



BSS

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EDEXCEL AWARDS NIGHT

Pearson Edexcel High Achievers' Awards
At the Pearson Edexcel High Achievers' Awards held on the 21st of November at the BMICH, we are proud to announce that our students were recognised for their exceptional performances at the IGCSE May/June Examination.
Sakina Mansoorally won the GRADE AWARD FOR 7 A*s
Rukkaiya Hussain won the HIGHEST MARK IN THE WORLD FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE
We congratulate them on their achievements and the glory they have brought to our school.



NATIONAL BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The All Island National Business Challenge, on the 1st of October, was conducted by the Mercury Institute, at which Burhani Serendib School was represented by 2 teams. Over 100 teams participated and we are very proud to note that both teams advanced to the TOP 25 teams.
Further, Team A reached the TOP 10 and was placed 4TH in the overall Championship.



IMPROMPTU SPEECH COMPETITION

The Colombo South International College had organised a Commerce Day, on the 25th of October, at which there was an Impromptu Speech Competition on the topic of 'Artificial Intelligence and The Sri Lankan Economy'.
We are happy to announce that our participating students **Zenab Zoeb** and **Aarefa Hussain** were placed 1st and 2nd respectively. Congratulations to them!



PRIZE-GIVING 2018

The Prize Giving is one of the most important events in the School's calendar, celebrating Academic success. The Prize Giving of Burhani Serendib School for the Academic Year 2017/18 was held on the 13th of October 2018 at the Defence Services College Auditorium.

The occasion was graced by Guest of Honour Respected Janab Amil Saheb Khuzema Bhai Saheb Ismail Bhai Saheb Rashid and Chief Guest Mr. Suriya Bibile, the Territory Manager for Sri Lanka and the Maldives of Pearson Education.

Not only were the students awarded for their academic excellence but they also showcased their acting prowess in the entertainment for the evening.

The students in the Junior section portrayed the power of hope and gratitude through the Roald Dahl Classic – 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory' while the Seniors performed 'The Dear Departed' by Stanley Houghton where the audience was shown the chaos that the greed for wealth can create.

Overall, it was an eventful evening which was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended. This event additionally brought great pride to all Burhanians and renewed optimism for the Academic Year ahead.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

As the course of the term passed by, the following classes had presented the following assemblies.

Upper 6- Gratitude

Lower 6- Healthy Competition & Self Improvement

Form 5- Ice cream

Form 4- YOU

Primary 3A- Good Deeds

Primary 3B- Generation Gap

Overall all the assemblies performed exceptionally well, and successfully presented their message to the audience through their skills and talents.



TEACHERS DAY

Teacher's Day programme was held on the 5th of October 2018 to appreciate and acknowledge the important roles teachers play in the development of the students and society and also, the extreme dedication and hard work they put in to shape our minds to help us become better individuals.

The event involved many interactive sessions, challenges and fun activities with the teachers that allowed them to relax for a while: one of them being, the acting out of a famous scene but with a twist to it that made all of us have a good laugh. The event ended and the teachers were given refreshments and token of appreciation to thank them for the love and care they've always showered on us and for the lessons they've imparted to us.

All in all, the programme was a success as the happiness of the teachers was communicated to us by their beaming smiles which made our goal complete.

KNOWLEDGE IS A NOBLE LEGACY

PREFECTS' INVESTITURE CEREMONY

This year the theme for the Annual Prefects' Investiture Ceremony 2018/19 was: "Candles- consuming oneself to give out light" which symbolized the burning passion and the bright minds of the Prefects' to serve the school and lead the student body towards the better.

The Head Prefects' were introduced by the outgoing Head Prefect Nafisa Zoeb and were badged by the Principal and Mrs Khatoon Ismailjee. The agenda that followed consisted of the Head Prefects' speech, the badging of prefects; the Prefects' Oath; the singing of the Prefects' Song and the address by the Principal.



