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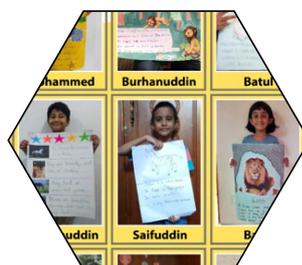
Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin Saheb TUS quoted a verse of Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin Saheb RA during a bayan on optimism that Al-Dai al-Ajal Syedna Muayyad al-Shirazi Saheb RA had written:



سيفتح باب اذا سد باب * نعم وتهون الامور الصعاب
Surely, whenever one door closes another will open in the near future and difficulties will diminish.



Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin Saheb TUS observed that when a door of opportunity opens some people become full of positivity and expectation. However, when a door of opportunity closes they also become disillusioned. Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin's Saheb RA actions reveal his optimistic and hopeful outlook, especially in times of adversity. Hence, the students of Burhani Serendib School took the days during the lockdown as an opportunity to reinvent the ways of learning.



KNOWLEDGE IS A NOBLE LEGACY

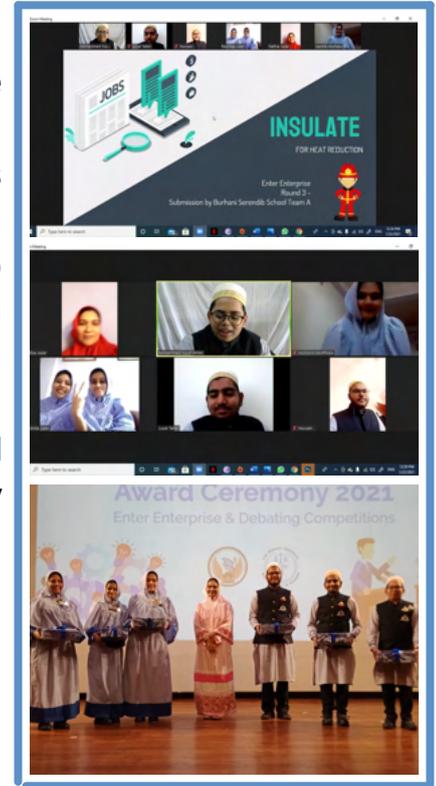
"Believe that there is good in every situation"

Enter Enterprise Competition

The Royal Institute of Colombo organized the Enter Enterprise Competition targeting all senior school students who had to come about with an innovative business solution. The purpose of this initiative was to inculcate the values and thinking required of an entrepreneur in the globalized 21st century within young students who set to begin their first foray into the wider society. Students from [Burhani Serendib School](#) participated in this competition to develop critical thinking, business strategy, and entrepreneurial spirit. We're proud to say that Team "Insulate" from [Burhani Serendib School](#) emerged as the **Second Runners-up**. The business idea they presented was a type of costume clothing using Wolverine Material, targeting Firefighters and other Occupational uniforms.

[Click here to have a look at their presentation](#)

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Young Environmentalists' Challenge 2021

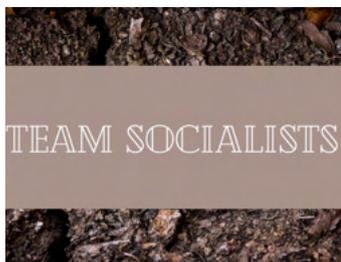
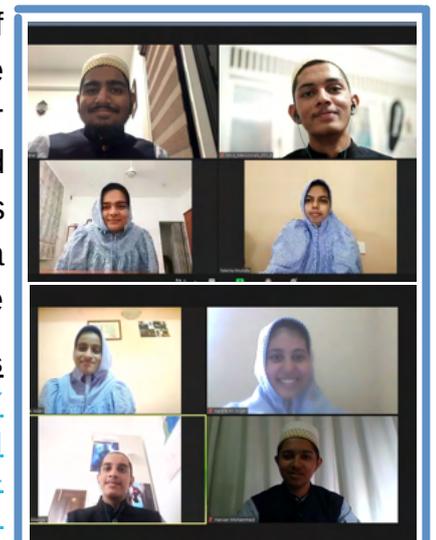
The Royal Institute of Colombo organized a series of Competitions, of which one was the Youth Environmental Challenge. The main incentive of hosting this project was to provide an exciting global opportunity for young Sri Lankan environmental champions to identify modern and creative solutions to environmental issues in Sri Lanka. Three teams from our school had to find a local environmental problem and a solution to it and present it in a video. We're very proud of all three teams for their hard work.

