

Report of The Board of Trustees of the Ceylon School for the Deaf & Blind

The Board of Trustees of the Ceylon School for the Deaf and Blind is pleased to present its report for the year 2018 in respect of the School for the Deaf Ratmalana, School for the Blind Ratmalana and Nuffield School for the Deaf & Blind Kaithady, Jaffna

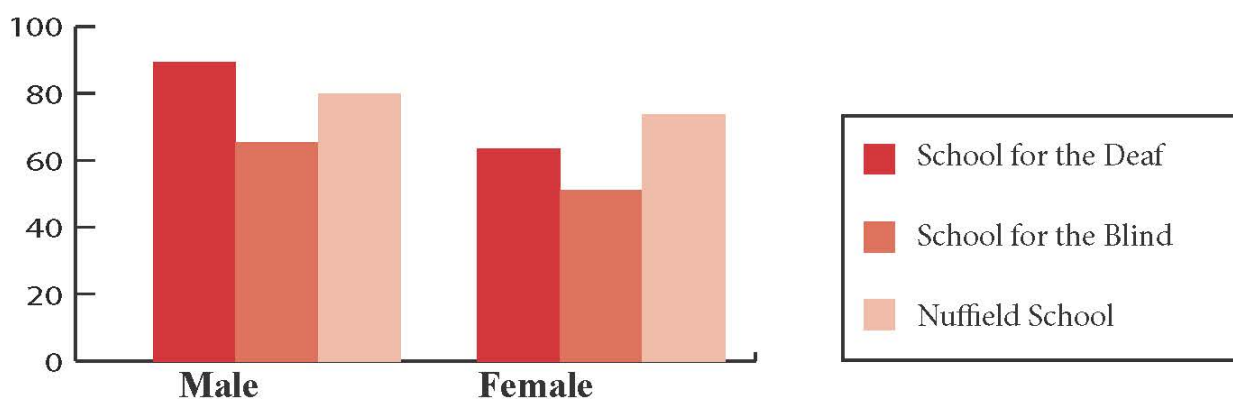
Mandate and Mission

"To provide a professionally managed service using quality trained manpower, appropriate technology and methods, to facilitate and enable those lives that have been placed in our care, to successfully progress from handicapped dependents to self managing contributors in society."

Schools Statistics

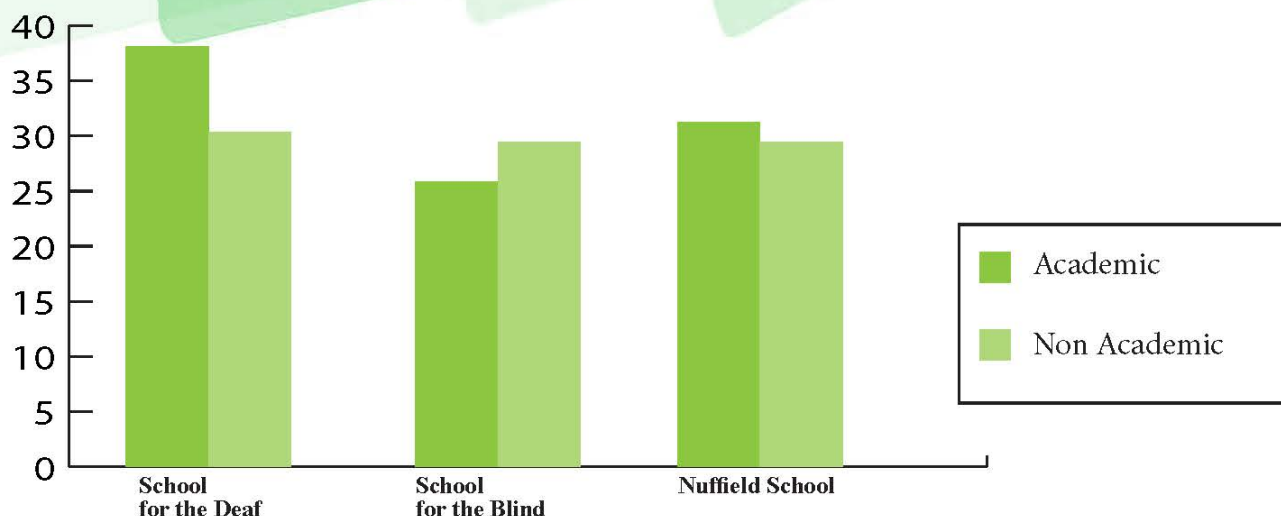
Student Numbers as at December 31st 2018

