

# BSS NEWSLETTER

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KNOWLEDGE IS A NOBLE LEGACY

# SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

## International karate Championship



"Winning means you're willing to go longer, work harder, and give more than anyone else" - Vince Lombardi  
 The International online Karate tournament- Enbu taikai 2021 was held on the 31st of December 2021 where over 100 participants from all over the world competed for the under-15 karate trophy. **Taha Idris** out-performed everyone and emerged victorious with 1st place.

## Karate Grading Test



Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.

On the 24th of February 2022, the students of Burhani Serendib school took part in a karate grading test and students made strides closer towards achieving their black belts.

14 students achieved yellow belts, 7 received red belts, 3 students progressed upwards to orange belts, 9 students got blue belts and 1 student got a purple belt.

We hope that all students can achieve their goal and bring glory to the school



## Coding Milestone As An App Developer



We take pride in congratulating our student **Yusuf Khuzaima Bagasrawala** of Form 4 (Grade 9) on achieving the coding milestone as an app developer. He has shown exceptional thinking and coding capabilities, **Yusuf Khuzaima Bagasrawala** was able to develop "Task Manager". To be able to publish an App is a tough row to hoe and a feat. We will continue to encourage him to build apps that can solve real-world problems.



## Huffaz From January to July



Burhani Serendib School takes immense pride in congratulating our children who have become Huffaz Kiram between the months of January and July in 2022. In just 7 months Burhani Serendib School has produced 4 Huffaz Kiram, bringing the total number of Huffaz produced in our school to a staggering 27. And Samina Aliasger being just (11) years old is now the youngest Hafiz present in Sri Lanka. 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.



# TEACHERS' ACHIEVEMENTS



## Miss Shameemah



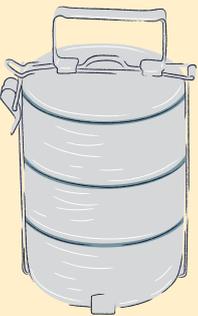
Who dares to teach must never cease to learn.

Burhani Serendib School congratulates Miss Shameemah, our preschool teacher for receiving a Diploma in Child Psychology from the Metropolitan College. This diploma focuses on the foundation of psychology, cognitive psychology, child and adolescent development, personality disorders and many other fundamental topics that will allow Miss Shameemah to interact with and understand our students in a better manner. We are honored to have such qualified teachers among us who will confer their knowledge to our students.

## Extra Events

### FMB Khidmat

On the occasion of the urus of Syedna Ismail Badruddin the students of Burhani Serendib School organized an initiative in hopes of donating to the Faizul Mawaid-al Burhaniyah. Therefore on the 3rd of February - in gratitude of His Holiness Dr. Syedna Muffadal Saifuddin's visit to our school in hijri 1441 we were able to feed the mumineen residing in Colombo, also praying that Aqa Moula TUS blesses us with the privilege of his visits again and again and Aqa Moula TUS lives till the day of judgment.



### Covid - 19 Vaccination Drive



There is no solution to the pandemic without a fully functioning vaccine. In light of the the farman of Aqa Moula, Burhani Serendib School organized a vaccination drive in collaboration with the ministry of health, where the students of Form 1 and above were vaccinated to protect themselves against the virus.

All students were given the vaccine to begin to move towards normal life - one step at a time.



### Ashara Mubaraka Ohbat Barnamaj

In light of the farman and Khushi of Aqa Moula (TUS), Burhani Serendib school organised events to ensure that students were physically and spiritually prepared for the days of Ashara Mubaraka.

Friday's assemblies ended with the zikr matam of Imam Hussain (AS), the students of Form-1 held an exhibition on the journey of Imam Husain (AS) to and from Karbala Moalla. Students have also highlighted the significance of Ashara Mubaraka. All students recited the shahadat of Imam Hussain in preparation for these auspicious days.

# SCHOOL EVENTS

## KUN Safar - 2022

The students of Burhani Serendib School had been blessed with the opportunity to visit Iraq and have the privilege of doing Imam Hussain(AS), Moulana Abbas Alamdar(AS) , and Moulana Ali (AS) 's ziyarat.

