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Interact
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YOUNG CREATIVES CLUB

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BURHANI SERENDIB SCHOOL

Founded on February 3rd, 1983, by His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (RA), Burhani Serendib School has been a distinguished center for learning and personal development for over 42 years, guided by Fatemid morals and values that inspire students to explore, achieve, and grow



True to our belief that “Knowledge is a noble legacy,” we take pride in fostering a community where learning, integrity, and character flourish. This newsletter celebrates our students’ achievements, school events, and the inspiring moments that make life at Burhani Serendib School truly remarkable.



KARATE BLACK BELT

On March 2nd, 2025, at the prestigious International Black Belt Grading event, we proudly celebrated the achievement of Burhanudeen Mufaddal, Hussain Zohair, Maad Hussain, and Taha Idris, who earned their Black Belts, with Taha Idris attaining Black Belt Dan 2. Their success reflects their perseverance, discipline, and dedication to Karate, inspiring us.



UNDER 13 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Under-13 Basketball team represented Burhani Serendib School at the 42nd Annual TISSL Tournament under Coach Sir Subash Angelo. They showed great determination, finishing with a 25-13 win over Horizon College, reflecting teamwork, skill, and an inspiring fighting spirit.





77TH INDEPENDENCE DAY & 42ND ANNIVERSARY



On February 4th, 2025, Burhani Serendib School proudly celebrated Sri Lanka's 77th Independence Day alongside the school's 42nd Anniversary. The event brought together students, staff, and guests in a spirit of unity and pride. Heartfelt speeches honoured our nation while reflecting on the school's remarkable journey, making the day both memorable and inspiring for all who attended.

INTERACT ACHIEVEMENTS

We are incredibly proud to share that the Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School has been honoured with both the Interact District Citation and the Interact Club Citation, in recognition of our impactful service and dedication throughout the year. These awards, along with the Silver Distinction for Club Standard, celebrate our commitment to the values of Interact, the consistency and excellence of our projects, and the hard work, creativity and dedication of every member of our club in fostering leadership and creating meaningful change in our community.

HUFFAZ



Moiz Mu Mufaddal



Juzer Shk Qusai



Burhanudeen Shk Hussain



Zahra Shk Shabbir

We are immensely proud to celebrate the remarkable achievement of our students who have completed the memorization of the entire Quran, along with one of our past pupils. Congratulations to them for their unwavering dedication and spiritual perseverance, which continue to inspire us. May this noble accomplishment guide their hearts, shape their character, and illuminate their path throughout life.



