



ELIZABETH MOIR SCHOOL

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SPORTING SUCCESS

Our Under-20 Girls' team's victory in their Inter-International Schools' tournament completed a record-breaking year in our two main team sports, Basketball and Football. Our teams reached the semi-finals in thirteen out of 16 tournaments over the past year, reaching the final in seven and winning four. This is more than any other school apart from

Gateway College. This is a remarkable achievement given that there are 22 TISSL schools, almost all of whom have far more students.

As the only international school in Sri Lanka that has a football pitch, indoor basketball court, swimming pool and cricket nets, Moir sports will surely only improve in the years ahead.



GIRLS WIN 5TH CONSECUTIVE UNDER-20 CHAMPIONSHIP

The Girls' Football team retained their Under-20 Inter-International Schools' Championship in February, to win their fifth trophy in a row, and extend their incredible record of not having lost a match to another school team since 2019. They also won matches this term against teams from Colombo University and the Police. The girls' victory completed a clean sweep of senior trophies, after our Under-16 and Under-18 Girls won their tournaments earlier in the year.

The girls reached the final after comfortable victories over CIS and the British School. The final against Gateway College, Colombo was a close match. A vital save by goalkeeper Maleesa Gunasinghe kept us in the game while Eva De Silva held the team together in the centre of midfield. A last-minute penalty was converted by Captain Niara Wijeyasinghe to seal the victory, contributing to her winning the Golden Boot for the tournament.

This was the final match, and final trophy, for a group of Upper 6 girls who started playing together at the Junior School and have formed the core of our team since we won the tournament in 2020, when they were in Form 1. Niara, Seneli Jayawardane, Eleonore Liyanage and Annika Perera have played in all our winning teams since then; if not for Covid, they would now have seven winners' medals not five.

Girls' Under-20 Inter-International Schools' Football			
Colombo International School	Won	3-0	(Niara 2, Eva 1)
Gateway College, Colombo	Drew	1-1	(Leah)
British School in Colombo	Won	3-0	(Leah 2, Niara 1)
Gateway College, Colombo	Won	1-0	(Niara)



BOYS REACH UNDER-18 FOOTBALL FINAL

Without six of the starting eleven from the previous term's Under-20 final, and with only one Lower 6th student, the Under-18 Boys' team faced a significant challenge in their Inter-International Schools' tournament this term but surpassed all expectations by not only reaching the final but coming within a whisker of winning.

Comfortable victories in our opening matches meant we finished top of our group, with Sasaru Bandara scoring two goals against both Lyceum, Panadura and the British School. Sasaru also scored the only goal of a close quarter-final. The semi-final against Lyceum, Wattala finished goalless but some great saves by goalkeeper Kyle Wijetunge took us through to the final on penalties, having not conceded a goal in the whole tournament.

The final was against our old nemesis, Gateway. When we went 1-0 down, it would have been easy for heads to drop but the boys kept fighting and dominated possession in the second half, without managing to score. A free-kick in the final minute represented our final chance to take the match to penalties. When Leo scored in the bottom corner, the crowd erupted in celebration ... only for the goal to be disallowed on a marginal call from the linesman for offside against a player who had not touched the ball.

Despite the disappointing finish, the boys can be very proud of how they played throughout the tournament. Leo Galapituge was chosen as Best Player, a rare honour for a player from the losing side. Taro Okayama also played superbly in his first tournament for the school, while Srilakshman Sri Ranga held the midfield together.

