BURHANI SERENDIB SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL EVENTS

P.A.N.D.E.S WORKSHOP







PANDES (Public Speaking, Announcing, News Reading, Drama, Effective Reading, Storytelling) was an interactive and alluring workshop executed by Ms. Panthea Goonethillake that provided beneficial skills and fostered personal growth for students from Primary 3 to Form 4.

The workshop included a modular approach, breaking the stigma of stage fright and then teaching the students how to capture and mesmerize an audience as they prepared to change the world through their words.

SCHOOL EVENTS

ROBOTICS BOOT CAMP

The senior school Robotics Boot Camp was in collaboration with **Meu Labs**. The students were given an introduction to **Robotics and Programming.** This involved building the physical chassis of their rover, which was used to compete on the last day.





They also got some hands-on experience in the field of electronics. Furthermore, they got to **explore** the world of **embedded systems** and their underlying components such as **microcontrollers, microcomputers and ICs.** The camp ended with a lesson on how to program the development boards using **Arduino C++**. This Camp surely fostered problem **solving skills** & was a **valuable experience** for all!



SCHOOL EVENTS



PRIZE GIVING





The Annual prize giving of Burhani Serendib School was held on the 9th of

September 2023 at the Defense Service College Auditorium.

It stood as a prestigious event, dedicated to honour, recognise and award the exceptional accomplishments of our school's radiant talents throughout the academic year. This year's event held a unique and significant place in our hearts as we celebrated our Ruby Jubilee, under the theme 'Celebration of being you'.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Burhani Serendib School's tour of Cairo offered a harmonious blend of religious and cultural experiences. Each day Beginning with Fajr Namaz at Al-Jamea ul Anwar and visits to Rasul-Imam al Hussain on foot, the group covered an impressive 2.7 million steps. Each day was filled with educational explorations, including the Hubba Hubba factory, Dream Park, Pharaonic Village, and more. Religious practices, such as hosting majlis and praying Duas under the canopy of Imam Hussain, were integral.



MISR TOUR







Fridays were exceptional with tours of Jamea Masjids in Misr and visits to Moulatena Zainab, Moulatena Nafisa, and Moulatena Ruqaiyah's Zarih Mubarak. Explorations extended to Alexandria for ziyarat and insightful explanations from historian Dr. Ayman enriched their understanding of Fatemi Dynasty monuments. This unforgettable journey provided students with a profound grasp of history and cherished memories.

SCHOOL EVENTS MILAAD PROGRAM





On the 6th of October 2023, the **students** of Burhani Serendib School organised a program to celebrate the auspicious occasion of the 113th and 80th Milaad Mubarak of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (RA) and Syedna Aali Qadr Muffadal Saifuddin (TUS). KALAMRO NU THAAL The Students' Council of Burhani Serendib School organised a Kalamro nu thaal where all the students contributed in celebration of Milad-Un-Nabi to sprinkle happiness on this phenomenal

MAULATENA FATEMA SHITAB

event.

The Students' Council of Burhani Serendib School organised a **Shitabi Majlis on the shahadat day of Maulatena Fatema AS with the niyat of Aqa Maula's tulul umar and development of the school. Students** had made '**Mohabbat ni Roti'** and brought it to school, which was served to them through salvaat na thaal and was also shared across staff and other faculty members.





SCHOOL EVENTS FACTORY VISIT



The students of the senior school of Burhani Serendib School were taken for a factory visit to Akhtari Trades Pvt Ltd, Negombo. This visit enhanced their understanding of particular technologies, methods of production, industry and economic concepts.

It was in an attempt to provide on-site and active learning. The students learnt about manufacturers and converters of printed flexible packaging materials for the food and tea industry.







SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Entre-mindz 2023 Competition is an entrepreneurship competition organised by UTO EduConsult in partnership with AICPA & CIMA which involves the development of a new product idea that includes a business plan with the main focus being on marketing and budget allocation. Over 40 teams participated in this year's competition, from leading schools to even private entries.

Excitingly, Team Paper Pohora from Burhani Serendib School secured 2nd Place, earning Rs.20,000.





ENTRE - MINDZ





Hussain Aliasger from Team CARBLE won an individual merit award for BEST PRESENTER! It was a very proud moment for our school as both the Judges and Mentors present at the Awards Ceremony repeatedly commended and complimented all of our participating teams, thus demonstrating the great expertise and capability of our students as they bring honour to Burhani Serendib School.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS COMMONWEALTHESSAY

Celebrating Burhanian brilliance at the QCEC 2023! **The world's oldest international writing contest**, the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC), has been engaging young minds since 1883. Over the last decade, it's drawn in a whopping 140,000 wordsmiths from 5000+ schools globally. This year, Burhani Serendib School's students shone brighter than ever before. Embracing the theme of "Youth Empowerment", 15 young Burhanians took the stage and brought home some serious accolades!

