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**WYCHERLEY CONDUCTS THE FIRST CAMBRIDGE CHECK POINT EXAMINATIONS AT GRADE 8.**

Wycherley International School is the first Comprehensive CIE School in Sri Lanka offering a total Cambridge experience from Primary to Secondary level. The first Check Point Examination for the students of Grade 8 was held on April 18th, 19th and 20th, conducted strictly in the lines of a Public Examination with British Council expertise.



The Principal of Wycherley International School, Mr. Kingsley Jayasinghe, whose school is now an Accredited Cambridge Center opines that the total Cambridge experience offered by Wycherley, makes a wonderful platform for progression into Secondary level of Education. He added that Cambridge Teaching Methodology helps students to climb the ladder of success.

The Check Point Examination for students around 14 years of age is ideal for those beginning courses that lead to the O/Level Examination. The examination is in the three "Core subjects" VIZ English, Mathematics and Science. In English, the Check Point skills cover Reading, Writing, and Usage, while in Mathematics it covers Number, Algebra and Space. Science encompasses Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Check Point scores are good predictors of performance at the Cambridge O/Level examination. In this way the CIE helps students to make the most of their educational opportunities. Feed-back of this kind is an invaluable source of information to the schools as well as the students in making strategic decisions.

**WYCHERLEY HOLDS THE FIRST CAMBRIDGE "ACHIEVEMENT TEST" AT GRADE 5**

"The Achievement Test" will be called Cambridge Primary Check Point from 2012 onwards and will be conducted by the CIE for Grade 5 students (Stage 6) who will be facing this examination in June 2011. Tentatively the programming of tests will be on the following schedule. As a preparation for Grade 1-4 students, they will sit their term tests on test papers relevant to the Cambridge Curriculum, but these will be set by the teachers.

The Cambridge International Primary Programme gives schools a framework to develop Mathematics, English and Science skills and knowledge in young children. The Primary Programme provides guidance for curriculum development and classroom teaching and learning, and allows teachers to assess children's learning as they progress.

As a foundation for Secondary Education, the Primary Programme aids the identification of a student's strengths and weaknesses and can be used to support learning and development. The Primary Programme ensures that students progress seamlessly into middle-year curricula, such as Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme, O/Level.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL MANAGER - ANDREW SOFTWELL**

Cambridge Checkpoint helps teachers to identify students' strengths and weaknesses in key curriculum areas, so that they can direct students learning and prepare them for further study. I am sure that Wycherley students will benefit from the feedback that Cambridge Checkpoint gives them about their performance.

Cambridge today is at the forefront of research into educational best practices and also at the forefront of delivery of the highest quality school education. Cambridge delivers cutting edge education programmes and qualifications based on 150 years of research and accumulated expertise. Cambridge students are recognized worldwide as well educated individuals who possess the necessary intellectual and personal qualities to succeed in the 21st century.



## WYCHERLEY CULTURAL DAY ..... AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

Cultures and their values have evolved for centuries, growing with the progress in civilization. Today, the world is studded with cultures and their colourful presence, in a world of diverse human traditions. Despite the diversity, one will always witness a Unity and Harmony in Cultures, where one bends and mixes with the other. A "Cultural Harmony" is what Wycherley was bent on exposing to the audience that was present at their Cultural Day on February 15th 2011, which went on the boards at the Bishop's College Auditorium.

Wycherley is a blend of multi national, multi racial, multi religious and multi cultural facets. The students simply merge into the traditions of each other, respecting that of one another and their speciality. This was so evident in the items that went on stage with clock work precision.



This country needs to be built to forge ahead on a harmonious note. The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Wycherley is always on the path to make our students the leaders of a united Sri Lanka. That's exactly what "Cultural Harmony" will do for society, for "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me" is the dictum that we follow at Wycherley.

## ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

Oratory is an age long skill that needs to be sharpened in children from a young age. The development of this skill helps them to turn out in society people who have good speaking skills, using correct diction. Ever since 1996, the Oratorical Contest has been held at Wycherley with a view to encouraging children to develop this part. Regular Elocution classes on the school timetable helps them immensely to project themselves, with the help of a specialised Elocution teacher.