[Click here to have a look at their inventions](#)

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Car-Bon-Ink - <https://youtu.be/dT1qXZOEr0I>

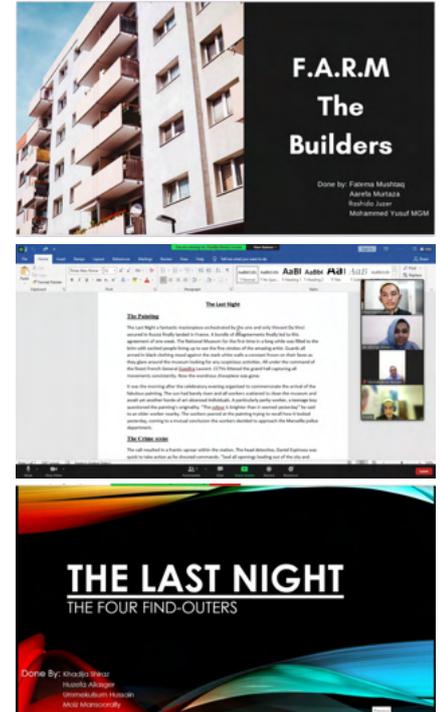
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"Leadership is Through Knowledge"

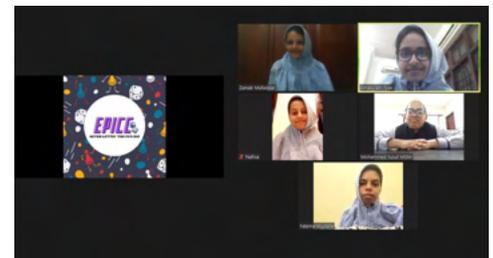
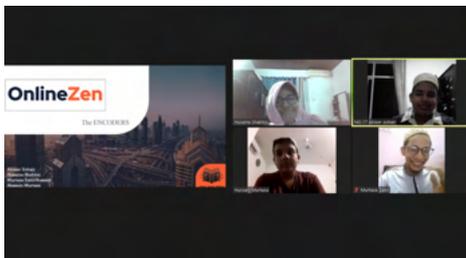
Spring of Wisdom

The Royal Institute of Colombo organized the Spring of Wisdom Competition aimed at providing opportunities to students to engage in real-life problem-solving in Science and Engineering fields. The purpose of this initiative was to inculcate a practical mindset among students to enable them to tackle challenges in real life. Two teams from Burhani Serendib School participated in this competition. We're proud to say that Team "Four Find Outers" consisting of Khadija Shiraz, Moiz Mansoorally, Huzefa Aliasger and Ummekulsum Hussain successfully reached the qualifying round. The team chose the topic "Be a detective in your own science fiction" in which they wrote about a painting painted in the 15th Century gets stolen on the night where a celebration takes place to commemorate the painting's arrival and is replaced with a replica. After which a detective heads out to solve the case.



EntreMindZ Competition

EntreMindZ was an event for youth with the Entrepreneurial Spirit as well as the requisite flair and Mind set, belonging to Generation Z. This event served as a stepping stone to becoming a Young Entrepreneur. It gave the students the opportunity to learn how to "start up" their very own businesses. **Burhani Serendib School** had three teams taking part for this competition. **Team Reclaim** consisting of **Rashida Juser, Aarefa Murtaza and Aarefa Aliasger**; **Team Epicc** consisting of **Amatullah Illyas, Nafisa Fakhrudeen, Fatema Mushtaq, Zainab Muffadal and Mohammed Yusuf**; and lastly **Team The Encoders** consisting of **Abizer zohair, Hussain Murtaza, Husaina Shabbir and Murtaza Zakir**.



All three teams moved up to the second round where on the 24th of July they gave their business idea pitch of three minutes. Furthermore, an awards ceremony was held on the 29th of July where 25 teams battled for titles.

