



School
International School

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world."- Maria Montessori

Alethea International School & Alethea School together have been in existence for the last 87 years. Alethea is a well-established government registered private school in education. We have achieved much recognition in the field of education and conducted many programmes to be proud of. At present we have an on-going training programme to train student teachers of Lyceum teacher training centre.

The classes are from the Nursery – age 2 ½ yrs to Grade 4 in the Primary Section. We are the only school in Sri Lanka where the students are provided with curricula of both Cambridge exams and the National English medium. A firm foundation is laid in the primary nurturing the students to give of their best, and to achieve best results in the competitive examinations held at the end of their school career. Many an exposure is given to the students from the Nursery going up to the higher grades, where practical activities are planned out to teach them facts of educational value.

- **Co-Curricular Activities**

Many awards were achieved in extracurricular activities namely dancing, drama, sports, etc. All co-curricular activities & sports are offered to students of 'Alethea' with qualified staff conducting them. Every child is given the opportunity to join in all school activities, which has been made compulsory to all. The children are encouraged to participate at Zonal, Provincial & District competitions.

Important days such as Children's' Day, Teachers' Day, Reading Day and UN Day to name a few were marked with special assemblies, activities, speeches, skits and songs performed by the children. Classrooms were done up in appropriate themes with children and teachers dressing up in costumes accordingly. Such practical activities have always made learning enjoyable. This year the Reading day centred around 'Fairytale land' which involved students dressing up as their favourite storybook characters.

- **Class Excursions**

Class excursions are carefully planned out, to fit into the academic work of each class. This year the focus was on animals and their habitats. Students were taken to the National Zoological Gardens in Dehiwala, where they gained first-hand knowledge about the animal kingdom.

- **Christmas Party**

The Christmas party is a favourite among our students with nearly everyone joining in the festivities. The party was planned and organised by the Primary staff, ably supported by the Alethean Aid and the Prefects' Guild. The occasion was marked with games, music, food and gifts for all the children.

- **New Comers' Day**

Is a tradition at Alethea where new admissions along with their parents are given a warm welcome by the staff and students in the Primary. The event was marked with song and dance performances, introduction of class teachers and a time of fellowship where parents met their children's teachers and learnt more about the culture of the school.

- **Mini Graduation**

The Mini Graduations of Alethea School and Alethea International Schools were held on 10th December, 2014, and 5th August 2015 respectively. The Primary students were promoted to the Senior School and the Nursery students were promoted to Grade 1. Ms. Kumari Hapugalle Perera, CEO/MD of Alethea, was the Chief Guest at these occasions. Suffice to say that the year under review has been an eventful and successful one.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

“Just like the beautiful flowers in a garden God’s Children come in different shapes, sizes, colours and abilities. Yet like the flowers, each one is beautiful and has his or her own special gift to offer the world. Unfortunately, the world seems to accept only those who conform to its dictates.”

Approximately 800 million young children worldwide are affected by biological, environmental and psychosocial conditions that can limit their cognitive development. In Europe, recent estimates place the number of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) at 15 million. SEN is not a disease. It is a correctable deviation of a child's psychological being, which can be normalized to a greater extent the sooner it is identified and accepted by both parents and teacher alike.

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) of Alethea School & Alethea International School is a centre for children with Special Educational Needs (SENs). It is headed by Ms. Sharon Fernando along with Ms. Yoga Loganathan.

At the LRC the teachers strive to identify students who face challenges in their education as well as their well-being and to provide them with the skills necessary to empower them to become active members of the society by helping them to reach their potential by utilizing their individual strengths. The teachers provide a caring

community where they meet the students' diverse academic, social and emotional needs.

At the LRC the following are done:

- Employ special educational strategies and techniques during lessons to improve students' language, cognition and memory.
- Help students acquire socially acceptable behaviour as determined by their Individualized Education Plans (IEP) by employing techniques in a positive behavioural support system.
- Modify the general education curriculum for students with Special Educational Needs so that they benefit from classroom instructions.
- Integration of IT skills and Life Skills Training in to their IEPs.
- Develop plans for effective communication for students in the classroom setting.
- Meet with parents to discuss their child's progress and to determine priorities for their IEPs.
- Provide counseling for students with behavioural and emotional problems.

At the conclusion of the academic year July 2015 the LRC comprises of 16 students as follows:

Section	Number of Students
Nursery	2
Primary School	2
Middle School	5
Senior School	7

Of these 16 students, 4 students joined school this academic year. LRC is proud to announce that 2 of their senior students have enrolled in a Diploma in Hospitality under the supervision of the Master-in-charge of Travel & Tourism Mr. Ishan Abeyagunsekera, proving yet again that at Alethea "Every student is provided with an opportunity to shine".