School	Male	Female	Total
School for the Deaf	95	67	162
School for the Blind	68	50	118
Nuffield School	82	75	157
Total	245	192	437



Staff as at December 31st 2018

Category	School for the Deaf	School for the Blind	Nuffield School	Total
Academic	38	26	32	96
Non Academic	30	29	24	83
Grand Total	68	55	56	179



As seen from the table above the student population as at 31st December at the School for the Blind Ratmalana was 118, School for the Deaf Ratmalana is 162 and Nuffield School for the Deaf and Blind Kaithady is 157 making a total Student Population of 437.

The total staff which comprised of both academic and non-academic staff was 68 at the School for the Deaf, 55 at the School for the Blind and 56 at the Nuffield School for the Deaf & Blind. Whilst the schools continued to receive a grant from the Government to meet the salaries of the teachers in the approved cadre of the Ministry of Education, the salaries of the Board appointed academic staff and all non academic staff were raised by the Board of Trustees and the Resource Development Committee.

Activities and Events of the Schools

Though faced with financial and other constraints and limitations, substantial progress was made in educational and other areas of school activities.

Education

The schools continued to offer an education to the children up to the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination, in line with the Department of Education curriculum. Those who qualified for G.C.E. Advanced Level gained admission to Private and Government schools for which we express our gratitude to the respective Principals. Students, who did not qualify, have the option of remaining for a further period of one year to continue vocational training or apply for job placements where possible through the schools.

- At the School for the Blind, attention was given more to teaching methods and to improve the students use of braille reading and writing skills. Tac Tile Teaching & learning tools are also used and encouraged at present.

Six students sat for the Grade 5 National Scholarship Examination and the highest score was 116. Nine students sat for the GCE O/L examination in 2018. 6 students are qualified to continue to GCE A/L, The other three students had various incapacities that affected their results. When compared to 2017 GCE O/L results 2018 results have a negative impact. In 2017 The School had achieved a pass rate of 83% and in 2018 the 66%.

- In general, there is a difficulty for the hearing-impaired children to respond to public examinations due to

communication problems and lack of explaining methods in sign language. However, at the School for the Deaf, 9 students sat for the Grade 5 Scholarship examination in August, 2018, four students scored marks over 70 and 5 had pass marks between 50 – 70.

16 students sat for the Ordinary Level examination but due to a lot of constraints faced by hearing impaired children in communication methods, skills etc. no students qualified for higher studies this time as well. However, they are encouraged in Vocational Training Courses that we conduct in the School.

The School for the Deaf, further introduced a special Library Project to improve the reading and writing skills of the children.

Extra classes were conducted by the teachers, before and after school hours, for children sitting for the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination.

In the Primary section the school has started to adapt the syllabus according to the children's competency levels.

In collaboration with the students of the Kelaniya University students, we have started a Visual Aids Making Project, with the advice and requirement of the staff.

For the Upper School children, we have selected subject areas which can be easily absorbed by the children, and classes are conducted by the subject teachers.

Since the deaf children face many challengers with language, the School for the Deaf has introduced many programs to help them and to encourage the juniors who have started to speak after the Total Communication Method was introduced in the School for Teaching/Learning purposes. The Speech Therapists perform a tremendously outstanding task with these children.

- Nuffield School continued to provide education to the Deaf from Grade 01 to G.C.E (O/L) examination according to the Department of Education Curriculum. 13 students sat for the exam in 2018. Two students got through 5 subjects which includes Art, Mathematics, Geography, Health Science and Religion. 10 students sat for the Grade 5 Scholarship Exam in August 2018; one student scored 102 marks at the scholarship exam.

Information Technology (IT) and Computer Aided Education

All three schools have their own computer laboratories and Information Technology is a curriculum subject.

- The computers at the School for the Blind are equipped with speech software to assist the blind students.

The partially sighted students use Visual Enhancers to read normal sighted text.

