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Building Strong Pathways to Excellence: Leeds International Partners with Imperial College

We are delighted to announce the successful signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Imperial College and Leeds International School on 13th November 2024. This partnership brings the prestigious **SQA Foundation** and Diploma Level Programs to students at Leeds International School and beyond!

The ceremony was held at Leeds International School, under the visionary leadership of Deshamanya Dr. Sarath Jayatissa, Chairman of Leeds International School. The event was graced by the presence of:

- **Mrs. Malithi Jayatissa** – Deputy Chairperson (Leeds International School)
- **Miss. Kinithi Jayatissa** – Directress (Leeds International School)
- **Mrs. Hemamala Jayatissa** – Directress (Leeds International School)
- **Mr. Pravinth Rajaratnam** – Director Academic (Imperial College)
- **Mr. Chinthaka Wijayarathna** – Director Strategy and Operations (Imperial College)

This collaboration is a testament to our shared commitment to providing world-class educational opportunities, paving the way for academic excellence and professional growth. Students within Leeds International and the wider community now have access to this incredible platform for success.

Stay tuned for enrollment updates and program details!

Together, we create a brighter future.

The International Business Foundation program is a prestigious qualification offered by the Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) at the Imperial College of Business Studies. It is specifically designed for students who have completed their Ordinary Level (O/L) examinations and are seeking a fast-track route to pursue higher education in the field of business. With its comprehensive curriculum and academic excellence, the program provides a foundation for students to directly enter bachelor's Degrees in Sri Lanka or transfer Abroad.

The Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) is a globally recognised organisation dedicated to education and qualification development. It operates as a not-for-profit entity under the sponsorship of the Scottish Government, with a central role in Scotland's esteemed education system. SQA is responsible for ensuring the alignment of its Advanced Qualifications with the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF), which provides a comprehensive framework for assessing and recognising skills and knowledge in Scotland.



A Champion's Spirit:

Leeds International Hosts International Schools Karate Championship

Leeds International School Panadura was thrilled to host the International Schools Karate Championship on October 19th and 20th. With 16 schools coming together, the event showcased outstanding skill, discipline, and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the young athletes who made this championship unforgettable!



Growing Green: Planting Day at Leeds Tissamaharama

We are excited to share the remarkable moments from our Planting Day which was held on 1st November in our Leeds, Thissamaharama school garden.

Planting Day at school is a day to celebrate the importance of trees and nature, and to teach students about the benefits of planting trees. That was indeed a nurturing activity for our Primary Leedians.

Kids, themselves had brought various kinds of valuable plants to the school & they enjoyed a lot in planting them by their own hands.



Life Skills in Action: Laundry Day at Leeds Ambalangoda

On November 19th 2024, KG 1 students at Leeds International School, Ambalangoda, enjoyed a fun Laundry Day, learning essential life skills like washing and drying clothes. This hands-on activity enhanced their fine motor skills, teamwork, and independence, making learning both practical and enjoyable.



A Canvas of Creativity:

Art Exhibition 2024 at Leeds Ambalangoda

On November 7th 2024, Leeds Ambalangoda hosted an inspiring Art Exhibition showcasing the talents of students from Primary 3 and above. Graced by Chief Guest Madam Tekla Jayasekara, Deputy Zonal Director of Ambalangoda, and other distinguished guests, the event featured an impressive collection of creative work of students. With the support of teachers and parents, the students brought their artistic visions to life, making the exhibition a resounding success.



Empowering Future Leaders:

Prefects' Leadership Program at Leeds Ambalangoda

On November 2nd 2024, we were delighted to host the Prefects' Leadership Program at Leeds Ambalangoda. The training was conducted by experienced trainers it began at 8:00 am and with enthusiastic participation from all the prefects. This programme proved to be a valuable experience for our student leaders, equipping them with essential skills for leadership and responsibility.



Fang-tastic Fun: Halloween Celebrations at Leeds Tangalle

Leeds International School Tangalle came alive with Halloween spirit as playgroup and KG II students dazzled in imaginative costumes, from cheerful ghosts to daring superheroes. The school turned into a festive wonderland, featuring themed activities, spooky crafts, exciting games, and delightful treats. Laughter and joy filled the air as children embraced the Halloween magic, creating cherished memories. This celebration highlighted the school's commitment to fostering creativity, teamwork, and unforgettable experiences for its young learners



Halloween Magic Unleashed at Leeds Panadura!

