

ELIZABETH MOIR



MOIR STUDENTS WIN 6 WORLD PRIZES

Our students won an exceptional fifteen awards at the 2012 Edexcel High Achievers' Awards Ceremony held on 26th November, including three awards for obtaining the best overall results in Sri Lanka. Khyla Muzni won the award for the best IGCSE results based on the highest average mark while Zainab Adamaly and Vinu Samarasekera shared the award for the most A* grades at IGCSE in 2012. Zacky Muzni and Nimesha Perera were also two out of only nine students to gain 4 A* grades at A Level.

In addition, our students won an incredible six IGCSE World Prizes. Gwang Hoon Lee won for both Mathematics and Further Pure Mathematics, and Khyla Muzni in both Biology and History. Diyath Pieris won the award for English Language, the fourth time one of our students has won the World Prize in English in recent years. Amanda Portier had also been awarded the High Achievement award for the top mark in Sri Lanka in IGCSE Dutch by Cambridge exams in their Awards Ceremony held earlier in the month. World Prizes are awarded to the students who gain the highest mark in Sri Lanka, if the mark is also one of the top ten in the world. Given that almost 15,000 students from all around the world sat the Biology paper, for example, this is an outstanding achievement.



NATHAN MUSOKE SELECTED AS ONE OF TOP 8 ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIANS

Congratulations to Nathan Musoke who has been selected as one of the Top 8 Academic All-Canadians for the year 2011-2012 by Canadian Interuniversity Sport. Any student who maintains a grade average of over 80% while competing for one or more of their university's varsity teams is recognised as an Academic All-Canadian. Out of the 2,610 students who achieved this honour for 2011-2012, eight were selected as the most outstanding and Nathan was one of these eight.

In his second year studying Maths and Physics at Dalhousie University, Nathan had a perfect grade point average of 4.30 and won four major academic awards including the Burgess McKittrick 2nd Year Prize. At the Atlantic University Sports Athletics Championships, he also won a silver medal in the 300m and helped Dalhousie to win gold in the 4 x 400m relay.

The foundations of both Nathan's academic success and his sporting achievements were laid during his time here, where he excelled both in the classroom and on the sports pitch. Nathan's achievements demonstrate the importance of balancing both academic work and extra-curricular activities in school and are an inspiration to all our students who do.

BEST RESULTS IN SRI LANKA

Khyla Muzni	Best IGCSE Results, 2011-12 (Highest Average)
Zainab Adamaly	Best IGCSE Results, 2012 (Most A* grades)
Vinu Samarasekera	Best IGCSE Results, 2012 (Most A* grades)

World Prizes

Gwang Hoon Lee	Mathematics 99% <i>(2nd in world)</i> Further Pure Maths 97% <i>(5th in world)</i>
Khyla Muzni	Biology 97% <i>(5th in world)</i> History 98% <i>(3rd in world)</i>
Amada Portier	Dutch
Diyath Pieris	English Language 93% <i>(5th in world)</i>



A Level

Zacky Muzni	4 A*
Nimesha Perera	4 A*

IGCSE

Khyla Muzni	10 A*
Zainab Adamaly	9 A*
Vinu Samarasekera	9 A*
Amber Nomani	8 A*
Hana Rajap	8 A*



COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION

The Royal Commonwealth Society's prestigious, annual Essay Competition received over 8,000 entries from all over the Commonwealth this year, the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Congratulations to our students who won awards this year:

Tata Sanikidze	Silver Award
Kaavya Gnanam	Bronze Award
Alya Ali Rasheed	Bronze Award

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FOOTBALL TEAM WINS

UNDER 19 INTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

The Under 19 Inter International Schools tournament, the most important football tournament of the year, has been a Holy Grail for our team, elusive but ever alluring. The disappointment of losing in the Semi-Finals two years running (last year on penalties) only made our players more determined to win it this year.

A comfortable victory in our opening game against a strong side from Asian International School gave the team's confidence a real boost. The Captain, Jaah Ziyad, led from the front on the pitch, scoring a memorable hat-trick against Gateway College and the winning goals against both Lyceum International School and our main rivals in the group, Royal Institute, to help us qualify top of our group. With our poor record in previous Semi-Finals, the game against Alethea International School began nervously but two goals from Aron Rahim ensured we made it through to the Final fairly easily.

The final, held on October 3rd, was a truly memorable occasion. The whole school - students and staff - turned out to support the team, generating more noise than the famously vocal Royal Institute supporters and

producing an electric atmosphere. After a goalless first half, our pressure paid off when Jang Pyo Hong opened the scoring from a corner. Royal Institute came back though with the first goal we had conceded in the tournament to take the game to penalties. Goalkeeper Yohann Sequeira emerged as the hero as Royal Institute failed to convert any of their penalties, and the celebrations could begin. Congratulations to Sandesh Mendis who was awarded the Golden Ball as man-of-the-match.

Our team has had a well-deserved reputation over the past few years for playing the best football of any school by virtue of an attractive passing game and attacking style, and fully deserved their success this year. What really stood out about the team was that every player looked comfortable on the ball and had the confidence to take their time, look up and beat the first man before passing, rather than just booting the ball away. Just as important was the way they conducted themselves, displaying real team spirit.

