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# Message From the Principal

Leeds International School – Ambalangoda



*“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.”*

*\_Robert Collier\_*

## A Happy Journey of Growth and Learning

At Leeds International School Ambalangoda, we believe in the power of consistent effort, the importance of nurturing emotions, and creating an environment that fosters the happiness and well-being of our students. We are not just an educational institution; we are a place where children learn, grow, and develop into compassionate, disciplined, and responsible individuals.

Leeds International School Ambalangoda embarked on its journey on 2nd January 2009, and in this short span of time, we have made remarkable progress. From academic achievements to victories in sports and extracurricular activities, our school has grown significantly, with a student body that has expanded to 800 students in just over sixteen years.

We are more than just a school. We are a community that celebrates growth, happiness, and the potential of every student. The journey of Leeds International School Ambalangoda has been progressive, and we look forward to continuing this path of success, happiness, and learning together with our students, parents, and the entire community.

G. H. I. Fonseka Principal,  
Leeds International School,  
Ambalangoda



# Glorious Victories, Unmatched Pride Leeds Leads the Way!

## Our Winners!

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### International Schools' Athletic Championship 2025



<b>Abheeth Yadev</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> place Long jump 3 <sup>rd</sup> place 60m Running Boys - U 12	<b>Achintha Prabhashwara</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> place High jump Boys - U 16	<b>Chanuga chamadith</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> place High jump Boys - U 12	<b>Inuki Umay</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> place High jump 6 <sup>th</sup> place - Merit Certificate Long jump Girls - U 12
<b>Sithum Rashmika</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> place - Merit Certificate Triple jump Boys - U 18	<b>Lakira Lewmitha</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> place - Merit Certificate Discuss Throw Boys - U 16	<b>Himath Chamika</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> place - Merit Certificate 100m hurdle Boys - U 16	<b>Sanuka Rasandui</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> place - Merit Certificate Long jump Boys - U 12

**We are proud of you!**

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## ISAC 2025

Congratulations to all Leedians who led the way at the International Schools' Athletics Championship (ISAC) 2025! Special recognition to Abeeth Yadev, Achintha Prabhashwara, Chanuga Chamadith, Inuki Umay, Sithum Ramishka, Lakira Lewmitha, Himath Chamika, and Sanuka Rasandul—our proud students who showcased remarkable endurance and focus.

Their wins are not only a source of pride for Leeds International School but also inspire other young athletes in the building to chase their own triumphs!

## Southeast Asian Mathematics Olympiad 2024

Southeast Asian  
Mathematics  
Olympiad (SEAMO)  
2024!

Congratulations to  
Master Kevin  
Cooray (Form 1)  
for showcasing  
exceptional talent  
and securing the  
Bronze Medal in  
this prestigious  
competition!  
Your hard work  
and dedication  
inspire us all.





# Glory in Every Stroke

Celebrating our stars who've turned every stroke into a testament to Leeds' unwavering spirit! Their wins aren't just medals; they're a reflection of the legacy of excellence of the school. Let's cheer on these Leedians for inspiring their peers to dive into their own victories!



# Mind Over Board: Chess Champions in Action

## Chess Champions

We are delighted to celebrate the triumphs of our little chess champions!

### Leeds International School Ambalangoda

H. Sanul Dhomitha

Risaja Randul Rathgamage

Thevindu Theshoon Egodage



### Leeds International School Matugama

Master Naydisa Fernando  
(Under-9 Boys Category at  
the Phoenix All Island Chess  
Championship 2025)

These champions showcased their strategic brilliance and dedication to the game, earning them well-deserved recognition. Their achievements bring Mother Leeds immense pride.



# Celebrating Years of Growth & Unity

## Leeds Sister Branches



### Leeds International School Matara Marks 25 Years of Excellence!

**Leeds International School - Matara** proudly celebrated its 25th anniversary in a grand and memorable fashion, bringing together students, staff, and alumni to honor this remarkable milestone.

It began with a spectacular Purple Vehicle Parade, an event that truly symbolized the unity and pride of the Leedians. The parade featured a dazzling display of creatively decorated vehicles, all adorned in the school's signature purple, creating a vibrant and energetic atmosphere.

