

**Autor:** Jerónimo Tafur Gallego / Ganador Categoría Infantil

**Grado:** 7°A

**Título:** Hijo de la Madre Tierra

“El niño aún sigue pidiendo y orando con pasión por sus sueños. Fue criado con finos frutos, su cama era un bello jardín de flores, su cuerpo lo bañaba el agua de manantial”; eso decía el libro, que el señor le leía a su hijo. - ¿Por qué oras? - Le preguntó Luis, un personaje de la historia al niño que oraba. - ¿Por qué? – respondió el niño – Porque le oro a mi madre, últimamente ha estado muy enferma. Ayer, por ejemplo, la encontré llena de plástico y hoy siento que toce humo. Estoy preocupado. – El niño paró de hablar para limpiarse las lágrimas de la cara – No sé cómo podré ayudarle, pero si hubiese una manera, no sería capaz de hacerlo solo. Te necesito y necesito la ayuda de todos mis hermanos-.

El señor terminó de leer cuando se dio cuenta de que su hijo ya se había dormido.

Temprano, en la mañana, un ruido despertó al señor. Era su hijo escribiendo un cartel. - ¿Qué haces a tan temprana hora? – Le preguntó – Hago un cartel para el niño del cuento. No quiero que sufra más-.

**Autor:** Sara Ruiz Henao / Ganadora Categoría Juvenil

**Grado:** 10°A

**Título:** April

Hace mucho tiempo hubo una mujer de una belleza extraordinaria, la más hermosa de sus siete hermanas, vestida de hermosos y brillantes colores, de personalidad fresca, amable y servicial, que brindaba a sus seres amados lo que necesitaran, quienes en ella encontraban vida y refugio.

Un día dio a luz a sus hijos, quienes, al principio, la adoraban y respetaban por darles todo su amor y cariño, para ellos su madre era lo más hermoso, magnífico y perfecto que existió, existe y existirá. Pero luego, al ir creciendo, comenzaron a creer que ella era su esclava, así que se fueron aprovechando de ella, haciendo su vida miserable y menospreciándola.

A pesar de esto, ella aun les brindaba su protección y cariño, aunque ellos no hicieran más que desgastarla y llevarse su vitalidad. Ahora, gracias a sus desgraciados hijos, esa mujer perdió sus colores y su belleza, y se siente inservible y patética; afortunadamente algunos de sus hijos se han preocupado por el detestable estado de su madre, y han intentado cambiar la mente de sus otros hermanos, gritando a los cuatro vientos: “salven a la madre tierra”.

**Autor:** María Paula Gómez Santa / Segundo lugar categoría Juvenil

**Grado:** 9ºC

**Título:** De pequeñas acciones, un gran cambio

La tarde llegaba y los animales de la selva estaban reunidos ya que querían planear una campaña sobre la protección del medio ambiente en varios lugares del mundo, pues uno de los elefantes había salido de viaje y cuando regresó les contó a todos que el planeta estaba muy deteriorado y que si seguía así pronto moriría. Cuando la reunión estaba por finalizar los animales vieron que hacia ellos se acercaba un gran incendio, todos se miraban sin saber por dónde escapar y gritaban sin consuelo buscando una salida entre las llamas. Nadie sabía qué hacer hasta que un elefante en medio de la desesperación tomó las riendas de la situación e indicó a los de su especie que debían ir hasta un lago cercano y cargar agua en su larga y fuerte trompa para ir apagando las llamas. En sólo unos minutos, se formó una hilera de decenas de elefantes que de repente se convirtieron en los bomberos más eficientes, los orangutanes y otros animales también quisieron ayudar entonces cogieron hojas de palmera para sofocar el fuego, y así mostraron que con pequeñas acciones y trabajo en equipo se logran grandes cambios.

## Ganadores cuento en inglés

**Autor:** Jose Manuel Olivares Montaña / Ganador categoría grados sexto a octavo

**Grado:** 8°C

**Título:** "THE END IS COMING"

Once upon a time in Queens, New York, in a small house there lived a small family (The Bochi), one day Mr.Bochi got up and his wife prepared breakfast, the situation was quiet when an Italian guy broke into the door of the house, that guy was called "Giorno Giovanna", Giorno say... Hey you, old man!

Mr.Bochi... What? who are you?

-Im Giorno Giovanna the protector of earth

-Yeah... Sure, and what do you want?

-A tree pointed this house.

I need your help Mr.Bochi, an asteroid is coming, it's very dangerous

-Wow, how can I help you?