LRC would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers who volunteered their time at the LRC this past term. Ms. Kajini, Ms. Janadhari, Ms. Krishna, Ms. Ayodha and Ms. Prabha; teachers like you truly make them feel special! Ms. Nirosha Rodrigo and Ms. Cassandra DeMotte of the Primary we are indebted to you for supporting the LRC students in their classes by providing them with their time and exceptional support in improving them.

Robert John Meehan said, "Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding." That is our mission at LRC and we are committed to achieving it.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS - ALETHEA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.” Aristotle

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION – LONDON

We are grateful to Ms. Panchalika Kulatunga -Schools Development Manager –CIE Sri Lanka for her continuous assistance and support and rendered to us throughout the year. Our teachers receive continuous training in their professional development and are kept informed of all changes in their specific subject area, while the students are exposed to a rigorous learning process in order to fit into a competitive world.

• CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS MAY/JUNE 2015

17 students sat the G C E (O/L) Cambridge (CIE) – May June Examination and have done the school proud with very good results in all subjects. We are proud of our Aletheans, most of who have been with us from their early years. They had faith in their school and we had trust in our children and today we celebrate their success. I wish them the very best as they pursue their advanced level education in Alethea and firmly believe that they will do their school proud and remain loyal at all times.

Our best wishes and congratulations to the following students who obtained the best results:

Manish Sureshkumar	- 6A*, 2A
Dasith Subasinghe	- 2A* 6A 1B
Amaan Fazeer	- 2A* 5A 1B
Shamalka Bandara	- 2A* 4A 2B

G.C.E Cambridge O/L Examination May – June 2015 (Summary)

Subject	%	Teacher
English Language	100%	Ms. Nirosha Navaratnam
Mathematics	100%	Mr. Tyrone Fernando /Mr. Malcolm Fernando
Environment Management	100%	Dr. T.G.A Sisira
Economics	100%	Ms. Sujatha Perera
Business Studies	100%	Ms. Nishanka Pitadeniya
Principles of Accounts	100%	Ms. Aadila Abdul
Physics	100%	Dr. T.G.A Sisira
Biology	100%	Ms. Deepthika Fernando

Chemistry	100%	Ms. Deepthika Fernando
Computer Science	100%	Ms. Navomi Handawela
Sociology	100%	Ms. Devashrie de Silva
Travel & Tourism	100%	Mr. Ishan Abeygoonasekera

Cambridge AS Examination October – November 2014 (Summary)

<u>Subject</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Mathematics	61%	Mr. Malcolm Fernando
Economics	94%	Ms. Sujatha Perera
Business Studies	80%	Ms. Nishanka Pitadeniya
Principles of Accounts	60%	Mr. Aponso
Physics	75%	Dr. T.G.A Sisira
Biology	71%	Ms. Deepthika Fernando
Chemistry	100%	Mr. I.A. Wickramaratne
Psychology	50%	Ms. Shiva Tivoli
Travel & Tourism	84%	Mr. Ishan Abeygoonasekera

- **G.C.E Cambridge A/L Examination May – June 2015**

Of the students who sat the Cambridge A/L examination in May-June this year we are pleased to say that they have achieved 100% pass rate in all key subjects and 92% in Economics. Our congratulations to our high achievers and our prayers and good wishes to those who will sit their A/L examination in October-November this year. May you achieve success and do Alethea proud.

G.C.E Cambridge A/L Examination May – June 2015 (Summary)

<u>Subject</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Mathematics	100%	Mr. Malcolm Fernando
Economics	92%	Ms. Sujatha Perera
Business Studies	100%	Ms. Nishanka Pitadeniya
Principles of Accounts	100%	Mr. Gordon Aponso
Physics	100%	Dr. T.G.A Sisira
Biology	100%	Ms. Deepthika Fernando
Chemistry	100%	Mr. I.A. Wickramaratne
Psychology	100%	Ms. Shiva Tivoli
Travel & Tourism	100%	Mr. Ishan Abeygoonasekera

English Language	Ms. Vanaja Ratnayake	100%
Mathematics	Mr. Neelantha Ekenayake	84%
History - Sinhala	Ms. Yogya Wijewardena	100%
History – English	Mr. L.Z.T.M.B Sooriyabandara	85%
Science	Ms. Ayodhya Prabashini	94%
English Literature	Ms. Hansima Withanage	94%
Dancing	Ms. Janadari Salgado	100%
Art	Mr. Sandun Kudaligama	100%
Business & Accounting	Ms. Aadila Abdul	100%
IT	Ms. Navomi Handawela	100%

Our best wishes and congratulations to the following students who obtained the best results:

Arshard Sufi	9A	Kumuthu Premalal	9A
Ranod Madushith	9A	Rasika Kurukulasuriya	8A, 1B
Uvindu Ratnayake		7A, 2B	

- **All Island Competitions**

We are very proud of one of our students Sudari Ratnayake who achieved recognition at national level in competitions organised by the education ministry. Her achievements are as follows:

1st place in The usage of Sinhala Language among native speakers.