This contest is worked out in age groups separately for boys and girls. They are worked out as quarter finals, semi finals and finals. The judges for the semi finals and finals are always elocution teachers or examiners in that area, but from outside the school arena.

The finals of this competition were conducted at Wycherley on March 4th 2011. The winners were.

Primary Girls	Veniza Thiruchelvam
Primary Boys	Mohamed Hussain
Junior Girls	Devindi Ratnayake
Junior Boys	Mohamed Haroon
Intermediate Girls	Shimanthi Gunawardane
Intermediate Boys	Kavinda Fonseka
High School Best Debator	Keshini Sritharan

All winners will receive their medals at the Prize Giving on June 30th 2011.

## WYCHERLEY CELEBRATES SINHALA – TAMIL NEW YEAR 2011

The dawn of the month of April stirs a lot of expectations and creates a great deal of enthusiasm among the Sri Lankans. To children, it lifts their imaginations and expectations to an unprecedented level, looking forward to many things ranging from mouth watering goodies to new clothes, gifts and festivities.



Wycherley, despite being an International School, has always been bent on teaching the kids all facets of National Culture and Traditions. Its uniqueness is being a tradition oriented International School. New Year Celebrations have been a part of the school activities over the past two and half decades. This really teaches the children all that is special and traditional about the "Aluth Avurudu". This event took place in the Junior School for the kids of the Elementary Section on April 7th 2011.

The programme commenced with the boiling of milk in a clay pot on an open hearth. The children watched with enthusiasm the milk boil and spill over, which traditionally indicates a plentiful year ahead. That was followed by some of the talented members of the Elementary Staff performing the "Rabban Padha" showing prowess to the children who watched them with joy.

The end of various items lined up for the classes, signalled the continuation of the programme for all the kids, who had a sumptuous Avurudu Party in their respective classrooms. To cap it all, each child received a gift from the school, attractively packed; much to their hearts delight. It was a morning that they would remember for a long time.



## WYCHERLEY DOES IT..... KIDZ ART COMPETITION

Saturday morning of April 30th had a very fun filled air of joy and expectancy, when kids from LKG to Grade 2 started arriving at Wycherley for the Kidz Art Competition that was organised by Wycherley International School. The morning was cloudy but it did not deter the enthusiasm of the kids or the parents who started arriving. By 9.30am everything was set for the event.

The little ones were told what they would have to illustrate choosing one of the topics given, ranging from A Tree, A Big Butterfly, A House, A Ship, A Garden of Flowers and A Fish Tank. They all listened with rapt attention, taking in all instructions seriously. Soon they were all busy at work – casting an occasional glance here and there – may be to break their concentration or to give a thought on what they had to do. It was indeed an awesome sight to see them so keenly at work trying to colour and do their best.



The Awards Ceremony and an Exhibition of the Children's Art Work was held on Saturday the 7th of May 2011 at 10.00am in the Auditorium of the Wycherley International School. It was graced by the kids who participated, their parents and even Grand Parents, the teachers of the Elementary Section and others at Wycherley. Every student received a Certificate of Participation. The winners of the LKG, UKG, Grade 1 and Grade 2 were presented with medals by Mr. Kingsley Jayasinghe, the Principal of Wycherley. It was indeed a very happy day for all these children, as the kids took their paintings home.

## ANNUAL SINGING COMPETITION

Singing is a talent that gets sharpened by constant practice. Wycherley has always had singing classes on its curriculum so that all the children learn it to develop their aesthetic skills. Singing is something that is enjoyed by the student, the teacher and the audience.



The winners were

Primary Girls	Prabodha Dissanayake
Primary Boys	Not awarded
Junior Girls	Nethmi Vithanage
Junior Boys	Gautham Sivasubramaniam
Intermediate Girls	Windy Goonatileka
Intermediate Boys	Shevon Mendis
Senior Girls	Sadiya Badurdeen
Senior Boys	Kevin Fernando

All children who were winners will have the medals awarded to them on June 30th 2011.