-I'm going to give you super powers

\*Electric noise\*

Mr.Bochi... I feel young but that's all?

-Also you have powers like laser eyes and stopping time, please save the earth, I finally achieved my goal, mother, "arrivederci".

\*Giorno was shot, a bullet broke his spine\*

The guy that was shooting was JoJo, a dark villain that wanted to destroy the earth. JoJo shot another bullet to Mr.Bochi's head but unconsciously Mr.Bochi stopped time and dodged the bullet when it was stopped, after that Mr.Bochi shot a laser to JoJo and killed him.

The asteroid is coming and Mr.Bochi know that, Mr.Bochi try 1000 things to destroy the asteroid but was useless.

Miss Bochi... Come on, you can, love

Mr.Bochi... No, too late, I'm dissapointed Giorno and the earth will be destroyed.

\*The Bochi family are crying\*

Suddenly the earth shot trees and destroyed the asteroid.

Then the Bochi family heard a voice, was the Mother Earth.

Mother Earth... Thanks Bochi, your spirit makes me up, I wish you a good day "Hero".

**Autor:** Daniel Viana Henao / Ganador Categoría Grados Noveno A Undécimo

**Grado:** 10°B

**Título:** A Little Thing Creates Beauty

Big space, a few things, big ideas, a lot of work to do.  
Sometimes, we don't care about the little things, maybe, we think that these things are useless, but that's wrong.

Once upon a time, a little rock called Jhonny, was feeling so bad, because Jhonny was alone, he did not have friends, Jhonny decided to take a trip around the space, Jhonny was floating up in the space, Jhonny was looking around him, what are you looking for? said a little star, when Jhonny looked at the star, he found a beautiful rock, that one was small, smart and tender.

Jhonny went where she was, and he tried to talk to her, and he did it, they were talking about how is feeling alone and another different things.

One month later, Jhonny got married with his favorite rock, Luisa, they were so happy, so they decided to have kids.

Their kids were so happy to be born, they played in the space, some of them were very close, as close as they could, when they opened their eyes, they weren't kids, they were a big and beautiful planet. Their parents were so proud of them, what they did was awesome.

Some years ago, the planet was getting older, it has gotten a lot of changes, for example, it got grass on the dirt, some trees were growing up and some animals were borning.

A few years ago...

The life has begun on Earth, a weird place where their people need to eat, need to love and need to be happy, on Earth everything was love, bit human started to pollute, earthy started to feel sick, some animals who lives on Earth died, trees fell, the water got a dark color and the sky was gray, there was when the humans knew that they were damaging the Earth, they took care about it and they started to clean up their home.

Now Earth is partly a chaos, some people are saving the world while the others are destroying it.

**Autor:** Mateo Pinillos Zapata / Mención especial declarado fuera de concurso

**Grado:** 11°B

**Título:** Chemistry of love

Love can be the worst feeling we can have. Many people could start to miss his rational criterion because of love. When you are in love with someone, you can even die just for this person. Gabriel García Márquez said: "I think there is no greater human misfortune than the inability to love" and that's true, humans come to live just to love and being loved. But in this case, love makes Marcus renounce to all his dreams in just one night, his sanity was replaced by the strong need to satisfy his passions.

Marcus was a young man who lived in a small town very far from the city. He used to live with his mother and with his two brothers, he was the eldest of his brothers. Even though, he was just seventeen years old and he has just finished the preparatory. All his life he has been the best student of the school. That school was the only in the town and there were just two people to teach around fifty students from all ages. Going forward with those conditions was just a dream. Most students that finish school did not leave their town, they continued helping their parents in agricultural tasks. By working the land, the people who lived in that town could get food, so being professional, having a college degree wasn't a requirement. Nevertheless, one year the local government decided to give a scholarship to the best student for each municipality. With that scholarship, students could study in the university they want, the only condition was that the university had to be in the capital of the country. Marcus was the student who won that scholarship in the municipality of Greyabbey.

When he was told, Marcus had a really happy reaction. Finally, he would be able to fulfil his dream about studying chemistry in the University of Greenwich. A week earlier from the day of his departure to London, Marcus was reading in the library of the town. He was really immersed in his chemistry book. He was really anxious about leaving the town and starting to study in the city. When he felt tired, he stood up from his chair and went to save the book on the ledge, he went walking without looking the way because he was still reading the book. Suddenly he bumped into a girl. Both fell to the floor

- Oh, sorry are you okay? –concerned, Marcus asked

- Yeah, that was nothing, don't worry –the girl replied, that girl was very beautiful to Marcus. She had dark hair and thick glasses.