2nd place in Literature General Knowledge

3rd place in Language usage island-wide

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS

"Knowledge is learning something every day." Zen Proverb.

Alethea's strength lies in its academic staff and therefore international and national training programmes are provided to our teachers. Teachers who handle the London examinations attend face to face and online training workshops organised by both Cambridge and Edexcel Board of Examinations. These workshops and seminars were conducted during September – October, February – March and May-June

1. Cambridge International Exams (IGCSE / GCE O & A Level) Face to Face Teacher training (September - October 2014)

Subject	Teachers
Primary English	Mrs. Nishani Peries / Mrs. Christine Vethanayagam / Mrs. Vanaja Ratnayake / Miss. Ashwini Vethakan
AS & AL Mathematics	Mr. Malcolm Fernando / Mr. Tyrone Fernando

AS & AL Economics	Mrs. Sujatha Perera
O Level Principal of Accounts	Mrs. Aadila Abdul
Secondary 1 Mathematics	Mr. Tyrone Fernando / Mrs. Dharshika Bandara
IGCSE Business Studies	Mrs. Nishanka Pitadeniya / Mrs. Apsara Gunaratne
IGCSE English	Mrs. Nirosha Navaratnam
IGCSE Mathematics	Mr. Tyrone Fernando

2. Pearson Edexcel Leadership Training: ‘The change Secret’ - A Leadership training programme organised for Principals and Heads of School. (October 2014)

This was attended by:

- Ms. Kumari Hapugalle Perera – CEO & Managing Director
- Ms. Anitra Perera – Director
- Ms. Onalie Dissanayake – Primary Headmistress
- Nirosha Navaratnam – Registrar of Studies

3. Edexcel Inset Face to face training programmes for teachers (October - November 2014)

Subject	Teacher
GCE A Level Art & Design	Mr. Sandun Kudaligama
IAL - Biology	Ms. Deepthika Fernando

4. Cambridge International Exams Face to Face Teacher training (February - March 2015)

Subject	Teachers
O Level Literature in English	Mrs. Nirosha Navaratnam
Economics	Mrs. Sujatha Perera
Accounting	Mr. Chinthana Haputhanthri
Biology & Chemistry	Mrs. Deepthika Fernando

5. National Curriculum - Teacher Training Programmes

Alethea being a Government recognized private School is entitled to the facilities of Teacher training and free books. Our thanks go out to the District Education Office and the Piliyandala Zone Education office for organizing various training programmes in updating the teacher knowledge in the National curriculum.

During the course of the academic year, all teachers who handle subjects for Grades 6 and 10 attended workshops and seminars in order to familiarise themselves with the changes introduced to the new curriculum.

6. TISSL – Conference in Kandy

The 2nd TISSL conference was held in Kandy from the 7th to the 9th of November 2014. Heads of School, Heads of departments and senior teachers attended this

conference which included eminent speakers of international calibre who spoke on various aspects of the role of educators in the field of education.

7. Staff Training Workshop

Middle school teachers had the opportunity to attend an in-house training and workshop which focused on the needs of middle schoolers and how best to cater to their varying needs. The programme was conducted by Ms Ranmali Hapugalle and consisted of group discussions and best practice methods. The same workshop was thereafter conducted by two of our teachers, Ms. Nirosha Navaratnam and Ms. Navomi Handawela for the entire staff.

CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMS

“To find a career to which you are adapted by nature, and then to work hard at it, is about as near to a formula for success and happiness as the world provides. One of the fortunate aspects of this formula is that, granted the right career has been found, the hard work takes care of itself. Then hard work is not hard work at all.” Mark Sullivan

Pearson Edexcel Leadership Training: ‘The change Secret’ - A Leadership training programme organised for Advanced Level Prefects. (September 2014). This was attended by:

- Aaron De Vesser – Head Prefect
- Thusara Wijesuriya – Deputy Head Prefect
- Shimraz Sahil - Deputy Head Prefect

ANNUAL EVENTS

• DANCE FEST 2015

The annual Inter school dance fest will be held from 8th to the 10th of October this year. Organised by Alethea, it attracts large numbers of participants from leading schools both in Colombo and from the out stations. This year we look forward to a competition that promises to be of a very high calibre.

• ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT

The annual Christmas concert “Baubles” was held on 13th December, 2014, at the Bishop’s College Auditorium. The participants ranged for 2 ½ year olds to 19 year olds. The first half of the programme saw the entire primary school on stage as they performed a beautiful musical. The production which was a complete Alethean affair had senior students and staff involved in the various stages of props, costumes and stage direction. The latter half of the programme was transformed into a cultural experience by students of the middle and senior schools with a kaleidoscope of dance and song. Needless to say the night was a resounding success.

