

LEEDS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## HIGHLIGHTS

ATHLETIC  
CHAMPIONSHIP

MINDMASTER  
QUIZ COMPETITION

SPORTS  
FIESTA 2025

LEEBOTIX  
COMPETITION 2025

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

- B.B. King

**School Opening  
Day...**

**For Teachers :**

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

**For Students :**

**6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**



## Message from Principal

*"Let's work together  
to make this academic year  
a successful and  
memorable one!"*

Each academic year is a new height scaled, another dream realised with new targets set for the future. Each member of the Leeds community is devoted to turning dreams and aspirations into reality through sincerity and perseverance.

We at Leeds Galle always try to maintain the highest quality in academic standards and provide the most conducive environment for our student's holistic growth and development.

We also strive to instill the core values of Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Excellence in our students so they can meet the ever-changing global challenges. Our dedicated and highly qualified staff stand as exemplary role models for our students thereby keeping the ethos of our school shining bright.

This newsletter is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the students, teachers, and the management. It showcases the diverse talents, achievements, and experiences of each and every member: from academic excellence to extra-curricular activities, we celebrate the many facets of our students' lives.

I would like to express my gratitude to the editorial team for their efforts in bringing this Newsletter to life. I hope you enjoy reading it and find inspiration in the stories and achievements shared within its pages.

Let's work together to make this academic year a successful and memorable one!

**Thanuja De Silva**  
**Principal**  
**Leeds International School - Galle**



**Mrs. Thanuja De Silva**

# Inter-Leeds Athletic Championship - 2025

The Mahinda Rajapaksa International Stadium in Diyagama came alive on 5th November 2025, as Leeds International School – Horana proudly hosted this year’s Inter-Leeds Athletic Championship.

From explosive sprints to breathtaking finishes, our young athletes demonstrated exceptional determination, discipline, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

### Overall Results

Champions:

Leeds International School, Panadura

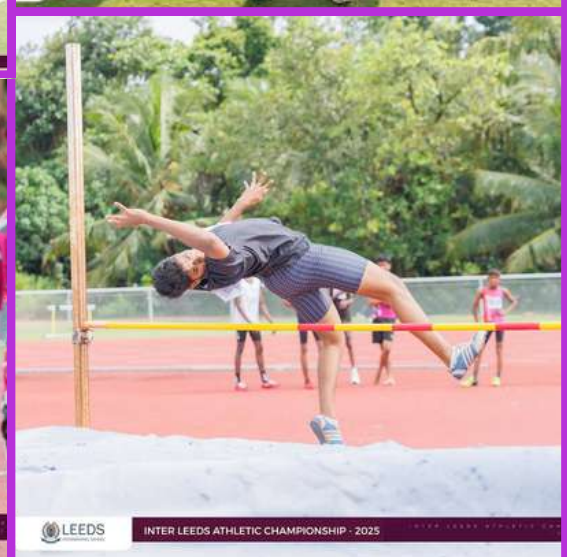
Runners-up:

Leeds International School, Matara

Third Place:

Leeds International School, Tangalle

A big round of applause to every athlete who ran, jumped, and competed with heart. Your dedication and passion continue to elevate the spirit of Leeds.





# MindMaster

## Inter Leeds Quiz Competition 2025

### A Day of Knowledge & Triumph!

The MindMasters Inter Leeds Quiz Competition 2025, organized by Leeds International School – Matara, was successfully held on 14th November 2025 at the school auditorium. It was an exciting and intellectually charged event that brought together brilliant young minds from across the Leeds network.



We proudly congratulate Leeds International School – Galle for emerging as the champions, with Leeds International School – Matara securing the position of 1st runners-up and Leeds International School – Panadura becoming the 2nd runners-up.



A special appreciation goes to Leeds International School – Ambalangoda, Leeds International School – Tangalle, and Leeds International School – Matugama for their enthusiastic participation and sportsmanship. All participating schools were awarded certificates for their commendable effort. It was truly a celebration of knowledge, teamwork, and competitive spirit!



# LEEDS SPORTS FIESTA - 2025



## *A Celebration of Teamwork, Passion & Victory!*

Leeds International School, Matara proudly hosted the 2025 Sports Fiesta on 11th November at Uyanwatte Stadium, bringing together outstanding talent, energetic team spirit, and remarkable sportsmanship.

### Football (Boys)

Five talented teams took the field with enthusiasm and determination. Green Giants were crowned the Football Champions 2025, showcasing exceptional teamwork and skill.

