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Burhani Serendib School
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40 YEARS OF US!

From our humble beginnings in the year of 1983, to the academic year 2022/2023, Burhani Serendib School has consistently strived to live up to our Moula's wish and farman of becoming the best school in the region. As we celebrate Burhani Serendib School's Ruby Jubilee, looking back at what we have achieved, from the chartering of ICBSS in 1996 to the opening of the new school building in 2019, and everything in between- we have been bestowed with more blessings than we can count.



This newsletter is more than a recap, it is a treasure chest of Burhani Serendib School's greatest moments- one that must be treasured for generations.



RUBY JUBILEE

Darees

To mark the beginning of the school's 40th anniversary, Burhani Serendib School organised a darees with the niyat of counting our blessings and starting our year with the barakat of Syedna Hatim (RA), Syedna Taher Saifudeen and Syedna Mohammed Burhanudeen (RA).

On the 8th of September, Burhani Serendib School hosted a darees with great involvement from students, staff and parents alike. An event of grand scale to kick-off a year like never before.



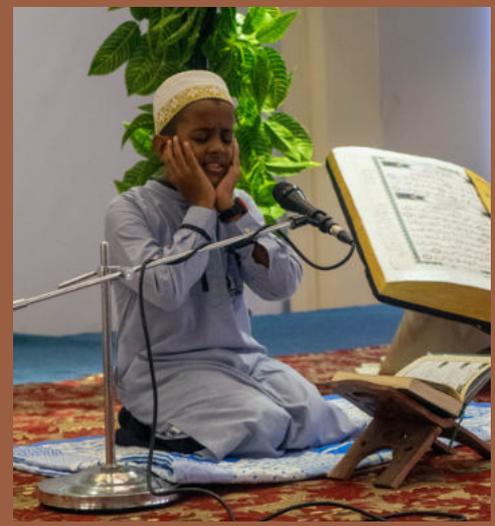
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RUBY JUBILEE

Qira'at Competition

One of the events held whilst celebrating our school's 40 glorious years in success, a qira'at competition was held where all students took part. The qira'at competition was also done for khushi and tu'lul umar niyat of Aqa Moula (TUS). It consisted of three rounds. The first round was where all students were called and all the mentors graded them according to their tilawat. In the next round the selected students were able to display their hunar in front of everyone in the school assembly hall. The finals of the qira'at competition will consist of selected students who will again recite the quran for the finals. Stay tuned!



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RUBY JUBILEE

Exhibition On “Celebration Of Being You”

“In a world where you can be anything, why not just be yourself?”

In celebration of Burhani Serendib School's 40th anniversary, and a platform to showcase the immense talent being nurtured in our School, an exhibition was held on the 21st and 22nd of October 2022 with the topic on “Celebration of Being You”, where all the students of Burhani Serendib School put on a show for all to enjoy.

Over the course of 2 days, Burhani Serendib School played host to 1000+ guests who had the opportunity to watch months of hard work pay off on the big stage. Students explored categories from Wordsmiths to Youngpreneurs, Little Einsteins to Skillful Hands and Tech Kids, all coming together as the pride of Burhani to put on a spectacle unlike anything ever seen before. Shining bright as we celebrate our Ruby Jubilee in grand style.



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Funday

“Happiness is definitely the most underrated weapon in a person's armoury.”

To celebrate the grand success of the exhibition, Burhani Serendib School organised a Funday- where students played games, got to know each other better, enjoyed scrumptious brownies and shared a few laughs as they watched a movie and got an opportunity to unwind after a few hectic weeks.



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RUBY JUBILEE

Shitabi Majlis

In the shukur that Colombo had the honour of hosting Moula (TUS) for Moulatena Fathema's shahdat bayan. Burhani Serendib School hosted a shitabi majlis on the 14th of December 2022. As per Moula's (TUS) khushi, in Moulatena Fatema (AS) majlis, all the girls got the opportunity to pray.