-Gold Medalist: Munira Zoeb (Form 3)

<mark>-Silver Medalists:</mark> Bathul Jamaly (Form 1), Sakina Aliasgar (Form 3), Khadija Murtaza (Form 3)

-Bronze Medalists: Hussain Zohair (Form 3), Khadeeja Murtaza (Form 3), Maryem Firoz (Form 3), Hussain Shabbir (Form 4), Hussain Aliasgar (Form 5), Fatema Abidali (Form 5), Sakina Moiz (Form 5).

-Participation Certificate awardees: Zainab Adamjee, Sakina Abbas, Tasneem Moiz (Form 4), Rashida Shabbir (Form5).

SCHOOL ACHEVENENTS

EDEXCEL HIGH ACHIEVERS

The students of Burhani Serendib School have brilliantly upheld and taken forward our motto "Knowledge is a noble legacy" by showing us the boundless boundaries of education. Our students with great determination, hard work and commitment excelled at their IGCSE, IAS, and IAL examinations with an exceptional 100% pass rate for the IGCSE's.

IGCSE:

- HUSSAIN MURTAZA:4 (Nine/A*), 1 (Eight/A*), 2 (Six/B)
- HUSAINA SHABBIR: 1 (Nine/A*), 5 (Eight/A*), 1 (Seven/A), 1 (Six/B)
- YUSUF KHUZAIMA: 1 (Nine/A*), 2 (Eight/A*), 5 (Seven/A)
- SAKINA HUZAIFA: 5 (Eight/A*), 1 (Seven/A), 1 (Six/B)

IAS:

- ABIZER ZOHAIR: 1 (A), 3 (B)

IAL:

- MOIZ MANSOORALLY: 2 (A), 2 (B) - HUZEFA ALIASGER: 1 (A), 2 (B), 1 (C)



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Our Aqa Moula (TUS) has advised that every household should have at least one Hafiz. Our school has recently embedded 37 Huffaz, and we are proud to announce this achievement. We pray with the dua of our beloved Aqa Moula (TUS), and believe that this achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and staff. The dua of our beloved Aqa Moula (TUS), grants us the wisdom to keep the Hafiz-Ul-Quran tradition alive in our school for years to come.



During the recent International Huffaz Musabaqat (Mukammal **Quraan Hifz Competition**), our student Mustafa Sh Shabbir Dohadwala, showcased his extraordinary talent and cognizance by achieving an impressive score of 82%





SCHOOL ACHEVENENTS

EVEL CASE

STUDYETAN

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Sara Jujar ISLAND 1ST & GLOBAL RANK 7TH PRIZE WINNER

We proudly recognize Sara Jujar, an esteemed alumna of Burhani Serendib School, for achieving 1st position in Sri Lanka and Joint Seventh globally in the CIMA May 2023 Operational Case Study Exam. This remarkable success reflects Sara's dedication and expertise, earning applause from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. Congratulations to Sara for this outstanding accomplishment, bringing pride to the Burhanian community. We wish her the Best for her future endeavors, as her achievement reinforces our pride in being part of the Burhanian community.

SCHOOL ACHIEVENENTS

TISS TISS Le TIS



Leeds International School hosted the TISSL Karate Tournament on November 4-5, 2023. Our school had 28 participants, with notable achievements in Kata and Kumite. We proudly won three golds and three bronzes.

GOLD 🖌

Burhanuddin H. Moosajee - KUMITE
Batul H. Skyray - KUMITE
Aarefa H. Galiwala - KUMITE

BRONZE 诸

Huzefa Dawood - KUMITE
Munira Idris - KUMITE
Zahra Mufaddal - KATA

Congratulations on their **remarkable achievements** and we wish them all continued success!







SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS CLEON COMPETITION

At the Festival of Glory 2023, **Burhani Serendib School dazzled in the CLEON ACADEMY OF SPEECH AND DRAMA competition**. From 46 participants in August, 16 advanced to the All Island Finals in September. **Among nearly 300 contenders, 11 of our stars emerged as the brightest. Sakina Taher** (Primary 2) and **Burhanuddin Mufaddal Akhtari** (Form 1) wowed everyone with their **story telling skills**.

Batul Mufaddal Shabbir, Burhanuddin Mustafa (Primary 4), Burhanuddin Shabbir Abbas (Primary 5), and Khadija Huzaifa (Form 3) delivered stirring speeches that left the audience in awe.