We are proud to say that out of 25 Teams, 12 Teams were chosen as the Mentors pick and **Team Epicc was one of them.**

"One who is given thankfulness (shukr) is due receive more."

Mind Fizz Competition

Mind Fizz was the first-ever virtual quiz competition organized by the Chokolaate Magazine where about 45 teams battled it out for the Final Victory. The competition took place via the online conferencing platform – Zoom on the 12th and 13th of June 2021. The participants were quizzed on all general knowledge areas to unlock their geniuses. Two Teams from **Burhani Serendib School** participated in this competition. **Team A** successfully reached the qualifying round.



Hifz Statistics for the Year

Burhani Serendib School takes immense pride in congratulating our children who have become Huffaz Kiram in the academic year of 2020/2021. The Hifz-ul-Quran Statistics are derived from the number of students in classes of Primary 2 and onwards mentioned below. The total percentage of Sanad Holders from Mahad-ul-Zahra in the school is 76% from 182 students. We pray that with the Dua Mubarak of Aqa Moula TUS, may the Barakat of Hifz-ul-Quran continue to persist in the walls of **Burhani Serendib School** for a countless number of years to come.



وَحْفَاطَ ذِكْرِكَ رَبِّ اعْتَمِمْ
يَعُوذُ بِأَذَانِهِمْ سَامِعَةً



Proud to be Burhanian

Huffaz Kiram in Academic Year 20/21

Hifz-ul- Quran Statistics	
Hafiz-ul-Quran	5%
Sanah Salesa (1-21)	1%
Sanah Sania (1-12)	5%
Sanah Ula (1-5)	7%
Juz Amma	58%
Total Sanad Holders from Mahad ul Zahra in School	76%



Mustafa Sh Shabbir Bhai Dohadwala
Age: 10 years
Class: P5



Ali Sh Shabbir Bhai Dohadwala
Age: 11 years
Class: F1



Husain Sh Huzaifa Bhai Sarafally
Age: 12 years
Class: F2



Sakina Mu Huzaifa Saldiwala
Age: 13 years
Class: F3

برهاني سرنديب اسكول ما مولانا المتعام طاع في دعاه مبارك سي حفظ في بركات عام قاتي ره اے اوتا سال هجي زياده حفاظ كرام قاتي ايم اميد كريئيه . باري تعالى مولانا المتان طاع في عمر نيه قيامه نا دن لگ دراز كرجو-امين

Taher Saifuddin Moula (RA) states:
"Educate yourself - till the end of your life."

Life as a teacher, begins the day you realise that you are always a learner.

We take immense pride in congratulating all our teachers through this newsletter on their excellent and exceptional achievements this year.

We would like to congratulate our respected Principal Sir Janaab Dr. Shk. Shabbir Bhai Shk. Hussain Bhai for completing certificate courses in Neuro-Linguistic Programming and Career Decisions from Wesleyan University (USA).



A noteworthy mention goes out to Mrs. Shazna Hameed for successfully completing an accredited training course focusing on a complete range of topics surrounding the teaching of the English language to non-native students, both in an overseas and an online classroom environment.



We would also like to acknowledge our teacher Mrs. Nafisa Juzar on her completion of a 4-part training workshop on Examination Registrations and Procedures. She has successfully accomplished and mastered the classes of the basics of Modified Papers (International Centres) and Getting Ready for Results (International).



Innovirtual – Making E-learning Engaging

Innovirtual was a virtual teacher training session conducted by Mrs. Rashida Zohair and Mrs. Shazna Hameed to educate our teachers on effective resources and strategies available to them for formative assessment and for increasing student engagement in the online classroom. It helped our teachers to gain an insight on focusing on making online teaching more interactive, involving and more impactful.



We would like to commend Mrs. Farida Shk. Shabbir Bhai for successfully completing a course on Public Speaking from the University of Washington.

"Learning never exhausts the mind"

Project STEPS- Towards Excellence.

The vision of the *STEPS TOWARDS EXCELLENCE* initiative is to build and shape professionalism and broaden the horizon of our senior students in prospects beyond the knowledge of their curriculum. To kickstart this initiative, we took our first step towards excellence on the 26th of March 2021. Our very first guest speaker was Mr. Murtaza Anverally from the batch of 2014. [Burhani Serendib School](#) has produced many professionals and shaped the lives of individuals in differing careers. He inspired and moulded the minds of all senior students to dream big and achieve their goals.



