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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

LEEDS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL -MATARA



**“Celebrating Growth,
Excellence, and a
Vision for the Future!”**

It is with great pleasure that I share this message for the newsletter. Leeds International School - Matara began its journey on 20th June, 2020 with a small group of students and teachers. Yet, in a remarkably short time, it has gained academics, sports, and co-curricular recognition and credibility, excelling in activities.

Over the past 25 years, the school has expanded significantly, both in infrastructure and student enrollment. Behind every great success is a visionary leader, and we express our deepest gratitude to Deshamanya Dr. Sarath Jayatissa, Chairman of the Leeds network of schools, whose foresight and dedication made Leeds International School - Matara a reality. An anniversary is not only a moment to reflect on the past but also an opportunity to look ahead. I extend my heartfelt wishes for Leeds to continue its mission of excellence, growing stronger and serving the nation for years to come.

Gagana Amadoru
Principal,
Leeds International School -Matara

Honoring Freedom, Celebrating Unity, Inspiring the Future!

Independence Day Celebration - Leeds International School

We marked a significant milestone in our nation's history as Leeds International School celebrated Sri Lanka's 77th Independence Day. The celebration continued with a series of captivating performances, including inspiring speeches, patriotic songs, and traditional dances, showcasing the immense talent and spirit of our students. This memorable occasion was a tribute to the unity, culture, and independence of our beloved nation.

MATARA



AMBALANGODA



MALABE



MATUGAMA



PILIYANDALA



EMBILIPITIYA





MAGGONA



TANGALLE



HOMAGAMA



MATUGAMA



THISSAMAHARAMA



PANADURA



NEGOMBO

GLORIOUS VICTORY FOR LEEDS

LEEDS AMBALANGODA WON 3RD INNINGS WITH A LEAD

Under-13 School Cricket Tournament-Third Round

Leeds international school ,Ambalangoda
vs

St. Aloysius' College, Galle

3rd Innings: St. Aloysius' College

149/10

Leeds international school Ambalangoda

163/10

Top Performers:

Miyuru De Soysa scored 42 runs

Ashvika Senarathna scored 33 runs.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: SANUKI HIRANYA PERERA- FIRST RANKER OF THE MAHARAGAMA BRANCH

We are delighted to congratulate Sanuki Hiranya Perera for achieving the prestigious title of 1st Ranker of the Maharagama Branch with an International Standard Chess Rating of 1542. This outstanding accomplishment is a testament to her dedication, strategic brilliance, and unwavering commitment to the game. Sanuki's success places her among the top young chess players, reflecting her exceptional talent and disciplined approach to mastering the sport. Her achievement not only brings pride to our institution but also serves as an inspiration to aspiring chess players.



PREFECTS' INVESTITURE - LEEDS MAHARAGAMA

The Prefects' Induction Ceremony at Leeds International School Maharagama was held on the 27th February, marking a significant milestone in shaping the next generation of student leaders. The event was graced by Major General Saman Liyanage, the Chief Operating Officer of Leeds Campus, as the esteemed Chief Guest. An inspiring address was made by the Chief Guest, who emphasized the values of leadership, responsibility, and integrity. His words motivated the newly appointed prefects to lead by example and serve their peers with dedication. The newly inducted prefects then took their official oath of office, pledging to uphold the school's values and maintain discipline.



Sports Meets Across the Leeds Network

United in Sport, Driven by Passion!

KIDDIES' SPORTS MEET- BANDARAGAMA LEEDS

Leeds International School Bandaragama proudly hosted its annual Kiddies' Sports Day on 3rd February at the Bandaragama Public Ground. The event was a spectacular display of energy, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship, with our little champions showcasing their athletic abilities in various fun and competitive events.

The highlight of the day was the presence of our esteemed Chief Guest, Miss Praveena Perera, a dedicated and talented player of the Sri Lanka Women's Football Team. Her inspiring words encouraged the young participants to pursue their dreams and aim for greatness, both in sports and in life.



SPORTS MEET -TANGALLE LEEDS

Leeds International School - Tangalle hosted an inspiring House Meet that celebrated the core values of Peace, Harmony, Faith, and Hope-the four guiding principles of school's houses. The event brought together students and teachers in a spirit of unity and friendly competition.

In an exciting new development, they introduced a variety of new sports activities to encourage teamwork, physical fitness, and strategic thinking. The addition of Cricket, Chess, and Netball allowed students to showcase their talents in both individual and team-based events, fostering a dynamic and inclusive atmosphere.