And our Form 1 storytelling group, made up of Amatullah Hussain, Insiya Illyas, Insiya Juzar, and Zahra Khuzaima, spun tales that kept everyone on the edge of their seats!

A special shout-out to Maryem Firoz Saifudeen (Form 3) who stunned everyone with her dual talents in story telling and public speaking.



SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES







Inter-House Netball Tournament

"Netball, a sport in which each pass weaves a tale of precision, every goal a symphony of teamwork."

The **first Inter-House tournament** to take place was the Inter-House Netball Tournament 2023/2024 held on the 26th of August. The girls from all three houses vied for the honourable position of champions; which was **taken home by the Imadians, edging out Najmi house, who secured the second place**. Amidst the echoes of cheers, the tournament culminated in crowning the Champion House, and honouring the Best Defence and Best Offence players.

SPORTS AND ACTIVITES



INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT





In the words of Michael Jordan, 'Basketball is more than just a game, it's a metaphor for life'. In the riveting Inter-House Basketball Tournament at Burhani Serendib School, the three houses showcased a captivating performance revealing their true essence and devotion for the game. Imadi House emerged as the undisputed champions, showcasing exceptional teamwork and skill.

Saifee House secured a commendable second place, while Najmi House claimed the third spot in a thrilling competition that echoed the school's commitment to sportsmanship and passion for the game.



SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES INTER-HOUSE CRICKET TOURNAMENT



The cricket ground **resonated with a blend of friendly competition and camaraderie**, as awards were bestowed upon exceptional junior and senior players.

Saifee House secured the gold with a remarkable victory, closely pursued by the formidable Imadi House.



The much awaited Inter-House Cricket Tournament 2023/2024 season reached its thrilling conclusion on October 20th. In a compelling showcase of talent and sportsmanship, the three houses; Najmi, Imadi and Saifee fiercely competed for the coveted championship.







SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

INTER-HOUSE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The 2023/24 Inter-House Badminton Tournament reached its exciting culmination on January 14th. In a spellbound display of skill and sportsmanship, the three houses engaged in intense competition for the aspired champion title.





Amidst the spirited rivalry, **Najmi** House established victory, securing the championship, with Imadi House closely trailing to claim the second-place position. The atmosphere buzzed with both competitive energy and harmony, and honors were bestowed upon outstanding junior and senior players from all houses.



SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING MEET



In a heart-stopping moment, Imadi House emerged as the triumphant force, with Najmi House securing a commendable second position in a closely contested showdown.



"Dive into dreams, swim through challenges, and emerge stronger than the tides."

On October 31st, Burhani Serendib School hosted a thrilling **Inter-House Swimming meet** at Thurstan College's pool. The event, filled with **challenges and dreams**, aimed to determine the victorious house. Amidst the scent of chlorine and echoing cheers, swimmers dived into the calm blue waters, creating indelible moments.







SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES















INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC MEET

The Inter-House Athletic meet 2023/24 demonstrated fierce competition among the houses Saifee, Imadi, and Najmi. In a thrilling event, Saifee emerged victorious, asserting the top position, whilst Imadi secured second place, and Najmi claimed the third spot. Despite their divergences, the houses shared a common thread through their gemstone themes. Imadi House embraces the passionate essence of agate, Saifee House radiates purity with flawless emeralds, and Najmi House resonates with the warmth of Citrine, creating a diverse yet harmonious tapestry of symbolism. The festivities extended beyond traditional sports, featuring entertaining events like the preschool show and an impressive karate display. The school community relished in the spirit of sportsmanship and talent displayed by each house during this memorable event.

SCHOOL ACTIVITES UNLOCKING

MATH MAGIC:

The students of primary 01 embarked on an appealing journey in a world full of numbers, through the game of bingo, not just any bingo but an enchanting exploration of the concepts of 'more than' and 'less than'. The objective was to solidify their understanding of the 'more than' and 'less than' concepts, building a strong foundation in mathematics.