### Netball (Girls)

Four competitive teams displayed impressive technique and sportsmanship. Raiders claimed victory as the Netball Champions 2025, demonstrating precision, strategy, and dedication.

A heartfelt congratulation to all players for their hard work, discipline, and true Leeds spirit. You made this event a memorable celebration of sports excellence.





# LEEBOTIX

## Inter-Leeds Robotics Competitions 2025

### Robotics Competition Inspires Innovation and Teamwork

Inter-Leeds Robotics Competitions, held on 15th October at Leeds Matara, brought together some of the brightest and most enthusiastic young innovators from across all grade levels of Leeds International School-Galle.

The event transformed the school auditorium into a buzzing hub of creativity, engineering excellence, and spirited teamwork.

Over the past few months, participating teams have worked tirelessly-brainstorming and refining their designs under the guidance of their teachers and mentors.

Judges evaluated each entry based on innovation, functionality, teamwork, and presentation.



## Felicitation Ceremony Honours Outgoing Principal Mr. W. K. D. Dias for his Exemplary Leadership

The Leeds International School-Galle community came together for a heartfelt felicitation ceremony on 07th November to honor our esteemed outgoing Principal, Mr. Keerthi Dewapriya Dias who has completed a distinguished tenure marked by transformative leadership, unwavering dedication, and a deep commitment to student growth.

Held in Hall de Galle auditorium, the event witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of Board of Directors, staff, students, alumni, and parents who assembled to express their gratitude.



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# Children's Day!



This memorable event was made possible through the collective efforts and heartfelt dedication of our management and teachers, who worked together to organize a variety of engaging and joyful activities for our beloved students.

The day was filled with laughter, creativity, and togetherness – a true reflection of the spirit of childhood.

Leeds International School, Homagama, takes great pride in hosting such meaningful celebrations that honor the value of childhood, nurture creativity, and create lasting memories in the hearts of our students.

*"Let us protect the greatest gift of the world – children, like flowers."*

# Spooky Halloween Day!

Spooky Fun at So Leeds International School,  
Homagama! 🎃

On the 7th of November, the children of Leeds International School, Homagama, celebrated the Sparky Halloween Festival with great excitement and joy! The classrooms transformed into mini haunted kitchens as students rolled up their sleeves to prepare a variety of delicious Halloween desserts all by themselves.

One of the highlights of the day was our special Halloween Pumpkin Rice, proudly made by the children. After all the cooking and decorating, everyone—teachers and students alike—joined in for a big, spooky party!

Students also enjoyed a fun Halloween movie, played exciting games, and showcased their creative costumes. Laughter, music, and a few friendly scares filled the hallways throughout the day.

It was a celebration full of joy, creativity, and a sprinkle of Halloween magic! 🎃



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# Picnic Day!

Playgroup students of the Maharagama Branch enjoyed a delightful picnic on 14th November in the school play area. The children had a wonderful time sharing food outdoors and engaging in fun, age-appropriate games with their friends. The event created a joyful atmosphere filled with laughter, teamwork, and new experiences. It was a simple yet memorable day that helped our little learners explore, play, and bond in a relaxed outdoor setting.



# Deepavali Day!



On 7th November 2025, KG 2 students at Leeds International Preschool, Malabe celebrated the joyous festival of Deepavali with great enthusiasm.

Children came dressed in beautiful traditional Tamil attire, adding colour and festivity to the day. The highlight of the celebration was the creative Kolam designs made by the children using coloured coconut powder.

They also enjoyed sharing and tasting delicious Tamil-style snacks brought from home. The event helped students appreciate cultural traditions while enjoying the spirit of togetherness and joy.

It was a bright and beautiful day filled with learning, laughter, and celebration!

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# Planting Day!

## Planting Day Joy for Our Little Gardeners!

Leeds KG students had an incredibly rewarding Planting Day! 🌱 It helps them understand where food and flowers come from, teaching them about nurturing life and the effort that goes into growing things before they're finally ready to blossom. Digging, watering, and cheering on their tiny saplings!



Our little learners had so much fun planting flowers, fruits, and vegetables today! They learned all about the importance of water, sunlight, soil, and showing lots of care to help their seeds grow. With patience and love, we can't wait to see beautiful blooms and tasty fruits grown by our little hands. 💧☀️🌱



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On November 14th, at Leeds International School, Homagama, celebrated Planting Day with the belief that a child’s love for nature should begin from the very first steps of their pre-school journey. The children were joyfully given hands-on opportunities to plant vegetables, flowers, fruits, and other plants—learning how to water them and care for them even before they grow. It was truly heartwarming to watch their tiny hands and big smiles as they connected with nature.



