

GURU THOMIANS DANCE & SING TO SUCCESS.

The members of the Oriental Dancing Troupe & the Oriental Music & Singing Group of S. Thomas' College at Gurutalawa fared well to emerge runners up at the annual All Island Inter School Dancing and Singing Competitions 2008 held in January 2009 in Matara and March 2009 in Colombo respectively.

The young Gurutalawa boys achieved this despite the limited resources and small numbers due to their hard work and practise.

The Dancers were trained by Mr Shantha Prematilleke one of the finest young graduate teachers to have recently joined the ranks of the staff at Gurutalawa while the Singers were trained by long standing music Maestro Mr Dushan Sugathapala.

They repeated their performance at the Zonal and Provincial events in November 2009 as well. The Dancers also brought honour to the School by participating in Kinnara '09 on the steps of the Chapel at STCML in September at which they performed a Low Country 'Fire Dance.

These achievements are significant for a school that was close to closure at the end of 2006 and is an indication of the continuing revival of standards.