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40 YEARS OF US!

The influence of School life on a person can never be erased, and we as students of Burhani Serendib School have had the good fortune to be in the eyes of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (RA) and Syedna Muffadal Saifuddin (TUS), from establishment - to present. Our students have been showered with invaluable blessings from both Dai, and it is this barakat that has allowed our alumni to become trendsetters worldwide, in countless fields.



This newsletter is more than a recap, it is a gift of gratitude and a reminder that; wherever we go- the effect of this school, and its Founder will never be erased.



SCHOOL EVENTS

Milestone 40th Anniversary Celebration at Burhani Serendib School

In a momentous event, Burhani Serendib School celebrated its 40th anniversary since inception on February 3rd 1983. The occasion began with homage to Sri Lanka's Independence Day and a retrospective of the past year, featuring a tribute video to accomplished alumni worldwide. Distinguished by speeches from Head Prefects and the Principal, the event culminated with a captivating performance by winners of the Madeh competition. This celebration underscores the school's legacy of excellence while beckoning the future of exploration and achievement.



SCHOOL EVENTS

TISSL Scrabble Tournament

For the first time in the history of Burhani Serendib school, an inter-school TISSL Scrabble tournament was held on the 11th of February 2023 where participants from multiple schools took part in a fun and thrilling day of Scrabble. The day provided a great experience for all involved and was a truly captivating experience.

At the end of the hard fought day; Lyceum International School came first while Burhani Serendib School emerged runners up.



Teacher Training Program

If we teach today as we taught yesterday, our children will not be ready for the future.

On the 18th of February, Mr Sadun Fernando led a teacher training session for all the teachers in school on how to balance their personal and professional lives along with creating a positive classroom environment and bettering student experiences using the Neuro Linguistics Programme. Throughout the session teachers gained valuable insights on how to improve both the learning and teaching experience.

SCHOOL EVENTS



Pandes Workshop

From the 15th to the 21st of March, the workshop taught the students how to master the art of public speaking, drama and storytelling. Throughout the workshop students learnt how to control their emotions and actions on stage and capture an audience from the outset. The workshop was held in two stages, the Primary level, from Primary 3 to Primary 5 and the Secondary level from Form 1 to Form 4. Each session was tailor-made to help overcome the fear around public speaking. By the end of the sessions the students had the confidence to change the world through their words.



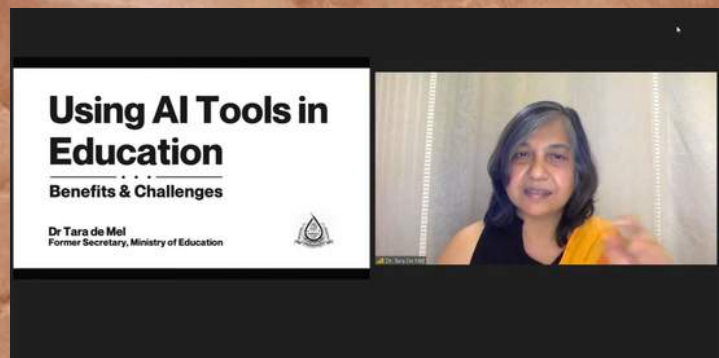
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Reshaping The Future With AI

“By far, the greatest danger of Artificial intelligence is that people conclude too early that they understand it”- Eliezer Yudkowsky.

From teaching to learning; Artificial intelligence is making an impact in every aspect of life. This seminar hosted by Burhani Serendib School with guest speakers Mr Khuzaima Hussain and Dr. Tara De Mel educated parents, students and teachers about the potential AI has to change the world, for better and for worse. Participants that joined physically got a chance to take part in different activities showcasing how to use AI.

Dr. Tara De Mel, commended our school for taking the initiative to organize such an informative seminar on AI, while many other educational institutions are still contemplating the subject.



SCHOOL EVENTS

Invitational Basketball Tournament

“Basketball isn’t a sport, it’s an art, one that must be mastered to succeed.” - Stephen Curry

Burhani Serendib School hosted an invitational basketball tournament where 6 schools competed against each other in a day of high-octane basketball promoting sportsmanship and healthy competition between the schools. After a day of see-sawing basketball and a final match that went down to the wire- Loyola College emerged victorious while Burhani Serendib school came runners up.