With the barakat and nazr mubarak of Aqa Moula (TUS) Burhani Serendib School is certain to attain tremendous heights this year.



SCHOOL EVENTS



STUDENTS COUNCIL INAUGURATION

“The moment you are first badged, you realise how much potential is within you.”

On the 3rd of October 2022, the newly appointed guard of Burhani Serendib School took up their positions as the student representatives of our school. Years of hard work paid off as the members of the Students Council were honoured with badges and cheered as they took oath to pledge allegiance to the school.

As the newly badged council took their positions at the head, Burhani Serendib School looked in safe hands.



SCHOOL EVENTS



INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" -
Nelson Mandela.**

To arm our students with the knowledge to move forward in both deen and duniya, Burhani Serendib School organised 3 interactive seminars where Janab Shk Hatim Bhai inspired and educated the future generation.

Three sessions- My Culture My Shield, Melody of Life and My Moula My Savior were held during the last week of November to help the future generation count their blessings and reflect on how far we have come, and how far we have to go.

ASBAAQ

As a gift for our Moula's 80th Milaad Mubarak, the students of Form 3 and above took part in asbaaq held by Janab Sh Shabbir Hussain every Friday afterschool in the hope of obtaining the happiness of our Moula (TUS) and contributing to the end goal of having 80% of mumineen having completed Nisab Awwal.

SCHOOL EVENTS



MOULA TUS SAFAR

Colombo had the extreme honour of hosting Moula (TUS) for Moulatuna Fatema's shahadat bayan. Throughout the safar, Burhani Serendib School was bestowed with countless blessings to put the cherry on top for a wonderful 40th year.

On Thursday, the first of December - The students got the sharaf of presenting a report of all the events that took place during the year, all the students got the sharaf of qadambosi during school hours, in school uniform and recited madeh in front of Huzurala (TUS).

To top it all off, the students of Primary 3 and 4 got to sit in the front and the students of Form 2 recited madeh during the wa'az mubarak.

May we all remain in the barakat and nazarat of Aqa Moula (TUS).



Teachers Achievements & Training



Saifee Eide Zahabi Nursery & K.G. School
(www.saifeenursery.org)
PRESENTS

Teacher Training Module : An Approach Towards Knowing the Environment

Conducted by Resonances : Nandita Jhaveri and Soniya Lalla - Pre Primary Educators, Education consultants and Trainers with 40 years of experience.

Module includes :

- Sensory experiences.
- Creating a scientific climate of learning.
- Learning skills to create an inquiry-based curriculum & broadening student's learning as per today's scenario.
- Philosophers : Rabindranath Tagore, Rousseau, Rudolf Steiner

Eligibility : Teachers and aspiring teachers (Pre Primary to Grade 2)

When : (5 Day Module)
19th to 23rd September 2022
(Mon to Fri)

Module Fee :
INR 2500

Time :
4:00 PM to 5:00PM IST

Registration (Whatsapp only):
Saleha: +91 9820093202

"The one who dares to teach must never cease to learn"

The teachers from the Preschool to Primary 3 took part in a Teacher Training Module which covered topics from sensory experiences to creating a scientific climate of learning.

Burhani Serendib School is also proud to announce that Mrs. Rashida Zohair has successfully completed her Juz Amma Sanad this year!

The Teachers of the Senior School took part in training seminars hosted by Pearson Edexcel to ensure that our students were well equipped for the exams via the right teaching mechanisms.



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

HIGH ACHIEVERS



In the Pearson Edexcel examinations held in May/June 2022, Burhani Serendib School boasts a 100% pass rate and many of our students gained recognition at the examinations.