A new Braille to Sinhala translation software was introduced by the Center for Research and Development of the Ministry of Defense and their aim was to provide proper solutions for the difficulties faced by the visually impaired. A complete set of computers with the software was installed in the Printing Room for this purpose. The three old Braille embossers were also repaired and now the printing room is equipped with four embossers. One embosser is installed with Duxbury Braille Software.

- At the Deaf School IT education is provided from Grade 01 upwards to all students. Grade 6 and above follow the government syllabus and the school has drafted a syllabus for the juniors to follow.

- 16 Computer systems were donated to the Nuffield School in memory of Arnold Duncan and Emily Rosalind CanagaRetna by their grandchildren to start a new IT lab in the Serendib Block. The lab was opened by the Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo on the 30th October 2018. IT is a curriculum subject in the school for all students.

GIZ continued their support towards training our instructors in the Vocational Training Centre by providing special lessons for one of our hearing impaired members of staff to learn NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) level 04 ICT subjects for 3 months. The Vocational Trainees are fully engaged in developing their skills in the center. As per the requirement of the course, the trainees were given exposure in different work-places as part of their on the job training for six months. The GIZ coordinator visited the trainees every 2 months to get their feedback during this period.

Students from grade 6 to 11 too have vocational training lessons two afternoons a week. They train in basic skills in computer, tailoring and carpentry.

We are grateful to GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) and MJF for the equipment and the training provided to the coordinator in the Vocational Training Unit.

Rev. John Marshal donated some used carpentry and welding machines to our vocational training unit that greatly added to the resources in the school. His donation includes a wood cutting machine, a drill cutting machine, a compressor and a welding plant.

Sports

Visually and audibly impaired children participate in the same events as the normal school children as below,

- An Inter Blind School Cricket Tournament was held sponsored by the Serendib Flour Mills. Deaf and Blind School Bandarawāla, Deaf and Blind School Monaragala & Deaf and Blind School Weligama participated in this tournament. The Cricket Board of Sri Lanka helped the School by donating ground mats, balls and other equipment needed. School for the Blind became the Champions.

Our students also participated in the special education games conducted by the Special Education Department and the Blind School became the overall winners at this event.

A new motivational physical exercise program is been carried out for the hostellers every evening to improve their physical fitness. All the hostel masters and matrons too participate in this program.

Swimming lessons too are conducted to all students in the school.

The Annual Inter House Sports Meet was held and the Chief Guest was Mr. Bandula Attanayake who is the Assistant Director Special Education at the Zonal Office Piliyandala. The students participated in the Zonal Athletic Meet and some qualified to participate in the Provincial Athletic Meet and obtained places.

- At the School for the Deaf, the Inter House Sports Meet was held in February. The Chief Guest was Lion Mr. Camilus Fernando PMJF District Governor and the Guests of Honor were Mr. & Mrs. Amalean, Director of MAS Holding (Pvt.) Ltd. The sports meet was sponsored by the Lions Club of Colombo North 306B1.

Children also participated in the Zonal Special Education Sports Festival in March and The National Games for the Differently Abled in September. Ms. Udari Sandunika won the 3rd Place in a running event, at these games.

A friendly cricket match was played between the School for the Deaf and Hindu College, Ratmalana and the Annual Cricket encounter between the Deaf School and Nuffield School took place in Jaffna. Nuffield School won the Trophy at this Inaugural match.

The Deaf School also encouraged students in Basketball, Netball and Swimming. The Basketball team played a friendly match with De Mazenod College, Kandana and they also participated at the Zonal Sports Festival competing with normal Schools. They won second place in the Under 17 category.

- The Nuffield School held a Cross-Country race ahead of the Inter House Sports Meet. The Annual sports Meet was held in January. Rev. S. S. Jebachelvan, Chaplain Nuffield School & Mrs. S. Sooriyavathana Jebachelvan, Teacher Kopay Maha Vidyalayam graced the occasion as Chief Guests. Mr. G. G. Kirupainathan President, Deaf Link, Jaffna Region & Mrs. M. G. Kirupainathan, former Senior Assistant, Nuffield School were Special Guests.

Students and teachers participated in a walk organized by “DATA” (Differently Able Tamil Association) to publicize the DATA sports event. Nuffield School students participated in this Athletic Meet held at the Duraiyappa Stadium, Jaffna. They won 30 medals at this Meet. Students participated in Karate competitions at the Zonal, District and Provincial levels for differently abled students organized by the Department of Education. Our students won 4 gold and 5 bronze medals at the Provincial level sports meet. Karate classes are conducted twice a week.

