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CELS COMPETITION

CELS (Centre for English Language Skills) Annual Competition was held on 31st of March 2019, 39 students from our school competed with more than 300 students from 10 different schools and brought laurel to our school by securing 12 positions in different categories as follows:

1st Places

- Amatullah Mustafa of P3 in Prose Reading (Primary Category)
- Mustafa Zoeb of F3 in Prose Reading (Junior Category)
- Mustafa Zoeb of F3 in Public Speaking (Junior Category)
- Aarefa Hussain of L6 in Creative Writing (Senior Category)
- Aarefa Hussain of L6 in Public Speaking (Senior Category)

2nd Places

- Yusuf Saleh Patel of P3 in Prose Reading (Preliminary Category)
- Alefiya Saldiwala of P3 in Prose Reading (Primary Category)
- Rukaiya Shabbir of L6 in Creative Writing (Senior Category)

3rd Places

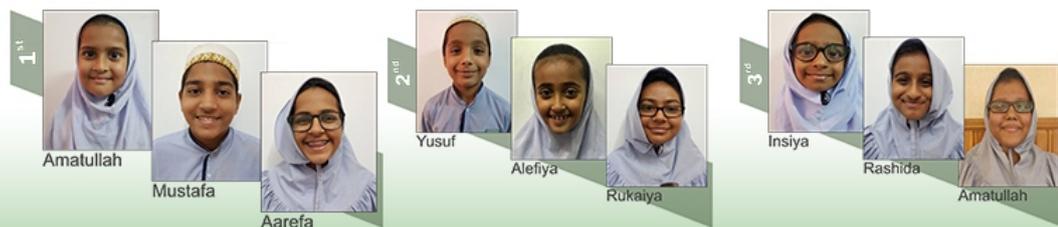
- Insiya Ilyas of P1 in Story Telling (Preliminary Category)
- Rashida Juzer of F4 in Essay Writing (Junior Category)
- Rashida Juzer of F4 in Public Speaking (Junior Category)
- Amatullah Ali Asger of F4 in Creative Writing (Senior Category)



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CENTRE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

ANNUAL COMPETITION 2019



KNOWLEDGE IS A NOBLE LEGACY

SCIENCE MATTERS 2019

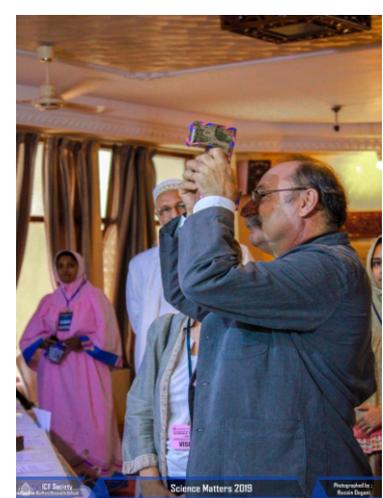
Burhani Serendib School organized a Science Exhibition which was held during a span of four days, starting from the 11th of January and concluding on the 14th of January 2019.

This phenomenal exhibition showcased exceptional scientific skills shown through models and other visually pleasing caricatures crafted by both the junior and the senior school who had worked untiringly to craft their pieces of scientific art to perfection. The Junior School portrayed various scientific concepts such as sound, sight and even the simple push and pull.

Furthermore, the students from Form 1 to Upper 6 had been divided into four groups each of which exhibited on a major topics in Science; Atom, Water, Cells and the Universe.

We are proud to say that all our students did a marvellous job in presenting their respective topics and earned excellent comments from the viewers that poured in throughout the four days.

The exhibition was a huge success as over 1400 people visited and viewed the students' work. A few important dignitaries, such as the Ambassador of France to Sri Lanka, Sir Robichon Christine, and his wife graced the event and praised it whole heartedly. Moreover, we are proud to say that Shz. Idrees Bhaisaheb Badruddin Saheb (DM) along with Jawharatul Majd Bhensaheba graced the event and took time in exploring what the students showcased. Indeed they too left us with praise and gave us the opportunity to record the entire exhibition to be shown world wide. Burhani Serendib School has achieved a great milestone with the execution of this brilliant exhibition and hopes to do such astounding projects in the future as well.