Exceptional Achievers

Moiz Mansoorally

- 100/100 for Pure Mathematics 1
- 100/100 for Pure Mathematics 2
- 120/120 for Physics Unit 2

Aarefa Murtaza & Nafisa Fakhruddin

- 100/100 for ICT Unit 3

Outstanding performances International Advanced Level

- Rashida Juzer - 1A* 3As
- Zainab Mufaddal - 3As 1B
- Amatulla Ilyas - 3As 1C
- Aarefa Aliasger - 2As 2Bs
- Aarefa Murtaza - 2As 2Bs

International Advanced Subsidiary

- Moiz Mansoorally - 2As
- Huzefa Aliasger Adamally - 2As 1B

International GCSE

- Abizer Zohair Turabally - 3 9, 3 8, 1 7, 1 6
- Murtaza Zakir Hussain - 1 9, 1 8, 3 7, 1 6

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

HIFZ COMPETITION

At a recently held International Huffaz competition, two students from Burhani Serendib School took part and performed exceptionally well to bring glory to the school. Ali Shk Shabbir and Mustafa Shk Shabbir scored 86% and 81% respectively in a critically judged competition.

HUFFAZ

Adhering to the fervent wish of our Dai, Syedna Mufaddal Saifudeen (TUS), Burhani Serendib School congratulates the students that have become haffiz-ul-quran. The total number of huffaz in our school now stands proud at 30. 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.



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

CLEON COMPETITION

“If you can speak you can influence, if you can influence you can change lives.”

Burhani Serendib School has always nurtured young talents and this was one of the many places where our students gained recognition on a national scale. 10 students took part in the competition and all of them secured amazing results, 3 of them even moving to the finals.



THE STUDENTS THAT TOOK PART ARE AS FOLLOWS -

Hussaina Mufaddal

Mufaddal Tanzul

Batul Juzer

Batul Mufaddal Shabbir

Insiya Mustansir

Batul Hussain Mansur

Maryem Firoz

The students who qualified for the finals and emerged victorious are -

Batul Huzaifa

Ammar Mustafa

Khadija Huzaifa



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

ENTREMINDZ

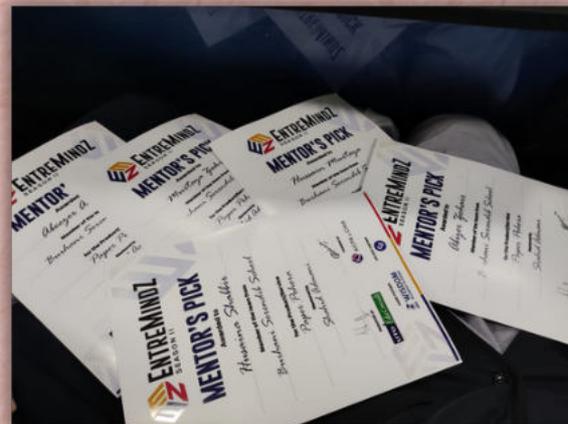
“If I asked people what they wanted, they would have asked for a faster horse”-
Henry Ford

The Entremindz competition was held on the 24th of September 2022 where students from all over the country presented their inventions to a panel of judges who were not only impressed by the quality of the inventions, but gave the students good feedback on how to bring it to the real world.



3 teams took part from Burhani Serendib School
Team Bus4you, Team Social Butterfly and team Paper Pohora.
all receiving commendable feedback.

Additionally- Team Paper Pohora won the Mentor's Pick Award and Husaina Shabbir and Hussain Murtaza won the award for outstanding presenters!



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING

The International Schools Swimming Meet was held on the 5th and 6th of November 2022 where there was high participation from Burhani Serendib School and a great performance by our students.

TISSL INTERSCHOOLS KARATE

The International Schools Karate Championship 2022, organized by the Leeds International School was held on the 12th & 13th of November 2022, 25 students from our school participated out of which our students got one gold, six silver and five bronze medals.

Taher Mohammedali won a GOLD Medal and was announced as the MOST UPCOMING PLAYER OF UNDER 12.



School Activities



Life Skills

School is not just about Math and Science, it is about finding your purpose.

Cooking and food preparation basics were taught to Forms 2 and 3. They studied how to use various culinary instruments.

Hand sewing was introduced to students in Primary 5 and Form 1 and the principles of stitching and various methods were taught.