As night fell, the school premises transformed into a lively celebration hub with a dynamic DJ music event. Students, parents, and teachers danced the night away, enjoying the electrifying beats and celebratory spirit. Alongside the music, a variety of food stalls offered delicious treats, ensuring that attendees could indulge in an array of flavors while they celebrated.



# Introducing IGCSE Buddy

## IGCSE Buddy introduced in schools to boost exam performance

IGCSE Buddy- an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered exam preparation platform by Tutopiya, the online learning provider trusted by over 100,000 students across eight countries.

As part of Tutopiya's "GoGlobal: Sri Lanka" initiative, IGCSE Buddy will integrate with schools

across Sri Lanka to help drive academic success.

Recently implemented at Leeds International School, IGCSE Buddy will support 181 students and 36 teachers in preparing for the competitive Pearson Edexcel IGCSE and A-level board exams in May and June. With 14 branches

nationwide, Leeds International School, is GoGlobal's first Sri Lankan partner, and the first to benefit from the platform's extensive toolkit and highly personalized approach.

Leeds International School Director Malithi Jayatissa: "We have been following new developments in ed-tech that can support academic excellence as our students prepare for exams. IGCSE Buddy is an excellent fit for us. The GoGlobal team here in Sri Lanka have closely supported us to ensure our teachers and students are fully onboarded on to the platform."

"IGCSE Buddy is a game changer for students. It identifies learning gaps and leverages AI to help bridge them. We have witnessed a 30-40% improvement in



Leeds International School Panadura Principal Chamari Perera, Leeds International School Network and Leeds Campus of Business and Technology Director Malithi Jayatissa, Academics Head Anyonie Nanayakkara, GoGlobal: Sri Lanka Project Head Mahira Kitchil and Sri Lanka Operations Head Mubarak Marzoon

exam grades on average as students leverage the platform," says Tutopiya Founder Nuha Ghouse. "It also equips teachers and school administrators with custom tools to ensure overall academic rigour and a well-prepared exam cohort for success."

The platform provides

a timely solution for the pressure that schools, students, and parents face in the lead-up to competitive exams such as the IGCSEs and IALs.

Many schools in Sri Lanka face challenges in recruiting experienced teachers trained in the Cambridge and Edexcel

curricula, constrained by limited resources and overstretched by extensive syllabuses, leading for the system to fall back on expensive tuition services.

Unlike standard exam preparation platforms, IGCSE Buddy offers personalised insights with AI-powered tools. It assesses the student's strengths and weaknesses using an advanced diagnostic tool, and develops a personalised study plan to bridge any gaps in learning.

Students have access to over 100,000 past-paper questions to attempt with customised feedback on incorrect answers (offering concept clarity) and guidance through workings and keywords.

The platform offers an extensive database of

revision notes and tutorial videos covering the latest syllabus. Further, IGCSE Buddy addresses an important variable in exam success, simulating exam conditions by monitoring time taken on assessments and providing reports on the student's time management.

The platform offers ample teaching resources, including slides, flashcards, assessments, real-time past paper quizzes and interactive classroom learning material, saving valuable time in the lead-up to exams.

The platform offers dashboards that analyse cohort and individual-level performance by score and timing across all topics in the syllabus - empowering educators to take data-driven interventions ahead

of exams.

For the cost of a single hour of private tuition, a monthly subscription of IGCSE Buddy provides unlimited access to up to 11 IGCSE and five A-level subjects.

GoGlobal: Sri Lanka has launched with a limited time offer to support schools in preparation for the upcoming May/June 2025 exams.

This includes in-person/online exam seminars, weekly global quizzes with exciting prizes, real-time analytical dashboards for schools, spotlight on the school's commitment to IGCSE excellence, and awards and certifications for teachers and students. For more information, schools may visit [www.igcsebuddy.com](http://www.igcsebuddy.com).



Students at Leeds International School are amongst the first in Sri Lanka to utilise IGCSE Buddy in their exam preparation

## Embracing AI for Smarter Learning!

Leeds International School takes a bold step forward by **introducing IGCSE Buddy, an AI-powered learning platform now available in Sri Lanka!** This cutting-edge tool helps students improve exam results by up to 40%, offering personalized study plans, smart diagnostics, and real-time feedback.