Ruqaiya Shk Aliasger

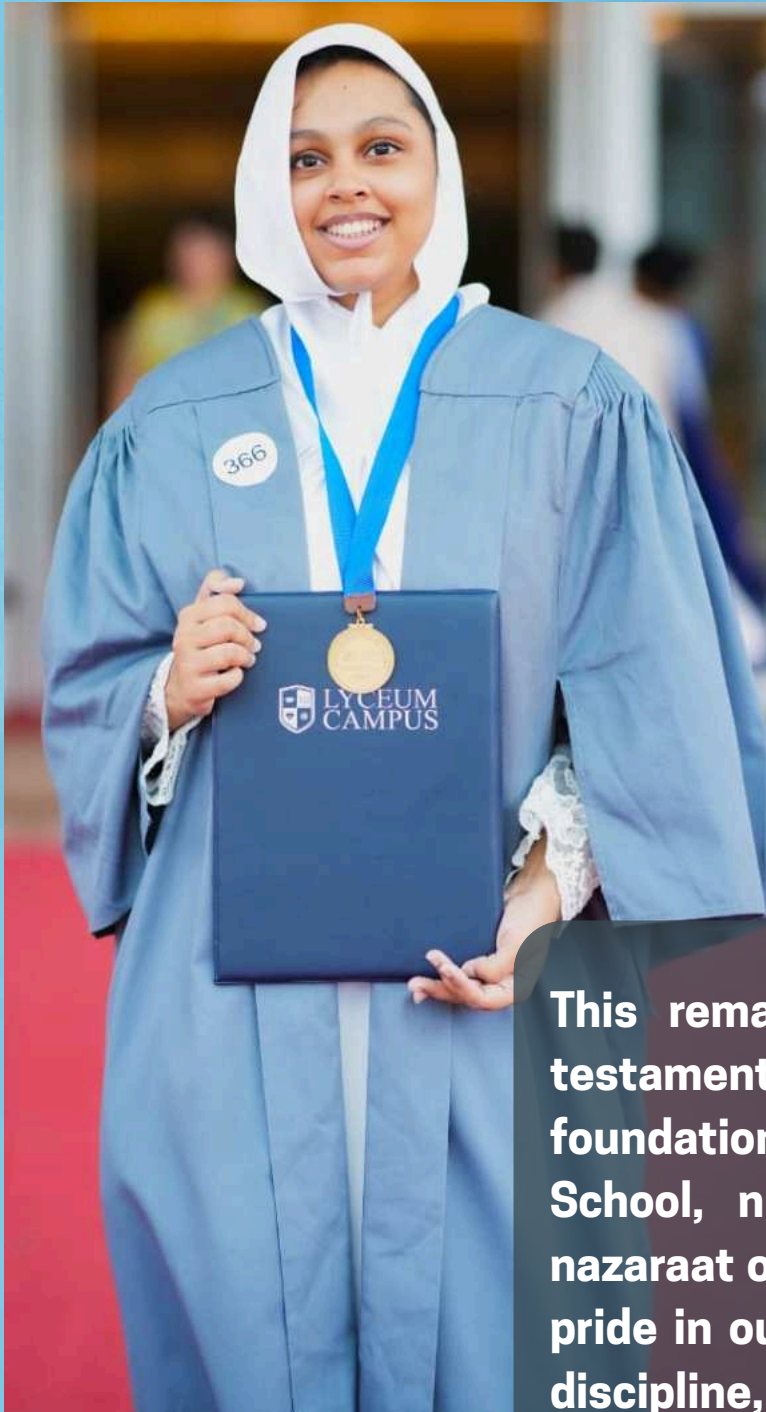


Burhanudeen Shk Huzaifa



Aarefa Mu Murtaza

PROUD ALUMNA



With the barakaat of Aqa Moula TUS, our alumna continue to shine across diverse fields. We are proud to celebrate Khadija Shiraz, a distinguished Burhanian, who has been awarded the Gold Medal for securing first place in the Diploma in English Language Teaching at Lyceum Campus, outperforming students from all its branches.

This remarkable achievement stands as a testament to the strong educational foundation instilled at Burhani Serendib School, nurtured under the guidance and nazaraat of Aqa Moula TUS. We take immense pride in our students who uphold the values, discipline, and excellence of their Alma Mater as they excel in the wider world.