- **SPORTS MEET**

The Annual Inter House Sports Meet 2015 was held on 13th March at Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium, Diyagama. The chief guest at the event was Ms. Premila Paulraj, Regional Director Pearsons South Asia. Ms. Paulraj's message was warmly received by both participants and spectators. With the aim of encouraging more student participation 3 new class relays were introduced to enhance this objective. Two days of heats preceded heavy competition which was visible on the given day. Despite the inclement the athletes exhibited true sportsmanship and took part with enthusiasm. The highlight of the day was the drill displays by the primary school and the senior school. The senior drill was categorised as an inter house event. Five new trophies were added to the awards for which the sports department is grateful.

- **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

To mark the importance of this day a special assembly was held in the senior school premises. Students of the primary were dressed in national costumes. The programme consisted of speeches, traditional dances and skits, concluding with a message from the chairperson Mrs. Kumari Hapugalle Perera

- **ESALA PERAHERA**

The Annual Esala Perahara was held on 3rd of August 2015. This pageant portrayed the culture and traditions of our country. Once again nearly all the Aletheans of the primary section took part and displayed their talents, irrespective of their religious beliefs.

- **AVURUDU CELEBRATIONS**

New Year celebrations titled "Sooriya Udana" were held at the school premises on April 4th 2015, with the participation of the Director board, members of the staff, office staff, children and school aides. The chief guest at the occasion was Mr. S.M Marrikar. It was celebrated with much enthusiasm giving prominence to the Sinhala and Tamil cultural heritage. The lively competitive events were equally enjoyed by the young and the old.

CO – CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **ART SOCIETY 'CREATORS WORLD'**

"Art is man's constant effort to create for himself a different order of reality from that which is given to him." Chinua Achebe

Teacher in Charge:

Mr. Sadun Kudaligama

This year under review was an eventful one, beginning with the appointment of new board members. Headed by Madushani Hewawasam the Art Society's involvement in school events was clearly seen in the decor, at "Sooriya Udanaya", Bakthi Gee and the Pirith Madapaya.

As part of the community project members visited The Grace Perera Home for Elders and orphans. The inmates were provided with basic essentials collected by the Art society. Many of the members visited Ape Gama situated in Battaramulla and were treated to an unforgettable experience, courtesy of Mr. Sandun Kudaligama.

Advanced Level art students take part in the Kalapola. The club members along with their energetic master, continue to maintain the "Creators' World Notice Board" adding colour to the school.

- **ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY**

"One Language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way" Frank Smith

Teacher in Charge:

Ms. Ashwini Vethakan

Under the guidance of Ms. Ashwini Vithakan and the able leadership of the president, Fallon Kumaraswami this society has provided its members the opportunity to learn and use language, in debate and drama. On the 4th of April they actively participated in the Alethean Mini Carnival, raising funds for the society. An Activity Day "shooting Stars" graced by Mr. Shaheen Juragpathi proved to be the highlight of the year.

In a bid to foster creative skills and communication in the English language, the English department organised various competitions as follows: creative writing, spelling bee, oratory and impromptu speech and debate. Cambridge O level Literature students had the opportunity to experience 'Hamlet' performed by the Globe Theatre at the British School in Colombo.

- **COMMERCE SOCIETY**

"Money, not morality, is the principle commerce of civilized nations." Thomas Jefferson

Teacher in Charge:

Ms. Sujatha Perera

The past year has been an active and productive year for the Commerce Society. In preparation for the Commerce Day, on 18th September 2015, various competitions were held on 23rd July 2015. Seven invited schools battled in various categories. The programme consisted of a key note address by the guest speaker – Ms. Dilani

Ganegodagama, Deputy Director – Central Bank and a presentation by Aletheans on “Save the world through commerce”. The commerce students from Grade 8 upwards were taken to the Natures Secrets Factory in Horana, which gave them an opportunity to observe the practicality of the production methods of the largest and leading manufacturer of herbal cosmetics in Sri Lanka.

- **SINHALA LITERARY SOCIETY**

“The conquest of learning is achieved through the knowledge of languages.” Roger Bacon

Teachers in Charge: Ms. Ellen Kumarasinghe & Ms. Anusha Rambukwella

The Sinhala Literary Society had a busy and productive year. Students took part in the Sinhala Language and Literature Competitions held by the Piliyandala Educational Zonal, 9 students won 1st places, 8 students won 2nd places and 9 students won 3rd places in their respective competitions. During the Western Provincial Competitions Sudari Ratnayake was placed 1st in Recitation and Thesara Palpola was placed 2nd in Reading. In the All Island Competitions, Sudari Ratnayake was placed 2nd in General Knowledge in Literature, 1st in Sinhala Language usage among native speakers and 3rd place in Language usage island-wide, making Alethea proud.