HEAD BOY- MUSTAFA KAJDJOHAR HEAD GIRL- ZENAB ZOEB

SENIOR PREFECTS-

- MOHAMMED FIROZ
- ABBAS FAKHRUDDIN
- RUQAIYA KUTUBDEEN
- RADIYA ABID
- ABBAS ALIAKBER
- KHADIJA JOHAR
- ALAQMAR HUSSAIN
- RUQAIYA MURTAZA
- AAREFA HUSSAIN
- SAKINA MANSOORALLY
- ZAINAB FIROZ
- SAKINA HUZEFA TAHERALLY

SUB PREFECTS-

- HUZEFA MURTAZA
- RUQAIYA SHABBIR
- RASHIDA MUFADDAL
- HUSSAIN MOHAMMED
- HAKKIMUDDIN KUTUBDEEN
- SAKINA SHABBIR
- RABBAB FARASDAQ
- SARA JUZER

JUNIOR PREFECTS-

- AAREFA ALIASGER
- AAREFA MURTAZA



SPORTS' INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Sports and House Captains for the Year 2018/19 were badged on the 23rd October.2018 during the special assembly.

The Sports captains, house captains and vice captains were badged by Mr Juzer Noordeen and Miss Shyama Cooray.

SPORTS CAPTAINS

**GAMES CAPTAIN – MOHAMMED FIROZ
YAKUTA DAWOOD**

**DEPUTY GAMES CAPTAIN – ABBAS FAKHRUDDIN
ARWA ZOEB**



SWIMMING MEET

It was a day showcasing great skill, style, speed and sportsmanship by the students of all 3 houses.

A grand total of 51 events were held under all age groups, with over 75% of students participating in these events.

This year, the introduction of Parents' events, for both mothers and fathers, brought about an extra element of fun and thrill.

Several exceptional swimmers were given accolades and recognized as champions in their various age groups, bringing great pride and glory to their houses and the school.

As the day and events drew to a close, the much-awaited final results were announced-

Swimming Meet Runners Up- **Najmi House**
 Champions for the Year 2018/19- **SAIFEE House.**

BSS is proud to host such events which glorify our school and bring out the sportsmanship of our students.



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The spirit of sportsmanship in the Interhouse Basketball Tournament was undeniable in the atmosphere as players of all three houses went head-on for the ball to score for their team. But as they say, there can only be one winner, hence the Champions who took the Intermediate Basketball trophy home was **Najmi House** and the Seniors Trophy was taken home by **Imadi House** for the second time in a row.



CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The Cricket Tournament was held on the 3rd of November. All set for the matches, the three teams gave there 100% on the field. Unfortunately, due to the weather condition, the Finals had to be postponed to the 13th of December. **Najmi** emerged as Champions for the junior category and Intermediate Category whilst **Imadi** House took the Seniors trophy Home.

Preparing For The Sportsmeet- ATHLETIC COACHING CAMP

An athletic coaching camp was held for the students of Burhani Serendib School on the 6th of December. It was held at Shalika grounds, conducted by professionals Ms. Patrishiya Clement, Ms. Apsara Thennakon and Mr. Ravi Jayasooriya. Only a week away from the Sports Meet it was a much needed session.



ANNUAL SPORTSMEET 2018/19

The much anticipated Annual Sportsmeet for the year 2018/19 was held on the 15th of December 2018 with great zeal, excitement and frolicsome atmosphere.

It commenced with the lighting of the Olympic torch by the games captain and the respective house captains. An enlightening speech on the importance of physical training and sports, and how it plays a major role in the day-to-day discipline of one's self by the Chief Guest, Miss Deshbandu Thilaka Jinadasa, who is the first female Olympian in SL. The highlights of the day were:

- ✓ A delightful and entertaining obstacle race by preschool
- ✓ An energetic karate performance
- ✓ Relays and tug of war where the true spirit of sportsmanship was witnessed on participants
- ✓ Parents, Past Pupils and Staff race.

Overall, it was a definite success with a compelling atmosphere filled by the ceaseless cheering from houses as well as the parents.

This annual meet was concluded with the March past and declaring of the years emerging champions- **Saifee House**- followed by **Najmi House** who were the runners up.