## WYCHERLEY JOINS IN THE 2600TH SAMBUDDHATHWA CELEBRATIONS

The Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi Celebrations mark the 2600th Anniversary of the Enlightenment of Lord Buddha. It has been a world wide celebration in all Buddhist countries and was also a part of the celebration programme at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. These celebrations fell alongside the Wesak Celebrations on May 17th and 18th 2011.

Wycherley always focuses in the children participating in all our country's cultural and religious celebrations. In every classroom, the children were taught about the importance and the value of the event. Children's memories always revolve around colour and décor. So, for Wesak, Wycherley too went glittering along with the rest of the country. Wesak lanterns filled the classrooms, corridors and the garden at the Junior School. The whole school had a festive air when the colourful illuminations twinkled as evening set in.

A giant lantern with thirty smaller ones around it adorned the gate of the school. It was blue and white in colour and was the handiwork of the skilled supporting staff of the school. The crowds that thronged Bauddhaloka Mawatha had a feast to their eye with this lovely handiwork. We will be concluding these Celebrations with a combined Wesak/Poson Bakthi Gee at the BMICH around mid June 2011.





## ISLAMIC DAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE ELEMENTARY SECTION

Religion and Culture go hand in hand. The main civilizations in the world have been born in the East and the Middle East and so have been the main religions and cultures. The Islamic Day celebrations that took place at Wycherley for the kids of the Elementary Section on May 13th 2011 show the fusion of religion with culture.



The participants were all children from the PG - Grade 2. The audience comprised of children of other religions in the Elementary Section, along with their staff members, the Principal, the Management and Parents. The children were dressed in traditional Islamic garb- the girls in very colourful Arabian costumes while the boys were clad in elegant Muslim masculine wear.

The program commenced with the recitation of the Qirath in Arabic along with the translation in English done by the children of Grade 2.

The final item was the tableau, where all the students from PG - Grade 2 joined in singing "Thanks to Allah" in unison. These sort of events help the growing children to develop their mind, set in a spirit of unison for the performers as well as the listeners.

## WYCHERLEY PARTICIPATES IN THE INTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL'S CHESS TOURNAMENT



Chess was introduced as a regular indoor sport at Wycherley in September 2010. These classes are conducted in the school premises in 3 groups consisting of children of Grades 1 and 2, Grades 3,4 and 5 and Grades 6,7 & 8.

On the 7th and 8th of May 2011 a Chess Tournament was organised by Lyceum International School and 20 International Schools including Wycherley participated in it.

Grade 3-5 has a squad of 7 for the under 12 group and Grade 6-8 has another similar squad for the under 14 group. At this competition, the Wycherley squads won 4 of the 5 Board Games in both the under 12 and under 14 categories. Wycherley emerged 9th out of the 20 participants, scoring 86.42 marks in the under 12 group and 62.32 marks in the under 14 group.

**Rohithraj Baskaran** of Grade 4 and **Vikaash Thiruchelvam** of Grade 7 were medalists at this event.

## WYCHERLEY ROMPS HOME TO VICTORY AT THE ANNUAL "BIG MATCH"

Cricketing season in a School Calendar of Sporting Events, reaches fever pitch when a "Big Match" is on the cards. This momentum was clearly seen in the build up to the Big Match between Wycherley International School and Colombo International School. It was held at the N.C.C. Grounds on Sunday March 13th commencing at 9.15a.m. This match has been an Annual fixture ever since it got off to a start, way back in 1996, having been mooted by the Principals of WIS and CIS viz Mr.Kingsley Jayasinghe and Mr.David Saunders.

The two teams were evenly poised, WIS led by Anuruddha Higgoda and CIS by Virosh Dharmadhasa. Having won the toss, WIS opted to bat first. They started in earnest with victory as their target and piled up 249 runs while CIS only managed to pick up 127 runs.

The "Man of the Match" was Kasun Viduranga of WIS who not only kept wickets but also scored a Century apart from taking a catch. Wycherley was all out in 47.03 overs with a score of 249 runs on the board. Colombo International were bundled out scoring 127 runs in 27.03 overs. Hence the coveted LALITH ATHULATHMUDALI CHALLENGE SHIELD was awarded to Wycherley by the Principal of CIS, Mr.Michael Chappel. The match ended on a high note for Wycherley, who romped home to victory.