Empowered minds. Inspired futures. We're unlocking new possibilities for our students—to rise as confident, tech-savvy leaders of tomorrow.

Let's celebrate a new era of learning and leadership!

Read more: <https://www.dailymirror.lk/.../IGCSE-Buddy.../273-305015>



## Leedians Abroad: Discovering Japan's Wonders Together

We are immensely proud of our students who had the incredible opportunity to visit Japan through the Sakura Science Program! This enriching experience allowed them to explore Japan's advancements in science and technology while immersing themselves in its vibrant culture.

From engaging educational sessions to cultural exchanges, this journey has broadened their horizons and inspired them in countless ways. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made this unforgettable experience possible!

We are excited to see how this experience shapes their future.



# Kiddies' Sports Days

A Day packed with energy and excitement...



## Leeds International School - Tissamaharama

The Inaugural Kiddie's Sports day of Leeds International School – Tissamaharama was held in at the school premises. Our little champions celebrated teamwork, resilience, and the thrill of play. The event concluded with a certificate presentation to celebrate all participants. Everyone left with smiles, happy memories and new friendships.

## Leeds International School - Matara

On March 19, 2025, the Matara Branch hosted a vibrant Kiddies Day at the Uyanwaththa Football Ground. The event was filled with fun activities promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and joy, fostering the holistic development of young minds. Adding to the excitement was our esteemed chief guest, Master Dineth Weeraratne, a distinguished past pupil and award-winning athlete, whose inspiring presence made the day even more memorable.



## Leeds International School - Maharagama

The much-anticipated Kiddies Activity Day was held at the Youth Centre Grounds, Maharagama, bringing joy and excitement to our preschool students. The event featured running races, obstacle courses, ball games, and creative art activities, promoting motor skill development, teamwork, and coordination. Children also enjoyed a delightful snack time, making the day both fun and memorable while fostering physical and social growth.

## Leeds International School -Piliyandala

The little Leedians of the Piliyandala Branch shone bright at their Kiddies Sports Day held on the school premises.

With happy giggles the students had the chance to showcase their teamwork, commitment and energy. It was a day to remember for all the little ones. The ceremony ended with a certificate ceremony to celebrate all participants.





# Blessings and Bonding – Special School Celebrations

## Serene Pirith Ceremony for Our Students



### Panadura

Seeking blessings for success! A serene Pirith chanting ceremony was held at Leeds International School - Panadura to bless O/L and A/L students as they prepare for their exams.

## Ifthar Celebrations

The Leeds Bandaragama community came together to celebrate the spirit of Ifthar, a time of reflection, gratitude, and unity. It was a beautiful and meaningful event where students, teachers, and families gathered to break their fast and share in the blessings of Ramadan.

This celebration not only emphasized the values of fasting but also fostered a sense of togetherness, kindness, and compassion. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this occasion special and memorable!

### Bandaragama





# Time to explore – Discover Leedians' Learning



## Post office day - Ambalangoda

The students had the opportunity to visit the Main Post Office in Ambalangoda and observe its operations. It was a wonderful experience for the children, as they got to see everything in action and learn about how the post office functions. The kids truly enjoyed the lively and informative visit.

## Post office day - Matugama

On March 3rd, 2025, the little learners of Leeds International School - Matugama had an exciting adventure visiting the Matugama Post Office! They got a firsthand experience of how the postal system works, from learning about stamps to mailing letters.



## Shoppers Day - Matugama

### Little Shoppers in Action!

The little stars of Leeds International School - Matugama and Boralesgamuwa had a wonderful learning experience at Cargills Food City Matugama and Keells Boralesgamuwa. They got the opportunity to explore the store, pick out their favorite snacks, and experience a real shopping adventure by making their purchases through the cashier aunties.



## Keells Visit Boralesgamuwa





# Exploring New Horizons Through Reading Camps

## Sinhala Reading Camp - Ambalangoda



Leeds International School - Ambalangoda successfully conducted the Sinhala Reading Camp for the Primary 1 & 2 students on 14th March 2025. The event was held to nurture early literacy skills and instill a love for reading among young learners. The students participated in activities designed to enhance their language abilities.