Six of the team (Pravan Mathew, Nathan Rahim, Khayyam Rasheed, Yohann Sequeira, Jaishnu Thiagarajah, Jaah Ziyad) are in the

Upper 6th and have formed the nucleus of the squad for the last few years. Winning the tournament is a fitting reward for their consistent commitment to the football team over the years. They all set a positive example in terms of determination and sportsmanship and the younger players in the squad learnt a lot from their experience and maturity.

POOL MATCHES

Asian	Won	5-0
<i>(Khayyam 2, Aron, Hong, Jaah)</i>		
Gateway, Colombo	Won	5-0
<i>(Jaah 3, Khayyam, Sandesh)</i>		
Lyceum, Nugegoda	Won	1-0
<i>(Jaah)</i>		
Royal Institute	Won	1-0
<i>(Jaah)</i>		
Gateway, Kandy	Won	8-0
<i>(Khayyam 2, Aron, Hong, Nathan, Naveed, Sandesh, Takaru)</i>		

SEMI FINAL

Alethea	Won	3-0
<i>(Aron 2, Khayyam)</i>		

FINAL

Royal Institute	Won	1-1
<i>(Hong)</i>		
<i>(Won 3-0 on penalties - Aron, Jaah, Sandesh)</i>		

Can your organisation offer a distinct project that will allow a current or past Moir student to gain an insight into your company, doing real work that is of benefit to the organisation? **Please contact Mrs. Dharshini Malalasekera at the Senior School for further details.**

ELIZABETH MOIR SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

INTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SWIMMING MEET



Congratulations to all our swimmers who helped the school to one of their best ever performances in the International Schools meet. Swimming Captain Junaid Jafar led the way, coming 1st in both 50m and 100m Backstroke. Maya Weerasinghe came 1st in 50m Freestyle, 2nd in 100m Freestyle and 3rd in 50m Butterfly while Chiharu Higuchi came 2nd in both 50m and 100m Backstroke. Our Over-16 Medley Relay team (Ifaz Fahim, Junaid Jafar, Rahul Jordashe, Madusha Perera) also won medals by coming 3rd. Kithmal Amarasinghe, Takaharu Higuchi, Rahul Jordashe, Kusala Molligoda and Alya Ali Rasheed all also won points for the school, while ten of our relay teams won points as well.

The Junior School also held their annual Swimming Meet in November, and a string of record-breaking performances showed that the future looks bright for Swimming in the school. Eight new records were set and among those broken were several long-standing records set by some of our most successful swimmers. There were also new records set in the Individual Medley, as there were enough good swimmers to hold the event for each age group for the first time.



UNDER 17 FOOTBALL TEAM WINS ST. JOSEPH'S ALL-ISLAND TOURNAMENT

We entered Under 17 and Under 19 teams for an All-Island Futsal (five-a-side) tournament hosted by St. Joseph's in November. About 25 schools competed altogether. The Under 17 team proved that the school will still have a formidable football team next year, even after the current Upper 6th players leave, by winning their tournament, despite releasing their two top players for the Under 19 team. Namhun Cho excelled in goal, while Naveed Zahir scored in every game, including the only goal of a close final against a strong team from Zahira College.

The Under 19 team was unlucky that neither of their opponents in their group

matches turned up so they faced a Quarter-Final against hosts and favourites, St. Joseph's, without having had any practice and lost. In the Saucer tournament for all the teams knocked out before the final, they showed their real standard, playing some of the best football their Coach Mr. van Twest has seen from them. After comfortable victories in the Quarter and Semi-Finals, they faced St. Benedict's in the final, who are reputed to be the best school football team in the country and who had beaten us in the final of our Super 8 tournament last year. We gained our revenge for that defeat by winning easily 4-0, thus affectively finishing third in the tournament.

UNDER 17 POOL MATCHES
Gateway Colombo Won 1-0
(Naveed)

QUARTER-FINAL
Loyola College, Negombo Won 3-0
(Naveed)

SEMI-FINAL
Hewavitharana Maha Vidyalaya Won 1-1
(Naveed)
(2-2 on penalties - Namhun, Naveed)
(won on coin toss)

FINAL
Zahira College Won 1-0
(Naveed)

UNDER 19 QUARTER-FINAL
St. Joseph's Lost 1-2
(Jaah)

SAUCER QUARTER-FINAL
Loyola College, Negombo Won 3-0
(Jaah 2, Sandesh)

SEMI-FINAL
Holy Cross College, Kalutara Won 4-2
(Jaah 2, Khayyam, Sandesh)

FINAL
St. Benedict's Won 4-0
(Hong, Jaah, Khayyam, Simba)

UNDER 17 CRICKET TEAM REACH QUARTER-FINALS



Congratulations to our Under 17 Cricket team who reached the quarter-finals of this year's Inter International Schools tournament. Two comfortable victories in their opening matches boosted the team's confidence, with Insaf Bakeer Markar top scoring in both his first games for the school. This meant that the next game against Royal Institute would decide who went through to the quarter-finals. Batting first, we had made only 50-5 after 17 overs, before Keshawa Wijewardena turned on the style. A succession of sixes helped us add 83 in the last 7 overs, with Keshawa run out off the last ball for 87 in one of the best ever innings for the school. He then took three wickets and Insaf four to give us a famous victory.