Let's Take a Chill Pill 2.0

Let's Take A Chill pill 2.0 was a fun day organized by the members of the Students' Council Board 2020/2021 on the 26th of March for the Senior Students with the intention of providing the students with a relaxing day filled with fun activities, entertainment and food.

The event commenced with a game of Dumb Charades between the teachers and the students. Thereafter moved onto the main highlight of the event; The Awards Ceremony for the "Awesome Sauce Awards 2020/2021", and ending the day with reposed students spending quality time with each other.



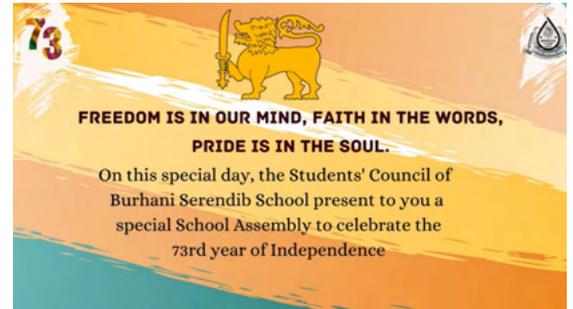
"Peace begins with a smile"

Independence Day Celebrations

The 73rd Independence Day Celebration of Sri Lanka and the 38th Anniversary of our beloved Institution was organized by the Students' Council 2020/2021 of **Burhani Serendib School** on the 3rd of February 2021, 08:45 am onwards.

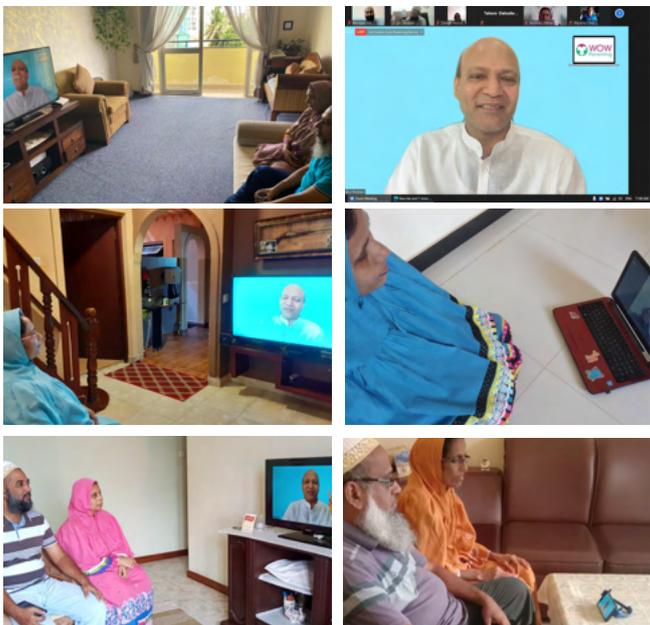
A few students from the Junior school classes dressed up in the cultural attire of the various Religions that we have in Sri Lanka, enlightening the audience of the facts of those respective religions showcasing the country's diversity.

Members of the Students' Council Board then moved on to celebrate the Anniversary of **Burhani Serendib School** with a glorious history of 38 years of service of nurturing young minds with the knowledge required to make them better individuals of the society and the Nation.



7 Wonderful Ways of Parenting – Narendra Goidani

7 Wonderful Ways of Parenting in these Tough Times, was an international event hosted by our school and conducted by Mr. Narendra Goidani on the 12th of June 2021. This was the first time an international event of such a large scale was hosted by us, in the history of the school. The event drew in participants in great numbers from 18 countries spread over 5 continents around the world. The programme was dedicated to all parents and guardians who have adjusted their time and schedules to support their children with online schooling during the ongoing pandemic. During the programme, Mr. Goidani shared some excellent parenting advice with our participants for these challenging times. The programme was very insightful for all those who attended it.