SINHALA LITERATURE DAY

Burhani Serendib School organized its very first Sinhala Literature Day, which was held on the 22nd of March. The programme was held to honour Sinhala, as our third language and award the students who won in the Sinhala competition that was held in school.

The agenda consisted of the winning speeches and poems by both the junior and the middle-school sections. The crowd was in awe as the students showed their exceptional abilities in speaking the language.

The students of Primary 1 and 2 looked adorable as they sang a Sinhala song and instantly put more life in the programme. A play was acted by the middle school students which was a story about the famous jester, Andare showing the audience how talented our actors are.

Miss Nisansala, the Sinhala teacher of Highlands College Maharagama and the judge of our Sinhala competition addressed the gathering. She said that the students possess great skill and talent and that she was impressed by how fluent the students were in speaking the Sinhala Language and would look forward to attending more events like this in our school. The awards were then given to the winners by Miss Nisansala who was assisted by Miss Wathsala. A token of appreciation was given to Miss Nisansala by the Principal followed by the Vote of Thanks, marking the end of the agenda.



DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

A drug awareness program was held in which members from the Police, Narcotics Department and Dangerous Drug Control Board had attended to educate the children on the differences between legal and illegal drugs.

The members spread awareness of drug abuse and how children should be safeguarded through presentation and videos.

The children engaged in an interactive session with the members of the Police, Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Control Board and learnt about the harm drug causes to one's self and people around them.



INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAMME

The Independence Day of Sri Lanka is celebrated annually on the 4th of February to commemorate the country's political independence from the British rule in 1948. This day is celebrated in honour of our mighty freedom fighters who fought for our freedom and gave the country its independence.

The 71st Independence Day of Sri Lanka was celebrated in Burhani Serendib School as well. The National Flag was hoisted on the 31st of January by the Principal, Dr. Sh. Shabbir Hussain, assisted by the Games Captain and Head Prefects and the traditional National Anthem was sung by all those gathered at the school premises.

In a special assembly held on the 5th of February, the Head Prefect, Mustafa Kaidjohar, briefed the audience on the history of Sri Lanka and the independence movement against the British. Then, the junior school students spoke about our great mother country and everything that it has provided us with, and the proud children of Primary 1 wave National Flags high in the air with respect and honour, paying tribute to the forefathers of the land for their glorious feat. The assembly ended with the singing of the National Anthem.



BE A CONQUEROR!

For years, students have burdened themselves with exam stress and anxiety. However, this year, the Prefects Guild of Burhani Serendib School came up with an initiative on reducing exam stress for the students of the senior section. "Be a Conqueror" was a seminar held on the 19th of March 2019, conducted by Mr. Hasalaka Arampola who is a certified and renowned life coach. Mr. Arampola dared each student to live their dream. He talked about his own life experiences which shaped him to be who he was at present. Moreover, he made the children understand how necessary it is to invite positivity in one's life to be able to truly become a conqueror! He made the students repeat after him so that his words were deeply engraved into each child's mind. He also made everyone play a game in which they literally fought with negativity and their fears. Hence clearing their mindsets to only allow optimistic thoughts to flow. Mr. Arampola immensely helped each child to reduce their anxiety with regard to whatever that is bothering them and truly shine as a conqueror!



KARATE GRADING TEST

At the karate grading test 46 of our karate students participated out of which all of them managed to excel in the tests bringing glory to our school.