Our youngest students transformed the school premises into a lively Halloween wonderland! Dressed as superheroes, princesses, spooky ghosts, and everything in between, they filled the premises with their infectious energy and excitement. The day was packed with festive activities. Classrooms and corridors were decorated with vibrant Halloween themes. It was a great day that brought joy and laughter to everyone, creating precious memories for our young learners



A Spooktacular Halloween Night at Leeds Negombo

Halloween Night at Leeds-Negombo on November 1st was a spooktacular success! From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the venue was filled with excitement as families and friends gathered to celebrate the season. The event featured thrilling activities, creative costumes, and a variety of Halloween-themed treats. Guests enjoyed fun games, making it a memorable night for all.



Fruits of Fun: Hands-On Learning at Leeds Homagama

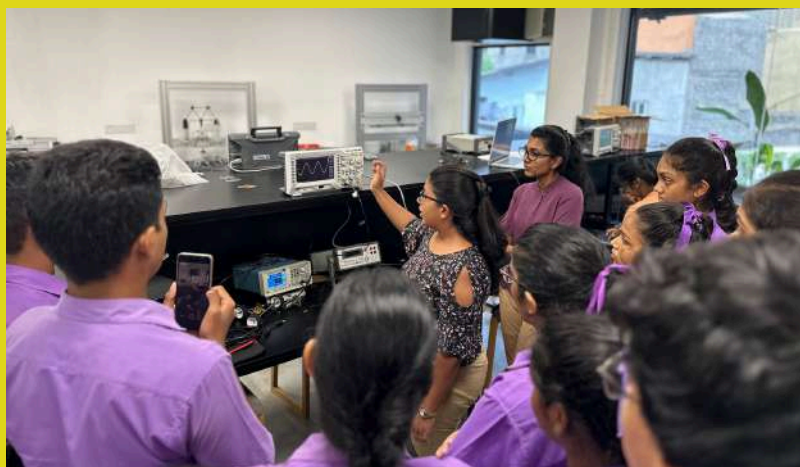
The children of the Homagama branch engaged enthusiastically in a hands-on learning experience focused on fruits. 🍏🍎🍌🍊🍋🍑🍒🍓🍉🍇🍈🍍🍌🍉

They prepared fruit drinks and fruit salads, showcasing their creativity and teamwork. The activity not only allowed them to explore various fruits but also fostered a sense of enjoyment and collaboration. This initiative highlights the importance of experiential learning in promoting healthy eating habits among young learners.



Exploring Innovation: A Visit to Curtin University Colombo

The tour, organised by the **Leeds Higher Education & Career Guidance Unit** of Leeds International School, to Curtin Colombo was a fascinating exploration of innovative higher education. Students had the opportunity to discover the university's modern facilities, engage with knowledgeable faculty, and learn about the wide range of programs offered that are designed to prepare students for global careers. The visit was an inspiring and informative experience, providing valuable insights into the dynamic, future-focused education at Curtin Colombo.



Exploring Medicine:

A Visit to the Medical Faculty of University of Colombo

The tour, organised by the Higher Education and Career Guidance Unit of Leeds International School, to the prestigious University of Colombo's Faculty of Medicine was an enlightening experience that brought medical education to life. Students had the chance to explore cutting-edge facilities, engage with inspiring faculty members, and gain valuable insights into the challenging yet rewarding journey of becoming a healthcare professional. The day was filled with inspiration, offering a deeper understanding of the dedication, passion, and perseverance required to train the doctors and medical specialists of tomorrow.



Ghungroo Pooja: A Sacred Blessing for Kathak Dancers

The Ghungroo Pooja ceremony was held at the historic Galle Sivan Temple to seek divine blessings for Kathak dancers performing at Megha 2, the **25th Anniversary Concert on December 15th 2024**. This traditional ritual, symbolizing the dancers' dedication to their art, was conducted in the temple's serene ambiance, with their guru and well-wishers present to invoke blessings for a successful performance.



Little Chefs at Work: Cookery Day at Leeds International School, Bandaragama

Leeds International School, Bandaragama, hosted a joyful Cookery Day on November 22nd for its preschool section. The event offered hands-on cooking experiences, teaching children basic techniques, hygiene, and healthy eating habits. Guided by teachers, the little ones prepared dishes like sandwiches, fried rice, pancakes, and drinks, fostering teamwork, creativity, and confidence. The day was a heartwarming success, thanks to the collaborative efforts of teachers and parents.



