



BURHANI SERENDIB SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

(SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2019)

The students of Burhani Serendib School were blessed to start their academic year 2019/20 with the benedictions of His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin ^{TUS} by obtaining the azeem barakaat of Ashara Mubaraka 1441H in Colombo.

Ashara Mubaraka is the largest gathering of Dawoodi Bohras from all over the world and is the most important event in the Dawoodi Bohra calendar. It marks the martyrdom of Imam Hussain ^{SA}, the grandson of Prophet Mohammed ^{SWA}.

All students obtained the opportunity to attend all 10 sermons conducted by Aqa Moula ^{TUS} and gain immense knowledge from them and students also obtained the sharaf of presenting Najwa-Tus-Shukr to Aqa Moula ^{TUS}.

The recital and memorization of the Quran marks the beginning of Taleem in a mumin's life, as the Quran is the epitome of knowledge. The students of Burhani Serendib School were blessed as Aqa Moula ^{TUS} commenced the learning of the Holy Quran for our students.



The teachers of our school obtained a special opportunity to receive the nazaraat of Aqa Moula ^{TUS} on teacher's day.

Every class was also positioned on stage in front of Aqa Moula ^{TUS} and were to recite madehs. All children were blessed with the barakaat of Moula ^{TUS} nazaraath along with Qadambosi sharaf. Every mumin that day returned home with a sated heart for it had been a day of abundant blessings!

KNOWLEDGE IS A NOBLE LEGACY

Proud To Be Burhanian

Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest writing competition for schools, established in 1883 and has had winners from all over the world.

This year, four of our students participated for the competition and we are proud to announce that Rashida Juzer of Form 5 had won a Silver Award for her essay on 'The Vision'.

Certificates of participation have been awarded to:

- Aarefa Aliasger of Form 5
- Aarefa Murtaza of Form 5
- Nafisa Fakhruddin of Form 5



Karate Tournaments

Karate is the most cherished combat sport in Burhani Serendib School and over the years, students have shown much enthusiasm and talent in this art form. We are very proud to say that the students of Burhani Serendib School participated in two international karate tournaments during the 1st Term and performed with excellence. Each participant put on a tough fight until the end and their hard work paid off as several awards were won by them in their respective age groups.

International Sato Cup Karate Tournament 2019

- Munira Idris - Gold in Kata
- Taha Idris - Gold in Kumite and Silver in Kata
- Mustafa Zoeb - Silver in Kumite and Bronze in Kata
- Fatema Zoeb - Silver in Kata and Kumite
- Zainab Adamjee - Silver in Kata
- Amathullah Mufaddal - Silver in Kata
- Burhanuddin Mufaddal - Silver in Kumite and Bronze in Kata
- Huzefa Haiderally - Bronze in Kumite
- Yusuf Patel - Bronze in Kumite
- Sakina Moiz - Bronze in Kata

International Schools Karate Tournament 2019

- Hussaina Firoz - Gold in Kumite
- Zainab Huzefa - Gold in Kumite
- Taha Idris - Gold in Kata
- Mustafa Zoeb - Silver in Kata
- Sakina Moiz - Silver in Kumite
- Zainab Adamjee - Bronze in Kumite
- Fatema Zoeb - Bronze in Kumite
- Ali Shabbir - Bronze in Kumite



School Events

Annual Prize Giving 2018/19

The Annual Prize Giving of Burhani Serendib School for the academic years 2018/2019 was held on the 12th of October 2019 at the Defense Services College Auditorium from 2.30 pm onwards. This year, the event was dedicated in gratitude of Ashara Mubaraka 1441H and the innumerable bounties that we had been blessed with. The event was graced by, the Guest of Honor, Janab Amil Saheb Khuzema Bhai Saheb Ismail Bhai Saheb Rashid.