Yellow Belt-

Amatullah Hussain
Batul Hussain
Insiya Juzer
Insiya Taher
Zahra Khuzema
Munira Idris
Sameena Aliasger
Alefya Mohammed
Maryem Firoz
Khadija Murtaza
Shirin Juzer
Sakina Moiz
Burhanudeen Khuzema
Burhanudeen Aliasger
Burhanudeen Murtaza
Burhanudeen Huzefa
Burhanudeen Adnan
Burhanudeen Muffadal
Taher Mohammed
Taher Hussain
Ammar Mustafa
Burhanudeen Mohammed
Mustafa Hussain

Red Belt-

Munira Zoeb
Khadija Huzefa
Alefya Saldiwala
Amatullah Muffadal
Ruqaiya Huzefa
Zainab Huzefa
Amatullah Mustafa
Ali Shabbir Hussain
Yusuf Saleh
Huzaifa Dawood
Juzer Qusai

Green Belt-

Zainab Adamjee
Hussena Firoz
Fatema Zoeb
Sakina Aliasger
Burhanudeen Muffadal
Mustafa Shabbir Hussain
Hussain Zohair
Maad Hussain
Taha Idris
Huzefa Zohair

Orange Belt-

Ali Shabbir Hussain
Yusuf Saleh

Blue Belt-

Mustafa Zoeb
Mohammed Firoz



ISAC 2019

Burhani Serendib School Athletic Team consisted of 21 athletes who competed in all 5 age categories for the 19th edition of International Schools' Athletic Championship (ISAC)

ISAC was held from the 15th to 17th February 2019 at the Sugathadasa Stadium and was strongly contested by over 1500 students representing 22 International Schools of the country.

With constructive coaching, talent and teamwork, young athletes from Burhani Serendib School gave their best performances at ISAC 2019.

The team captain was Mohammed Firoz.

Following are the students who actively participated this year 2018/2019-



<u>Under 12</u>	<u>Under 14</u>	<u>Under 16</u>	<u>Under 18</u>	<u>Under 20</u>
Hussain Qutbuddin	Mansoor Badrul Jamali	Murtaza Hussain	Quraish Hamza	Mohammed Firoz
Muffadal Shiraz	Burhanhddin Shabbir	Mustafa Zoeb	Abbas Aliakber	Ibrahim Hakkam
Hussaina Hamza	Taha Idris	Ismail Idris	Mustafa Ismailjee	
Fatema Huzefa	Shabbir Zakir Hussain	Luvai Taher	Huzaifa Mamujee	
	Mustafa Hussain			
	Insiya Imran			
	Naqiya Abdul Hussain			

Burhani Serendib School students' have made positive impressions through their athletic abilities with guidance and tireless efforts of the coaches and sports teachers . With high expectations, there is no doubt that future athletes will continue to bring the school pride for the years to come.



INTER INTERNATIONAL NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Annual Inter International Schools' Netball tournament, organised by Ilma International Girls' School was held on the 27th of January 2019 at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium.

Twelve of our girls from the Netball team participated for the first time and played well against 4 other International Schools through the course of the tournament. Even though the team was unable to qualify for the finals, BSS is proud that the netball team represented the school and participated in the aforementioned tournament.



Left to Right- (First Row) Captain- Zainab Firoz, Assistant Sports Coordinator- Miss Iresha Paranagama, Sports Coordinator- Miss Shyama Cooray & Games Captain- Yakuta Dawood. (First row) Ruqaiya Murtaza, Rukkiyaa Hussain, Radiyah Abid & Rashida Murtadal (Second Row) Aarefa Hussain, Sakina Huzefa, Khadija Hussain & Khadija Murtaza.

BRAIN GYMNASIUM

Students from Primary 5 to Form 3 attended brain gymnasium sessions daily before they sat for their examinations to perform better in their exams which was conducted by the sports coordinator Miss Shyama Cooray.

The benefits of brain gymnasium are as follow-

1. It develops focus
2. Makes you smarter and sharper
3. It boosts confidence levels
4. Relaxes stress and anxiety



INTERHOUSE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Interhouse Badminton Tournament 2018/2019 of Burhani Serendib School was held on the 3rd and 4th of April 2019 at the Indoor Court.

The students from all three houses played very skillfully and with remarkable agility and power. Every player showed great fighting spirit, as they fought to be on top.