Extra Curricular and Other Activities

- At the School for the Blind, Little Friends and the Girl Guides participated at the Fun day program in Kandy in May organized by the Differently Abled Sri Lanka Girl Guide’s Association.

Schools Singing group participated at talent shows conducted by the Sirisa TV and were able to come up to the final round.

Oriental Music Group participated in the ‘Mal Henihee’ competition with a drumming item. The competition was organized by the Zonal Education Office, Piliyandala. The group is now invited to perform at several occasions by the Zonal Office. They were also invited to the International Day of the Differently Abled Children at the Ministry of Education to sing the National Anthem. School implemented a Story book translation project to improve Braille Literacy skills of the Students.

- At the School for the Deaf, 2 Girl Guides and a Teacher participated at the 17th Girl Guides Camp held in Minneriya. 10 Girl Guides and 3 Teachers participated in the “FUN DAY OF THE CENTURY” which was held at MJF School, Katubedda.

4 Students received Bronze Medals and 4 received Silver Medals at the Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony held at Temple Trees.

- At the Nuffield School students actively participated in Zonal and Provincial Department level competitions in dance and art. They won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places at the primary school, middle school and upper school level competitions held for art and dance.

The Special Education Unit of the Zonal Education Office, Thenmaratchi also organized a children’s activity camp at the school.

The secondary school students and teachers went on an educational tour. Primary school students and the teachers too went on a similar tour to celebrate Children’s Day.

Scripture Union Sri Lanka held a camp at the school for all Christian students. Hindu students celebrated Vaani Vizha, the Chief Guest was Mr. N. Ananthasayananth, Lecturer Kopay Teachers Training College.

Important School Events

Like in any other school our three schools too have their annual events such as the Sports meet, Avurudu Celebrations, Carol Service, Founders day, Children’s Day, Tree Planting day, etc..

A combined concert with the children of the three schools was held in February at the Ladies’ College Hall. It was named ‘Sounds of Silence.’ Staff members from the two Ratmalana schools trained the children in many dancing and singing items that had the audience tapping their toes. Vis Ability, an organization that trains people with disabilities in Dance Theatre helped the students at the Nuffield school to develop their own Dance Theatre items through training workshops done over a period of three weeks. The students had developed two items and their performance was highly commendable. They also staged a few very entertaining dance items.

- It was a great day for the Blind School children and staff when the Duke of Edinburgh the Prince Edward and Princess (Earl and Countess of Wessex) visited the Blind School on 3rd February, 2018. An exhibition was held in the school exhibiting the creation of the visually impaired children. The School had several stalls to display these creations such as bead work, art etc. Girl Guide activities by the visually impaired were also held.

The children of the School for the Blind celebrated Worlds White Cane Day with a walk down Galle Road up to the Airport round about and back. White Canes were donated to the primary grades as an initiative to use it out side school.

A Fire Drill was held by the Disaster Management Center to train the children and staff to face such fire break. Partially blind students were trained to use the extinguisher in an emergency.

- The students at the Deaf School went on their annual educational excursion in June to Matale, Ratnapura, Colombo and Colombo outskirts.

5 students, 2 teachers and the Principal participated in a ceremony held to commemorate the Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi International Festival for the Hearing and Speech Impaired in Porbandar, Gujarat, India.

- Dr. Thirumaran organized for the Principal of the Nuffield School to address health workers at a meeting held at the RDHS (Regional Directorate of Health Services) Jaffna to brief them about the early intervention program at Nuffield School.

The Principal, teachers, students from the School for the Deaf in Ratmalana, and Mrs. Sushila Hensman (Member of the Board of Trustees) visited Nuffield school for two days in June. The two schools played a friendly cricket match on the second day and Nuffield School won the match. It was an historical event that marks the beginning of an annual event. The Principal and staff from the School for the Deaf, Ratmalana observed lessons and other activities and provided valuable feedback to us. This visit provided a good opportunity for interaction and fellowship between the two schools.

The Annual prize giving was held and the Chief Guest was Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, ISA (In Service Advisor) Special Education, Thenmarachchi Zonal Education Office.

