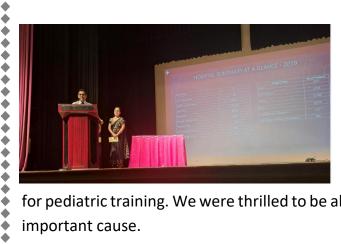
## **CHARITY DONATIONS**

We were thrilled to end our second term on a very positive note, by inviting the representatives of four charities to our end of term assembly, to collect donations for their respective causes from money raised during the school anniversary celebration earlier this year.



The assembly began with a donation to the (*Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children*), which is the largest free-of-charge centre for children's care nationally. With over 25 specialties the hospital has annual admissions of up to 84,299 patients, and plays a critical role in providing essential care to ailing children but also as the premier teaching hospital

for pediatric training. We were thrilled to be able to make this small contribution to this immensely important cause.

Our second donation was made to (*The School for the Blind*) in Ratmalana. Ever since 1912, this incredible institution has worked so hard to cater to differently abled students, with currently approximately 600 students on roll, who are all educated and supported free of charge. We are looking forward to forming even closer links with them in the months ahead and we wish all of their students the very best with their forthcoming examinations.





The Animal Welfare and Protection Association was our third recipient. Our Animal Welfare Society already have close links to this important charity, that valuable work caring for and rehoming abandoned or stray dogs and cats. The AWPA provides sanctuary to over 500 dogs and cats in two no- kill shelters that are located in Dehiwela and Kahatuduwa and we look forward to visiting them again soon.

The final donation was to a cause particularly close to all our hearts. (Suwa Arana), a new venture by the Indira Cancer Trust Provides



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pediatric palliative care for children with cancer. They will offer medical care and support to children and parents, as well as providing them



with accommodation while undergoing treatment. We wish the team the very best as they work on the final stages of this important project. This donation was made in memory of our much-loved student, Riana Abeyratne (9L), who sadly lost her battle with cancer in January 2023 and we were so pleased her parents could also join us at the assembly.

Our sincere thanks once again to all the parents and students who attended the anniversary fair and supported us so generously, making these donations possible.