

# SIR IAN BOTHAM WALK

Form 3 students joined cricket legend Sir Ian Botham for part of his walk from the Kingsbury Hotel in Colombo to the Premadasa Stadium on Tuesday 5th November. This was Day 5 of 'Beefy's Big Sri Lanka Walk' that took him 160 miles from Kilinochchi to Seenigama. He was joined en route by lots of famous cricketers including Steve Waugh, Allan Border, Mahela Jayawardene and Kumar Sangakkara.

Sir Ian Botham has raised over £12 million pounds for charity, mainly for Leukemia Research, in twelve previous

charity walks. After visiting Sri Lanka in the aftermath of the tsunami, he became involved with the Foundation of Goodness in Seenigama. The aim of this walk is to raise funds for the construction of a similar project in the North. Form 3 raised Rs. 50,000 as a contribution to this effort.

By chance, the same students also visited the Foundation of Goodness in Seenigama the next day. Every year, Form 3 visits the project as part of their study in Geography of the impact of the tsunami and the effectiveness of aid.



## WHIZZBANG DAY

WhizzBang Day was back this year at the Junior School with lots of new games and activities to inspire the students' interest in Science and how things work. Events in the 'Wonderpark' in the morning included taking a walk through a 'Nature Tunnel', creating tornadoes in bottles and finding out 'What's Under the Microscope'.

In 'Making Music with Water', they filled different sized bottles with varied amounts of water before 'playing' the bottles with a knife to see how the pitch of the sound made by the bottle was affected by its size and the amount of water contained within it. They learned that the more water within the bottle, the greater the vibrating mass, so the lower the pitch.

Activities continued through the morning with a focus on scientific enquiries. The children made and flew their own model planes, designed marble runs, created their own insect, put together a Solar System, looked at how craters are formed, experimented with forces and designed buildings to withstand earthquakes!



## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Each year, the Junior School students give presents at Christmas to children less fortunate than them. Every Junior School student is asked to use their own pocket money or some money they have raised by doing chores to buy a school bag with some stationery for a selected child.

This year they chose to give the presents to the Ratmalana School for the Deaf and the Blind. The school was established in 1912, at a time when children who were either hearing or sight impaired were neglected and marginalised and did not have the opportunity to gain an education. The school helps the children to learn to communicate with others so they can become more independent and live satisfying, happy lives. Some students from the school came



to Assembly at the Junior School and sang a song on stage, which touched all those lucky enough to hear it.

The Junior School also sells tickets for its Christmas Concert every year and gives the proceeds to charity. This year the money will be given to Meth Sewa Foundation in Handapanagala, Weherayaya. This charity helps mentally and physically handicapped children who are either orphans or whose parents cannot afford to give their children the care, food and medicine they need.

## MOIR ALUMNI REUNION

All past students and teachers are invited to the inaugural reunion of the Moir Alumni Association, which will take place on the evening of Friday 20th December at the Mirage Colombo Hotel. The evening will include dinner, games,

entertainment and lots of happy memories. Anyone wishing to attend should email [alumni.moir@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.moir@gmail.com). Tickets can be purchased at Reception at the Senior School.



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## ELIZABETH MOIR SCHOOL

## SHAMIRA WINS AWARD FOR BEST A LEVEL RESULTS IN SRI LANKA

Congratulations to all our students who won awards at the 2013 Edexcel High Achievers' Awards Ceremony held on 25th November at BMICH.

Shamira Ghouse won the coveted award for the best overall A Level results in Sri Lanka, the most prestigious trophy of the night. At Founders' Day earlier in the year we said that she 'never makes mistakes' and she proved this by achieving a remarkable average of over 98% across 27 different papers in her four A Level subjects. She was also one of only eleven students in Sri Lanka to gain 4 A\* grades. This is the third consecutive year (and fourth year out of five) that our students have won the award for the best results in Sri Lanka at either IGCSE or A Level. Indeed, the award for the highest average mark in Sri Lanka has only been awarded for the last two years and we have won an award in both years, after Khyla Muzni won the award for the best average at IGCSE last year.

A record seven students won awards for their IGCSE results, six of them gaining 8 or more A\* grades. This included Jananan Mithrakumar and Sanush Nukshan, whose 10 A\* grades were bettered by only one student in Sri Lanka this year.

Our students also won three IGCSE World Prizes for marks that were both the highest in Sri Lanka and among the top ten in the world. Jananan Mithrakumar won for both Geography and ICT and Keshawa Wijeyawardena for English Language, the fifth time one of our students has won the World Prize in English in recent years. Particular credit should go to Jananan, whose ICT mark was the highest in the whole world.

The school also won a Bronze Award for coming third in the new Community Awards, which is welcome recognition of the impact our programmes at both class and school level have had in Colombo, Kanthale and Hanwell.

### Best Results in Sri Lanka

Shamira Ghouse Best A Level Results, 2013 (Highest Average)

### World Prizes

Jananan Mithrakumar	Geography	89%	(4th in world)
	ICT	93%	(1st in world)
Keshawa Wijeyawardena	English Language	96%	(5th in world)

### A Level

Shamira Ghouse 4 A\*

### IGCSE

Jananan Mithrakumar	10 A*
Sanush Nukshan	10 A*
Nathasha Bogoda	9 A*
Kusala Molligoda	8 A*
Kathleen Renker	8 A*
Sachin Shashidharan	8 A*
Shahid Fazlee	7 A*





# FOOTBALLERS REACH FINAL AGAIN



The Football team entered this year's Inter International Schools tournament burdened by high expectations after winning the competition last year. With six senior players having left, the team knew it would be no easy task to defend the trophy. The squad rose to the challenge from the start of term, however, as all the players committed themselves to a rigorous training regime and played their part in some good performances in warm-up games.