*Cake Day!*



🍷 A Sweet Learning Experience in Grade 1! 🍰  
On the 3rd of November, little chefs from Leeds Homagama International School – Grade 1 – baked a delicious chocolate cake together! With tiny aprons on and big smiles on their faces, they put their learning into action – carefully measuring ingredients, mixing with excitement, and discovering the importance of balance, teamwork, and patience.



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# Kids Salad Day!



*Bandaragama Branch*



### Healthy habits start young!

At Leeds Premier Preschool & Daycare, our KG-2 kids are learning the importance of eating more vegetables for a strong and healthy future. They may be tiny buds today, but tomorrow they'll grow into individuals who carry good values and make a positive difference in the world. This is just a small but meaningful effort by our little learners. Learning is fun!



*Bandaragama Branch*

The Kindergarten Section of Leeds Bandaragama joyfully celebrated Fruits & Vegetables Salad Day, creating a colorful and healthy learning experience for little learners.

The highlight of the day was the salad-making session, where young learners enjoyed preparing simple fruit salads and vegetable salads, exploring different flavours and combinations. Their excitement and cheerful smiles made the event truly memorable.

Fruits & Vegetables Salad Day perfectly combined learning with fun, reminding our children that healthy choices can be delicious, colourful, and exciting!



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# Crazy Hats Day!

Crazy Hats Day is a joyful and creative celebration where students get to express their imagination by wearing fun, colorful, and uniquely designed hats. It's a day filled with laughter, creativity, and excitement as everyone shows off their wildest hat ideas –from homemade masterpieces to funny, quirky designs. The creative hats the children wear add a fun and adorable touch to their unique stories.



Kindergarten students celebrated Crazy Hat Day with exceptional creativity and enthusiasm. The Kindergarten was filled with colorful, imaginative, and wonderfully "crazy" hats designed by our talented children. From towering handmade creations to sparkling themed headpieces, every hat showcased the students' originality and the wonderful support of their teachers.



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# World Kindness Day!

Leeds International School branches came together in a beautiful display of compassion, creativity, and unity as we celebrated World Kindness Day in the month of November. From Maharagama to Horana, Bandaragama, Panadura, Matara, Galle, and Ambalangoda, students shared heartfelt messages and thoughtful gestures that truly captured the spirit of kindness.

Across the branches, students from Primary to Form 3 participated in meaningful activities such as creating handmade Kindness Cards, building Kindness Trees, and expressing appreciation to those who support them every day. Whether it was gifting cards to cleaning staff, teachers, friends, or family members, our students showed that kindness has the power to touch hearts and strengthen communities.

These celebrations remind us that even the simplest act of kindness can inspire joy, connection, and gratitude. We are incredibly proud of our students for learning the value of kindness and for spreading positivity throughout our school family.

## Ambalangoda & Galle Branches



## Horana & Bandaragama Branches



## Maharagama Branch



## Matara & Panadura Branches

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# Doughnut Day!



Decorating doughnuts is such a fun and joyful moment for our KG1 kids! 🥰🌟

It helps them understand the effort that goes into making bakery items before they're finally ready to eat. Tiny hands, big effort! ❤️

# Environmental Day!



Environmental Day celebration, held on the 14th of November at the school premises of Tissamaharama Leeds International School. The event was a beautiful and meaningful reminder of our responsibility towards nature. Students enthusiastically brought small plants, soil, and fertilizer, and participated in class-wise planting activities. With the guidance of their teachers, each class planted saplings with great care and excitement.

The school grounds came alive with smiles, teamwork, and the joy of nurturing new life. It was truly heartwarming to watch our young learners get their hands muddy while understanding the value of protecting the environment.



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# Puppet Show Day!

Leeds Kindergarten section brought smiles, laughter, and pure joy to the school premises as they presented a delightful puppet show on the 21st of November, 2025. It was a vibrant and imaginative performance that created a magical atmosphere for our little learners.

The colorful puppet stage, decorated with flowers, trees, clouds, and cheerful animals, immediately captured the attention of the children.



Tissamaharama Branch

# Animal Day!



Homagama Branch

On November 21st, the LEEDS Homagama branch hosted an educational program designed to help children explore and understand animals in their natural environments. Through engaging, experience-based activities, students had the opportunity to observe and interact with animals in ways that supported meaningful learning.

The program focused on developing children's understanding of wildlife by teaching them about the animals' behaviors, natural habitats, lifestyles, and dietary patterns. In addition, we aimed to foster positive attitudes toward animals by encouraging empathy, respect, and responsible care for living creatures. ✨



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# Water Day!