Boys' Under-18 Inter-International Schools' Football			
Lyceum Int. School, Nugegoda	Won	2-0	(Leo, Luke)
Lyceum Int. School, Panadura	Won	4-0	(Sasaru 2, Haroon, Leo)
British School in Colombo	Won	3-0	(Sasaru 2, Sidhara)
Royal Institute	Won	1-0	(Sasaru)
Lyceum Int. School, Wattala	Won	0-0	(4-2 on penalties)
Gateway College, Colombo	Lost	0-1	

GIRLS AND BOYS FINISH 2ND AND 3RD IN UNDER-17 BASKETBALL



Our Girls' Basketball teams have steadily improved over the past couple of years. This culminated with our Under-17 team reaching the final of the Inter-International Schools' tournament in January, after a series of thrilling matches. The girls won their opening match against Lyceum, Wattala by just one point, which was crucial as they lost their other group match to eventual champions, Horizon College. In the Quarter-Final, they faced one of the tournament favourites, Gateway College. The girls played superbly to win 30-27, the team's second recent victory over Gateway, having also beaten them in the Under-15 tournament last year. The Semi-Final against Lyceum, Nugegoda was another titanic contest, with the girls pulling through 52-48. Defeat to Horizon in the final left the girls proud runners-up. Dahami Suriyapperuma won the award for Best Offensive Player for her consistent performances throughout the tournament.

The Boys' team finished 3rd for the second year in a row. They qualified top of their group after comfortable victories in their group matches. They faced Lyceum, Wattala in the Quarter-Final and won a close game 49-45 before losing the Semi-Final to eventual winners, Gateway College. They won the Consolation Final against Asian International School 58-46. They were again probably the second best team in the tournament but were unlucky to face the champions in the Semi-Final.

COMBOS ATHLETICS



Moir athletes dominated both the Junior and Senior School COMBOS Athletics meets this term. In the Junior School event, Moir athletes won an incredible 11 out of 20 individual events as well as two out of four relays, the Under-10 Boys and Girls. Tanasha Raddella won three individual events while Sai Embuldeniya and Jinghan Zhou won two.

Sixteen Senior students won individual events including Viola Barattini, Isaac Okoro and Jack Shearer who each won two. The Under-16 Girls and Under-20 Boys and Girls also won their relays. Nivaanya Kanag-Isvaran and Mikayla Jayasinghe were joint winners of the Under-16 Girls' Championship and Dahami Suriyapperuma won the Under-16 Girls' Championship.



SENIOR BOYS & GIRLS WIN COMBOS BASKETBALL



Our new indoor court provided a perfect venue for COMBOS Basketball in February. After CIS dropped out at the last minute, we were in limbo, so invited Lyceum International School, Nugegoda instead.

Our Middle Boys' team defeated British and Stafford easily but lost in the final to Lyceum. The Middle Girls lost 26-12 to Lyceum in their opening match but defeated British to reach the final. They played far better against Lyceum second time round in a very close match but were unlucky to lose 24-22. Both our teams benefitted from the match practice and improved a lot over the tournament.

The Senior Boys were easily the best team in their tournament and won all their games comfortably, including the final. The opening minutes of their group game against British School showed the team at their best, with great teamwork, committed defence and superb passing overwhelming the opposition and opening up a huge lead very fast. The Senior Girls qualified for the final after winning their group matches against British and Lyceum. The final against British was extremely close, with the girls coming from behind in a thrilling finish to win 24-23.

It was a fitting finale for Captains Jack Shearer and Darya Handunnetti, who lifted the trophies after their final matches for the school, with it also being the last tournament for Avlok Wignaraja.

CRICKETERS SCORE 299/3 IN 25 OVERS

Our Cricket team maintained their recent run of success in Inter-International Schools' tournaments, by reaching the Quarter-Finals of this term's Under-17 competition. They won their opening match against Wycherley International School by 95 runs, with Captain Sanuga Kariyawasam scoring 72, before thrashing Asian International School by 239 runs, with Jarryd Ratwatte scoring 74, Sanuga 77, including six sixes, and Nirvaan Kanag-Isvaran 71 off just 22 balls. Unfortunately, Lyceum International School, Ratnapura were too strong in the Quarter-Final, winning by 7 wickets.



RAJINDU & SAVITH OFFERED PLACES AT OXFORD



Congratulations to Rajindu Normanbhoy and Savith Wijesundara on being offered places at Oxford University. Given there are currently only five Sri Lankan students at Oxford (two of them Moir students), for two students from one school to receive places in the same year is amazing.