Primary 4 students were taught the importance of properly cleaning shoes and how to do so appropriately.



Primary 3 students learned how to fold clothing for storage and transportation. Students in Primary 2 were taught how to properly wear socks and shoes. Finally, students in Primary 1 were taught how to fold the school uniform so that it was nice and attractive.



School Activities



Classroom Fun

"If we teach today as we taught yesterday, our children will miss out on tomorrow"
The students of the junior school have been treated to a variety of different learning mechanisms throughout the year to make learning more fun and inclusive for everyone involved.

The students of Form 1 and 2 had a great time learning about clay and how to make 3D forms out of it. Primary 4 students discovered antonyms and how to utilize them in their writing.



The students of Primary 2 discovered how to make and decorate windsocks. Primary 1 learnt how to create number ladders and link the numbers. This was an excellent approach to learning fundamental Math concepts.



School Activities



Class assemblies

“If you can conquer stage fright, you can conquer the world.

The students of Burhani Serendib School put together assemblies to show off their creativity, speech and drama skills as well as imparting valuable knowledge to the audience.

The Upper Six Assembly showed us how to effectively plan for the future in light of our ever-changing environment. The class of Lower Six humorously presented how to adjust to changing circumstances. The Form 5 assembly emphasized the necessity of widening one's views and getting a new viewpoint. The Form 4 assembly covered the significance of mental health awareness.



While The Form 3's focused on the necessity of recognizing and valuing one's own self-worth, Form 2 taught us the value of charity and how to make a good difference in the world.

Pre-School



Exhibition- Our Friendly Neighbourhood

The preschoolers were overjoyed to exhibit their Friendly Neighborhood Project at the exhibition. They put a lot of effort into making a lovely exhibit, complete with vibrant artwork and homemade models of their welcoming neighbourhood. It was wonderful to witness the kids' passion and imagination in action!

Everyone who saw the exhibition was in awe of the magnificent display and commended the children for their diligent effort. The preschoolers thoroughly enjoyed themselves while celebrating their Friendly Neighborhood project at the Ruby Jubilee display.



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Pre-School



Cookery Day-Importance of healthy eating

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves while learning the importance of good eating practices. They enjoyed experimenting with healthy foods and loved getting their hands dirty in the kitchen. The children gained an understanding of the importance of eating the proper foods and how it may affect their health and wellbeing.

After the cooking day, the kids were excited to cook up some of their own recipes to share with their family and friends. The youngsters enjoyed themselves and gained a new appreciation for nutritious food.



Pre-School



The crowd was filled with awe and admiration as they watched the preschoolers perform with grace and precision. The overall performance was an impressive display of talent and skill, one that will stay with the audience for a long time.

Sports Meet - Christmas drill

The preschool had been practicing diligently for weeks, and it showed in the final performance. They moved in perfect unison, with every movement coordinated to the beat of the music. Their smiling faces radiated joy and pride as they displayed their hard work.



Inter-House Madeh Competition

For the first time in the history of Burhani Serendib School and in celebration of 40 jubilant years of our school's glorious history, the Inter-House Madeh Competition was held on the 30th of September at the Burhani Serendib School Auditorium.



This competition was held with the hopes of discovering and developing new skills in our students. While also showing our love to his Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddeen with our recitations.

The event was filled with tears and smiles as the audience was moved by the students' thrilling performances.



Najmi House won from the boys competition while the girls competition was headed by Saifee House. And the overall championship was given to Najmi House.