The winners were for the **boys**,

--**Najmi** House in the Under 9, Under 11 and Under 15 categories

--**Imadi** House in the Under 13 and Over 17 categories.

--**Saifee** House in the Under 17 category.

and for the **girls**,

--**Najmi** House in the Under 9, Under 13 and Under 15 categories

--**Imadi** House in the Under 17 and Over 17 categories

--**Saifee** House in the Under 11 category.

Badminton requires a lot of control, strength, mindplay and measured movement, and all students who participated played incredibly and showed all of these skills, keeping the spirit of the sport. The overall champions of the badminton tournament 2018/2019 were then declared as NAJMI House!



INTERHOUSE KARATE TOURNAMENT

The very first Inter-house karate tournament was held on the 29th of July at the Qutbi Hall. Participants showcased impressive karate skills through the Kata displays which included a demonstration of Karate mastered by the participant. Intense fights under the Kumite category were held, with participants competing in the true spirit of sportsmanship. The event was graced by eight karate professionals who were judges for the day, along with Sir Shihan Pradeep Satharasinghe who was the Head judge. School coaches Samantha Sensei and Nirosha Sensei played an immense role in increasing the standard of karate within our school students, as well as ensuring that the tournament was a success. Parents had also graced this event with their presence.

The tournament ended with Najmi house as champions, and Imadi house as runner-up. Everybody present to witness this remarkable event was proud of the way Karate has progressed in the school. We are indeed thankful to our head of sports Ms. Shyama Cooray for raising the bar higher with the initiative and hope that our students go from glory to glory in the future.



BE A LEGEND

Impossible says I'm possible..

An activity based workshop was conducted by the Principal of our school Dr. Sh. Shabbir Bhai Hussain for the students from P5 to F3 on the 3rd of April 2019 from 9am to 12pm. It was a program in which students were enlightened about the characteristics of being a legend.

It had covered the following objectives:

- Always believe in yourself with the attitude that I CAN.
- Life is all about facing challenges so have Limitless Courage.
- The world is evolving, everyday there is a new trend so be prepared for the unseen and always think out of the box.
- Techniques to overcome fears and worries.



SELFIE

'Selfie' a parental training workshop was held on the 27th of June 2019 at the School Hall. Parents were enlightened on the following topics by Principal Sir, Dr. Sh. Shabbir Hussain who conducted this session.

- Strategies for building positive conversation with your child.
- Understanding your child's feelings.
- Reflective practice to improve your parenting styles.
- Dealing with children in different ways.

Parents who attended the program commented on how this workshop will help them improve their role as a parent, as they learnt that tackling their children requires a positive attitude as well as an understanding nature.



IOT (INTERNET OF THINGS) PROGRAM

With the dawn of the year 2019, NIBM School of Computing embarked on a National wide programme among school children to give them the opportunity to expand their talents in ICT Education. The Internet of Things (IoT) acts as an expanded version of the internet, providing us with the data we need to live our lives more efficiently

The event titled as "Smart Life with IOT 2019" Workshop and Competition for all School students is coordinated with the Ministry of Education & organized by the School of Computing of NIBM. Students actively participated for the workshops and seminars which have benefited them in various ways.



INTERACT CLUB ACTIVITIES

CARNIVAL STALL 2019

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- Date: 2nd and 3rd of February 2019
- Venue: Henry Pedris Grounds
- Avenues of Service: Finance

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The carnival is an annual event organised by Shababul-Eidiz-Zahabi. The Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School has been fortunate enough to be a part of this magnificent celebration by holding a games' stall for the past four years. This year, in our fifth year, the organising committee chose to adopt "colours" as their theme for the stall, under the name "infinight amusement", hence promoting fun and liveliness. The stall offered multiple games for people to enjoy.

We are proud to announce that "Infinight Amusement" won the award for BEST GAMES' STALL at the Shabab Carnival by the votes of the public who loved our decorations, our cheeriness as well as the fun we promoted.