INTERHOUSE CRICKET TOURNAMENT



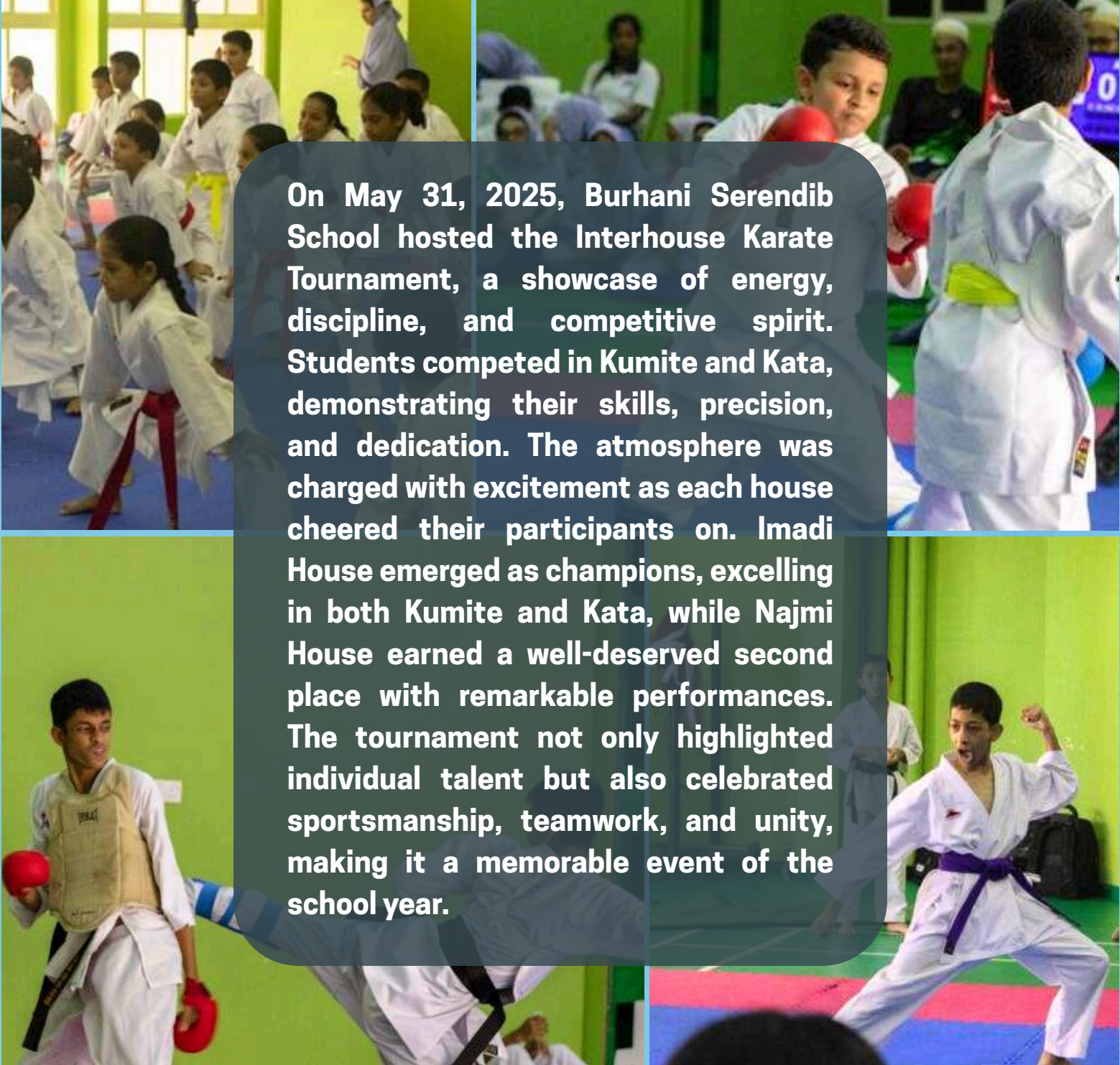
On January 10, 2025, the cricket field buzzed with energy as students came together for the much-anticipated Interhouse Cricket Tournament. The matches were full of thrilling moments powerful shots, sharp catches, and displays of skill, strategy, and sportsmanship that kept everyone on their toes.



Najmi House emerged as the overall champions, with **Saif** House giving a strong performance to finish as well-deserved runners-up. The tournament was a true celebration of Interhouse sports, highlighting healthy competition, team spirit, and memories that will be cherished by all.



INTERHOUSE KARATE TOURNAMENT



On May 31, 2025, Burhani Serendib School hosted the Interhouse Karate Tournament, a showcase of energy, discipline, and competitive spirit. Students competed in Kumite and Kata, demonstrating their skills, precision, and dedication. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as each house cheered their participants on. Imadi House emerged as champions, excelling in both Kumite and Kata, while Najmi House earned a well-deserved second place with remarkable performances. The tournament not only highlighted individual talent but also celebrated sportsmanship, teamwork, and unity, making it a memorable event of the school year.

PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATION & ANNUAL DAY

On 26th July 2025, our preschool celebrated the Annual Graduation Ceremony, themed “A Trip Through Nursery Land”, marking a special milestone for our kindergarten graduates. Families, teachers, and guests gathered as the children showcased their talent and confidence through lively performances, bringing beloved nursery characters to life. The highlight of the day was each graduate receiving their certificate, symbolizing their transition to “big school.” The event celebrated not only academic and creative growth but also friendships, memories, and life lessons, leaving us proud and confident that our little stars will continue to shine brightly in Primary 1.



SUPPORTING GROWTH AT HOME



Our recent Parent Training Session brought together the school community for an engaging and interactive experience. Parents learned practical strategies to support their children's academic progress, emotional well-being, and resilience, while sharing experiences and ideas. The session left participants inspired and confident in guiding their children's educational journey.

CAREER COUNSELING SESSION

At Burhani Serendib School, students attended a Career Counseling Session with Dr. Aswin Raje on "Future Pathways - Powered by Artificial Intelligence." They explored emerging career opportunities, received guidance on aligning paths with their strengths, and were inspired by our Principal, Dr. Sh. Shabbir Bhai Hussaini, to pursue education, service, and professional excellence.