Moreover, In the competitions organized by the Divisional Secretariat, Sanduni Perera was placed 2nd in Recitation. The students of Sinhala Department also took part in various school events aimed at improving and enhancing learners and users of the Sinhala language

- **UN CLUB**

“Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop. “Dorothy Height

Teachers in Charge: Ms. Navomi Handawela

On the 24th of October Aletheans attended the 69th United Nations Day program held at the United Nations Information Center, Colombo. The theme was ‘My Sri Lanka, my Future’.

On 3rd of November, Aletheans celebrated the UN day by conducting an assembly. The primary depicted the countries of the world, and the senior school made a presentation on issues facing teenagers.

The teacher in charge participated in a UN Study Circle, Teacher training program which was held at the United Nations Information centre, Colombo.

The UN members participated in a work shop conducted by the EXCO SLMUN 2015 to develop their researching and presentation skills. EXCO SLMUN also conducted a debating session on the 19th amendment of the Sri Lankan parliament. Aletheans participated in a workshop conducted by the EXCO SLMUN to develop their debating skills.

19 UN members attended the Sri Lanka Model United Nations conference. 2 administrative staff and 17 delegates represented the countries Turkey, Trinidad and Tobago, Somalia and Sri Lanka in various committees.

The Gavel Club

“Life is not about finding yourself; life is about creating yourself” George Bernard Shaw

Teachers in Charge: Ms. Madhavi Perera

The Gavel Club is affiliated to Toastmasters International which is one of the most professional forums that enhance and develop leadership and communication skills of individuals.

The Gavel Club was formed with the installation of an Executive committee after the conduct of a fair and just process of interviewing and evaluating. A new era in leadership and public speaking dawned when Alethean Gavel club, in its first maiden year focused on serving people to develop their skills and abilities.

The cancer hospital project – “Fight for a Cause” was the year’s major community service project initiated by the club, where the club succeeded in spending time and support in children fighting cancer.

The “Speech Olympiad 2015” emerged as a success where many students, had the opportunity to exhibit their talents in public speaking and leadership. Many workshops conducted by reputed speakers in the arena of Toastmasters too were held under various topics to help students achieve their goals in the areas of leadership and public speaking.

Prefects Guild

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” John Maxwell

Head Prefects: Aaron De Vesser & Minusha Weerasuriya

Deputy Head Prefect: Thusara Wijesuriya & Shimraz Sahill

Teacher in Charge: Ms. Anitra Perera & Mr. Manuj Rajapakse

The New Guild was inducted in September 2014. Aaron De Vesser and Minusha Weerasuriya were appointed as the Head prefects, Thusara Wijesuriya and Shimraz

Sahill as Deputy Head prefects and Dilukshan Sureshkumar as the Games captain to lead the new guild.

The first event organized by the prefects was the annual social themed 'EXTRAVADANCE' at the Grand Monarch Hotel on the 7th of February 2015. At the Mini-Carnival held on the 04th of April 2015, The Prefects' Guild played a key role in supporting Organizing

An activity day was held for the prefects on the 14th June 2015 as a training program for the newly appointed prefects which served as an ice-breaker between the fresher's and the seniors.

The prefects also understood social responsibility and took steps to make a difference. One such event was the "Save the Beaches" initiative put forward by Odel. The guild actively took part and assisted in the clean-up of the beach in a genuine attempt to help move society in a better direction.

At the Raffles Beach Carnival held in November 2014, members of the guild took part in various events and competitions. By and large the biggest events organized by the prefects during the year was the B'CUBE (Open-Mic Night) in collaboration with the school interact club and the school choir featuring famous artists in the music industry as well as other schools. This was held at the Alethea quadrangle on the 29th of July 2015.

The Interact Club

"One person can make a difference and every person should try" John F. Kennedy

Teachers in Charge: Ms. Apsara Gunaratne

The Interact club of Alethea was reinitiated on 27th May 2015 with Lakshan Wijesooriya as the President. The Interact Club in collaboration with the Prefects' Guild and the Choir organized the open mic night (Bcube 2015) as a fund raising project for the aesthetic department of the school on 29th of July 2015 at the school premises. The event was a great success with the participation of veteran and amateur artists. The objective which was to create an awareness of the school was achieved.

Their first installation will be on 18th September 2015. The club is organizing an Inter Interact Club Basketball Tournament on 24th September 2015.

Science and Environmental Society

"In places where this beauty has already disappeared, we will reconstruct it." Fritz Todt

Teachers in Charge: Ms. Ayodya Prabashini

The year under review saw the following goals achieved:

A logo and a letter head for the society was created by the Board member's with the support of Mr. Sandun, the Art teacher. A fund raising programme of selling Ice cream and pickle at school premises was conducted in order to arrange a Science and ENV exhibition. The science exhibition was successfully held on 24th June 2015 in collaboration with both the Primary and Senior Schools.