Thus on the 3rd of March the students said goodbye to Sri Lanka as they left for Iraq. Even though only students from Form 1 and above were eligible for this pilgrimage, 66 students from our school were a part of the total 84 that went for this pilgrimage that included the teachers and some past pupils - hence making this the largest religious expedition organized by our school. The group's first stay was in Karbala where they stayed for 5 days, and after years of the road to Baghdad being closed for pilgrims due to safety issues, our group was the first from Colombo who had the chance to visit Baghdad. The students then had a 4 day stay in Najaf before they returned back to Sri Lanka. This trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the students and it helped them learn a lot more and get closer to their religion as they understood and mourned the events that happened 1400 years ago on the day of Ashura.



## School Anniversary And Independence Day Celebrations 2021/22



The 3rd of February every year is always a day of two-fold celebration for the Burhani Serendib Family. This date marks the momentous occasion of the inauguration and founding of Burhani Serendib School in 1983 which turned a glorious 39 years, this year and it is also the day in which we celebrate the Independence Day of our Nation, a milestone that was attained on the 4th of February 1948 giving all Sri Lankans their freedom and dignity. We started off with flag hoisting along with the national anthem and ended with cake cutting.



# SCHOOL EVENTS



## Awards Ceremony 2021/2022

Under the guidance and blessings of His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddeen, every day we work to bring prosperity to the school by educating the youth and nurturing young minds with the knowledge required to make them better individuals of the society. And it's without a doubt that extracurricular activities go hand in hand in enhancing the students learning experience.

So Burhani Serendib School recognized the successes achieved outside of academics through sheer hard work and perseverance with two grand award ceremonies. We hope this recognition pushes the students to perform their best while also igniting their competitive spirit, so that every single day they aim to be better than they were yesterday.

The first awards ceremony that was held on the 27th of June appreciated the winners in a special assembly as the karate champions, and the 2nd and 3rd place awards were given out. The more prominent achievements and the championship trophies were given on the grand ceremony that took place on the 7th of July, and also outgoing felicitations to the batches of 2019/20 and 2020/21.



## Pre-School Concert



This event was also accompanied by a very melodious graduation ceremony for the children from Kindergarten along with a Pre-School concert. The concert was filled with thoughtful and yet funny skits, which gave out very powerful messages; Smartphones, Bear Hunt, The Wishing Chair. The event was filled with cheers from the students and loud support from all parents present.

This ceremony was held in the BSS hall where over 200 attendees were present and over 700 people watched online, it was the biggest event organized since the covid-19 pandemic and we hope to continue organizing projects like this throughout the years to come.

# SCHOOL EVENTS



## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Life Skills



"Along with math and sciences, the younger generation must be equipped with the knowledge of how to take on the world"

In light of the farman of Aqa Moola- Burhani Serendib school embarked on a mission to arm all it's students with the knowledge and practical know-how on the social

sciences. Throughout the year different areas of proper etiquette and hygiene, to ensure our students are well-rounded individuals ready to take on the world outside.

Each class performed activities that enhanced their homemaking skills and sense of responsibility.



Primary four cleaned the classroom



Primary two studied the art of polishing shoes



Form one had a go at hand stitching



The class of primary one learnt eating habits



The study of Geography is about more than just memorizing places on a map, it is about understanding the complexity of our world. Students of Form 2 used **recycled material** to make a Wind Vane for a group project under the topic of "Exploring Weather".



Students explored and learned how to make a Wind Vane. They checked practically how it is used to track wind conditions. The windy weather was an icing on the cake as students were able to put this experiment into practice and observe the results.

# PRE-SCHOOL EVENTS

## PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

For a fun and more practical learning experience the students of Burhani Serendib School are actively taught with joyful and engaging activities that are embedded in their studies throughout the year.

### Trip To The Post Office



For one such activity on the 5th of April the children in Kindergarten were taken to post a letter to strengthen their knowledge on the topic: "People who help us".

The letter was written by the students thanking and appreciating their parents for their unconditional support. This activity was done with the aim of aiding the children in learning how to have gratitude and how to show it, these lessons will hopefully allow them to be better members of the society one day.



The students were also taught about the entire process of sending a letter and a postman's duty.