The team progressed comfortably into the semi-finals, without conceding a goal. Highlights included a superb long-range strike from Simba Emonde against CIS and a morale-boosting 9-0 win against Wycherley. Lyceum awaited in the Semi-Final, hot from a 5-1 win over CIS in their quarter-final. Tough opponents brought out the best in the team, with a brilliant hat-trick by Jang Pyo Hong taking us through to the final.

The final was a repeat of last year's contest, with tournament hosts Royal Institute desperate to avenge their defeat. A strong

start helped us to take the lead, courtesy of another goal by Hong, and we held on to this lead for most of the game. Royal Institute came back hard in the second half, however, and a late goal took the game into penalties for the second year in a row. There was to be no repeat of last year's success and Royal Institute won in sudden death on the 7th round of penalties.

The team deserves to be hugely proud of their dedication throughout the term and their great performances in the tournament. They played a beautiful passing game, confidently playing the ball out of defence and regularly opening up the opposition with lovely through balls for the strikers to run on to. The senior players in the team all led from the front, giving confidence to their less experienced colleagues. Captain Sandesh Mendis was inspirational throughout; Simba Emonde was a rock at the heart of the defence; Namhun Cho was wonderfully combative and aggressive in midfield; and Jang Pyo Hong scored in every game, including two hat-tricks.

<b>Pool Matches:</b>	Gateway, Colombo	Won	4-0	(Cho, Naveed, Hong, Sandesh)
	CIS	Won	2-0	(Hong, Simba)
	Wycherley	Won	9-0	(Hong 3, Sandesh 3, Naveed, Jin Woo, Amr)
<b>Quarter Final:</b>	Alethea	Won	2-0	(Haren, Hong)
<b>Semi-Final:</b>	Lyceum, Nugegoda	Won	3-1	(Hong 3)
<b>Final:</b>	Royal Institute	Drew	1-1	(Hong)
				(Lost 4-5 on penalties – Sandesh, Aron, Naveed, Hong)

## UNDER 13 BASKETBALL

This year, we entered a team in the Under 13 Inter International Schools Basketball tournament for the first time in many years. The squad included ten players from the Junior School as well as two Form 1 students. The competition was the first time that any of them had played against another school, so was a fantastic learning experience for them. The team played very well in all of their matches, despite being considerably shorter than many of their opponents!

# SWIMMERS ENJOY RECORD SUCCESS

Congratulations to all our swimmers who helped the school to our best ever performance in the Inter International Schools meet. Despite the admission into the event of several large new schools this year, we came in 8th place overall. A record six students won eleven medals (another record) for coming in the top three places:

<i>Maya Weerasinghe</i>	Under 14 Girls	1st	50m Freestyle (New Record)
		2nd	100m Freestyle
		2nd	50m Butterfly
<i>Kithmal Amarasinghe</i> <i>Chiharu Higuchi</i>	Under 10 Boys	1st	50m Butterfly
		2nd	50m Backstroke
		3rd	50m Freestyle
<i>Kanza Dilshard</i> <i>Tiffany Johnpulle</i>	Under 16 Girls	3rd	100m Backstroke
		2nd	50m Backstroke
		3rd	50m Freestyle
<i>Ramudi Samarasekera</i>	Under 14 Girls	3rd	50m Backstroke
		3rd	200m Freestyle



A further eight students won points for the school by finishing in the top 8. As well as Maya and Chiharu, Kithmal, Tiffany, Ramudi and Alya Ali Rasheed came in the top eight in all three of their events. We also won points in thirteen relays. The results of some of our younger swimmers were especially impressive as many more students compete in these age groups, and more schools in the relays, making it much harder to score points.

The Junior School also held their Inter House Swimming Meet in November. 15 new records were broken, which is further proof that standards are being raised higher and higher every year.

# BIG APPLE

Big Apple generated such excitement that tickets for both performances sold out well in advance. The packed houses were treated to an extravaganza of music and dance that showcased all the varied musical traditions of New York, from Broadway to Hip-Hop. The Daily Mirror reviewer said that 'It was stunning and I had to remind myself that these were school children performing'.

Two Upper 6th students, Francesca Mudannayake and Amar Riyaz, were responsible for all the spectacular original choreography. The contrast between the grace and elegance of Francesca's contemporary dances and the energy and excitement of Amar's Hip-Hop routines was one of the highlights of the show. This made it especially unfortunate that Amar, who had done so much to put the show together, was unable to take part because of illness. Special credit must go to Aron Rahim who stood in for Amar at the last minute and learnt all the challenging moves in just a couple of days, so that the show could go ahead.

Another highlight was the superb singing, both from the soloists and the Choir, which had all the audience buzzing. This showed the impact of new Music Director Sureka Amerasinghe and we can all look forward to more brilliant performances from the Choir in the years to come.

It was also the final concert for four Upper 6th students – Zainab Adamaly, Riquaza Badurdeen, Khyla Muzni and Loushanie Ranatunga – who have all taken part in the concert in each of their seven years at the Senior School, something that few students have ever achieved before. They had all also shone as performers at the Junior School, where they had their first opportunities on stage. We thank them, Francesca and Amar for their huge contribution to the success of both Big Apple and all the concerts they have taken part in.