KARATE TOURNAMENT 2018

Burhani Serendib School has been extremely privileged to introduce karate during the last few years.

With immense enthusiasm and training from qualified coaches, the students have been able to learn, remarkably improve and confidently partake in Karate Tournaments.

For the third consecutive year our students have performed exceptionally well at the 9th International Schools Karate Tournament 2018.

We had 20 participants taking part for Kata Boys/Girls and Kumite Boys/Girls events.

We are hoping to have higher achievements in the upcoming years and hope that all students attain the highest belt during their time at Burhani and be the pride of our school.

The entire staff of BSS is proud to have such talented students who have added glory to Burhani!



Mohammed Firoz won a Silver Medal for Kumite Boys and Bronze Medal for Kata Boys (Under 20).



Mustafa Zoeb won a Bronze Medal for Under 14 Kata Boys



Taha Idris won a Silver Medal for Under 13 Kata Boys



Hussaina Firoz won a Bronze Medal for Under 11 Kumite Girls



**THE SPORTSMAN WITHIN YOU
IRON MAN- HASSAN ESUFALLY**
It was a pleasure for Burhani to have Hassan Esufally as a guest speaker to enlighten the students on the sportsmanship within everyone of us.
The students were greatly impressed and inspired by Hassan's determination to push boundaries and achieve higher goals, teaching all of us a very significant lesson- that we can set to do whatever we want to if we have the motivation, courage and a positive mindset.



YOUNG CREATIVES CLUB

Burhani Serendib School is proud to announce that a Young Creatives Club was launched in school on Monday, the 5th of November 2018. The initiative is in partnership with the Academy of Design (AOD) Sri Lanka, which has several such clubs in schools across the Nation. The Launch consisted of AOD pitching the club to the Senior Students as well as the official badging of the incoming Board, including Charter President Zenab Zoeb. The club will carry out a variety of activities which focus on serving the school and community through creative design; as well as a series of workshops designed to stimulate the brain and develop essential 21st century skills. Various facets of Design such as fabric and textile design, interior and product design as well as visual communication and motion graphics will be explored; all leading to a more creatively endowed future generation.



ICT & MEDIA SOCIETY

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. The very first investiture ceremony of the Ict & Media Society in the history of BSS was held on 28th November 2018 at the Qutbi Hall. It commenced with the induction of the President- Arwa Zoeb, followed by the badging of the executive committee members. A brief report of the society's performance and upcoming plan were spoken by the Secretary- Sakina Huzefa. The main objectives of the society include the management of the school website and other social media accounts and as organizing workshops in the upcoming months to develop ICT skills.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-
PRESIDENT- ARWA ZOEB
VICE PRESIDENT- ABBAS
FAKHRUDDIN
SECRETARY- SAKINA HUZEFA
TREASURER- ABBAS ALIAKBER
EDITOR-HUZEFA MURTAZA



MAKE A WISH- RAFFLE DRAW

In Celebration of Zikra Milad Mubarak of Syedna Mohammad Burhanuddin(RA) and Milad Mubarak of Syedna Muffadal Saifuddin(TUS) the Parents' Teachers Association of BSS conducted the "Make A Wish" raffle draw during the school assembly on the 30th of November which brought with it a lot of happiness for the students of Burhani Serendib School. Among the grand prizes was a Jetwing Water Sports package, a MI band and a drone! The prizes were awarded to the winners at the milad darees programme held on the 6th of December.



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MILAD DAREES PROGRAMME

In celebration of the Milad Mubarak of Aqa Moula Dr. Syedna Mohommed Burhanuddin (R.A) and Dr. Syedna Aali Mufaddal Saifuddin Moula (T.U.S), Burhani Serendib school and Madrasa E Noor hosted their annual Darees on the 6th of December this year. The distribution of the Make a Wish raffle draw gifts had the little kids bubbly whilst the quiz competition had the Seniors on their toes. Team Zi Jiblah emerged as champions for the quiz competition and the event came to an end with the recital of a Madhe by our pre primary students and of course, a wonderful meal.