Inter-House Scrabble

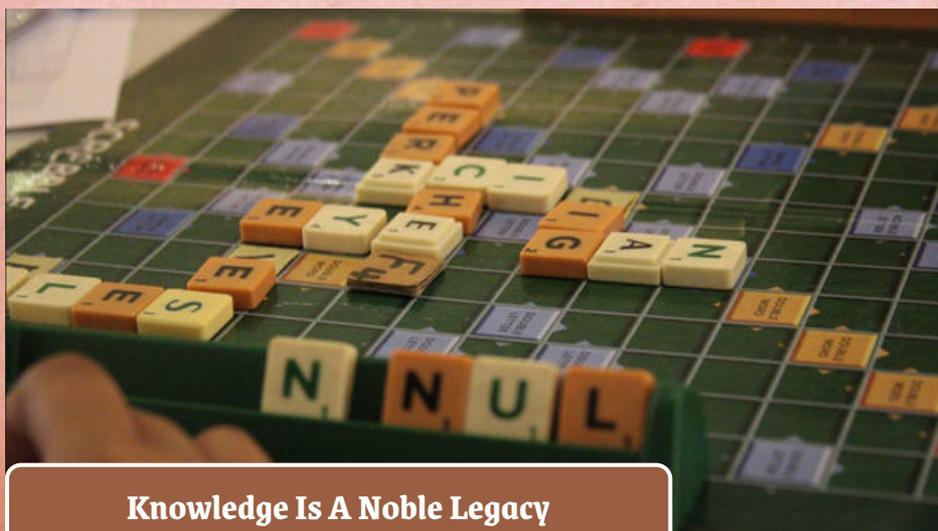
The Inter-House Scrabble Tournament was held on the 21st of September 2022.



Category									
Game No.	1127323								
Your Name	Muhammad								
School									
Opponent's Name	Moiz								
School									
1st PLAYER.					2nd PLAYER.				
Name: Moiz Mansoorally					Name: [unclear]				
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16					7				
24					24				
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Imadi-House was crowned champions of the tournament while Najmi house emerged runners up.

All houses fiercely competed against one another for the champion title. There were three categories: Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors. From each house for each category four players were chosen. There were awards for the best scrabble player for each category. All players kept their morale at their peaks throughout the event and enjoyed themselves greatly.



Inter-House Netball

The Inter-House netball tournament was held on the 1st of October 2022 where participants from all three houses fought closely contested battles. There were three categories in this as well. All the houses faced off against each other and this was the tournament between the female participants of each house.



"Winners never quit and quitters never win."

All houses were very excited to have a netball tournament and trained vigorously day and night until the day of the competition. At the end of the day after the most thrilling recovery made by Najmi house, they emerged victorious.



Inter-House Basketball

Talent wins a game but teamwork along with intelligence wins championships. The Inter-House basketball tournament was held at the School's Basketball Court on the 1st of October 2022.



All players showcased excellent sportsman spirit and both players and spectators enjoyed the event.



The three houses competed against each other in a thrilling competition, which consisted of three age categories. Each house faced the other two houses in the tournament and the houses with the most wins again faced each other in the finals. In the end even though all houses gave their best Najmi house emerged victorious!



Inter-House Cricket

The Annual Inter-House Cricket Tournament 2022/2023 of Burhani Serendib School was held on the 8th of November 2022 at the S.D.S. Jayasinghe Sports Ground from 8:30 am onwards.

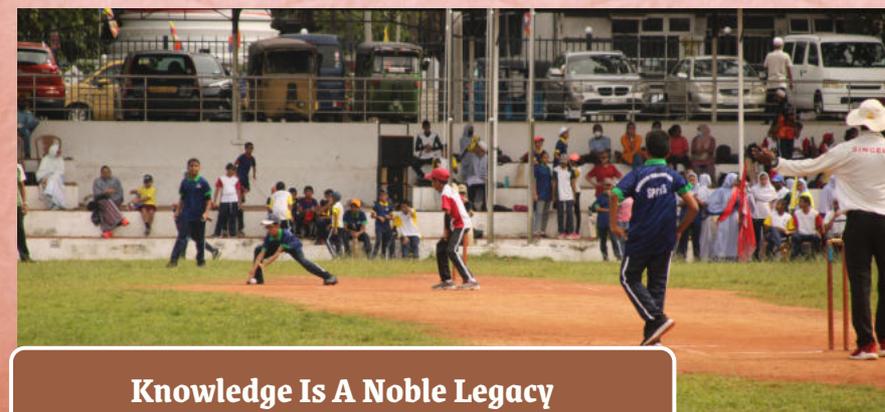


The tournament witnessed great batting and disciplined bowling. The matches were played between the three houses, all decked up to prove their mettle.