Schools Welfare, Infrastructure Development & Maintenance

Health and Welfare

All three schools were visited by Medical Officers who checked on the health of the children, and the Public Health Inspectors examined the premises and made recommendations. Ministry of Health provided mobile Dental Care service every Wednesday to both the Deaf and the Blind Schools students and staff. Female students of the lower and secondary sections at the Blind and Deaf schools were given the Papilloma Injection by the Ministry of Health, Dehiwala. Lunawa Hospital conducts regular mental health checkups for the students at the two schools in Ratmalana and Dr. (Mrs.) Salgado visits the Schools every week to check on the general health of students.

- A team from the University of New Zealand visited for voluntary work, such as cleaning the hostels etc. at the Blind School.

Vision Care of Ward Place organized an Eye Clinic for the students of lower and secondary sections.

Improvements were carried out to uplift the living conditions in general at the hostels in the two schools.

- Deaf School Primary students, Middle School and Senior students went on their annual educational excursions with staff.

The school also provide job placements to their past pupils. As a result of Deaf School students joining Pizza Hut in 2017, the management of Pizza Hut decided to open a new outlet at Thimbirigasyaya, comprising solely of hearing impaired employees except for the Manager and Cashier. 12 past pupils are employed at this outlet.

4 more students who completed the Pastry & Bakery Course are employed at the Shangri-La Hotel in Colombo.

- At the Nuffield School, regular medical examinations by the MO (Medical Officer) and PHO (Public Health Officer) Kaithadi were held for all students. Public Health Officers and Inspectors checked the school premises, specifically the hostel and kitchen areas regularly. Dental checkup was done for 16 students.

- The three schools celebrated Christmas with Christmas parties and the children were given gifts. The Deaf School Christmas party was sponsored by a few Anglican churches, Fashion Bug Ltd and Mr. & Mrs. Nishi & Srimal Wimalaratne.

School for the Blind Christmas party was sponsored by Maliban Biscuits Manufacturers, Mrs. Nilika Weerasinghe, Mrs. Roshan Wijesinghe, Mrs. Ramola Sivasundaram and friends.

Orientation and Mobility Training

At the School for the Blind, all totally blind children and teachers were provided with white canes for their use inside the school premises, those who joined newly are given a training on the use of the cane. White Cane Day was celebrated on 15th October with programs by present and past pupils of the school. Orientation and Mobility training is continued by staff members who are also the O & M instructors who have received training in this field.

Infrastructure Development & Maintenance

The infrastructure maintenance and development in all three schools is given high priority. The buildings Continue to be maintained satisfactorily, thanks to the assistance rendered by agencies, donors and well wishers. The Resource Development Committee too spent for the maintenance where necessary.

- Renovations were done to almost all class rooms and hostels at the Blind School. All damaged roofs were repaired and walls were painted. Fans were fixed to the hostels. All these repairs were done in collaboration of the Officers of Air Force. They provided us with their engineering expertise and labor free of charge.
- The School for the Deaf completed building their new Bakery outlet and commenced operations in November 2018. Mr. Richard and his team from "Volunteers", England and a team from Certis Lanka Security Solutions Colombo South Branch completed the color washing of the newly built School Bakery Outlet.
- Nuffield school had a very busy year with many infrastructure developments.

★ A Solar Power System was installed by JE (Jyotirmay Electronics) solar team, Funded by World Vision. This solar panel system helps us to reduce our electricity consumption from the national grid.

★ A filter has been installed by Chong Qing Institute of green and intelligent technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences in the dining hall to further purify rain water collected for drinking purposes. This filter works on solar power. Excess water from the harvesting tank during heavy rainy season is pumped into a nearby well to purify the well water in the long term.

★ “Serendib Block”, a block of 16 new classrooms were opened and blessed by the Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo. Mr. Bernard Chinniah, founder of Serendib Charitable Trust, UK also graced the occasion. Mr. Chandra Schaffter Chairman of the Executive Committee and Mr. Jehan CanagaRatne, a member of the Board of Trustees too was present for the opening. This building was funded by the Serendib Charitable Trust, UK. The construction work began in September 2017 and was completed by October 2018. The trust spent approximately 18 million to complete this building.

