

RHYTHMIX



This year the Senior School combined the annual school concert with Inter House Music to create an extravaganza of music and dance.

The first song of the night, a brilliant medley by the Hillary choir, set the tone for the whole evening. The audience was then treated to a wonderful array of different styles and genres of music, from rap to classical ballet. Choir Club President Kathleen Renker overcame very tough competition in the Solo Instrumental category to win with a virtuoso performance on her flute. Dance Club President Aron Rahim matched this feat by winning the Solo Dance round, while Emily Hayward won the Solo Singing prize with another superb performance. As ever, the judges were astounded that the students had arranged all the music and choreographed all the dances themselves, so high was the standard.

The end of the Inter House competition allowed the Choir to take the stage, with a superb medley that explored a range of rhythms in choral music from Africa and South America.

The show ended with dances ranging from a mime-inspired routine by two clowns to a superb duet by Amar Riyaz and Tamaia Dandeniya that amazed everyone with its athleticism and daring lifts.



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ELIZABETH MOIR SCHOOL

BEST RESULTS IN SRI LANKA FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Congratulations to Khyla Muzni for winning the prestigious award for the Best A Level Results in Sri Lanka at the 2014 Edexcel High Achievers' Awards Ceremony, the final prize of the night. This is the fourth consecutive year (and fifth year out of six) that our students have won the award for the best results in Sri Lanka at either IGCSE or A Level. The award for the best results based on the highest average mark was introduced in 2012 and our students have won each year: Khyla at IGCSE in 2012 and A Level this year, and Shamira Ghouse at A Level in 2013.

Khyla's award capped an outstanding evening for the school that saw our students win sixteen prizes, including seven World Prizes. This year's record-breaking A Level results led to our students carrying off an astonishing six A Level awards. Both Khyla and Gwang Hoon Lee won World Prizes for obtaining the top mark in Sri Lanka, as well as winning awards for gaining three A* grades. In Mathematics, they shared the World Prize, having both obtained 600/600, and Khyla also won the Biology prize. In both subjects, the marks were not only the highest mark in Sri Lanka, but also the highest in the entire world, which is amazing.

At IGCSE, a record six students won awards for gaining 8 or more A* grades. This included Ines Anuncibay, whose 10 A* grades were bettered by only one student in Sri Lanka this year. Our students also won four World Prizes, two of which were again the highest in the entire world. Nidula Athulathmudali won the award for English Language. This is the third year consecutive year one of our students has won this award, and the sixth time in the past ten years, which is testimony to the extremely high standards of English in the school. Urshella Hisham also won for ICT, the second year in a row we have won this award, while Ines Anuncibay won the award for Spanish and Vishmi Marasinghe for Sinhala. It is wonderful that a school that is as multicultural as ours can win the World Prize for Sinhala and this reflects the high priority given to Sinhala within the school.

Our Senior Choir was invited to perform at the ceremony as well, after its acclaimed performance at the Royal College Festival of Choirs earlier in the term. Their brilliant renditions of Handel's *Lascia ch'io pianga* and *When You Believe* by Stephen Schwartz were greatly appreciated by the whole audience.



Best Results in Sri Lanka
Khyla Muzni
Best A Level Results, 2013 (Highest Average)

A LEVEL

Grade Awards
Gwang Hoon Lee 3 A*
Khyla Muzni 3 A*

World Prizes
Khyla Muzni Biology 99% (1st in world)
Mathematics 100% (1st in world)
Gwang Hoon Lee Mathematics 100% (1st in world)

Grade Awards
Ines Anuncibay 10 A*
Urshella Hisham 9 A*
Nidula Athulathmudali 8 A*
Ashfath Itham 8 A*
Ahmed Nomani 8 A*
Nicholas Manuelpillai 8 A*

IGCSE

World Prizes
Nidula Athulathmudali English Language 96% (3rd in world)
Urshella Hisham ICT 92% (1st in world)
Vishmi Marasinghe Sinhala 83% (1st in world)
Ines Anuncibay Spanish 98% (3rd in world)

MOIR REGAINS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS FOOTBALL TROPHY



As has been the case for the past few years, our team qualified top of their group after scoring a hatful of goals. Even by these standards, sixteen goals in two games were spectacular, with Naveed Zahir scoring a hat-trick in the opening game and Aron Rahim four in the second. A close semi-final was won by a penalty scored by Anan Weerasinghe, showing remarkable composure for one of the youngest members of the team. In the final, Jang Pyo Hong scored for the third consecutive year before the memorable penalty victory meant the celebrations could begin.

This year's victory is particularly impressive given that several key players had left from last year's team. The nucleus of the side was a group of Upper 6th students who have been mainstays of the team for several years. Captain Jang Pyo Hong led by example, as he has throughout his time in the team, both in training and on the pitch. For Aron Rahim, this was his seventh tournament, having played in the team even when he was in Form 1. Shahid Fazlee was given the award for the Best Goalkeeper in the tournament, while Naveed Zahir added skill, pace and tenacity to the attack, and Jin Woo Park was one of the most improved players in this year's team. Equally important was the contribution of the younger players, who stepped into the team and showed that there is a bright future for Football in the school. Coach Mr. van Twest reported glowingly on the commitment and determination of a group of players from Form 4, some of whom made the starting team and some whose moment will come next year.