Savith was offered a place by Exeter College, Oxford to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE). PPE is an iconic Oxford course, informally known as the degree that 'rules Britain', with six of the previous twelve Prime Ministers having taken the course, as well as foreign leaders from SWRD Bandaranaike to Aung San Suu Kyi to Bill Clinton. As well as being Head Prefect, Savith earned eight 9s at IGCSE and three A*s in A Level Maths, Economics and History, as well as an A in Physics. He also starred in numerous school productions and represented Sri Lanka in the World Schools Debating Championship two years running, in Serbia and Panama.

Head Prefect Rajindu was offered a place at Mrs. Moir's former college, St. Anne's, to read Biochemistry. Rajindu earned nine 9s in his IGCSE as well as the award for the Highest Mark in Sri Lanka in Biology. Rajindu stands out for his achievements in all areas of school life. He earned a top grade in IGCSE Art, had a lead role in last year's school play, among other performances, won awards at SLMUN, was Debating Club President and was a member of the Football Squad.

YALE OFFER THARUL OVER \$400,000 AID

Tharul Senanayake has been offered a place at Yale University with financial aid worth over \$100,000 per year, covering the full cost of tuition, accommodation, food and travel. Yale is the second oldest Ivy League college, currently ranked 10th in the world by The Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

Tharul is a top student who achieved nine 9s in his IGCSEs and is excelling in Further Maths and Computer Science at A Level. He stood out for his contribution to our Robotics team. He represented Sri Lanka in the FIRST Global Challenge two years running, in Athens and Panama, and won a Gold Medal for Engineering Design after winning the Zhang Heng Award.

Tharul received his place after applying for Early Decision. Most offers from US universities will come at the start of April.



LONDON CALLING

In December, members of the Girls' and Boys' Football Teams travelled to London on tour. They played a number of matches against local teams and trained at the Tottenham Hotspur training ground, with Tottenham coaches, as well as having a tour of the new Tottenham stadium, including walking down the tunnel onto the pitch. They watched Baller League six-a-side games, seeing Chloe Kelly and various influencers, and saw Spurs beat Slavia Prague in the Champions League. They also visited the National Gallery, Borough Market, Covent Garden and the O2, did lots of shopping and watched 'The Lion King' in the West End. As Christmas was coming up, they also enjoyed seeing the lights and Christmas trees, went ice-skating outside and sang carols at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

SEASONS OF THE WILLOWS



This year's Junior School production took place on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 March at the Kamatha New Theatre, BMICH. Seasons of the Willows, an adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's The Wind in the Willows, follows a close-knit group of woodland animals - Mole, Rat, Badger and the irrepressible Mr. Toad - as they navigate friendship, adventure and the changing seasons along the riverbank and in the

Wild Wood. When Toad's reckless obsession with speed and status threatens their peaceful world, the others must come together to save both him and their home. The play celebrated friendship, responsibility and the power of working together through song, dance and much comedy. Toot, toot!

TEAM-BUILDING CAMPS

6th Form in Kithulgala
Forms 2-3 in Weligama



ALMOST, MAINE

This term, the Senior School brought warmth and wonder to the stage with a captivating production of *Almost, Maine* by John Cariani, performed at the Kamatha New Theatre on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 February.

Set in a small, fictional town in northern Maine on a cold winter's night, the play weaves together a series of tender, humorous encounters as residents experience the joys, heartbreaks, surprises and second chances that come with falling in and out of love. Though deceptively light in tone, this intricate series of vignettes demanded exceptional precision, comic timing and emotional range.

Our talented cast met the challenge with maturity and sensitivity, delivering nuanced characterisations and performances filled with authenticity and heart. The result was a polished, deeply engaging production that earned glowing feedback and heartfelt appreciation from all who attended - a wonderful achievement for everyone involved.



INTER-HOUSE MUSIC & DANCE