International Schools Athletic Championship

The International Schools' Athletic Championship was a two-day event that showcased the talents and skills of our students in various sports and games. It was held on the 25th and 26th of February 2023 at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo, where more than 20 schools participated. Our students competed with enthusiasm, determination, and sportsmanship.



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Sara Juzer

Sara Juzer, one of our brilliant students, has been awarded the “High Achievers” award by Pearson for her outstanding performance in the IAL exam held in May/June 2021. This is a remarkable achievement that reflects her dedication and talent. We congratulate Sara on this honour and wish her all the best for her future endeavours. We hope that her success will inspire other students to pursue their academic goals with confidence and excellence.

Burhani Serendib School has continuously produced high achievers in the recent past in various fields.

Batul Hussain

Batul Hussain Jamaly of Primary 5 has won the Daily Mirror British Council Essay Writing Competition, a prestigious contest that invites students from all over Sri Lanka to express their views and opinions on various topics. Her essay, titled ‘What I wish for 2023’, was shortlisted from hundreds of entries and she emerged as a winner in her category. She won a British Council membership. She has shown us that hard work, determination, and imagination can lead to great achievements. We hope that her success will motivate other students to challenge themselves and explore their potential.



CONGRATULATIONS

BRITISH COUNCIL ESSAY COMPETITION WINNERS - JANUARY

Sooriyagoda Rathambegoda
Yemith Samethma Sooriyagoda
Sumedha College
Gampaha

Chenaya Lamethmie
Somaratne
Musaeus College
Colombo 7

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Taha Idris

Taha Idris is our karate champion who has just achieved the his first Black Belt. He is the first Burhanian to accomplish this feat and we are really proud of him. Taha started his journey with a white belt in school and persevered through years of training and practice. He passed the final grading test on Monday, 6th of March 2023, and earned his Black Belt. He impressed the judges with his speed, strength, accuracy, and discipline. He also showed his respect for the karate code of ethics and values. Additionally, on Moula's previous Safar to Colombo, Taha received his blessings and was gifted a holy pilgrimage to Iraq.



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Karate Students Excel in Grading Test

Our karate students have performed exceptionally well in the grading test held on the 10th of July 2023. The test was conducted by the Chief Sensei of Japan Karate Do Sato Ha Shito Ryu Kokusai Rengo Sri Lanka Branch. Out of the 23 students who participated, all of them passed the test and earned new belts.

Most of them also received an upgrade. This is a rare and remarkable achievement that reflects their skill and commitment.

In total, we have 23 new belts, including 15 upgrades! We congratulate all the karate students for this achievement and commend them for their continuous hard work and determination.



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Hafiz-ul-Quran

Adhering to the fervent wish of our Dai Syedna Muffadal Saifudeen (Tus), Burhani Serendib School congratulates the students that have become Hafiz-ul-quran through the Mukhayam-Talilm-Quran program. The total number of Huffaz in our school now stands at 34.

We pray that with the dua Mubarak of Aqa Moula (TUS) , may the barakat of hifz-ul-quran persist in these walls for years to come.

The huffaz so far this year are-

Ajab mustafa

Mariyah Firoz

Zainab bhen Ibrahim bhaisaheb Zaini

Husena Aliasger

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES



Inter-House Badminton tournament

The Inter-House Badminton Tournament for the year 2022/23 was successfully concluded on the 14th of January. All three houses competed against each other in a thrilling competition in order to obtain the champion title. The air was filled with fierce competition and friendly rivalry as the three houses worked their way to victory. Awards for the overall best junior and senior players were delivered as well.

Even though all houses gave their absolute best, Imadi House emerged as champions while Najmi House followed them earning second place.



SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES



Mari Zabaan Mari Pehchaan

On February 10th, 2023, we held the final event, the Inter-House Lisan Ud-Dawat Competition, “Mari Zabaan, Mari Pehchaan,” to commemorate our School’s 40th anniversary. Before the competition, students attended brief sessions to help them improve and understand the basic concepts related to Lisan Ud-Dawat writing. All students, including Preschool children participated in this competition actively, ensuring to obtain Moula T.U.S Khushi by being well versed with OUR ZABAAN (our language) which is OUR PEHCHAAN (our identity). Najmi house emerged as the winners.



SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES



Inter-House Karate Tournament

A black belt is a white belt that never quits.

The Inter-House karate tournament was held on the 28th of January 2023; where participants from all three houses displayed their skills in a well-versed manner. The determined students did not let the spirit die down till the end. As the air was filled with cheers for the aspiring young 'karateka'. The day came to an end with Najmi house as champions, followed by Saifee house.



JUNIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Class activities are a great way to make learning fun and interactive. They help students connect with the topics and create a vibrant educational experience. Here are some of the class activities that our students enjoyed recently:

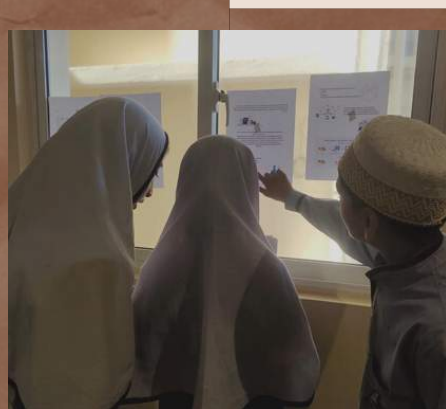
- **The students of Primary 5 created a puppet show using shadow puppets. They used their creativity and imagination to make their own characters and stories.**
- **The students of Primary 5 also engaged in Silat. They exchanged gifts with one another, which promotes goodwill and friendship among them.**
- **The students of Primary 4 made models of simple machines, such as levers, pulleys, wheels, and inclined planes.**
- **The students of Form 2 made various games powered by magnets, such as mazes, puzzles, racers, and shooters.**



At Burhani Serendib School, we believe that our students must experience learning beyond the book, and so we help them acquire different life skills throughout their school life. Here are some examples of how our students learned life skills in the past term

JUNIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- **The students of Primary 3 prepared a nutritious snack using ingredients from all five food groups.**
- **The students of Primary 2 arranged their books according to the timetable.**
- **The students of Primary 3 trimmed their nails as part of their personal hygiene lesson.**
- **The students of Primary 5 & Form 1 took part in a certified course on hand sewing techniques.**
- **A STEM workshop was conducted by MEU labs on the 12th of July for the students of Primary 4 to Form 3. They learned how to apply science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in practical situations.**



PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Libas na naamo

The children brought different types of clothes beginning with the letter (L) and discussed where they are worn. They learnt that our community's cultural clothing is called 'Libas ul Anvar' and what the benefits of wearing such clothes are. They also learnt the correct way to iron clothes and how to keep them in their place.

Tree planting.

"When we plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope" -Wangari Maathai
The Lower Nursery children enjoyed planting and watering different types of plants. It was a rewarding activity that developed skills on how to nurture a plant, while also teaching them the importance of planting and it's positive impact on Earth and us human beings - trees not only provide us with the oxygen we need to live but also with fruits, shade and protection against climate change.



PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MILAD CARDS

The pre-school children made cards in celebration of “Milad Mubarak” and were given gifts in honour of this auspicious day. In the card students were taught how to prepare themselves for ‘Lailatul Qadr’ - a night of staying awake and being engaged in prayers, and how to present their gift to Moula (TUS).

Keeping the environment clean

Teach the children to love the Earth before we ask them to save it." - David Sobel

The Lower Nursery children had a wonderful hands-on learning experience focused on acquiring a valuable life skill—keeping their surroundings clean. They eagerly participated in a collective effort to clean up a garden located in their neighbourhood



PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PRE SCHOOL ORIENTATION

We are delighted to present a summary of our successful preschool orientation. The highlights of the program were:

Immersive Facility Tour: Parents explored our carefully designed learning spaces, vibrant and interactive play areas, that foster an ideal environment for growth and development.

Dedicated Team Interaction: Our enthusiastic teachers and staff members demonstrated their expertise, highlighting their dedication.

Hands-on Activities: Parents observed the effectiveness of our innovative curriculum through fun activities that stimulate creativity, critical thinking, and essential life skills.



PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PRE-SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT AND GRADUATION

Every year our young stars put on their costumes and act out a wonderful and entertaining concert. This year, respected Janab Amil Saheb and Ben Saheba graced the occasion. The show commenced with Tilawatil Quran and a recreation of the famous "Toy Story" movie in which the portrayal of kindness was depicted in an immersive way by the children of kindergarten. Next was another interpretation of a renowned movie "Sound of Music" by the Lower Nursery children. The sensational display was followed by the children of Upper Nursery who presented a colourful variation of the Sinhala song "Iren Handen". Continuing on, an insight into the many educational adventures that take place in our Pre-School was shown. Last but not the least, our youngsters went up on stage to accept their long-awaited graduation certificates as they took a huge leap from Kindergarten to Primary -1.



TEACHERS ACHIEVEMENT



We are proud to announce that the teachers of our School are one of the most hard-working educators and are thriving with an industrious attitude to provide our students the very best education. We are grateful to our teachers who work through their days off to push us to our extreme and drive us towards our bright future. We applaud all our diligent mentors who have not only helped us with one's shoulder to the wheel, but have achieved their own finish line with tremendous results.



- Miss Fatema Zoeb - Diploma in Early Childhood Development Education.
- Miss Reyiza Riyaz - Diploma in Teaching Mathematics.
- Miss Umama Khan - Diploma in Primary School Teaching.
- Miss Batul Juzer - Diploma in Early Childhood Development Education.
- Mr Mohammed Firoz - International Higher Diploma in Sports Management.
- Miss Munira ZainulAbedeem - Hafiz-ul-quran



INTERACT CLUB

THE GAME FACTORY

The club set up a stall named “The Game Factory” at the Shababi Eidiz Zahabi carnival held in January, 2023. This carnival was a massive event, with over 3000 attendees from the local community. The stall was designed to provide carnival-goers with an exciting and fun experience.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

The club invited leaders from different religious communities to participate. The program began with an opening prayer by each leader, who recited verses from their respective scriptures and invoked blessings for the country and its people. This was followed by a panel discussion on the theme of “Unity in Diversity”, where the leaders shared their views on how different faiths can coexist peacefully and harmoniously in Sri Lanka.

PREVENTING ADDICTION

A seminar was organised on preventing addiction to cigarettes and vaping on February 6th. The guest speakers were Dr. Burhanuddin Hamza, Janab Amil Saheb Ibrahim Bhai Saheb Zaini, and Dr. Shk Shabbir Hussain. The seminar aimed to raise awareness among students about the harmful effects of smoking and vaping and promote healthy lifestyles.

INTERACT CLUB



HEART OF HOPE

The club organised a remarkable project that aimed to spread joy and happiness among the children at a girls' orphanage. The club members visited the orphanage and engaged in a range of fun-filled activities with the children, such as games, music, and dance performances. They also brought gifts and snacks for the children, and spent quality time with them.



BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The club organised a thrilling badminton tournament that brought together the members of the Dawoodi Bohra community during the month of Ramadan. It featured men's doubles with exciting matches and nail-biting finishes. The club members also set up a juice stall as part of a fundraising project, where they served refreshing drinks to the players and spectators, while also raising funds for a charitable cause.



YOUNG CREATIVES CLUB



The Young Creatives Club of Burhani Serendib School is a creative group of students who are enthusiastic about expressing their artistic talents and skills. Here are some of the activities that they participated in recently

JUICE STALL

The club hosted a juice stall during the basketball tournament held on the 10th of June 2023. The goal of this project was to provide refreshing and energising drinks to the participants and spectators. The juice stall was a hit among the attendees, who enjoyed the delicious drinks and appreciated the club's efforts.

DECORATIONS

The club was responsible for decorating and beautifying the venues of various events held throughout the term, such as the Independence Day celebration. The club members used their creativity and imagination to create stunning decorations that matched the themes and colours of each event.



ICT SOCIETY

The ICT and Media Society of Burhani Serendib School is a group of students who are interested in exploring the latest trends and innovations in information and communication technology. They provided technical services from live streaming, to constantly updating the school's social media accounts and creating the Newsletter.





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