★ Asia Asset Finance PLC in collaboration with the British Welfare Group and Volunteers for Education Support and Learning, UK, renovated a building damaged by the war and an Early Intervention Center was blessed and opened by Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo on 30th October 2018. Mr. Rajiv Gunawardena, CEO Asia Asset Finance PLC and colleagues and Mr. & Mrs. Cyril and Heather Mundy from the British Welfare Group graced the occasion.

★ Mr. George Coomarasamy & Mrs. Janet C Namasivayam sponsored two “Smart Classrooms” in the Primery Section. One more by the Colombo Central Rotary Club and another by John Keells Office Automation (Pvt) Ltd. were also sponsored and installed at the Serendib Block.

Societies / Associations

Past Pupils Association (PPA) / Alumni Association

- The PPA of the School for the Blind treated the staff to an evening tea as a token of appreciation of their hard work.
- The School for the Deaf PPA participated actively in several School events held during the year.
- The Nuffield School Deaf Alumni Association celebrated their 51st anniversary on 14th June 2018 and provided lunch and gifts to the students on that day. A drama competition among the students was organized by them presented gifts to all the participants. The alumni played cricket, netball, and football matches with the present pupils. The old boy's won the cricket match and the other matches were won by the present students.

Staff Welfare Society

- The Blind School Staff Welfare Association was regrouped last year. They support with staff funerals, retirements and any other emergencies.
- Deaf School Staff Welfare Association is actively conducting events for the welfare of the School and students and donated a Digital Clock.
- The Staff Welfare Society of the Nuffield School elects a management committee annually and holds general meetings every term. The society provides an opportunity to discuss staff welfare issues and serves as a forum to attend and provide support required by individual members in times of need. It also provides an opportunity for rotational leadership to all staff.

Dengue Prevention & Waste Management Group

- The Dengue Prevention Unit of the Dehiwala Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council, conducted a survey and from that survey the School for the Deaf won the 2nd place in the Dengue Prevention program out of 38 schools in the Dehiwala Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council. The awards ceremony was held on 21/11/18.

- There is an active committee for dengue prevention and waste management at the Nuffield School. The committee oversees dengue prevention activities in the school. Staff and students are divided into groups and involved in Shramadana to ensure that there are no Dengue mosquito breeding places in the school premises. Reports of the activities are sent to the Zonal Education Office regularly by the Secretary of the Committee.
- Waste Management Awareness is built among students, particularly on the collection and separation of waste by the Waste Management Committee. All biodegradable waste in the school is used for composting. Other waste is collected by the system under the Divisional Secretariat.

Parents Teachers Association (PTA)

- At the Deaf School, the Annual Avurudu Pola was held for the 7th consecutive year by the PTA. They were able to earn approximately Rs.115,000/00.

The Annual General Meeting of the PTA was held in August 2018.

The PTA donated a sum of Rs.4,000/00 to each of the 5 students who participated in the Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi International Festival for the Hearing and Speech Impaired. in Porbandar, Gujarat, India. They also donated a sum of Rs,5,000/00 to a student who underwent heart surgery.

- The School for the Blind and Nuffield School PTA meet twice a year to discuss the education progress of the children. Students attendance, necessity to improve in sign language competence and the importance of literacy were some of the issues brought up at the meetings. The importance of family support for the child's education was emphasized and parents and guardians were encouraged to participate more in the education of their children at the school. Performance Reports are handed over and discussed by teachers with the parents on these days.

Appointments, Retirements & Resignations

Rev. S. Jebachelvan was appointed as the new Chaplain to the Nuffield School by the Bishop of Colombo from the beginning of January 2018. Rev. N. Gnanakaruniyan served as Chaplain to the School from January 2010 to December 2017. The school is grateful to Rev. N. Gnanakaruniyan for the services he rendered during his tenure of seven years.

Appointments

- One staff member to teach English and a Hostel Matron was recruited for the Blind School.
- At the Deaf School, two Speech Therapists, three hostel staff, four kitchen staff and a watcher were recruited.
- For the Nuffield School, two hostel staff, one Carpentry Instructor, two Secretaries, a Cook, a Gardener, a Meal Coordinator and a Senior Assistant was recruited.