SHUKR DAREES

On 31st December 2024, our students gathered for a heartfelt shukr darees to express gratitude for Moula TUS's farsighted farman restricting mobile phone use for children under 15. Many shared how this guidance has helped them stay more focused and disciplined, while also giving them the chance to enjoy simple joys reading books, playing outdoors, spending time with family, and exploring their creativity. It was a touching reminder of how Moula's wisdom continues to shape not just habits, but brighter, more balanced lives for our younger generation.



CLASS ASSEMBLY WINNERS

This year's assemblies celebrated confidence, creativity, and character. The winning classes were:

- **Primary 04 – Leadership:** An inspiring presentation on teamwork, discipline, and uplifting others through true leadership.
- **Form 03 – Mighty Words:** A powerful performance on the impact of words to inspire, uplift, and create positive change.
- **Upper 06 – The Power of Influence:** A thought-provoking piece on how our surroundings shape our thoughts, choices, and behaviours.



ANNUAL STUDENTS' COUNCIL INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The Annual Student Council Inauguration Ceremony, held on 29th July, marked a proud milestone for our school community as the newly appointed Council members were officially badged. Each member took their oath to serve the school with dedication, uphold its values, and strive to raise its standards, embodying the principles of leadership, responsibility, and service.



The ceremony was a memorable celebration for both the Council members and the entire school community, highlighting the importance of teamwork, integrity, and commitment. We warmly congratulate our Student Council and look forward to their inspiring contributions in leading and upholding the proud traditions of Burhani Serendib School.

TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMS

Teachers' Professional Development at Burhani Serendib School

At Burhani Serendib School, we deeply value our teachers and believe that their continuous growth is essential to providing the best education for our students. By encouraging our educators to engage in professional development, we ensure they remain equipped with innovative strategies, global perspectives, and practical skills that enhance learning experiences in the classroom.

TISSL Conference 2025 – 17th May

The sectional head of our school attended the prestigious TISSL Conference, themed “Understanding Education Through Generations.” During the event, they explored emerging trends, innovative teaching methods, and global perspectives. They returned inspired, equipped with practical insights to enhance our classrooms and create a learning environment that is both engaging and future-ready for every student.



TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMS

Finland Early Childhood Education Training 22nd February

Five of our educators participated in a full-day workshop led by Finnish experts, discovering the power of hands-on learning, student autonomy, and nurturing, child-centered classrooms. Excited by what they learned, they shared these ideas in a workshop for their colleagues, bringing international best practices to life at BSS.



Scaffolding & NLP Workshops 13th & 14th February



Preschool and Junior School teachers attended interactive sessions led by our Principal, Dr. Sh. Shabbir Bhai, focusing on scaffolding and NLP techniques. They explored ways to build strong connections with students, foster motivation, encourage independence, and make classrooms more engaging and supportive.

HU BAHU SAIFEDEEN CHE MOHAMMAD EM BASIRAT SI DEKHU DEKHAU



The Form 4 students embarked on a truly inspiring journey, exploring two revered Qasidahs in a unique comparative study. The AV room became a space of focus, curiosity, and reverence, as students brought the verses to life with visuals and heartfelt recitations. Working in groups, they shared insights, asked questions, and connected deeply with the meanings and contexts of the texts. By the end, they discovered a beautiful truth: though composed in different eras, these Qasidahs shine with one essence the noorani, luminous presence of Aqa Maula (TUS).

CHATTI RASAM

The students of Form 2 experienced a heartwarming and hands-on session on “Chatti Rasam,” the beloved child naming ceremony in our culture. They learned about the spiritual significance of the tradition, the importance of seeking Raza Mubarak, and the blessings associated with Ghari. With excitement and respect, they explored each element of the ceremony, from the decorated tray to the traditional items, and practiced the rituals themselves. The session ended with reflections and sharing of personal experiences, leaving the students with a deeper appreciation of their roots, traditions, and values.



EXPLORING طيب (PERFUME)



Primary 5 students participated in a hands-on Deeniyat session exploring Perfume purity, pleasantness, and the tradition of fragrance in Islam. Bringing their own ittar from home, they created a mini exhibition while learning about halal and haraam perfumes, the differences in scents for males and females, and how fragrance is more than just smelling good it is a Sunnah that reflects faith, spreads joy, and holds lasting value when guided by intention.