### Cookery day



"Laughter is brightest where the food is the best"

The students of Upper Nursery prepared a meal of pasta with chicken and vegetables in a hands-on and exciting cookery day. Cooking with children is an exciting activity which captivates all the senses and fills the mind with wonder .



### Farmers market

A child is like a sponge, it absorbs what you give it. The students of Lower nursery took part in an exciting activity of farmers market to show that shopping can be a fun activity. The students learnt how to identify fruits and vegetables independently and gained social skills by asking questions and making payments for each item.



### Water Day

World Water Day is an annual United Nations (UN) observance day held on 22 March that highlights the importance of freshwater. The day is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

To celebrate this day the students of Pre-School had a fun-filled day in school. Where they played with water and learnt the filling, pouring and balancing exercises without spilling water. These activities were done with the hope of enhancing the concentration skills in children and teaching them the importance of saving water.



# SPORTS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

After a roller-coaster 2020 and 2021, where we saw all sports events getting cancelled due to the covid-19 pandemic, the 2022 calendar was filled to the brim with several awaited inter-house tournaments.

## Inter-House Basketball Tournament

The Inter-house basketball tournament was held at the school's basketball grounds on the 22nd of January, 2022 from 8 am to 2pm. The three houses competed against each other in a thrilling competition. The winning house of the tournament was Najmi House. All the students were called for selections and then a team was formed. Everyone till the end of the day supported their house. All the players learnt to have a good sportsman spirit and had fun throughout the day.



## Inter-House Badminton Tournament (Girls, Boys, Female Teachers)



The event schedule was changed so that the men's, women's, and teachers' tournaments would be held on separate days.

The female teacher's tournament was held on June 3rd. Mrs Jumana Shk Murtaza emerged victorious and received the championship, while Miss Shameemah Razak finished second. The girl's badminton tournament was held on January 22nd, and Imadi house won majority of the age categories, as well as the girl's badminton tournament, while Najmi house finished second overall. The boys badminton tournament was held on June 27th, and after a hard-fought game, Najmi house snatched the victory, winning the boys tournament, and Imadi house finished second. At the end of the day, Imadi House won the overall badminton tournament, with Najmi House coming in second.



## Inter-House Storytelling And Speech Competition

Interhouse storytelling and speech competition happened throughout two weeks in February. It Consisted of two rounds, the first round was open to all in which four participants were selected from each age category to present their speech to a panel of external judges for the second round. All students were able to get an experience of public speaking, and our congratulations goes out to all winners.



# SPORTS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



## Inter-House Spelling Bee Competition

Inter-House Spelling Bee Competition was held on 3rd February. It Consisted of two rounds where the first round was open to all. Four participants from each house were then selected to compete on behalf their house. It consisted of four rounds. It was held on the same day as the school's anniversary day.

## Inter-House Karate Tournament

The Inter-House karate tournament was held on the 31st of March. There were two categories: kata and kumite for which the Houses competed against each other. Kata involves a display of karate skills; while Kumite is the display of combat skills between competitors.



## Inter-House Netball Tournament

A winner is a dreamer who never gives up. The Inter house netball tournament was held on the 2nd of June 2022 where participants from all three houses fought closely contested battles and in the end Imadi house emerged victorious and Saiffee house came close runners up. Arwa Shakir of Saiffee house won best attacking player and Husaina Shabbir of Imadi house won best defensive player



## The Inter-House Swimming Meet

On June 23rd, the Royal College Swimming Pool Complex hosted the Inter-house Swimming Meet for 2021/22. At the competition's conclusion, the swimmers who demonstrated the best of their aquatic abilities were awarded medals and certificates. The Najmi House were crowned overall champions for the 2021/22 swimming meet, with Imadi and Saiffee House tied for second place. Saiffee House took first place in the girls meet, while Najmi House took first place in the boys meet.



# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## Interact Club Of BSS



### District Thai Pongal Celebrations

Thai Pongal is a harvest festival or a "thanksgiving" festival because it is celebrated to thank the Sun God and Lord Indra for aiding farmers in growing higher-yielding crops. This was the first time that Thai Pongal Celebrations was organized by the District. It was our school's honour to be able to win the bid and work along with the other clubs to pull a successful event. One of the goals of celebrating Thai Pongal was to spread goodwill and foster the festival's spirit. It also helped our young Interactors from our school in better understanding various religions, regardless of their backgrounds, and in developing friendships.