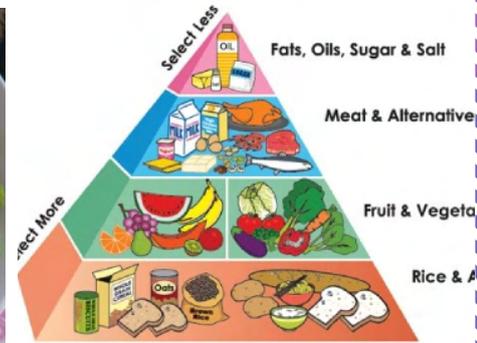
"The capacity to learn is a gift"

Junior School

We believe that self-expression can be a healthy way to steer away from negative thoughts and emotions that we go through during the ongoing pandemic.

Learning the different food groups

The students of Primary 3 learned about the different food groups in science. The students made a sandwich with food from various food groups, such as grains - bread bun, meat, eggs, and beans - chicken/egg, fruits and veg- salad leaves and dairy - cheese



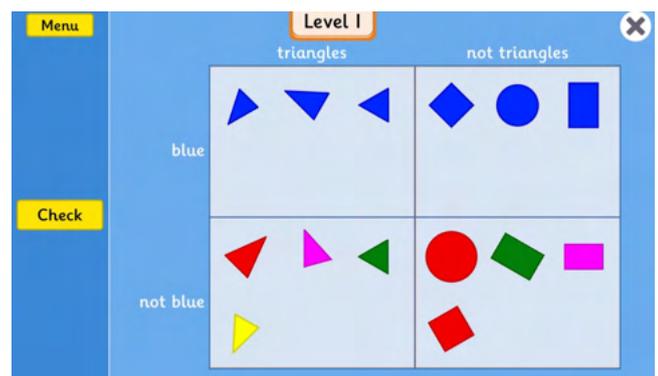
Circuits

As part of their unit on electricity, the students of Primary 4 used their knowledge of simple circuits to create working models. The results were stunning - from torches and toy planes to dolls' houses and model boats - our little scientists displayed their creativity as they explained their models to the class.



Carrol Diagram

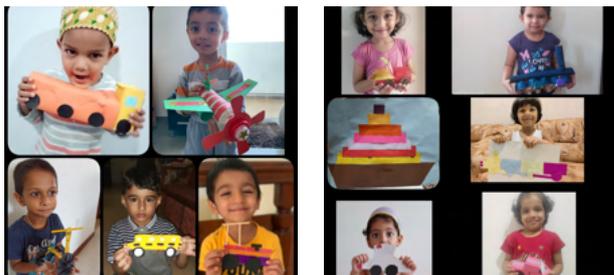
The students of primary 4 did revision on Carroll's diagram. This resource helps develop an understanding of the sorting of 2D shapes on a Carroll diagram using particular properties as criteria. Each of the four levels of difficulty can help children identify and know the names of 2D shapes of different colors, sizes, and orientations.



"Wisdom begins in
Wonder."

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Making Models of Vehicles



Children usually have a comprehensive understanding of transportation before they learn about it in the classroom. As a result, the students of Lower Nursery were asked to create a model of their favourite vehicle and discussed it in class.

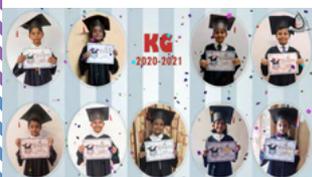
Project "Favourite Animals"

The project was to assist children to:

- Identify and classify wild, domesticated, and farm animals.
- Recognize the significance of farm animals.
- Learn the different names of animals and their newborns to expand their vocabulary.
- Gain knowledge about the different kinds of animals, their sounds, and their habitats.



First Ever Virtual Pre-School Graduation Ceremony



For the first time, Burhani Serendib School hosted a virtual graduation ceremony for the students of Kindergarten on the 30th of July 2021 at 3 pm. The graduation ceremony was also held for the students of primary one who had already graduated in 2019/2020 but were not able to have a ceremony due to unavoidable circumstances. The event started with the recital of Tilawat-E-Quraan, the students had each made videos about their favourite memories in Preschool and was put together as one video, the event ended with an address by our Principal Sir Dr. Shk Shabbir Hussain along with Wazifatus-Shukur followed by the National Anthem.