Resignations

- One staff member, a hostel helper and a gardener resigned from the School for the Blind during the year 2018.
- School for the Deaf had two Teachers, a full time Speech Therapist, three Part time Speech Therapists, the Sick Room Assistant, the Graphic Designer, three Cooks and a Watcher resigning during 2018.
- Nuffield School had a Carpentry Instructor, a Matron, a Secretary and a Cook resigning during the year. The contract of one Matron was terminated.

Retirement of Services

- Ms. Kumudini Wickramasiri who was the Vice Principal of the School for the Blind retired after 30 years of service. She had been a student of the School for the Blind and after graduation from the University of Peradeniya, joined the teaching staff of the school as the English teacher.

Ms. Janet Silva was also a student of the School for the Blind and later joined the teaching staff. She was in charge of the school choir for many years and retired after serving her alma mater for 28 Years.

Mrs. Deepthi Morawaka also joined the school at a very young age and served as the sectional head of the primary section for many years and retired after 27 years of service.

- School for the Deaf bid farewell to two of their long standing teachers. Ms. H. T. S. K. Herath after 21 years of service and Ms. Lilani Perera after 23 years of service. They were loved by all and missed dearly by the children and the staff.

- Mrs. Malini Prince Devakumar, approved cadre teacher joined the Nuffield School on 01st October 1987 and retired on 14th January 2018. She completed 30 years of service and during this period she served as Sectional Head of the Primary School from 2011 to 2013, then as Senior Assistant Teacher of the school for two years from 2013 to 2015. She also undertook the responsibility for Chapel Services from 1987 to 2018 and was the Prefect of Games from 2002 to 2013. We thank her for her invaluable service to the school.

Finance and Funding

Income & Expenditure

The annual statement of accounts gives a detailed analysis of the financial position. The total income and expenditure was Rs.129 Million and Rs.130 Million respectively. The budgeted income and expenditure is 122 Million and 120 Million respectively, the total expenditure was in excess mainly due to expenditure on urgent infrastructure needs which were considered necessary.

Fund Raising and Meal Donations

Considerable emphasis and priority have been given to fund raising in order to meet both the running costs and infrastructure development of the schools. We have also received donations from organizations & well wishers specifically for infrastructure development.

Resource Development Committee (RDC)

RDC is the fundraising arm of the Ceylon School for the Deaf & Blind. They hold a few fundraising events every year under the purview of the Board of Trustees. The members of the RDC are committed in helping the Board of Trustees to keep the schools afloat.

Last year the RDC organized a very successful Sing Along at Park Street Mews.

They also organized a concert by the children of the three schools which not only generated much needed funds but also showcased the talents of our visually and aurally impaired children.

The Season's Greetings Card project was done at a smaller scale this year.

The biggest fundraiser by the RDC is the Sponsor a Child Program run by the Project Coordinator. This is a program where we request the general public, corporates or organizations to sponsor the cost of educating a child in the school including hostel and vocational training facilities. Happy to state that there are many donors who sponsor more than one child and support our schools to continue provide this great service we do to the Deaf and Blind community.

The total income from all fundraising activities of RDC is approximately 18 million.

Meal Donations Program

A Meal Donations program is run for all three schools. Since the schools are residential schools and we do not levy any fees from the students, meals cost is a huge strain on our finances. Therefore, to source donations from the general public a meals program was created some years ago by Mr. Ranjith Jinasena who was a great guide and benefactor to the schools. At the Ratmalana schools, there is a Meal Coordinators office run by two dedicated Meal Coordinators, who coordinate with the schools and the donors and ensure the two schools get adequate donations. A Meal Coordinator was appointed to the Nuffield School as well in 2018 and the schools meals program is run smoothly by the Coordinator.

Acknowledgements

The Ceylon School for the Deaf & Blind wishes to thank all Organizations, Donors and Well Wishers who rallied around to make life more meaningful for our students and also helped by way of cash donations, meal donations, grants, In kind donations and other facilities for us to continue to operate the schools. The Board also expresses its gratitude to the Ministry of Education and the Provincial and Zonal Educational Offices, the Ministry of Social Services, and all other Government and non-Government institutions for their financial and other assistance. On behalf of the Board of Trustees I wish to thank the Principals, teachers, the care givers, cooks, gardeners, watchers, drivers, etc. and the head office staff for their dedication and hard work.



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Secretary, Board of Trustees