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ELIZABETH MOIR SCHOOL

UN DAY



It has never been more important to learn about different cultures and build bridges between different countries than it is today. This year, there are children at the Junior School from 21 countries on 5 continents, enabling our students to learn more about the world every time they come to school and talk to their friends. This wonderful diversity was celebrated in one of the school's best ever UN Days.



As ever, students and parents were treated to a wonderful array of national costumes and dress in the parade of nations, and later, to delicious food from all over the world. Despite being the only student representing Ukraine, Matvey Spencer's superb Cossack dance was an audience favourite. This year's stand-out performance, though, was a brilliant routine by the Sri Lankan students, led by Avlok Wignaraja as the Sri Lankan lion. Another highlight was a special surprise performance from some of the parents, representing famous people from their countries from Gandhi to Henry VIII, culminating in the entry of our own Sri Lankan hero, Tillakaratne Dilshan.



GOOD VALUES INITIATIVE



Elizabeth Moir School has had a long association with the Foundation of Goodness. Form 3 students have visited its centre in Seenigama for several years, combining Community Service with their study of the 2004 tsunami and the impact of aid in Geography. In 2015, the Prefects organised a fashion show, Fusion Fashion, to raise money for a series of workshops on design at the foundation. This year, the Foundation of Goodness has chosen our Lower 6th class to pilot a new 'Good Values Initiative', based on the principle 'what we have, you must have too'. It hopes to extend this programme to other schools in the future. Kushil Gunasekera, the founder of the Foundation of Goodness, has led a series of workshops in school with the aim of encouraging students to care for others and help the under-privileged. The students have been asked to maintain a diary of their actions that have been inspired by the programme.

The class also raised Rs. 217,000 to support the foundation's Essential School Supply Packs programme, which has helped over 20,000 children since 1999, some of whom would have been unable to go to school otherwise. The money the students raised financed packs for 66 children, each including a school bag, stationery, a lunch box, a shoe voucher, uniform material and books. The students visited Seenigama at the end of November to hand over the money, as well as toys, clothes and sports equipment they had collected for another project, to be distributed to children all over the island. They also entertained the children at the centre, which led to Kharesma Ravichandran discovering that her fanbase already extended down South when she sang her hit song Kadhal Cricket.



— SWIMMING SUCCESS —



This year's Inter International Schools Swimming Championships saw lots of great performances by our swimmers, with fourteen winning points for the school in individual events. Maya Weerasinghe won Silver in her three events and Tiffany Johnpulle also finished in the top 3 in all her races. Samantha Tappin and Ramudi Samarasekera placed in all their events as well. The Over 16 Girls again led the way in the relays, finishing 2nd in both Medley and Freestyle, a fitting finale for Vinati Molligoda in her last year.

The week before, we had hosted a friendly meet against Colombo International School and the British School in Colombo at the new 50 metre pool at the Sri Lankan Air Force base in Ratmalana. We expect this to become a regular fixture in the Swimming calendar for both Junior and Senior School swimmers, with two more schools attending in future as well. This will give the students the chance to compete solely against the schools who have been our closest competitors in the main Inter International Schools meet. Earlier in the term, the Junior School held another very successful Inter House Swimming meet, with several records being broken. The current Junior 5 class has raised standards massively, with five members of the class posting excellent times, which bodes very well for the future.



JUNIOR SCHOOL COMES 2ND IN INDOOR ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to all our athletes who helped us finish in 2nd place in the Indoor Athletics Championship organised by the British School in Colombo in October. Niara Wijeyasinghe was Best Female Athlete, having won a gold medal in the 10m Speed Hop and medals in four other events. Esme Mylvaganam and Sung Eun Kim won gold medals, in the Standing Triple Jump and Speed Bounce respectively, while Avlok Wignaraja, Ruben Habeeb and Seong Chan Kim also won medals.



• Niara Wijeyasinghe, Junior 3, Best Female Athlete



Our team was most notable for its team spirit and the enthusiastic support for every competitor from both their teammates and lots of parents. With many of our athletes only being in Junior 3, the future looks bright for Junior School sport and we can look forward to even better results next year.

RECORD NUMBER OF EDEXCEL AWARDS



Our students won an exceptional 20 prizes at the 2016 Edexcel High Achievers' Awards Ceremony, held at BMICH in November. Three students won World Prizes for obtaining the highest mark in the country in their subject, while seventeen won awards for obtaining 7 or more A* grades.

This included ten students with 9 or more A*, the joint highest ever by any school at the Edexcel Awards. Having had the most ever students with four A* grades at A Level last year (only one less than the whole of Sri Lanka combined this year), these are exceptional results, especially given we enter far fewer students than many other schools.

GRADE AWARDS

Aanya Gunawansa	11 A*
Arpana Girtharan	10 A*
Naveen Kulasingha	10 A*
Ali Anver	9 A*
Methin Lokumannage	9 A*
Piya Rajendra	9 A*
Syed Abdul Samad	9 A*
Anirudh Sathian	9 A*
Anjad Hamza	9 A*
Maya Weerasinghe	9 A*
Anjali Mathews	8 A*
Tharushika Mudalige	8 A*
Amaan Kulatunga	8 A*
Akash Gnanam	7 A*
Chamathka De Silva	7 A*
Anan Weerasinghe	7 A*
Tamaia Dandeniya	7 A*



WORLD PRIZES

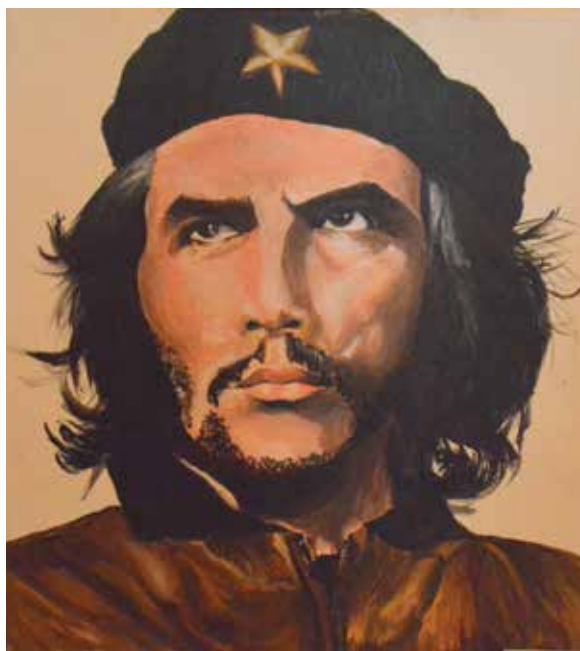
Luke Chung	Maths
Shiarah Didi	Art
Aanya Gunawansa	English

#MODERN MASTERS

This year's Senior School Art Exhibition was inspired by students reimagining the work of both Old Masters and modern artists. Students studied the style and technique of these artists in their Art classes before adapting and reinterpreting them in their own pictures, using different media and colour palettes.



Also on display was Young Eun Shin's IGCSE Art examination from last year that earned her an incredible 100% and the World Prize, a feat matched by Shiarah Didi in this year's exam.



The exhibition was opened at Park Street Mews on Saturday 1st October by the Chief Guests, mountaineers Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala and Johann Peiris, who also had the tough job of judging the parallel Inter House Art competition. Overwhelmed by the quality, originality and variety of work on display, they said choosing the winners was 'harder than climbing Everest'. Onalie Yainne won the award for best individual work in the Middle School and Mohamed Ismail for the Senior School.