INTERCIRCLES – SESSION 1

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- Date: 18th of March 2019
- Venue: Independence Square
- Avenues of Service: Club Service

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Intercircles is a project focusing solely on explaining the specifications of this wonderful movement to the young and budding Interactors of our club. The first session highlighted the importance of teamwork and protocol. The rules of our club were mentioned and a detailed account of why they should be followed was delivered by the president, Int. Huzefa Murtaza. The roles of a chairperson, secretary and treasurer were discussed by the secretary of the club Int. Aarefa Hussain.



INTERACT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Interact leadership training (ILT) program is aimed at developing the next generation of leaders. It is organized by the interact district, with int. Amanie Yusuf being this years chairperson. Interactors from different schools participated in this program to develop leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service. This year 80 enthusiastic interactors from Colombo underwent training sessions with 7 students participating from our school.

The successful completion of ILT 2019 was witnessed during the ILT Awards ceremony 2018/19. An evening in which the ILT participants were awarded with certificates based on their performance throughout the session. The evening was filled with color and elegance.



INTERACT DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

At the Interact District Assembly held on the 29th of June 2019 at The Union Ballroom, Hilton Colombo Residences, The Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School was awarded Citations for:

1. Interact Club Citation
2. Community Service Citation
3. Club Service Citation
4. Finance Citation

The Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School also achieved Platinum Standard Interact Club Award, which is the highest standard an Interact Club can achieve.

We were also awarded:

- Best community service project for - 'From the Bottom of Our Hearts'
- Runner-up for The Most Outstanding Finance Project for - Youth 2k18

We are also extremely proud to announce that Int. Aarefa Hussain was awarded 'Best Journalist for the Years 2018/19'.

In addition to these achievements, our Interactors were recognized as committee members for Interactions 2019 and for being dedicated members of the District Media Crew.

As another interact year draws to an end, we would like to mention that we are proud of our Interactors who have worked tirelessly in order to bring glory to the club!



MAMMA MIA

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- Date: 17th of March 2019
- Venue: CHE Adventure Park, Hangwella
- Time: 7:00am onwards
- Avenues of Service: Finance
International Understanding

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mamma Mia 2019 was a day where womanhood was embraced and treasured in celebration for International Women's Day held on the 8th of March 2019. Over thirty ladies were a part of this joyful celebration held at the CHE Adventure Park in Hangwella. The goal was to provide a recreational day for women with activities such as zip lining, rafting, target shooting, trekking and many such team building activities. A session on "women empowerment", conducted by our staff advisor Mrs Rashida Abdulhussain provided the women with a lot of inspiration and was a value addition into the programme.



ANNUAL FIELD TRIPS



Guruge Nature Park-
(Primary 1 & Primary 2)

The Kosgoda Turtle Conservation Project followed by sand and water play at the beach-
(Primary 3A/B & Primary 4)



Martin Wickramasinghe Museum and Galle Fort-
(Primary 5 and Form 1)

LIFE SKILLS



Primary 1- Arranging the School Bag



Primary 2- Sweeping and Cleaning



Primary 3A/3B- Art of making Cookies



Primary 4- Arranging the School Bag



Primary 5- Shoe Polishing



Form 1- Covering Books



Form 2- Handling Electrical Appliances



Primary 2- Importance of Washing Hands



Primary 4- Skill of Planting



Form 1- Sewing



Form 2- Filling Different Types of Forms



Form 3- Healthy Eating



Primary 2- Shoe Polishing



Primary 3A/3B- Interpersonal skill development



Primary 5- Ironing Clothes

PRE-SCHOOL CONCERT 2019

The preschool concert this year named "A Magical Bag of Smiles" was based on the theme "Healthy Food will make you Smile". It was performed by the Upper Nursery. They demonstrated a unique way of staying strong and healthy.

An excellent performance by the KG students enlightened us on the importance of unity and respecting each other's Religions. Another program was presented by the KG Students on the importance of speaking in Lisan al Dawat.

Our tiny tots of Lower Nursery show cased their talents in a different way which kept the crowd tapping to the rhythm of the beat, this performance enhanced the evening very much.