Congratulations to the Under 19 Football Team who won this year's Inter International Schools Football Tournament, regaining the trophy they won two years ago and avenging their defeat in last year's final. It was the third year in a row that our team had faced tournament hosts Royal Institute in the final. All three finals have followed exactly the same pattern: each year we have taken the lead, only for the opposition to equalise and take the game to a penalty shoot-out. When the time comes to defend the trophy next year, our team will not have lost a game in the tournament for five years, as our two defeats in this time have both come on penalties.

Pool Matches:	Gateway, Kandy	Won	6-0	(Naveed 3, Hong 2, Jin Woo)
	CIS, Kandy	Won	10-0	(Aron 4, Hong 2, Naveed, Lajy, Jin Woo, Jai)
Semi-Final:	Gateway, Colombo	Won	1-0	(Anan)
Final:	Royal Institute	Won	1-1	(Hong)
		(Won 4-3 on penalties – Aron, Naveed, Anan, Hong)		

JUNIOR SCHOOL LEAD FUTSAL SUCCESS

For the first time this year, we were able to enter teams in five different age groups for the Futsal Tournament organised by St. Joseph's College. The Junior School boys won four of their five games, despite it being the first time they had ever played a competitive game, with Kamille Le Berre scoring multiple goals. Our Under 13 and 15 teams acquitted themselves equally well, both qualifying for the Plate competition after winning most of their games to finish second in their groups. The Under 17 team was unlucky to lose on penalties in the Plate competition while the Under 19 team failed to qualify for the second round on goal difference despite not losing a game so also went through to the Plate. In total, over 40 boys represented the school in the

tournament so it was wonderful to see so many students having the opportunity to play. It was also a great experience for our boys to play against teams from across Sri Lanka, with teams having come from as far as Trincomalee. A week later, we also entered two Girls' teams in a separate tournament organised by CIS, one Under 14 and one Under 19. Special congratulations to Umaama Hussain for playing in the Under 14 team despite only being in Junior 4. Further progress with Junior School sports can be expected in the future, with a new Girls' Basketball Squad being set up next term and Inter-House Football and Basketball matches now being played in two divisions.

RECORD SUCCESS AT INTER INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING

A superb performance by our Junior and Senior School swimmers saw our team finish 8th out of 21 teams in this year's Inter International Schools Swimming Championship. Fourteen students won points for the school in individual events, with a further nine contributing in the relays. Among the many highlights were the Under 16 Girls 50m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle in which swimmers from our school finished first and second, and the Under 16 Girls Relay team finishing 3rd in both the Freestyle and Medley relay. With all our medalists having another year in the same age group, we can look forward to even better results next year.

Maya Weerasinghe	Under 16 Girls	1st	50m Butterfly
		1st	100m Freestyle
		2nd	50m Freestyle
Ramudi Samarasekera	Under 16 Girls	1st	100m Butterfly
		3rd	200m Freestyle
		3rd	50m Butterfly
Tiffany Johnpulle	Under 16 Girls	2nd	100m Freestyle
Alya Ali Rasheed	Over 16 Girls	3rd	50m Freestyle
Kithmal Amarasinghe	Under 12 Boys	3rd	50m Butterfly
(Tiffany, Ramudi, Maya, Arpana Giritharan)	Under 16 Girls	3rd	Freestyle Relay
		3rd	Medley Relay

JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENTS FELICITATE MRS. MOIR



The parents of the Junior School organised a felicitation for Mrs. Moir at the Kingsbury Hotel on Sunday 2nd November to celebrate her appointment as an MBE by Her Majesty The Queen. The Guest of Honour was His Excellency John Rankin, British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and Maldives. He spoke about his pride in being responsible for informing Mrs. Moir that she would receive the award and about how much Mrs. Moir has contributed to international education and English Language teaching in Sri Lanka. Junior School Head Prefect Arshana Welivita had earlier impressed everyone present with a superbly delivered speech, which she had written herself, about Mrs. Moir and her achievements. She talked of how everyone involved in the school – as student, parent or teacher –

took pride in the award, and also pointed out that 'Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire' is a very long title. The final speech was delivered by Special Guest, Dr. Chandra Embuldeniya, whose children were educated under Mrs. Moir and whose grandchildren are currently in the school. He referred to over 10% of Sri Lanka's leading "40 under 40" in a recent article in 'Echelon' magazine, having been educated by Mrs. Moir and to how much the schools founded by Mrs. Moir had contributed to ethnic integration in Sri Lanka.

Earlier in the term, there had been a separate felicitation for Mrs. Moir at the Galadari Hotel organised by the Junior and Senior School staff.