World Environment Day, was celebrated on 5th June 2015, by the Science and Environmental society on a grand scale, to raise awareness about this year's World Environment Day theme "seven billion dreams; one planet- consume with care". Senior students participated in the IMU Science Challenge-2015, held at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo 07. Students of our school performed well in the instant quiz round and won prizes. Students from the national curriculum, Grade 6-11 participated in a Divisional Science Quiz Competition and Sudarai Rathnayaka of Grade 7N was able to secure second place. She also qualified for the Zonal Science Quiz Competition.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

"There will be peace on earth when there is peace among the world religions." Hans Kung

• **BUDDHIST SOCIETY**

Teachers in Charge: Ms. Janadari Salgado

We at Alethea practice this precept when following various religious activities throughout the year.

The first event the Buddhist Society organized was a Pirith ceremony on 20th September 2014 to bless the school after the school office was refurbished.

To commemorate the founders of Alethea, an all-night Pirith ceremony was organized on 8th May 2015, with the blessings of the Maha Sanga of the Sri Maha Bodhi temple Dehiwela. The main objective of this event was to offer merit to the founders and to gain the blessings of 'Triple Gem' for the school. In addition sil programmes, annual bakthi gee programmes and Esala Perahara were organized by the Buddhist society.

• **CHRISTIAN SOCIETY**

Teacher in Charge: Mr. Manju Rajapakse

Founders Day Holy Mass was held at St. Mary's church Dehiwela. Rev. Fr. Malcom Kandappa presided over the service. The Way of the Cross service was held at the school premises with attendance of Rev. Fr. Malcom kandappa, the management, members of staff and parents along with the students. The service concluded with a sermon by Rev .Fr. Malcom Kadappa

- **HINDU SOCIETY**

Teacher in charge: **Ms. Krishnawerny**

The Saraswathi Pooja ceremony was held on the 2nd of October 2014 and was attended by the management, heads of School, members of the staff, parents and students. The programme commenced with the lighting of the traditional oil lamp. The special Pooja was performed by a priest from the Bambalapityaq kovil. The Mahashivarathri festival was celebrated on the 17th of February. Students were taken to 'Ayishwarya Amman' temple where they took part in a special Pooja performed by the temple priest.

- **ISLAMIC SOCIETY**

Teacher in charge: **Ms. Aadila Abdul**

The Islamic society has been growing from strength to strength each year, currently lead by the president of the Society Shafky Shakir and his team with the guidance of the Teacher in Charge Ms. Aadila Abdul and the support of the other teachers. The Islamic society had many Islamic scholars who speak to the students throughout the year. The annual Iftar ceremony organized by the Islamic Society of Alethea School and Alethea International School was held on the 8th of July 2015 at the senior school premises. Over 200 students and teachers belonging to different religious and ethnic groups took part in this event with Sheikh Fazil Farook being the guest speaker along with many other special invitees.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

*"Having children of different races in the same environment is one thing, but having them interact with each other while playing, and participating in **extracurricular** activities and also building friendships — that's just phenomenal. Our nation has come so far in such a short time." Angela Crawford*

DANCING

"Dance is the hidden language of the soul" Martha Graham

Teacher in Charge: **Ms. Yogya Wijewardena**

Senior dancers took part in the state dance competition. The senior dance troupe performed at the Cambridge world conference held in December 2014. Dancers took part in the annual year end concert and all other school events such as Esala Bakthi Gee and the mini graduation programme.

CHOIR

“Where words fail, music speaks.” Hans Christian Andersen

Teachers in Charge: Ms. Dharishika Bandara & Mr. Pranath Fernando

The school choir had an eventful year, as various members were given the opportunity to take part in competitions, and cultural programmes. The choir won 4th place at Vocalised 2014 organised by Ananda College while Ashane Kapukotuwa was placed 2nd in the solo singing category. At Bcube 2k15 Solos and duets in addition to songs by the entire choir were performed. A talented group of choristers went on to perform at the E fm studio and Apoorwa Kalubowila was selected to make a recording.

SCOUTING

*“Scouting rises within you and inspires you to put forth your best.” Juliette Gordon
Low*

**Teachers in Charge (Boys): Mr. L.M.Z.T Sooriyabandara &
Mrs Thilanka Thudugalle**

Teachers in Charge (Cub): Ms. Nirosha Rodrigo, Ms. Natali Win

The Alethean Scout Group consists of Land Troop and Air Troop and had an adventurous year with many activities and competitions. Individual talents shone brightly as Sajeenthiran Parameswaran represented school at the district Saraswathi Pooja held at district headquarters on 11th October, Six Senior Scouts were able to finish the 22 km hike and won the First Class of Scouting – District Commissioners Cord. At the Swim Gala of Scouts of Colombo District, held at the Wesley College Swimming Pool on November 8th, the team won third place in the u-13 free style relay. While having an active year with many excursions and camps including workshops organized in and out of school the young cub scouts and the senior scouts organized the 3rd Annual Halloween Party in a grand scale on 31st October, 2014.