MISR TOUR

A trip to Cairo, Egypt was organized for the students of Primary 4 upwards and the students of Madrasa e Noor. The students departed on the 18th of December 2018 and safely landed back on the 26th of December. This trip consisted of numerous experiences for the children which will treasure their thoughts for a lifetime. Some of the experiences include:

- Ziyarat mubarak of Rasul Hussain(AS), Moulatena Zainab(AS), Moulatena Nafisa(AS) and Moulatena Ruqaiya(AS) in Misr
- Ziyarat Mubarak of Moulana MalekulAshtar (AS) in Marj
- A visit to the Islamic Art Museum
- Visit to the great Pyramids of Giza
- Light and sound show
- Ski Egypt
- A day trip to Alexandria where the students performed ziyarat of Daniyal Nabi and Luqman Nabi
- Open safari
- A picturesque sail along the River Nile
- Visit to the Hubba Hubba pulse factory

A lot of positive responses and feedback were received from the parents and the students, who have undoubtedly gained a lot of knowledge and experience as part of this journey. We hope to continue organizing more trips like these which benefit the students in a lot of ways with the Dua Mubarak of our Moula TUS InshaAllah.



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LIFE SKILLS

Life Skills are a pivotal and focal segment of a child's education. It has been thoroughly argued that academic education without providing adequate life skills is not preparing them for forth-coming challenges of life. Burhani Serendib School has initiated this and are conducting life skills lessons every month. Students have done various tasks in the months of October and November.



PRE SCHOOL NEWS

Little chefs at work
 TOSS! POP! CRUNCH! MUNCH!
 Kids get creative while cooking!
 Our preschool kids were busy cooking and were enjoying their cookery day, also learning good eating habits.
 Cooking was great fun for the kids in aprons and chef's toques.
 Lower nursery making mini burgers
 Upper nursery's yummy spring rolls and pancakes.
 KG's pinwheel sandwiches
 30th November water day
 Splashing wading and paddling- it must mean a great day in the water.
 What could be a better day than a dip in the pool and fun in the sun?
 Playing water games was great fun for the kids in the pool and was a real treat on a hot day. What fun did the kids have splishing and splashing water



INTERACT CLUB ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL INSTALLATION CEREMONY 2018/19!

The 23rd Annual Installation Ceremony for the years 2018/19 was a fusion of service and culture. The theme of the ceremony was Michael Jackson's evergreen hit "we are the world, we are the children". Carrying forward a legacy left behind by the legend himself.

the ceremony was graced by the dignitaries, principal sir, teachers, parents, and interactors from both national and international schools.

Huzefa Murtaza was badged as the upcoming president for the year 2018/19, followed by the badging of his board members.

YOUTH 2K18- A RACE THROUGH THE ELEMENTS!

Youth is a signature project of the Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School and comprises of an orientation followed by a quest. Youth is organised on an annual basis, however, this year the organising committee chose the four elements, namely, fire, air, water and earth to be the official theme of the project.

Instagram-famous Miss Nabeel Yaseen was invited as a guest speaker to impart valuable knowledge on how to prevent sexual harassment on the streets. Beatboxer Pradeesh Pathiharan added colour and liveliness to the whole program by his performance, thus resulting in a successfully concluded orientation, after which the participants branched out to start the quest.

Project E-Develop

Learning today, leading tomorrow!

Project E-Develop was held on the 23rd of November at BopaththaVidyalaya in Eheliyagoda. The aim of the project was to educate the students who are taking their G.C.E examination in December on English language and provide them with pastpapers to practice writing, we also donated many books to BopaththaVidyalaya's school library for the easy access to reading books and dictionaries for the students. Overall, the project was a huge success as we carried forward an initiative of educating more individuals

VISION GREEN

DO YOU DARE TO FIGHT AGAINST DENGUE?

Vision green was a community service project organised to take a step forward towards eradicating dengue, a dangerous and widely spread disease.

The organising committee purchased three different kinds of dustbins for organic, plastic and paper waste. These dustbins were placed in all classrooms till Form 3 on the 2nd of November 2018.

The students were instructed on how to dispose their waste correctly in the proper dustbins and take care to separate their waste.



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