THE ART OF AMSAAL فن المثل



The students of Form 1 presented a maaraz on فن المثل (The Art of Amsaal - Examples), inspired by the sermons of Ashara Mubaraka 1446. Through this presentation, they explored how simple, everyday examples can convey profound spiritual lessons and make important concepts easier to understand. Linking their reflections to their Deeniyat curriculum covering Fiqh, Akhbar, and Adab they showcased creative projects that highlighted how relatable examples bring timeless spiritual and ethical teachings to life in their daily routines.



VISITING A LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Students of Form 1 participated in a practical learning activity by visiting a local supermarket. The visit helped them identify and differentiate between Halaal and Haraam products, reinforcing lessons from the classroom. This immersive experience allowed students to apply their knowledge in a real-world setting, enhancing their decision-making skills and awareness as informed consumers.



SOLAR SYSTEM PROJECT



As part of their Science curriculum, the students of Primary 3 brought the solar system to life through creative and detailed models. With planets arranged in orbit and vibrant displays of color, each project reflected both scientific understanding and artistic flair. Students confidently presented their work to the class, sharing facts, explaining processes, and showing genuine excitement for what they had learned. It was a perfect example of hands-on learning, where curiosity and creativity combined to make science memorable.

ASHARA 1447 KHIDMAT



This year, during Ashara Mubarakah 1447H, the students of Burhani Serendib School once again embraced the barakat of khidmat with devotion and zeal. With Colombo honoured as a relay center for Aqa Moula TUS's waaz for the second consecutive year, our young khidmatguzars dedicated themselves wholeheartedly to various tasks, performing khidmat as a sincere expression of shukr for this ongoing blessing.



Their service beautifully reflected the nurturing spirit of the school, as well as the deep faith and commitment instilled within them. With hearts full of sincerity, these students carried forward the legacy of selfless service, cherishing the privilege and honour of khidmat during this blessed and auspicious time.



CUTTING WITH CARE



The students of Primary 1 had a hands-on Life Skills session with scissors in hand and creativity in full swing! As part of their fine motor development, they explored cutting techniques by crafting fun shapes and imaginative designs. What began as simple snipping quickly turned into a joyful lesson in coordination, focus, and artistic expression. With every careful cut, students built strength, control, and confidence foundational skills for writing, drawing, and daily tasks. It was a delightful session that proved learning can be both practical and playful, one shape at a time.



FRUIT & YOGHURT PARFAITS

The students of Primary 3 put on their aprons for a fresh and flavorful Life Skills session, creating their very own fruit and yoghurt parfaits. This hands-on activity was not just about layering ingredients but also a lesson in nutrition, independence, and careful step-by-step work. From selecting colorful fruits to measuring, sequencing, and assembling each layer, students practiced mindful food choices while building important life skills. The sweetest part came at the end, when they enjoyed a healthy treat made entirely by themselves, blending fun, creativity, and responsibility into every spoonful.

LITTLE VOICES WITH POWERFUL MESSAGES



The students of Primary 2 confidently presented their General Science project on “Saving Electricity and Using It Safely at Home.” With clear voices and bright ideas, they shared practical ways to reduce energy consumption and practice safety in everyday life. From explaining how switches work to highlighting the importance of turning off appliances, their presentations reflected both awareness and responsibility, reminding us that even the smallest habits can make a big difference at home and for our planet.

BOOK COVERING

The students of Primary 2 learned the practical skill of covering their own books, an activity that not only developed fine motor skills but also encouraged independence and responsibility. Through measuring, folding, and neatly wrapping their books, they learned to take pride in their belongings, handle them with care, and appreciate the value of maintaining what they use every day. This simple task nurtured lasting habits of respect, patience, and self-reliance.

FROM DISHES TO DISCIPLINE

As part of their June Life Skills lesson, Primary 3 students rolled up their sleeves to practice washing and drying cooking tools. More than just a lesson in cleanliness, this hands-on activity taught them the importance of hygiene, responsibility, and independence. By taking charge of real-life tasks, they built healthy habits and a sense of pride in caring for their learning environment, a practical step toward developing skills they will carry beyond the classroom.

BISCUIT PUDDING FUN



Primary 4 students discovered the joy of cooking by preparing chocolate biscuit pudding during their Life Skills lesson this term. This fun-filled activity introduced them to kitchen safety, accurate measuring, and following a recipe, while encouraging teamwork to create a delicious no-bake dessert. As they whisked, layered, and assembled, students practiced patience, collaboration, and attention to detail, building confidence and independence along the way proving that learning can be both meaningful and rewarding, with a sweet treat at the end!