And after fierce competition throughout all age groups Najmi House managed to edge out with the overall Cricket Championship.



It was one of the most anticipated Inter-House events due to the drama that usually unravels over the course of the tournament. As the day unfolded, the audience were provided with extraordinary cricket as the students displayed sheer talent, teamwork and the spirit of sportsmanship. The parents cheered joyfully throughout all the matches played, encouraging the students to keep pushing their limits and put out their absolute best on the field.



Inter-House Swimming

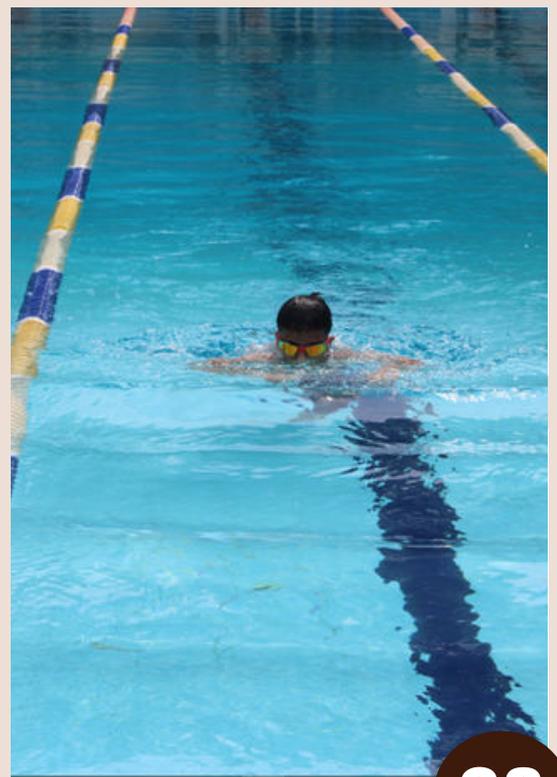
The Burhani Serendib School Inter – House Swimming meet was held on the 19th of November at the Thurstan college swimming pool. The day consisted of a wide range of events, the competition served a primary purpose of identifying youth talent.



In an atmosphere of chlorine and cheers, unforgettable memories were made with every length that was swum. The day came to a conclusion with the declaration of Najmi House as the champion house and Saifee house coming in second place, in what was a close and thrilling battle.



The thundering roar of the immensely enthusiastic young fans and the fanatic parents came to a sudden halt. For a breath-taking second, the swimming complex was swept with a wave of silence. The whistle blew breaking the spell of silence as the swimmers leaped into the still blue waters.



Pre-Meet and Sportsmeet

After 2 gruesome years the much awaited Sports Meet was held on Monday, the 12th of December, 2022. The atmosphere was filled with intense competition and friendly rivalry as the three houses faced-off over a span of two days in track and field events in the hopes of getting their hands on the championship trophy.



Najmi House were awarded the championship trophy by the Chief Guest - Janab Amil Saheb Ibrahim BS Zaini - as they topped the scoreboard, second position was won by Saifee House!



The ever energetic students did not let the spirit die down till the sun set as the air was filled with cheering and encouragement for the aspiring athletes.

Events like the Karate Display, Pre-School Concert and the Parents vs Teachers tug-of-war added even more joy to the fun filled day.

The day came to an end with an impressive March Past, coupled with some stirring marching music by the school band.



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Into The Hoop

The Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School organised an exciting and action packed 5v5 battle on the basketball court on the 28th of August 2022. Teams from fellow Interact Clubs and all over Colombo came together to compete and fight their way to victory.



The air was filled with cheer and pressure as all teams gave their best effort, showing off immensely skilled footwork and dribbling, speed and perseverance. After a day of increasing suspense, the final battle between Team Pick and Roll and Team Bola Deepan ended with Team Pick and Roll conquering the tournament and being awarded the champions trophy.