As per the new system, all students from Primary 1 to Primary 4 were awarded certificates for the determination towards their studies. The Junior School students also presented the famous German fairy tale “Rapunzel”, while the Senior School students presented William Shakespeare’s “Julius Caesar”. In light of the 30 counsels of Imam Ali ^{SA} the theme for Ashara Mubaraka 1441H, the students of Burhani Serendib School performed a skit about the importance of “Bismillah” and the benefits of reciting it. To enlighten the audience furthermore, speeches were made on the “Significance of Women in the Bohra Community” and “How Ashara Mubaraka changed my Life”.



Overall, it was an eventful evening which was enjoyed by all those who attended. This event additionally brought pride to all Burhanians and was also a motivation for the students to achieve greater heights for the following year.

Students’ Council Inauguration Ceremony

The first ever Students’ Council Inauguration Ceremony of Burhani Serendib School was held on the 28th of October at the School Hall. The concept behind the formation of the Students' Council was to ensure synchronization between all events of clubs, societies and programs in the athletic and academic calendar. The council consists of the Prefects Guild, the Sports Team and the Presidents of all three clubs of Burhani Serendib School.



The theme for the day was Rainbows which represented the 7 entities that made up the Students Council Board, the two Head Prefects, the two Games Captains, the President of the Interact Club, the President of the ICT Society and the President of the Young Creative Club. The students were badged and all members of the Council pledged to put School before self.

Class Assemblies

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

Form 5 'Think Globally, Act Locally'

Lower 6 'The Power of the Tongue'.

Upper 6 'X-Factor in every individual's life should be Happiness'

Form 4 'Nomophobia'.



Shafagath nu Paalnu (Cradle of Affection)

The Student's Council of Burhani Serendib School organized an event that was held in light of the initiative brought forward by Aqa Moula Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin ^{TUS} that we should prioritize the well-being of our grandparents and our elders, and cherish their presence for their blessings hold great value for our generation and many generations to come. The students, through simple actions, portrayed their love for their grandparents.



The event started off by Tilawat-E-Quran followed by a massage therapy Session for the elders. A detailed video of the tour of the School was played after which the students spoke about the immense blessings of studying in Burhani Serendib School. Shortly after, a fun quotient of chinese whispers lightened the atmosphere and brought smiles on everyone present. The conclusion of this event was drawn by the Zikr and Matam of Imam Hussain ^{AS}.

TISSL International Conference

The 7th TISSL International Conference on Education was held on the 23rd of November at Marriott Hotel Weligama. This teachers' training session is an annual event and over 200 teachers participated this year. The topic covered this year was Leading and Learning in Turbulent Times. The teachers of our school who participated developed their skills of having to work in turbulent conditions and experienced a day of self-growth.



Sports News

Basketball Tournament 2019/2020

The Annual Basketball Tournament of Burhani Serendib School was held on the 28th of September 2019 at Amal International School.

This year, for the very first time, our junior girls played this sport enthusiastically as well, while the junior and senior boys also played exceptionally well.



The winners of the Annual Interhouse Badminton Tournament 2019/2020 were as follows:

- Junior Boys - Imadi House
- Junior Girls - Saifee House
- Senior Boys - Saifee House



Swimming Meet 2019/2020

The Annual Interhouse Swimming Meet for the year 2019/2020 was held on the 31st of October 2019 at the Royal College Swimming Pool complex.

The Swimming Meet was called to order at 7:30 am, followed by Tilawat-E-Quran and the singing of the school song.



This year as well, all participants showed great enthusiasm and potential, with their source of encouragement and support being the loud cheering of all parents throughout the meet. Saifee House was declared the winner of the Annual Swimming Meet 2019/2020, with Najmi House being runners-up.

Cricket Tournament 2019/2020

The Annual Interhouse Cricket Tournament 2019/2020 of Burhani Serendib School was held on the 2nd of December 2019 at the S.D.S. Jayasinghe Sports Ground from 9:00 am onwards.

The tournament started off with the opening ceremony which consisted of the customary hoisting of three house flags, along with the school and country flags.

- Junior Championship - Najmi House
- Intermediate Championship - Imadi House
- Senior Championship - Imadi House



Annual Sportsmeet 2019/2020

Capturing the essence of the '5S' philosophy of stamina, speed, strength, skill and spirit- the Annual Interhouse Sportsmeet of Burhani Serendib School for the year 2019/20 was indeed a celebration of true teamwork and sportsmanship.

