.

AGE 12-14		AGE 8-11		AGE 5-7	
9.00am	<i>Registration opposite Amangalla.</i>			9.30-10.0am	<i>Registration at Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel.</i>
9.30am	<i>Buses leave for Martin Wickramasinghe's birthplace.</i>				
10.00am	<i>Arrive at Martin Wickramasinghe Museum grounds.</i>			10.00-11.00am	Thumbthing's Going On! Sandhya Rao reads from her stories about thumbprint people and joins you in making pictures with your own thumbs.
10.15am-11am	The True Story Join an interview with the grown-up children of Martin Wickramasinghe about their father, the writer.	10.15-11.30am	Explorers! Use an old map to explore the Martin Wickramasinghe Museum and grounds and uncover a hidden treasure.		11.00-11.30am
11am-1.00pm	An Island of Your Own Set off with a group of adventurers to land on the island, Madol Duwa, on Koggala Lake. Back at the Museum, search for the tools you'd need to survive on a deserted island.	11.30-11.45am	Thirst Quenchers	11.30am-12.45pm	Coconut Crafts Make unexpected things out of coconut shells.
		11.45am-12.45pm	Map Makers! Map your own secret island, inspired by Martin Wickramasinghe's tale of Madol Duwa.	12.45-1.30pm	Lunch
1pm-1.45pm	An alfresco lunch.	12.45-1.30pm	A picnic under the trees.		
1.45-3.00pm	Living by the Sea Writer Sandhya Rao tells you about her award-winning story of an Indian fishing family's experience of the tsunami.	1.30-2.30pm	Kid Detectives Mac Barnett talks to you about being a serious detective, like The Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew.	1.30-2.45pm	A Puppet Carnival Watch and listen as puppets tell you stories.
3pm-4.30pm	Writing Your Own Stories Writer and time-travel expert Mac Barnett gets you started on your own stories.	2.30-4.00pm	Wordsmiths Games with letters and words.	2.45-4.00pm	A Kite Like Keerthihan's Hear the story of <i>Keerthihan's Kite</i> in English, Sinhala and Tamil, and make your own to take home with you.
		4.00-4.30pm	Tea time.	4.00-4.30pm	Tea time.
4.30-5.00 pm	<i>Ride back to Galle.</i>	4.30-5.00pm	<i>Ride back to Galle</i>	4.30pm onwards	Singing End the day in song!
5.00pm	<i>Parents to pick up children from opposite Amangalla.</i>	5.00pm	<i>Parents to pick up children from opposite Amangalla.</i>	5.00pm	<i>Parents to pick up children from Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel.</i>

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SUNDAY 31 JANUARY

The Festival will provide transportation for the 8-14 year olds to and from Sanghamitta Balika Vidyalaya (Galle) so parents please drop off and pick up your children on time! (see below). 5-7 year olds will be at the Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel and parents are requested to come directly to the venue. Lunch is included in the 8-14 year olds' day but the 5-7 year olds' programme ends before lunch today. The children's programme is pre-booked as advertised and we regret that, for logistical reasons, we are unable to accommodate walk-up requests to join the programme.

AGE 12-14		AGE 8-11		AGE 5-7	
9.00-9.30am	<i>Registration (opposite Amangalla).</i>			9.00-9.30am	<i>Registration at Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel</i>
9.30-9.45am	<i>Ride to Sanghamitta Balika Vidyalaya.</i>			9.30-10.15am	Story Time Enjoy a treasure trove of stories from around the world.
10.00-11.00am	Kid Detectives Mac Barnett gets to the bottom of the mystery, with The Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew and you!	10.00-11.00am	My Friend the Sea Sandhya Rao reads you her award-winning story.	10.15-11.15 am	A Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Animals Enjoy activities around Eric Carle's classic and lesser known stories.
11.00-11.15am	Elevenes	11.00-11.20am	Elevenes	11.15-11.45am	Snack Time A Caterpillar's Feast.
11.15am-12.30pm	Gandhi: Look Behind the Legend Indian writer Sandhya Rao shares her insights.	11.20am-12.15pm	A Few of My Favourite Books Children and adults share tantalising glimpses of their favourite books.	11.45am-12.30pm	Rhyme Time Join a parade of poems.
12.30-1.30pm	Word Champagne Have a go at using your word skills!	12.15-1.00pm	A Letter Hunt Go on a treasure hunt for letters and see how well you can turn them into winning words.	12.30-1.30pm	Musical Games Round off with songs and musical activities.
1.30-2.00pm	Picnic Lunch	1.00-1.30pm	Picnic Lunch	1.30pm	<i>Parents to pick up children from Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel.</i>
2.00-3.00pm	Of Cabbages and Kings A lucky dip of literary and other stories.	1.30-3.00pm	Swallows and Amazons Watch the film of a classic story about children, boats and pirates.		
3.00-3.15pm	<i>Ride back to the Fort.</i>	3.00-3.15pm	<i>Ride back to the Fort.</i>		
3.15pm	<i>Parents to pick up children from opposite Amangalla.</i>	3.15pm	<i>Parents to pick up children from opposite Amangalla.</i>		

Our warmest thanks to the staff of Young Minds Pre-school for their contribution to the 5-7 year olds programme this year.