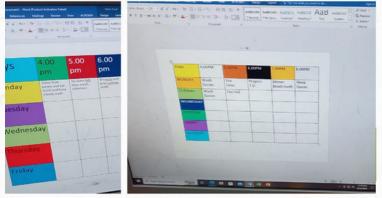
<u>GEOGRAPHY- HISTORICALLY</u> <u>IMPORTANT CITIES OF THE ISLAND</u>

The students of primary 05 undertook an exciting journey in the process of exploring the historical significance of the five prominent cities in Sri Lanka, which are Anuradhapura, Galle, Kandy, Jaffna and Polonnaruwa. As a result the creative and young minds understood and celebrated the rich heritage of these cities through their research and presentations.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Engaging in classroom activities transforms learning into an exhilarating journey, let us explore a few captivating class endeavours :

Our young learners of **Primary 1** through a focused session on packing their bags, have successfully embraced **independence and organization. Primary 2 students** were guided in the fundamentals of **table manners**. Demonstrating **good table manners** is not just a display of etiquette; it signifies **respect** for hosts and the **food presented**.















The students acquired time management skills **using selfdesigned ICT-assisted timetables**. This initiative, aims to instill **valuable time management** abilities crucial for future success.

Students of Primary 4 mastered the skill of book covering during the first term. This activity aimed to enhance foster independent organisation of personal belongings.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES









FORM 2

Form 2's class assembly centered on "Shine Bright, Be You," celebrating individuality and embracing unique qualities. Students showcased talents and shared stories of overcoming challenges, promoting an inspiring and empowering atmosphere. The assembly encouraged everyone to embrace their shine and take pride in their identity, leaving a truly uplifting impact!

FORM 3

Form 03's class assembly focused on the "Heart of Hospitality," highlighting the significance of treating guests with kindness. Students presented scenarios and insights on making people feel welcome, leaving a positive impact on everyone.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

FORM 4

Form 4 emphasized "Focus and Determination" through real-world business examples, comparing a successful yet ungrateful businesswoman with a humble and grateful counterpart. The message: with focus and determination, dreams are achievable. The humble businesswoman's hard work led to surpassing the arrogant one, reinforcing the importance of gratitude, highlighted in the Deeniyat aspect.





FORM 5

Form 05 highlighted the crucial theme of '**Balance' in life**, **emphasizing** its impact on daily living. They showcased examples; the **importance** of managing **business** alongside **religious duties** like **praying Namaz**. The assembly illustrated the effects of imbalance on people of all **ages**, underlining the universal significance of **maintaining life balance**.



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CLASS ASSEMBLIES LOWER 6



UPPER 6

Upper 06 showcased 'Never Give Up' with a compelling assembly, illustrating a weak student's journey to success through perseverance. Real-life examples like Bill Gates and Malala Yusufzai were cited to inspire resilience. The assembly concluded by instilling passion in young students, urging them never to give up on their dreams.



Lower 6 emphasized 'Gratitude and Thankfulness,' with students expressing appreciation for even the smallest blessings. A poignant video showcased the impact of an ungrateful attitude, highlighting the importance of acknowledging opportunities. The assembly concluded with a heartwarming madeh, reinforcing the theme of gratitude.







PRE SCHOOL



PICNIC WITH TEDDY

Lower Nursery kids enjoyed a delightful picnic with their teddy bears, sharing snacks, hugs, and laughter. The highlight was a lively game of musical cushions with their cuddly friends, followed by a cozy story time where they cuddled up and listened to a fairy tale. The best picnic ever!



KALAMRO THAAL

Our little stars of Atfaal, Upper and Lower Nursery, celebrated the birthday of our beloved prophet by making the yummy, sweet kalamro. They had a blast decorating it. They also learned the etiquettes and manners of sitting in thaal, highlighting how to pray مالغ الرحمن and صلوات before their meals. They also shared their kalamro with their friends and family, spreading the joy and sweetness of this special occasion.









PRE SCHOOL



<u>أكرمو اولادكم واحسنو ادابهم</u>







The kids of Upper Nursery explored their family in Lisanud-Dawat through fun and meaningful discussions and activities. They learned about the different members of their family and how to address them in Lisan-ud-Dawat. They also expressed their love and gratitude for their family through various and creative ways. They enjoyed learning about their family in Lisan-ud-**Dawat** and appreciated the diversity and beauty of their culture.

PRE SCHOOL

THICK AND THIN









On September 21st 2023, our Principal, Dr. Shk. Shabbir Hussain bhai, inspired teachers with a wonderful workshop on how to teach preschool students with love and effectiveness. He shared his insights on how to align teaching methods with their thinking and feeling skills, and how to create a **positive** and **caring** atmosphere for them. He also offered practical tips on how to support their behavior and learning, set realistic and helpful goals, make learning fun and interesting for them.

TEACHER'S ACHEVENENTS

Burhani Serendib School is immensely proud to announce that Sakina Bhen Qaisar achieved the goal of being a Hafiz in the hijri year 1445. The school appreciates her commitment and utmost dedication in accomplishing such a feat.

teachers' olympiad 2023

Rashida Abdulhussain

is placed among the Top 10 Percentile globally in the International Teachers' Olympiad held on 7th October 2023 and has taken yet another step towards success in their teaching career.