SPORTS MEET -MAHARAGAMA LEEDS

On February 8th, Leeds International School Maharagama held its eagerly anticipated annual sports meet at Piliyandala Central College ground, marking a day full of enthusiasm, competitive spirit, and camaraderie. Students, teachers, and parents gathered to witness the incredible athleticism displayed by the school's young talents. The event was graced by the esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. Dhammika Kodithuwakku, the Director of Sports, who provided an inspiring address to the athletes and attendees. In his speech, Mr. Kodithuwakku emphasized the importance of physical fitness, discipline, and teamwork.



SPORTS MEET- MATARA LEEDS

Annual Sports Meet of Leeds International School, Matara was held on the 03rd of February at the Uyanwaththa ground. The event was successfully conducted with the participation of students representing Hope, Peace, Harmony and Faith houses.

Throughout this memorable event all Leedians showed true spirit of the sportsmanship. Students and teachers were able to reap the results of two months of hard work. They had the honour of having Mr. Lal Ekanayake, the Director General of the Institute of Sports Medicine - Sri Lanka, as the Chief Guest.



KIDDIES' SPORTS DAY A FUN-FILLED DAY OF ENERGY AND EXCITEMENT!

The Kiddies' Day 2025 of Leeds Panadura was held on the 28th of February, 2025 at the Bandaragama Public Ground. The event kicked off with the Junior Band welcoming the Chief Guest, Madam Hemamala Jayatissa, and the distinguished guests. The event concluded with a medal ceremony, recognizing the efforts of all participants. While Hope and Harmony houses walked away with trophies, everyone left with happy memories, new friendships, and the pride of having taken part.



LEEDS MAHARAGAMA SPORTS FIESTA 2025: LITTLE CHAMPS, BIG MEMORIES!

Leeds Premier Sports Fiesta 2025 was held on the 22nd of February at National Youth Ground Maharagama.

Little premiers had an exciting day of action and sportsmanship showcased to all who came to witness their first sports fest! They showed everyone that not winning or losing is not greater than making memorable moments.

KIDDIES' DAY - LEEDS AMBALANGODA

Kiddies' day was held on 28th February 2025. Mr. Palitha Jayasekara, Deputy Director of Education, Elpitiya Zonal Education Office was the Chief Guest, and Mr. Tilina Diyagama, Director of Leeds School Network graced the occasion. All the kids in the preschool section had a fun time, and we are sure that whether they were jumping, running, or simply enjoying themselves, we took the occasion to celebrate every step of their journey.



LITTLE EXPLORES,BIG ADVENTURES!



FIELD TRIP • PRIMARY STUDENTS LEEDS MAHARAGAMA

Students of KG2 of Leeds International School Maharagama recently embarked on exciting learning adventures, exploring key community locations. They discovered how the post office operates, learning how letters and packages travel worldwide. At the supermarket, they explored different food groups and practiced their shopping skills. Finally, a visit to the church provided insights into its history and community role. These hands-on experiences brought classroom lessons to life and fostered a deeper understanding of our local community.



EXPLORING NATURE

FIELD TRIP OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS LEEDS THISSAMAHARAMA

Tiny Leedians of KG 1 section in Thissamaharama Leeds embarked on an exciting adventure to the Birds park, Hambantota on the 13th February 2025. Birds park is a home to endemic and exotic birds with over 180 varieties and around 3200 birds. The park repletes with many beautiful birds such as Macaws, Cockatoos, Peacocks, Ducks, Love birds, Parrots and many more lovely birds which made our blooming buds immensely surprised & amazed.





PICNIC TO RAJAPAKSA PARK - LEEDS NEGAMBO

On February 14, 2025, the little learners of the Pre-Primary section at Leeds International School, Negombo, set out on an exciting picnic to Rajapaksa Park, Negombo. The day was filled with joy, laughter, and adventure as the children enjoyed the beauty of nature and engaged in fun activities. The young students participated in games, shared delicious snacks, and explored the park's scenic surroundings. Teachers and staff ensured a safe and enjoyable experience, making it a memorable outing for all. The picnic provided the perfect opportunity for the children to bond with their friends while learning outside the classroom. It was truly a delightful day, leaving the little ones with happy memories to cherish!

PICNIC TO RUUKADA HERITAGE VILLA LEEDS - AMBALANGODA

On 17th February 2025, a memorable Picnic Day for KGI took place in Leeds Ambalangoda at the beautiful Ruukada Heritage Villa, located in Randombe, Ambalangoda. The event was filled with laughter and joy, as kids had an exciting and fun-filled day, surrounded by nature's tranquility and the welcoming atmosphere of the villa. The children were not only entertained but also spent quality time with their teachers, engaging in various activities.