Homagama Branch

## Leeds International School, Homagama | 29th October

Water is one of the most valuable resources in our lives, offering countless benefits to both people and the planet. At Leeds International School, Homagama, students are encouraged to appreciate and use water responsibly. To promote this awareness, our young learners took part in a series of hands-on activities, including washing their own vehicles, learning how to wash and dry clothes properly, and preparing refreshing drinks using water. Through these engaging experiences, students gained a deeper understanding of the importance of water in daily life. These meaningful activities not only helped our children develop practical skills but also nurtured in them a sense of responsibility and respect for this precious natural resource.



# Nature Hunt Day!



Maharagama Branch

Leeds International School Maharagama's pre-school section did a Nature Hunt on 14th November 2025. Children explored the outdoors, observed trees and plants, collected natural materials, and created beautiful crafts using leaves and flowers. It was a joyful, hands-on learning experience.



ACTIVITY DAYS

# Reading Camp Day!



## Reading Makes a Full Man...!

The Primary Section of Leeds International School Bandaragama successfully conducted its Reading Camp on 17th November, creating a joyful and enriching learning experience for our young readers. The program was designed to cultivate a love for reading, strengthen literacy skills, and inspire children to explore the world through books.

The event concluded with students proudly showcasing their progress and expressing their excitement to continue reading beyond the classroom. It was a truly rewarding experience, highlighting the school's commitment to nurturing strong, independent readers.

# Annual Field Trip Day!

## ANNUAL FIELD TRIP TO GURUGE NATURE PARK A DAY OF EXPLORATION AND FUN!

On 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the students of Leeds International Preschool, Malabe went on their much-awaited Annual Field Trip to Guruge Nature Park, Ja-Ela.

It was a day full of excitement and learning as children explored nature, observed animals, and played together. One of the most memorable parts of the trip was the Flight Ride experience, where the children enjoyed the thrill of "flying" through a simulation. Their eyes sparkled with joy as they experienced something new and adventurous. From laughter during fun rides to curiosity while walking through the nature exhibits, every moment was filled with happiness and wonder. It was a perfect blend of fun and learning beyond the classroom.



ACTIVITY DAYS

# Teacher's Story Telling Day!

## Teachers' Story Telling Day Delights Preschoolers

On 21st November Leeds International School-Galle preschool premises were transformed into magical worlds of imagination as we celebrated Teachers' Storytelling Day, an event that brought together creativity, laughter, and the joy of early literacy.

The excitement on the children's faces was unmistakable as they listened, asked questions, and eagerly participated in sound effects and role-play. Many shared their own interpretations of characters, demonstrating the power that stories have in helping young learners build language skills, confidence, and imagination.

Teachers reported that the experience was just as rewarding for them. Storytelling allowed them to connect with students beyond the daily routine, encouraging creativity and fostering warm, joyful classroom relationships.



# Annual General Parents Meeting - Galle

Leeds International School-Galle hosted its Annual General Parents Meeting (AGM) on 07th November at Hall de Galle, bringing together parents, teachers, and school leadership for a productive and engaging session focused on student development and school progress.

The meeting was well attended, reflecting the strong partnership between the school and our parent community.

The session began with a welcome address by the Principal, who highlighted the school's recent achievements, academic updates, and upcoming initiatives. Parents were briefed on the school's ongoing efforts to enhance teaching methods, strengthen extracurricular programs, and further improve the learning environment.

Deputy Principal, Sports Coordinator and Coordinating Principal provided insights into classroom activities, curriculum goals, and student performance trends. They also discussed ways parents can support learning at home, encouraging open communication and collaboration throughout the academic year.



## NURTURING MINDS: CELEBRATING WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY!

World Mental Health Day reminds us that mental well-being is essential for every child's growth and happiness. At Leeds International School, we believe that learning goes beyond textbooks—it includes understanding emotions, building resilience, and caring for one another.

Good mental health helps students focus better, form healthy friendships, and face challenges with confidence. When children feel supported and understood, they learn to express themselves openly and develop a positive outlook on life.

This day encourages our school community to create a culture where kindness, empathy, and open conversations about feelings are valued. By nurturing young minds with care and understanding, we help them grow into strong, confident, and compassionate individuals.



Last month's newsletter carried an incorrect name and photo for the Horana Branch School Counsellor's Message.

We apologise for the error. This month, we are pleased to correctly acknowledge Yashmi Nethsarani as the rightful author.



Yashmi Nethsarani, School Counsellor's Message

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