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Our Teacher Miss Rashida Abdulhussain successfully participated in the International Teachers' Olympiad 2023 and we are proud to announce that she stood among top 10% teachers globally. Her passion towards teaching is commendable.

NTERACT CLUB

28TH INSTALLATION





The Installation is a very formal affair and a compulsory major project for all active Interact clubs as it is organised to mark the Installation of the Club's officers for the upcoming year and to honour the work done by the outgoing president and his team during the last year. Every year, the Installation is attended by not only Interactors from numerous Government and International Schools around the country, but also parents, teachers, the District Council, Rotaractors, and Rotarians too. We welcome our incoming president, Int. Insiyah Imran and wish her all the best and congratulate the outgoing president PP Int. Moiz Mansoorally.



INTERACT CLUB









INTERCIRCLE'S 23

The project took place physically on the **19th of September** during after school hours at the **Burhani Serendib School** AV room. Our invited guest speakers were – **Rtr.PP.Mohammed Firoz** and **Rtr. Hussain Mohammed Hamid** who **motivated** the **Interactors** and enlightened them on what the **Interact** and **Rotaract** Movement is by sharing their experiences in both these organizations. This will help encourage **young interactors** to participate actively in this movement.

Our Merch

Project Our Merch was organised by the **Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School** as an initiative that is brought forward annually. **This project** involves the designing and printing of our **annual club t-shirts**. These are mainly worn so as to give recognition to the club when worn by our interactors to events; it works vice versa too by giving interactors recognition.

INTERACT CLUB

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Project "Lights! Camera! Action!" was an exciting initiative designed to bring our club members together for an exclusive screening of the blockbuster movie "MITCHELLES VS. THE MACHINES". In this thrilling event, ticket prices were 250LKR per head, ensuring accessibility to all members. We were happy to know that the interactors had marvellous time.











INTER-CRICKET LEAGUE

The "Inter Cricket League" isn't just a sports event; it's a finance project empowering youth through sportsmanship, financial management, and community engagement. This large-scale indoor cricket tournament by the Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School is more than a showcase of cricketing talents—it's a platform for valuable learning experiences.

INTERACT CLUB DISTRICT GOVERNER'S OFFICIAL VISIT

District Governor's Annual Visit: Fostering Rotary Excellence, Connecting with Clubs, and Celebrating Contributions. The president, Int. Insiyah Imran, along with her secretaries Int. Husaina Shabbir and Int. Sakina Moiz attended the district governors official visit at Cinnamon Lakeside on the 10th of October 2023.

This visit involved proposing the 'Annual Plan' of our club to the Governor. It also enabled us to have a wonderful bonding session with our Rotary Family where; connections were made, advice was shared and more importantly the spirit of service was cherished!







Young Creative's Club

In honor of His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin's 80th Milaad Mubarak, the Young Creatives Club crafted a significant Date Tree, deeply rooted in Fatemi Dawat history. Adorning the Shukr Majlis organized by Burhani Serendib School, the decoration, featuring a desert sunrise backdrop, symbolized students' devotion and gratitude towards Moula (TUS).













BADGING CEREMONY

The Young Creatives Club of Burhani Serendib School kicked off the year by **badging new board members**. They creatively showcased the theme "**ELEMENTS**" at the Installation and Inauguration Ceremony with **physical displays of a waterfall, fire, and plants symbolizing Earth's elements**.

Young Creative's Club SUNDAY FUNDAY







The club's creative prowess shone at the Annual Athletic Meet 2023/2024 with a photo booth capturing lasting memories for spectators!

The Young Creatives Club of Burhani Serendib School organized "Sunday Funday" for Primary 1 -Form 2 students, featuring engaging activities like a Hearing Test, Balloon Stomp, Simon Says, Draw It, and a creative showcase with fun materials. Refreshments kept juniors energized, and prizes were awarded to victorious participants. The project, executed with expertise, provided a Sunday full of **amusement and entertainment** for the children.

ICT & Media Society

Burhani Serendib School's ICT and Media Society Club is a passionate and enthusiastic group of students who are keen on expanding their knowledge and skills in the field of Information Technology. The students get the chance to receive extensive training in various areas and be part of multiple events through our club.



The ICT society aims to provide students with a vast field of opportunities to explore their interests and develop their skills. Whether their passion lies in creating newsletters, filming videos, or managing social media accounts, our club excels in all aspects.







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