## English Reading Camp - Ambalangoda



On the 21st of March 2025, the Reading Camp for Primary 1 & 2 students was successfully held at Leeds Ambalangoda. The camp aimed to enhance the reading abilities of kids, fostering a greater interest in reading and helping them develop essential literacy skills. The teachers actively engaged students in various reading activities.

## Successful Conclusion of the 1st Phase of the "Brilliant Bravers" Project – 2nd Term Initiative



Leeds International School Matugama excitedly announced the successful conclusion of the first phase of the "Brilliant Bravers" project, a special initiative designed to build core skills and boost English proficiency in our youngest learners. This project was specifically tailored for Primary 1 and 2 students, with the goal of enhancing their fundamental learning experience.



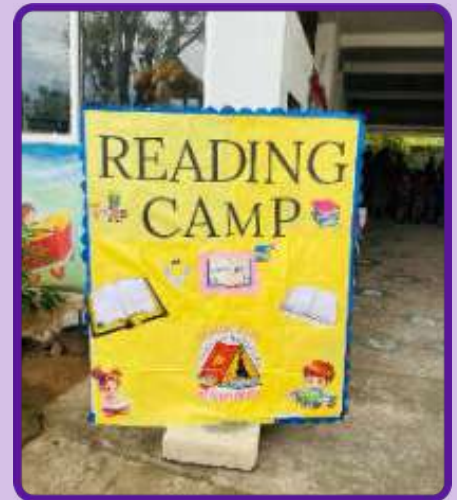
# Bringing Stories to Life – Galle

The Little Leedians' at the Galle Branch brought stories to life in a delightful event under the theme **"Bringing Stories to Life"**. The little stars stepped into the pages of their favorite books, dressing up as beloved characters and immersing themselves in the magic of storytelling.



## Reading Camp - Galle

Leeds international School Galle had the pleasure of hosting an enriching and fun-filled Reading Camp on 27th February for primary 1 & 2 students. The camp, designed to ignite a love for reading, saw enthusiastic participation from children across various grade levels.



## Creativity and Colours Leeds Explore 2025 – Art Exhibition Thissamaharama



Leeds International School – Thissamaharama brought the students' creativity to life with its vibrant Art & Craft Exhibition, showcasing students' imagination and skills. From colorful paintings to innovative designs, each piece reflected their creativity and growth, guided by Leeds' focus on nurturing our little Leedians through hands-on projects "Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun."

# Sky day

## Sky Day at Preschool: A Day of Exploration and Fun!

### Galle

The preschool students of Leeds International School, Galle, had a blast celebrating Sky Day, a special event designed to inspire curiosity and creativity.

The day was filled with exciting activities that allowed the children to explore the sky and everything above them, from clouds to stars.



### Sky Day - Matara

Flap and Fly, reach the sky! Ready to spread some birdie love. Little Leedians' of the Matara Branch had an ecstatic day at the Sky Day event.

# Wildlife day

## Celebrating World Wildlife Day at Leeds Pre-School Maggona

In celebration of World Wildlife Day, the little explorers of Leeds Pre-School Maggona transformed their school into a mini jungle! The children created their own jungle within the school premises, filled with trees, animals, and adventure.





# Blue day

## Embilipitiya



## Negombo



**Feeling blue in the best way possible !**

The Leeds International School Embilipitiya and Negombo Play Group little ones had a blast celebrating Blue colour day with fun, creativity and lots of smiles!

# Leaves day



## Embilipitiya

Exploring the wonders of leaves.

The little learners of Leeds International School - Embilipitiya had a blast discovering different shapes, colors, and textures.

# Flowers day



## Embilipitiya

Leeds International School - Embilipitiya Celebrated Flower Day with Kindergarten 2. The little ones blossomed with creativity and joy, brought their colorful blooms to life through crafts and fun activities. It's a day filled with learning, laughter, and the beauty of nature!