INSTALLATION AND INAUGURATION DECO

The Young Creatives Club led the décor for the Inauguration Ceremony of 2025/2026 and the Installation Ceremony on 29th July. Inspired by constellations, the theme celebrated how each student shines in their own way, brings unique talents and responsibility to the school community. Every detail was crafted with care, and each ribbon tied symbolised a lasting bond with the school.



Just as constellations are made up of individual stars, the Student Council was celebrated as a group of distinct, radiant members whose combined efforts create a stronger, brighter impact. Each member brought their own strengths, working together with responsibility and enthusiasm to guide and inspire the school community. Their dedication mirrors the constellation theme, reminding everyone that collaboration, creativity, and unity can light the way forward and leave a lasting mark on the school's journey.

DISTRICT IFTAAR



On 9th March 2025, Interact District 3220 hosted its annual District Iftar Celebrations under the theme of International Understanding. The event brought together Interactors, families, and community members to embrace the spirit of Ramadan through unity and service. Organised collaboratively by the Interact Clubs of Burhani Serendib School, Zahira College, The British School in Colombo, and Ilma International School, the evening featured the DIR Manifesto Session, where candidates shared their visions for the future of Interact. The event highlighted the power of youth-led initiatives in uniting communities and inspiring positive change.

SHUTTLE SMASH

On 12th March 2025, Project Shuttle Smash, a men's badminton tournament, displayed energy, excitement, and community spirit. Under 15s competed in singles matches, while participants 15 and over played doubles. Beyond the thrill of competition, the tournament promoted staying active, playing fair, and coming together through sport. Held during Ramadan, Shuttle Smash showed that reflection and fun can go hand in hand, creating shared memories and joy for all involved.



YOUTH 2K25

Since 2016, Youth has challenged participants with riddles, physical tasks, and teamwork. On 19th January 2025, our school joined the Interact and Rotaract Clubs of Colombo to make Youth 2K25 bigger than ever. Teams of five tackled challenges requiring quick thinking and collaboration. The event had two phases: an action-packed quest day, followed by a community service project where hygiene packs were prepared using the quest profits, turning competition into compassion.



NOURISHING HOPE



On 31st May 2025, the Rotaract Club of ECU, together with the Interact Clubs of Logos College and Burhani Serendib School, organised Nourishing Hope to support infants with heart conditions at Lady Ridgeway Hospital, Colombo. The initiative provided nourishing meals and essential baby care items, such as nappies, soaps, and hygiene products, to ease the burden on young patients and their caregivers. Nourishing Hope highlighted how collective kindness can bring comfort, healing, and hope to the smallest hearts in need.

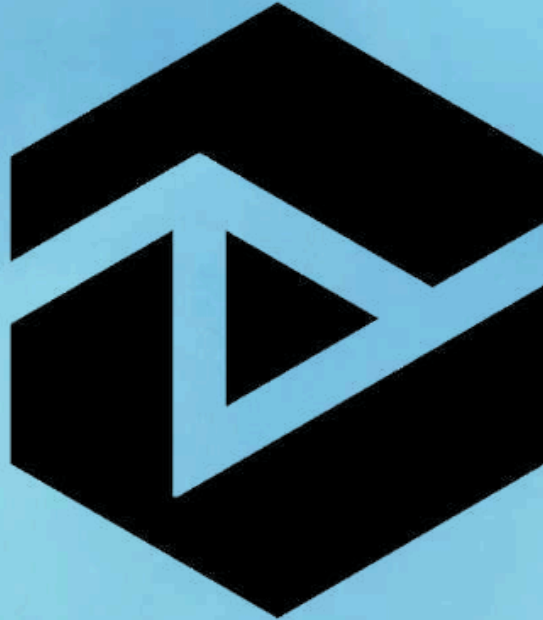
30TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION CEREMONY



The Interact Club of Burhani Serendib School hosted its Annual Installation Ceremony on 29th July 2025 under the Club Service avenue, marking the official handover of responsibilities from the outgoing Board to the new team. The ceremony honoured the dedication and achievements of the past leaders while welcoming the new Board to begin their journey of service and leadership.

More than a tradition, the event brought together Interactors from across the country, along with parents, teachers, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and the District Council. It was a celebration of leadership, collaboration, and community, reminding everyone that with each Installation, a new chapter begins and the legacy of Interact continues.





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