CLUBS - INTERACT CLUB



Donation Drives

The Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School has organised multiple donation drives throughout the months. The donation of cakes and stuffed buns, along with satisfying meals were greatly appreciated by those in need, a total of 54 meals were donated. The club's members also participated in and practised the art of giving as they donated books and toys to children from The Sri Jinananda Children's Home, a home to 60+ boys who have faced abuse, poverty, neglect and homelessness.



The vivid excitement on the children's faces as they opened their gifts was enough motivation to drive the spirit of giving, in the young Interactors.

CLUBS - INTERACT CLUB



Intercircles

Intercircles is a club service project organised by the Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School on the 5th of September 2022. Past members of the club Int. IPP. Rashida Juzer, Int. PP. Aarefa Murtaza and Rtr. Radiya Abid were invited to inspire and cultivate young interactors, introducing them to the Interact Movement.



The current President, Secretaries and Treasurers also educated the Interactors on how Project Proposals, Project Secretary's reports, Project Treasurers reports are to be made while also enlightening them about the ways in which projects are supposed to be carried out. The aim of the club this year is to motivate its members to conduct projects with compassion.

CLUBS - INTERACT CLUB



Installation

The Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School proudly hosted its 27th Annual Installation Ceremony on the 3rd of October. This signifies the beginning of a new era, thereby the theme of this year being 'TIME' - one of the most precious resources, the club has reached tremendous heights due to the combined efforts of members throughout the years.



This formal event consists of the badging of the new Interact Board for the years 2022/2023, along with a heart-breaking farewell of the outgoing board 2021/2022. The event was made memorable as a nostalgic video of all experiences and precious moments was shown, bringing out laughter and tears in every viewer's eyes.



CLUBS - INTERACT CLUB

Farewell (Mrs Rashida Abdulhussain)

“Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened”

The Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School bid farewell to Mrs. Rashida AbdulHussain as the staff advisor of the club after a glorious tenure of 17 years during which she took the club to unprecedented heights.



Past presidents who lead the club under her guidance gave emotional speeches remembering the impact she has had on the club. The ceremony ended with the welcoming of Mrs. Rashida Zohair as the new staff advisor of the club, someone who is sure to carry the club to great heights.



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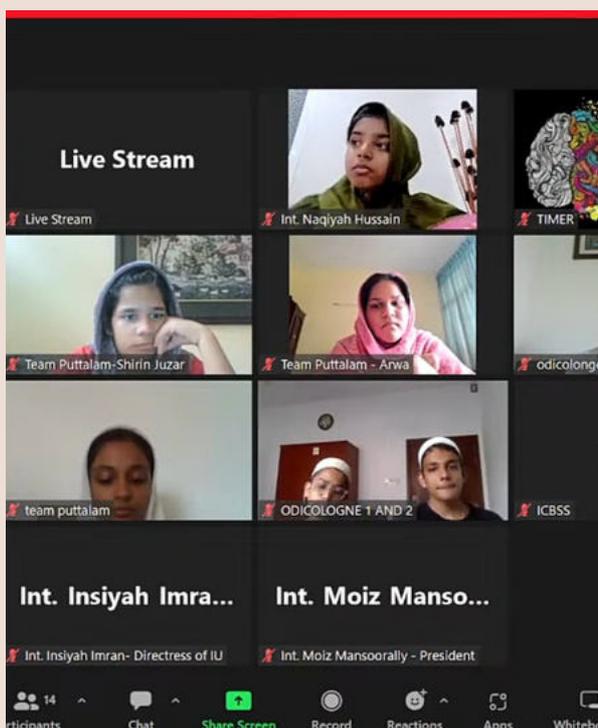
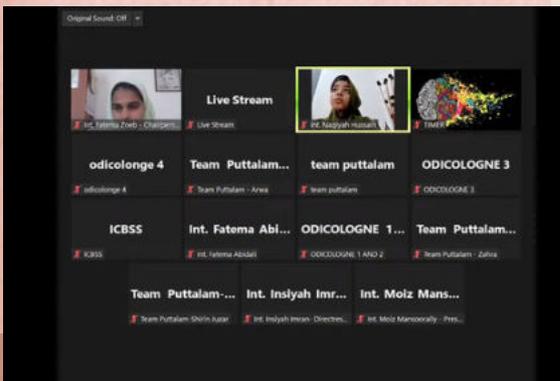
Labyrinth of wisdom