Hello everyone, I am Mohammed and I would like to be a doctor when I



grow up. A soldier's life is very challenging, but I am a brave boy.



Good Morning everyone, I am Mufaddal, I am going to join the



when I grow up, I want to be brave and strong to keep the community safe by

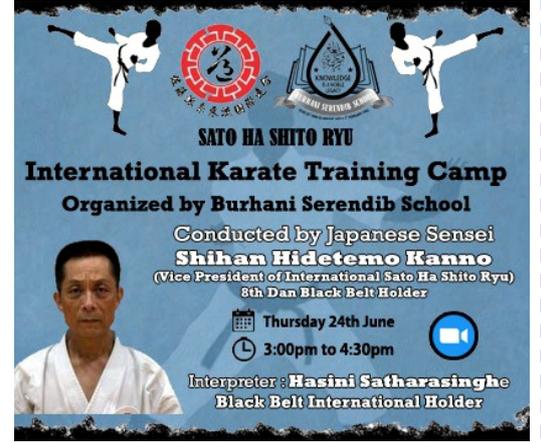
"Focus is the key to productivity"



International Karate Training Camp *Conducted by: Japanese Sensei Shihan Hidetemo Kanno*



The international online karate training program conducted by Japanese Sensei Shihan Hidetemo Kanno was a great success. It was indeed an amazing learning experience for all our students. We hope to receive such positive response for future events as well.



Online Physical Training & Karate Practices



Burhani Serendib School has successfully conducted online physical training classes for all students from Primary 1 to Form 4 and karate classes for all students from Primary 1 to Upper 6. These classes help ensure that our students remain physically active and energetic during the ongoing pandemic and online school.



"Always seek different types of knowledge"

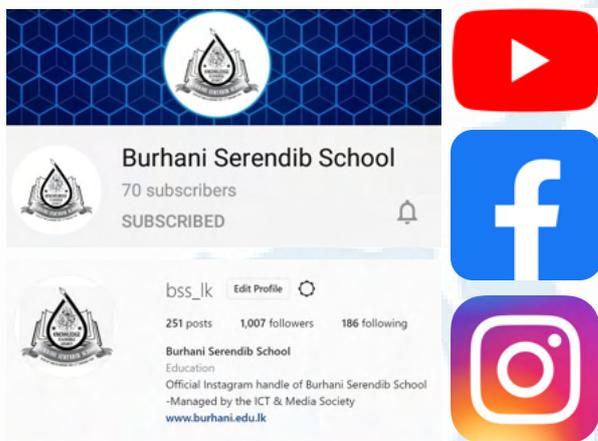


ICT & MEDIA SOCIETY

ICT & Media Society Projects

Enhance Social Media Presence

We are pleased to inform that our school has received a good reaction across all of its social media platforms, with over a thousand Instagram followers and seventy YouTube subscribers in just a few months.



School Website Re-modification

The team of ICT and Media Society has developed and redesigned the website and now includes new features such as:

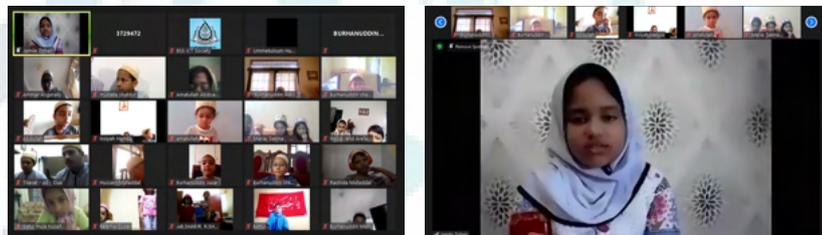
- sleek design
- simpler navigation
- one-tap contacting
- and regularly updated information

<https://www.burhani.edu.lk/>



Tilawat-ud-Dua Sessions

The school had organised 28 days of Ashara Ohbat Tilawat-ud-Dua sessions for all students, which were hosted and conducted on zoom by the ICT and Media Society.



Scratch Programming

In collaboration with the LearnWare Academy, a tech-driven academy for young minds to learn computer coding, the ICT & Media Society organizes sessions with our school students to help them gain a better understanding of the Scratch programming software. After the course, there will be a competition where students will have to create interactive stories in order to improve their expertise.