FIELD TRIP OF PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS

LEEDS - HOMAGAMA

The children of Homagama Leeds International Preschool participated in a field trip on February 14th, 2025 as part of their theme on identifying important places in the environment. The trip included visits to Sampath Bank and Arpico Super Center, where the children had the opportunity to learn about purchasing goods, understanding money, classifying items, and exploring the benefits provided by these establishments. This educational excursion aimed to provide the children with a practical understanding of economic concepts and their relevance in daily life.



TINY TRAVELLERS LEARNING ABOUT TRANSPORTATION THROUGH PLAY

The Homagama branch conducted a transportation lesson on 7th February 2025, focusing on road symbols and traffic lights. The session provided valuable knowledge to young minds, helping them understand the significance of road signs, traffic symbols, and the proper use of traffic lights. This initiative is aimed at enhancing their awareness of road safety and promoting responsible behaviour as pedestrians and future drivers. The lesson was designed to engage the children in an informative and interactive manner, ensuring they grasp these important concepts effectively.



VEHICLE DAY AT PRESCHOOL -A FUN-FILLED LEARNING EXPERIENCE!



The young learners of Leeds , Maharagama, had an exciting and educational experience on Vehicle Day, held on the 21st February . This special event was designed to introduce children to different types of vehicles, their uses, and road safety in a fun and engaging way. The school backyard was transformed into a mini transport hub, with real vehicles such as cars, and bicycles, on display.

The highlight of the event was the interactive road safety session, where children learned basic traffic rules, pedestrian safety, and the importance of wearing seat belts. Fun activities like a mini traffic signal game and a pretend road crossing helped reinforce these lessons.

LITTLE EXPLORERS ON A LEARNING A PRE PRIMARY STUDENTS VISIT TO KEELLS AND MARITIME MUSEUM ADVENTURE



KG 2 kids had a day of exploration embarking on an outing to Keells Supermarket and the Maritime Museum at Galle Fort! The visit to the museum was a journey down the years of Sri Lanka's maritime past with interesting pieces and anecdotes. It was a learning process in a light-hearted manner that invoked curiosity and knowledge beyond the classroom.

KIDDIES' DAY- LEEDS MAGGONA

Kiddies' Day was held on February 28, 2025, at the school premises. The event was a great success, with the children enjoying a variety of activities.

A heartfelt thank goes to our amazing teachers for their hard work and teamwork in making this day so memorable!



STUDENTS PARADE THEIR FAVORITE BOOKS TO ENRICH THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Students of Leeds International School Maharagama, marched to donate their favourite books to the library during a vibrant Book Parade aimed at enriching their reading skill. The event was a colourful procession of students, carrying signs adorned with book titles, and proudly displaying their literary treasures. Younger children marched with copies of their favourite books. "The energy was incredible," said their Buddhism teacher, the event organizer. "It was so heartwarming to see the students so excited about reading and sharing their favourite stories with their classmates." The parade culminated in a collection of all the books, which will be added to the school library shelves. Each donated book will feature a special bookplate recognizing the student who donated it, ensuring that their contribution to the library's collection is acknowledged.



EXPLORING HISTORY AND CULTURE: A FIELD TRIP TO THE SAMAN DEWALAYA AND GEM MUSEUM

On 26th February, students from Primary 3 to Form 7 of Leeds International School, Galle embarked on an exciting and educational field trip to a most sacred Saman Devalaya temple and the renowned Gem Museum in Rathnapura. The experience of visiting ancient sites provided them with a deeper understanding of the rich cultural heritage and natural wonders. The trip, which was both enlightening and fun, offered students a unique opportunity to learn about spirituality, architecture, and geology. The trip was a wonderful blend of history, culture, and science, and it offered students a chance to connect with the world beyond the classroom.



LITTLE CHEFS IN ACTION

Tiny chefs from KGI Section put on their aprons and chef hats for an exciting Cookery Day filled with fun, flavours, and creativity! The young learners eagerly participated in making delicious treats, turning simple ingredients into delightful snacks. The children enjoyed layering colourful faluda, assembling tasty sandwiches, decorating sweet cakes, and crafting yummy burgers.



EXPLORING NATURE AND HISTORY: FIELD TRIP OF PRIMARY STUDENTS - LEEDS GALLE

Primary 1 & 2 students of Leeds International School Galle visited Midigama Fruit Farm and Martin Wickramasinghe Museum on 22nd January.

At the fruit farm, children toured the orchards, learned about different types of fruits and how they are grown and harvested.

The farm staff taught them about sustainable farming practices and the importance of healthy, locally grown food.

At the Museum, children explored the exhibits that showcased artifacts from local history and important moments in the region's development.

The trip was designed to blend fun with learning, gave the children a hands-on experience in nature, agriculture, and history.



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