

John Keells English Day 2009

English Day 2009 - the latest event to celebrate the John Keells English language scholars from across the island - was held recently at the Bishop's College Auditorium, Colombo 3. The scholars displayed their talents in drama, poetry recitation, debates and speeches, while over 150 students also received certificates for the course they had completed in November 2008. The Chief Guest at the event was Lalith Weeratunga, Secretary to the President of Sri Lanka; while the guests of honour were Susantha Ratnayake, Chairman, John Keells Holdings PLC and R. I. T. Alles, founder of the Gateway Group. The English



Chief Guest, Lalith Weeratunga, awards a certificate to an honours student of the John Keells English Language Scholarship Programme.

Day was organised by John Keells Social Responsibility Foundation (JKSRF) in collaboration with the Gateway Language Centre.

Among the highlights of the programme were 'Get up and bar the door' (a play), 'Extremely naughty children' (a choral recitation) and a debate by the Ratnapura, Kalutara and Anuradhapura branches, respectively.

Conceptualised by the JKSRF, the scholarship programme was launched in 2004 with the objective of enhancing English language skills of schoolchildren and youth across the island and consequently, improving their opportunities for higher learning and sustainable employment in the modern age.

In 2007/08, the Foundation sponsored two 6-month foundation courses granting scholarships to an aggregate of 533 school children. Implemented through Gateway Language Centres, the courses were conducted in 15 areas, namely, Anuradhapura, Bandarawela, Batticaloa, Colombo, Galle, Gampaha, Kalutara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Matara, Panadura, Ratnapura, Trincomalee, Vavuniya and Wattala. English Day 2009 celebrated the scholars of the second 6-month foundation course completed in November 2008.



A scene from the play 'Get up and bar the door' by the Ratnapura branch.



St. Benedict's Primary got a Language Room with the latest technology to improve the language skills of the Students in a very creative manner. The photograph shows the Chief Guest Felix Dias, a Veteran Old Boy switching on the projector and Rev. Bro. Granville Perera the Director of the College Rev. Bro. Vernon Perera Principal of the Primary section and the Sub Director Rev. Bro. Janaka Fonseka along with the Chief Guest watching a model lesson being presented at the opening ceremony. This project was initiated by the members of the Development Fund of the College costing over Rs. 800,000.



Lyceum Poson Bakhti Gee 2009



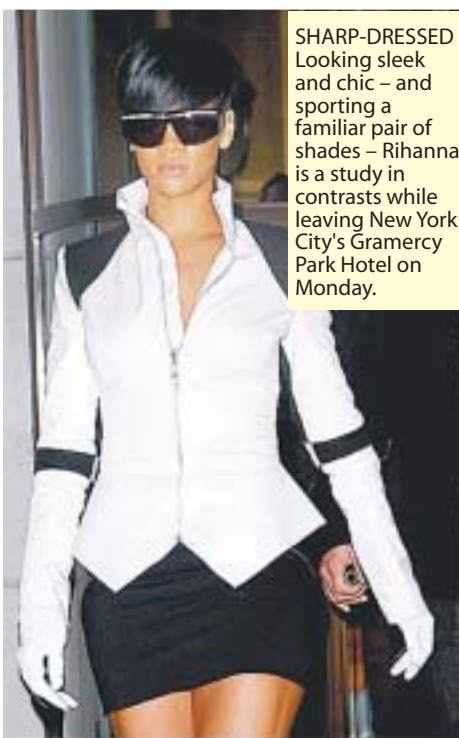
"Lyceum Poson Bakhti Gee" festival organised by the Lyceum International School, Nugegoda for Poson Poya 2009 was held at the Lyceum school premises recently.

Pupils, their parents and staff of Lyceum Participated in this "Bakhti Gee Programme" attended by Rev. Bogambara Rathanaajothi Thero, Mr. W. B. Ganegala, Secretary - Ministry of Petroleum & Petroleum Resources Development, Malani Fonseka, Rohana Weerasinghe, Karunadasa Saputhanthri, Mohan Lal Grero and Kumari Grero, Co-ordinating Principal and music conducted by Visharada Edward Jayakody and Charitha Priyadarshani Peiris. Picture shows pupils with Visharadha Edward Jayakody, and Charitha Priyadarshani Peiris taking part in the "Bakhti Gee Programme"

87th AGM of the Sri Lanka Magic Circle 2009/10

The following Office Bearers were elected for the year 2009/2010 at the 87th Annual General Meeting held recently at the Sri Lanka Magic Circle Auditorium, 156 Templers Road, Mt. Lavinia.

Patron - Hon. Minister of Cultural Affairs, Vice Patrons - Ruth Flint, Ambassador for Switzerland and Mohan Lal Grero, President - Lt. Col. Ronald De Alwis, Vice President Liason, Media, Marketing and Promotions Devsiri Fernando, Vice President (Special Projects) Rohan Jayasekera, Vice President (Welfare) Shelton Jayasekera, Vice President (Magic Contest) Suranjith de Soysa, Vice President (Publications) Joy de Silva, Vice President (Establishments) Terrence Amarasekera, Vice President (Legal) Michael Fernando. General Secretary and Treasurer Elrea Pereira, Asst Secretary Rajitha Weerasinghe, Librarian Ranjitha Ratnapala, Asst. Librarian P. Gunaratne, Chief Internal Auditor Capt. Ranjith Salpitikorala, Committee Members - Chandrasena Gamage, Kamal Shantha Silva, Shayam Anthonypillai, Sambudhika Ratnayake, A. Wijesinghe and Sanjeewa Hewapathirana.



SHARP-DRESSED Looking sleek and chic - and sporting a familiar pair of shades - Rihanna is a study in contrasts while leaving New York City's Gramercy Park Hotel on Monday.



SAMPLE SALE Kim Kardashian - who's been working hard on her body - beats the heat with a sample-sized frozen treat during a visit to a local Yogurt Stop in Beverly Hills on Monday



BIRTHDAY GIRL Kelle Pickler celebrates her 23rd birthday in Manhattan, Kan., on Sunday, performing at the Country Stampede festival along with Tim McGraw, Dierks Bentley and other country stars. The singer recently received a Lab puppy from boyfriend Kyle Jacobs - perhaps an early birthday present?



ON DEMAND And the crowd goes wild! A beaming Mariah Carey makes a star's entrance Monday in New York City, where she's filming a music video for her new single "Obsessed." Carey's latest album, Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel, hits stores Aug. 25.



TASTY DELIGHT AnnaLynne McCord sneaks in a treat - ice cream! - while shooting her CW show 90210 on Thursday in Los Angeles.



LOOKING 'FOX'-Y Megan Fox gets tongues wagging - especially her own! - as she arrives in style for a taping of the Late Show with David Letterman Thursday in New York, where she continued the promo push for Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.



SHOP WALK That's a familiar pursuit! Britney Spears, on break from her overseas Circus tour, enjoys a carefree shopping trip in Beverly Hills on Thursday. The pop star will resume touring in November when she takes her show Down Under.