ICBSS organised the Labyrinth of Wisdom on the 16th of October where teams fought it out in the ultimate battle of the brains to become the ultimate quizmasters and triumph over their opponents.

The finals was held between team Puttalam and team OdiCologne with team OdiColonge emerging victorious at the closing stages of the battle.

“Unlocking knowledge at the speed of thought.”

A quiz competition designed to test the participants' quick thinking, problem solving and level-headedness.





CLUBS - INTERACT CLUB

Project Magnolia

“Only when the last tree is cut down, and the last river poisoned- will man realise we can’t eat money”

Recognising the importance of the environment and the way we have been mismanaging our precious resources, the Interact clubs of Burhani Serendib school, Isipathana College, D.S. Senanayake College, and the Interact Club of Visakha Vidyalaya organised Project Magnolia under the banner of Interlude.



The first phase of the project was a road cleanup where interactors made an effort to beautify our streets and make a cleaner environment for all.

During the second phase, the clubs partnered up with the pearl protectors and organised a nurdle cleanup to keep our friends under the sea safe from microplastics.

CLUBS - INTERACT CLUB



Youth 2k22

“10 locations, 5 friends, one common goal!”

After a hiatus of 3 years ICBSS’ signature project was back and bigger than ever, with more complex riddles, tougher challenges and a higher variety of locations. Participants were pushed to the limit as they tried to navigate around Colombo on foot. Once the location was figured out, participants had to carry out dares which tested their wits and courage to the limit.



Close to 3 excruciating yet rewarding hours later, Participants gathered at the assembly hall once again where team Kiku were crowned champions and team Full Uspat came very close but finished runners up. The Most active player award went to Abbas Alikber Hamza and best dressed went to team Bosses-in-charge.

Youth has always been a memorable project, and 2k22 was definitely one to remember.



CLUBS - YOUNG CREATIVES CLUB

Teachers Day

To celebrate and honour the wonderful teachers of Burhani Serendib School the Young Creatives Club organised a fun-filled and interactive session. The session started off with the sharing of bittersweet and wholesome memories and stories experienced throughout their teaching career. Laughter ensued as a game of pillow passing took place followed by dares given as a punishment to the loser at the end of each round. Sir Hakimuddin emerged victorious and was given an award for his efforts. To end the day all teachers were served refreshments - chilled Neli juice along with mouth watering brownies.

Decorations

"You don't get a second chance at a first impression"

Numerous events were held throughout the term, and each of them had many challenges to navigate. To make a presentable, welcoming and appealing environment for all those present at the events, the Young Creatives Club always put their best foot forward to decorate and beautify the locations of the events.



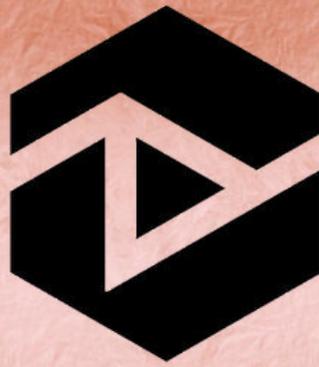
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Quran-e-Majeed Qiraat Competition 2022/23

CLUBS - ICT SOCIETY



The ICT and Media Society of Burhani Serendib School has always been a key part of ensuring that Burhani Serendib School has caught and remained in the public eye. This year once again, with the videos leading up to "Celebration of Being You" - to the live streaming of the Students Council inauguration and other special events. The ICT society has once again proved to be an indispensable part of Burhani Serendib School.





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