### Nutrition Watch 3.0



"As times get tougher, prices get higher, and laughs get scarcer, Rotary Club of Cinnamon Gardens along with the Rotaract Club of Cinnamon Gardens, Rotaract Club of ICBT, Rotaract Club of KDU Southern, Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School and the Interact Club of Isipathana College decided to make a difference and improve the lives of the less privileged. On the 30th of March 2022, 250 eggs and 250 masks each were donated to the Missionaries of Charity - Shanthi Nivasa, Lawris Children's Home, The Learning Tree Montessori and The Boys Industrial Home. We hope to have brought some smiles to these children's faces in these trying times.



### Social Edge

**Happy Friendship Day!**

This year the International Friendship Day is celebrated on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July with the Theme 'Deepening International Friendships'

**What is Friendship?**

Friendship is a simple word but carries a deep meaning. It cannot be defined by a single phrase or a paragraph as it means different things to different people. For some, it might be as simple as just being there for each other and not only in joys but sorrows as well, and for others, friendships may be the informal learning centers through which they gain all kinds of information and experiences.

Everything with a friend seems fun, you can chill and chat with them for hours and also take advice from when in need!

*"There are friends, there is family and then there are friends that become family"*

They are the shoulders you unashamedly cry on, the support you need when the whole world is against you and the anchors in moments of complete despair.

The best part of friendships is that they can come in your life in many various ways, they can be the shy little kid that once sat next to you, the kid you met at

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Diversity, equality and celebrations, the wonderful ways of earth are worth being explored. To explore earth in all its joys, the Interact club of Burhani Serendib school launched project - Social edge. Throughout the year, one special day was celebrated every month (friendship day, women's equality day, and sign language day) with a video and an article on our WordPress site.

**WORLD DIABETES DAY**

November 20 | 2009H

Sponsor:  
**Dr. Rakalya Hanuza Mallani**

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**HAPPY SIGN LANGUAGE DAY**

CHECK OUT OUR ARTICLE ON SIGN LANGUAGE DAY ON OUR WORDPRESS SITE NOW!!

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Instagram post showing a video call between two people.

**HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY!**

Women's Equality Day  
Human rights are women's rights.

check out our interview with @bringsioy official

# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## Young Creatives Club



### Creative Minds



Burhani Serendib School's Young Creatives Club hosted a competition called Creative Minds. We held a competition in which we invited everyone aged eight to fifteen to show off their creativity while using the theme elements. One of their goals was to use as many recyclable and reusable materials as possible in their projects. After overcoming all obstacles, the students created amazing projects.



## Confidence In You



If you speak you can influence. If you can influence, you can change lives.

On the 16th and 17th of June 2022, the young Creatives club organised two seminars on public speaking with guest speaker Safra Anver and aimed to inspire the younger generation to take up this essential skill, and give them a firm grasp on the basics of this vast subject.



# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## ICT & Media Society

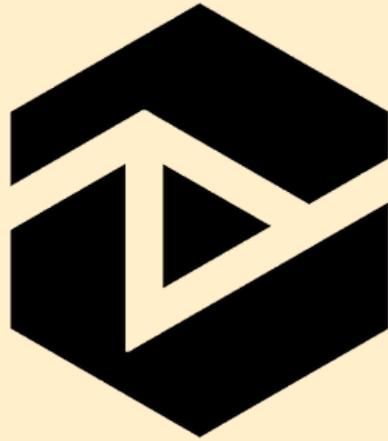


Due to the covid-19 pandemic, physical gatherings were restricted severely and events had to be held with limited numbers. To make sure everyone could be a part of the experience, the ICT & Media Society worked tirelessly to set up live streams of all the events held throughout the year. Along with that the ICT & Media Society made sure to cover photography, videography, audio setup and social media updates for each event providing the audience with quality service. New equipment was specially purchased too to make sure all events ran smoothly.

Events covered ranged from sports events like the inter-house basketball and badminton tournament, to the preschool concert and awards day.



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