Marcus felt very weird in that moment, he was concerned seeing her eyes, in that moment he forgot about going to London. The girl was looking at Marcus too. Marcus had soft green eyes and blond curly hair. They were looking at each other like for thirty seconds. Both of them stood up at the same time and the girl took the initiative to introduce herself

- My name is Natty, what's yours?
- I'm Marcus, I haven't seen you in this town earlier
- Yeah, I know. I'm new right here. I'm from Wales and my father recently bought a farm here, to start growing some tobacco
- Oh, that's ok! My grandfather used to grow tobacco too
- Really? I think that's the only thing that you can do right here
- Ha! It's true, Greyabbey it's a really small town, this library it's like my movie theatre
- Oh God yes! That is a really big issue so, how can you see movies?
- I do not see movies, the most interesting thing that I do here it's feeding the roosters every morning!

Natty started to laugh very loud and the librarian skulled them

- Natty, we have to go, the library is going to close now
- Yeah, I'm going home right now
- Okay see you later

When Marcus arrived home, he did not stop thinking about the girl he saw in the library. His red and defined lips, his straight hair and his charming smile, he had never seen such a woman in his life. There were few feelings that generated his presence. However, he believed blindly that this was an event that was not going to affect his life in any way and that he would follow his plans without any problem.

It was not in any way that Marcus expected, he was headed back to the library to give his last reading to his precious chemistry books, it was the day of his departure to London and did not want to leave without giving a final round to that place where he lived so many experiences. Although the only thing Marcus did there was read books, he devoured those books with such pleasure that made him travel, know, experiment, laugh, cry and scream. The books were Marcus's life, maybe that's why he developed so many skills despite the bad education he received at his school. Marcus occasionally preferred to escape from class to go to take refuge in a good reading on organic chemistry or a science fiction story. In this case he met Natty at the entrance of the library, he was surprised to see her, he

thought that what he felt that day was only something banal and that it would not transcend any deeper feeling.

- There you are! I was waiting for you, the truth is that I wanted to see you again, you seem very nice! - Natty replied with great enthusiasm
- Wow! Well, I liked you, anyway in this town there is not much more friends you can do - said Marcus raising an eyebrow
- What a cynic you are! - Natty replied between a laugh
- That's right, it is a pity I will not be long here, my train to London leaves at six o'clock and it's already five o'clock
- Seriously? I did not know you were leaving so soon - Natty muttered, looking more worried
- Effectively, tomorrow I will have to present myself to the University of Greenwich to make my scholarship valid, otherwise I would lose it
- Oh wow - when Natty finished the sentence she got a little sad, the truth is that she was very expressive, she looked like a girl
- Why do not you come with me to take my last tour of the library?
- Sounds good to me

They went in together; Marcus began to tell him eloquently all the things he used to do there and he made a recount on some of the works he had read and had most impressed him. Natty did not hear anything of what he was saying, she just stared at him in awe and focused her gaze especially on his lips. Marcus realized he was talking almost alone, but he just wanted to have Natty's company at that moment so important to him. He continued with his speech and this time Natty paid attention to him and did not stop asking him questions. Both were beginning to feel satisfied with each other's presence, Marcus even forgot that he had to board the train. Marcus unconsciously looked at his watch, ten minutes to six.

- Damn I'll lose my train! - Marcus shouted

He began to run in a hurry, the station was not far from there, he could arrive in time if he took a good step. He had already advanced a few meters when he realized that he had forgotten one of his suitcases, fortunately Natty noticed in time and ran after him to return it.

- You just saved my life Natty, give it to me please, I only have three minutes to board - Marcus gasped, his forehead was beaded with sweat



- I can not do it - Natty replied, tears were coming from her eyes
- Why not? Give it to me! I will lose my future, my life project!
- I can not let you go, I really feel that I love you! Do not leave me here so alone, you know that in this town there are few friends to make, you yourself have said ...

Natty was only justifying herself uselessly, Marcus also had tears coming, he approached her and kissed her passionately. That was when Marcus understood that the only chemistry, he was going to study was the chemistry of love, the train left and they continued to hold each other. Marcus lost everything, with that train his goals, his dreams, his previous illusions were gone, but he was sure that with Natty he would have everything, she had become his highest goal and he would be able to face the next difficulties that they would come to him, he would do everything for her. However, Marcus was not aware of the long path of suffering that awaited him to sustain that love, but that did not matter at this time. Natty also went and packed her bags. They escaped together and were never seen again by Greyabbey