Little Leedians Make a Splash: Pool Party Fun at Leeds Homagama!

Leeds Homagama Branch hosted an exciting pool party on November 22, 2024, for its little Leedians. The children enjoyed washing clothes, playing with water toys, and splashing in the pool while fostering teamwork and cooperation. The event offered a relaxing and joyful experience, helping the kids grow emotionally and socially. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this memorable day!



A Splash of Joy: Leeds Homagama Annual Trip 2024 to Water World, Kelaniya

Leeds International School's Annual Trip 2024 to Water World, Kelaniya, on 8th November, was a day of joy and exploration for children and families. Attendees marveled at the vibrant aquatic life, colorful birds, and thrilling water rides. The event provided a perfect blend of nature appreciation, fun, and adventure, leaving everyone with cherished memories. Thank you to all who made this event a resounding success—we look forward to seeing you next year!



Promoting Wellness: World Health Day Celebration at Homagama Leeds

On November 18th 2024, Homagama Leeds Branch celebrated World Health Day with an engaging event to educate students on the importance of good health. Focusing on nutrition, exercise, hygiene, and mental well-being, the program featured activities, presentations, and interactive exercises to inspire healthier habits. The event was a resounding success, fostering awareness and enthusiasm for wellness among students and teachers alike.



Building Connections: Community Helpers Day at Leeds Tissamaharama

On November 25th Leeds International School Tissamaharama celebrated Community Helpers Day, fostering teamwork and a sense of belongingness among children. The event highlighted the essential roles of community helpers—dedicated professionals who ensure the safety and well-being of society. It was an inspiring opportunity for students to learn the value of community and appreciate those who contribute to its smooth functioning.



Chasing Glory: Inter-Leeds Athletic Championship 2024

The Inter-Leeds Athletic Championship 2024, held on November 9th at Diyagama Mahinda Rajapaksha International Stadium and hosted by Leeds International School - Horana, was a spectacular showcase of talent and sportsmanship. Athletes from the Leeds network competed in various track and field events, breaking records and inspiring spectators with their dedication and skill. The championship celebrated athletic excellence while fostering unity and camaraderie among participants. Congratulations to all who contributed to this grand success!



Dive Into Learning: Leeds Malabe Preschool's Adventure at Kelaniya Water World

On November 22nd 2024, Leeds International Preschool, Malabe, visited Kelaniya Water World for an educational trip filled with excitement and discovery. Students marveled at vibrant marine life, various fish species, and beautiful birds while learning about aquatic ecosystems in an engaging way. The outing also fostered teamwork, social interaction, and curiosity, leaving the children with cherished memories and a deeper appreciation for nature. This enriching experience perfectly highlighted the value of learning beyond the classroom.



Growing Together: KG II Students' Germination Lesson at Leeds Malabe Preschool

On November 5th 2024, KG II students at Leeds International Preschool, Malabe, took part in a hands-on germination lesson, where they learned about the process of growing plants. The children enjoyed planting seeds, watering them, and observing their initial stages in growth. This engaging activity not only connected the young learners with nature but also encouraged curiosity and teamwork. The school looks forward to seeing their little gardeners' plants flourish.



Cleaning Up for a Better Tomorrow: Cleanliness Day at Leeds Malabe Preschool

On November 29th 2024, Leeds International Preschool, Malabe, celebrated Cleanliness Day with an initiative to promote a clean and a healthy environment. Students and teachers worked together to tidy up their surroundings, learning the importance of cleanliness and teamwork. The event provided a valuable opportunity to instill good habits and environmental responsibility in young learners, encouraging them to become mindful and responsible citizens in the future.



A Magical Christmas Celebration at Leeds Panadura

On November 29th 2024, the pre-primary section of Leeds International School, Panadura, celebrated Christmas with joy and excitement. The school was beautifully decorated, setting a festive mood as teachers and students sang traditional carols. The highlight of the day was a visit from Santa Claus, who brought gifts and joy to the children. The celebration captured the true essence of Christmas, fostering togetherness and creating unforgettable memories for everyone involved.





🌈 Wishing You a Joyful Holiday Season! 🌈

As we wrap up another exciting term, we want to wish all our amazing students and teachers a very happy and relaxing holiday! Enjoy your well-deserved break, make wonderful memories, and come back refreshed for more adventures ahead. Stay safe and have loads of fun!



Warmest regards,

Leeds International School Team