"Creativity is the greatest rebellion in existence."



YCC
YOUNG CREATIVES CLUB

Young Creative's Club Projects

Sparking It Up!

This project involved making the appearance of the school's library better.

What we did:

- Made direction poles for the library.
- Provided a white board to keep an update of latest arrivals.
- Added highlights to the autobiography/biography genre section.
- Added a 3D book which was put up at the entrance.

The improvement made to the library makes it visually attractive to students and encourages them to spend more time in the library reading.



Creative Minds

Project "Creative Minds" involved making some unique craft ideas for the children to make for their mothers. A tutorial video was put out on the 9th of May, which consisted of different ideas and techniques as a guide for the children to make their mothers a special gift. The tutorial included craft ideas like cards and gifts made of recyclable materials, such as frames, glass jars, and much more.

Through this, we achieved to help the young minds to unleash their creativity and make it easier for them to craft a present for their mothers.

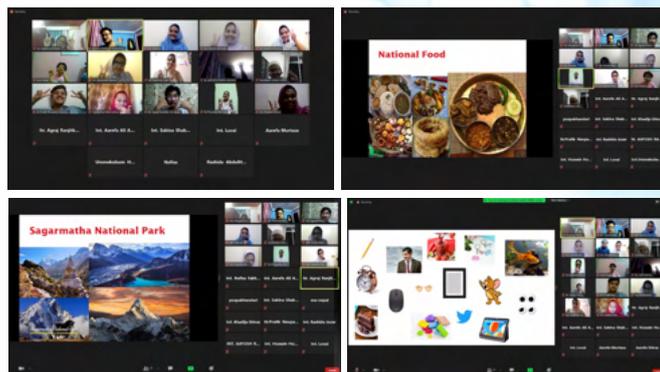
"If the plan doesn't work, change the plan. But never the goal"



Interact Club Projects

Cultural Exchange

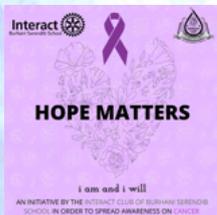
The Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School introduced an initiative where it invited the Interact Club of MWE from Mumbai, Interact Club of Baneshwor from Nepal, and the Interact Club of Metepec from Mexico to show unity amongst one and all and build friendships by having various districts come together to build an unbendable bond amongst the youth.



Changing Lives - Creating Leaders

"Changing lives - Creating Leaders" was a project which focused on putting a spotlight on Interactors that have been a part of our club and have continued to achieve success and impact the world. Hence, this initiative was to create content and bring forward individuals who can portray and reflect on how the Interact movement makes a difference in the world, not only to the society and community but also to the individuals that are part of the movement.

Cancer and Thyroid Awareness Program



'Hope Matters' was an initiative brought forward to spread awareness on cancer, its effects, and its prevention. As the first phase of the project, we had an online awareness campaign. Furthermore, the club also gave cancer awareness logo badges to teachers and students.



'Concealed Butterfly' was an initiative to bring awareness to thyroid cancer.

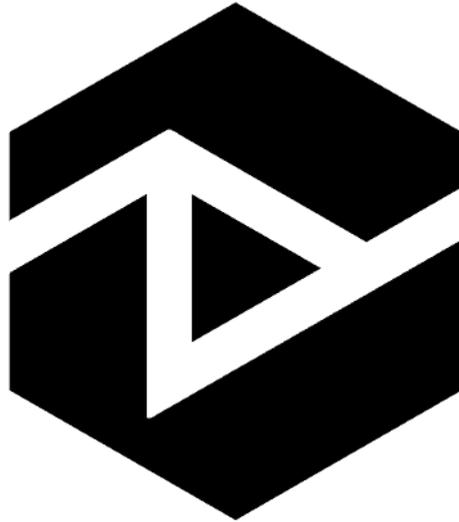
In order to put into action our awareness program, we hosted an IGTV that featured Dr. Burhanuddin Hamza, who explicitly explained the importance of prevention and elimination of thyroid and its effects.



To view more of our Interact projects and to keep track of our events in real - time follow us on Instagram @

https://www.instagram.com/icbs_3220/

"Commitment is an act,
not a word"



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