# Kids fair

The fun-filled School Kids Fair happened at Leeds International School - Bandaragama. Our kids had fun filled day with exciting games, activities, and went home with plenty of smiles.



## LEEDS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL -MATUGAMA Leadership in Action: The Ultimate Scavenger Hunt Challenge!



Leeds International School - Matugama students took leadership to the next level in an exciting Scavenger Hunt designed to enhance teamwork, trust, and communication! But there was a twist—all team members, except one, were blindfolded! The only guide? A single unblindfolded leader using nonverbal communication to navigate the team toward victory.



# Daily Clothes day

## Matara

Little Leedians of the Matara Branch were introduced to "what we wear daily: clothes". This event was conducted to give the little ones a better understanding of daily clothing.



## Let's wash our hands



"Let's wash our hands to stay healthy" Hygiene activities done by Play Group Kids, was a great initiative taken by the Leeds International School - Matara. This event highlighted the benefits of maintaining good health habits to stay healthy.



# Educational Tours

## Exciting Learning Adventure for Our Students!



### Panadura

Learning beyond the classroom! Students from Leeds International School Panadura embarked on an exciting educational tour, exploring new places, gaining hands-on experiences, and making unforgettable memories.



### Maharagama

Students of Leeds International School - Maharagama recently embarked on thrilling educational field trips, broadening their knowledge and experiences beyond the classroom.

#### Upper Students & Primary 3 and Upward

The upper-grade students, along with Primary 3 and above, visited the historic city of Kandy. They explored the Temple of the Tooth Relic, learning about its cultural significance, and enjoyed the scenic beauty of the Bird Park.



### Matugama

Our little learners from the Leeds International School – Matugama nursery embarked on a beautiful spiritual journey to Batamulla Kanda Temple, Matugama. They learned the essence of worshipping Lord Buddha with devotion and experienced a moment of peace and mindfulness.

A highlight of their visit was the incredible opportunity to worship the tallest Buddha statue in South Asia, leaving them with a sense of awe and serenity. It was truly a day filled with learning, blessings, and tranquility!



# Educational Tours

## Exciting Learning Adventure for Our Students!



The preschoolers of Leeds International School - Galle had an amazing time discovering nature at Diyatha Park and exploring Keells Food City.

# Galle



The Annual Student Trip of Primary 3 upwards was to Ratnapura in the Sabaragamuwa Province. Students visited the most sacred Saman Dewalaya, National Museum, Gem Museum and Chandrika Wewa at Embilipitiya on 25th February. It was a day filled with cherished memories and unforgettable experiences.

## Day with Good Food and Good Manners

### Preschool Children Visit to a Local Restaurant

# Galle



On 11th February, Play group and KG-1 children of Leeds International School Galle had the exciting opportunity to visit a local restaurant as part of their hands-on learning initiative. The field trip aimed to provide the children with a chance to explore real-world environments, understand social interactions in public spaces.

# Little Chefs in Action!



## Galle

The talented KGI kids of Leeds International School - Galle put their culinary skills to the test by preparing delicious sandwiches. From spreading to stacking, they created tasty treats with so much enthusiasm and care.

The little chefs in in KG1-A of Leeds International School Matugama had a delightful time making delicious milk rice today! Learning, laughter, and yummy treats all in one"



# Dental day



## Tangalle

Leeds International School, Tangalle, recently hosted a successful Dental Day, promoting the importance of oral health among students. The event featured free dental check-ups, interactive sessions on oral hygiene, and engaging demonstrations by dental teams.



# Learning Beyond Books!

## Panadura



Leeds International School Panadura, going beyond book-based learning, embraced for the power of Activity-Based learning. Where lessons blend hands-on exploration and creativity. This made education engaging, interactive, and fun! From hands-on experiments to creative group projects, our students could explore, discover, and grow with every lesson.

## Helpers day

## Galle



The amazing KG2 kids and teachers of Leeds International School - Galle and Homagama celebrated Helpers' Day in the most creative way! Dressed as community helpers, the little ones confidently acted out their roles, showing appreciation for the hardworking people who make our world a better place.



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Start of 3rd Term (Teachers) - 25th April 2025

Start of 3rd Term (Students) - 28th April 2025