In a rain-affected quarter-final, reduced to only 17 overs a side, Gateway scored 112 batting first. Akilesh

Rajaratnam helped us reach 43 after only 3 overs with some big hitting but his departure triggered a collapse and we ended up losing narrowly. Despite the disappointment of losing, the tournament was a great experience for our team, who will look to build on their performance in the future.

POOL MATCHES
Wycherley Won 5 runs
(Insaf 30; Kapilesh, 3-11)

Burhani Serendip Won 77 runs
(Insaf 34; Sanush, 4-3)

Royal Institute Won 32 runs
(Keshawa 87; Insaf 4-14, Keshawa 3-10)

Asian Lost 24 runs
(Akilesh 24)

QUARTER-FINAL
Gateway Lost 24 runs
(Akilesh 34; Shahid, 3-22; Keshawa, 3-18)

SRI LANKA UNITES COLOMBO CONFERENCE

Our Prefects were invited by Sri Lanka Unites to organise and host their Colombo Conference at Park Street Mews on October 20th. The conference was the finale of the Sri Lanka Unites Road Trip 2012, which had seen a team of 25 volunteers from all over the country visit 20 districts of Sri Lanka in 20 days, including one of our Head Prefects from last year, Avishka Mendis.

The Prefects had worked very hard to encourage a wide selection of local and international schools to come to the conference, and over 300 Prefects from 25 schools attended, along with many of their Principals. Sri Lanka Unites were extremely grateful and said it was their most successful event, leading to lots of schools registering to join the organisation. Organising the conference also enabled lots of our own students to attend and they really stood out in the team-building games that formed the main part of the event, taking lead roles in their groups and volunteering to speak about the lessons they had learned from the activities. The

event also gave our students who attended the Sri Lanka Unites conference in Jaffna in August a chance to meet many of the friends they had made in Jaffna.

In November a group of thirteen students also visited the school we have been partnered with by Sri Lanka Unites, Wenransapura Vidyalaya, Kanthale in Trincomalee District. As well as spending time with the students from the school, they went with them to visit their homes and identified ways in which both we can help them and they can help themselves, such as installing solar lighting in houses without electricity. Our students were also invited by the Principal to speak to the students about the benefits of education and encouraged more of them to apply to university after finishing school. We shall also ensure that the school's Prefects join our Prefects at the next Sri Lanka Unites Conference, to be held in Galle in August 2013.



VICTORY A MUSICAL OLYMPIAD

The annual Senior School concert is always one of the most keenly anticipated events of the year and this year's show was another original, exciting and spectacular production, which the reviewer from The Nation called 'the best school concert I have ever seen'.

The imaginative concept of portraying different sports through dance posed a real challenge for the students who were responsible for the choreography but they rose to the task and produced some innovative and electrifying routines. Among the many highlights were the stunning opening Basketball dance, the shadow boxing with its mirrored lighting and the hugely entertaining cricket routine with balla dancers accompanied by a live pappara band and spontaneous audience participation.

It was the final concert for Shevangi Sadesh Kumar, Dilroshini Karunaratne and Ravini Sirilal whose brilliant dancing has played a large role in the success of the concerts for several years, from their brilliant Charleston in Revolve to their lead roles in this year's performance. Dilroshini and Shevangi were also key members of the team who choreographed the dances and supervised other aspects of the production, along with Khyla Muzni and Amar Riyaz.



NO TO VIOLENCE SAARC ART COMPETITION

The South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation held an Art Competition to celebrate Non-Violence Day on October 2nd, the anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi. Fourteen Senior School students had their paintings selected for exhibition and inclusion in the brochure published to mark the event. Of these Ji Hyoung Kim and Hye Jin Kim received Honourable Mentions in the Senior category and Zara Sanderson won 3rd place in the Junior category.

MEDIA & PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Nuha Bazeer and Ashhari Jayawardena who came 1st and 2nd in this competition organised by DS Senanayake College in October, overcoming tough competition from both local and international schools. They had to prepare and present a news report and then give a live report on a given event. Well done as well to Jithvan Ariyaratne and Ahmed Ismail, who also did extremely well in the Junior Category.

WHIZZBANG DAY

WhizzBang Day on 28th September was a chance for the Junior School children to discover the wonders of the world around them through hands-on Science and Maths activities. The day kicked off in the 'Wonderpark' where the children were able to take part in a range of events from 'Milk Madness' to 'Sounds of the Wild', culminating in the grand finale, Mr Nallathamby's 'exploding' volcano. Activities continued through the morning with the children investigating how things work, including designing and building rockets, experiencing the different sensations of touching slime, and making lava lamps, kites and candles. A highlight of the morning for some of the children was a visit from Embark's 'One-eyed Jack'. He came as part of a drive aimed at raising awareness of the plight of street dogs in Sri Lanka and of the responsibilities associated with being a pet owner.



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