The First Anniversary of the Air Scout Troop was celebrated in the presence of Mr G .B Ockerz and Mr. Rizaar Azoor. Many parents and land scouts were present. The scouts ended the year with flying colours in the Annual Colombo District Camporee 2015 held at the Shasthrananda School, Kawdana from 26th to 30th August 2015 participating in various entertaining events and also by making the school proud by winning silver and gold pennants.

The scout master, Mr. Sooriyabandara, successfully completed the Phase IV Advanced course held at Nuwara Eliya Pedro Camp from 11th - 17th October. Cub Scouts participated in the Avurudu festival organized by the Colombo District Scouts at the Sports Ministry grounds in May and enjoyed many activities that were in session. Cub Renesh Niaradan, achieved his bronze star.

CHESS

“Chess helps you to concentrate, improve your logic. It teaches you to play by the rules and take responsibility for your actions, how to problem solve in an uncertain environment.” Garry Kasparov

Coach: Mr. Yasith Hirimburagama

Teacher in Charge: Ms. M. Krishnawerny

Chess players participated in the Inter International Schools chess tournament organized by Regent International College, representing the under 14 and 17 age categories. The Under 17 A team was awarded the 4th place while under 17 B team was placed the 7th. Sajeenthiran Parameswaran, the captain of the under 14 A team won the “Board Prize”. The inter house chess tournament was held on the 13th of July with Catherine House was emerging winners,

MOTHER SRI LANKA

“Successful people have a social responsibility to make the world a better place and not just take from it.” Carrie Underwood

Teacher in Charge: Mr. L.M.Z.T Sooriyabandara

Aletheans true to their name, rallied around the banner of Mother Sri Lanka when 10 Alethean students of Mother Sri Lanka participated in the journey to Jaffna called friendship bridge North South, on 23-26th October.

They were also instrumental in environmental friendly activities when they worked with the scouts in collecting 1800 bottles of water to Nepal earth quake victims and gave their support during the Poson Dansala.

SPORTS

“Most of us start out playing a sport as a means of fun and recreation. But somewhere along the way, in the midst of all the fun, we realize that sports can often be a metaphor for achieving success in life, because of the lessons it teaches us about life”

It is with pride that we mention the sportsmen and women of Alethea, who have achieved much during the past year. Though small in number, they have proved that with the essential guidance, encouragement and also with the skills as well as hard

work they can achieve many victories. Thus it is with gratitude to all the coaches and athletes of Alethea.

- **Athletics**

“Athletics keeps us healthy, gets us up and running around. It also gives you an opportunity to meet a lot of different people, which is very important.”

Derek Jeter

Coach: Mr. Jayashantha Fernando

Teachers In Charge: Ms. Tania Dirckze

This past year marked a golden mile post in Alethean athletics' history. Alethea walked away with 2 Gold medals and 2 Bronze medals in the field events at the 15th International Schools Athletic Championships 2015 for the first time. Ranul De Silva was placed 3rd in the 400m event for boys under 19, while Sandeshi Liyanage bagged 3rd place in the 200m event for girls under 15 while the star of the event Thejana Wahalathanthri, who emerged victorious in the 100m event setting a new meet record in the 200m event. Thejana was declared the under 13 boys champion. I would like to place on record the dedicated training of Mr. Jayashantha Fernando the athletics coach and his assistants. My heartfelt thanks also goes to Ms. Tania Dirckze who co-ordinated practices and managed the hectic schedule.

At the Dehiwala Circuit Meet 2015 Sandashi Liyanage was outstanding in her performance while Viruni Boyagane qualified for the Divisional Meet. At the Piliyandala Educational Division Meet held in March, Thejana Wahalathanthri, again showed his athletic prowess by winning the Long Jump event and qualifying for the Western Province Meet in the 100 and 200 meters races. Sandashi Liyanage won first place in the 100 meters race and came second in the 200 meters and Long Jump events. At the Western Province Meet held in May 2015, Thejana Wahalathanthri clocked his best timing in the 200 meters and 100 meters events.

- **Badminton**

“Those who play badminton well take decisions quickly.” Dmitry Medvedeva

Coach: Mr. Krishantha Godahewa

Teachers In Charge: Ms. Bhagya Siriwardane & Ms. Anoma Sandamali

Alethea International participated in the inter- international badminton tournament organized by Gateway College in December 2014, in the under 13 and 17 categories. While they also participated in under 15 and under 19 categories in the Inter International Schools' badminton Tournament organized by Stafford International in February. During the above said tournament, the under 19 team emerged as runner

up while the under 16 badminton championship held in Bandarawela in April 2015 saw the Aletheans finish as semi finalists.