The event was held at the S. D. S. Jayasinghe Grounds on the 14th of December 2019. Our Chief Guest for the Meet was Mr. Chaminda de Alwis, former National Basketball Champion.

Following the March Past and the Awards Distribution, Saifee House emerged champions and Najmi House were Runners-Up, thereby bringing yet another successful Sportsmeet of Burhani Serendib School to an end.



The Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School

Railway Beautification Project

The Interact club of Burhani Serendib School took upon the task of beautifying the Bambalapitiya Railway Station for the convenience of commuters as well as for the 27,000 people who had come all across the globe for the ‘Ashara Mubaraka’ convention. All exterior walls of the railway station along with the interior of the ticketing counter were repainted along with lights fixed along the railway station to make it easy for people who use the railway station at night. The benches were also repainted.

A patch of land littered with mounds of garbage was thoroughly cleaned and fresh grass was planted along with other plants that can adapt the fresh sea breeze.



Annual Installation Ceremony

The Annual Installation Ceremony is a project organized by the Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School under the avenue of ‘Club Service’. The Installation is a very formal affair and a compulsory major project for all active Interact clubs as it is organized to mark the installation of the club’s officers for the upcoming year and to honour the work done by the outgoing president and his team during the last year. Every year the Installation is attended by not only Interactors from numerous government and international schools around the country, but also parents, teachers, the District Council, Rotaractors, and Rotarians too. “Dreams are the result of a million choices, a billion failures, and a few successes”. This year the organizing committee decided on the theme, ‘A Million Dreams’ as Interact is a movement that provides individuals with opportunities to be able to fulfill their dreams and it also allows Interactors to help others achieve their dreams.



3rd District Meeting

The Interact District 3220 had chosen the Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School to host the 3rd District Meeting, which is a monthly gathering of all executive board members in clubs around the island. The meeting held on the 6th of October, 2019 had 150 participants. This District Meeting was followed by the Annual Journalism Workshop conducted by the District Media Crew 3220.



Young Creatives Club of Burhani Serendib School

Shapes of Nature

The Young Creatives Club of Burhani Serendib School organized a project named **Shapes of Nature** which was held on the 9th of December 2019.

The aim of this project was to instill the qualities of cooperative learning and patience through the art of paper folding. Origami also has many educational benefits such as the development of geometric fundamentals, listening skills and hand-eye coordination. During the session, students were required to make certain origami after a presentation on how it should be made and beautiful pieces of art were created by the creative minds of our school by the end.



ICT Society

The ICT Society of Burhani Serendib School had covered the two Buzurgo Tafreeh programs in terms of photography and videography organized by Umooor Sehet, Kaleemi Khidmat Guzaar and The Fitness Squad for the Elders of the Bohra community.



Life Skills

Burhani Serendib School believes that the path towards success begins with a well-rounded education. The school life-skills program is an integral part of our efforts to prepare students for every facet of life and students have the opportunity to learn essential skills like home management, cooking, stitching and various arts and crafts. Life skills at Burhani Serendib School also includes a unique aspect wherein our students are taught about things particular to our community and vital for occasions they will encounter later in life such as preparing and setting up for a bethak, roti making, thaal decorating, etc. With the opening of the new room dedicated to life skills at the school's state of the art building, more facilities than ever before are available to the students.

This term too, our students from Primary 1 to Form 3 benefitted from this program with many activities such as: making of fresh juice, making chocolate biscuit pudding and sandwiches.



Trip to India

A few students of Burhani Serendib School were taken on a tour to India on the 13th of November 2019 for Burhanuddin Moula's ^{RA} Urus Mubarak.

The main purpose of the tour was that everybody gets the sharaf of Daakhli. They also got the chance of doing Ziyarath in Surat, Galiyakot and Ahmedabad. Students also visited the Karkaria Lake in Ahmedabad.