Hapugalle house emerged as winners this year defeating Catherine House at the inter house badminton tournament held on 2nd of July 2015.

- **BASKETBALL**

“I came to coach basketball players, and you became students. I came to teach boys, and you became men.” Coach Ken Carter

Coach & Teacher In Charge: Mr. Pranath Fernando

Basketball in Alethea has had its share of ups and downs in the past year which is under review. Poor turnout at practices affected the teams’ performances at both inter house and inter school matches. At the Under 19 tournament organized by the British School in Colombo, the Alethean team played extremely well. It was observed that the young team is still in the process of sharpening their skills under the coach Mr. Pranath Fernando. During the inter house basketball tournament held on 13th August, Preston House emerged winners beating Catherine House.

- **CRICKET**

“The spirit of cricket can and should remain and guiding force for good within society, providing entertain and fun, but also a shining example to all of how we all should approach our lives.” Kumar Sangakkara

Coach & Teacher In Charge: Mr. Manju Rajapakse

Our Cricketers with the guidance of Mr. Manju Rajapakse, had a favourable year. Captain Zul Sabith of Under 15 team scored a half century against Asian International School. At the tournament organized by Wycherly International, the under 17 team was led by Captain Devon De Vesser who steered the home team towards victory by an unbeaten knock of 50 runs, against Leighton Park, beating them by 6 wickets. He was helped by the bowling department led by Amaan Fazeer who took 4 wickets for 25 runs. Devon De Vesser had the privilege of being chosen for Under 19 TISSL squad this year. It is with great joy that I wish to announce that Shimraz Sahil of Alethea was awarded runner –up for the Bata Most Popular School Boy Cricketer of the year making his school proud. It is also with heartfelt gratitude we bid farewell to Mr. Manju Rajapakse, for his dedicated and untiring efforts towards Alethea’s success. We wish him God’s blessings in his journey forward.

- **FOOTBALL**

“I am constantly being asked about individuals. The only way to win is as a team. Football is not about one or two or three star players.” Pele

Coach: Mr. Asoka Ravindra & Mr. Quintus De Silva

Teacher in Charge: Mr. Sadun Bandara

Football players had a seasonal weather the past year, where they participated in many tournaments with the guidance of the coach Mr. Asoka Ravindra and the teachers in charge Mr. Sandun Kudaligama and Mr. Chinthana Saputhanthri. Our under 15 team won the Dehiwala Division tournament while the Under 17 team qualified for the final level round in the Futsal Football Tournament organized by Learnium International School-Rajagiriya. It is with gratitude mixed with nostalgic memories that we say adieu to our football coach, Mr. Asoka Ravindra, for his services to the school wishing him good luck for his future endeavours.

- **KARATE**

“Karate aims to build character, improve human behavior, and cultivate modesty; it does not, however, guarantee it.” Yasuhiro Konishi

Coach: Mr. Ranuka Sanjewa

Teacher in Charge: Mr. L.M.Z.T Sooriyabandara

We proudly announce that the past year has brought a noticeable increase in the number of karatekas under the coaching of Sensei Ranuka Dissanayake guided by the 2 teachers in charge Mrs. Aadila Abdul and Mrs. K.N.Harshini. There is a steady turn over. The highlight of last year was Savinjith Ranaweera who won 2 silver medals for both kata and kumite under 19, and Nethuli Perera with ArthinanTirunetri were among the top 8 karatekas in the under 11 category in the annual karate tournament organized by Leeds International School at the Sugathadasa Stadium.

- **NETBALL**

“When we were on court together we played for each other - we didn't play for ourselves. It was all about creating space.” Sharelle McMahon

Coach & Teacher In Charge: Ms. Dharshika Bandara

There is a steady increase in the participation of netball under the enthusiastic leadership of the coach Mrs. Dharshika Bandara and the teachers in charge Ms. Nirosha Navaratnam and Ms. Vanaja Ratnayake. Bi-weekly practices were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The under 13 and under 15 teams took part in the Inter School netball tournament organised by CIS in April 2014. Veronique Bouquet, captained the under 13 team who played in their maiden match. The Over 15 team under the captaincy of Himara Wijesinghe made it to the semi-finals. The under 13 and under 15 school teams have shown great improvement in their physical fitness and skills and are in good form for the upcoming year.

- **SWIMMING**

"In training everyone focuses on 90% physical and 10% mental, but in the races its 90% mental because there's very little that separates us physically at the elite level".

Elka Graham

Coach:

Mr. Mahi Chandrala

Teacher in Charge:

Ms. Tridny Rathnayake

Swimming practices were held regularly at Fingara Club on Tuesdays, and there is an increase in the number of student participation which may guarantee a positive future if the parental encouragement is bestowed on our swimmers on a regular basis. Thus we hope to host a swimming meet in April 2016 to further improve and strengthen Alethea swimming.