

Lyceum Newsletter



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Anuradhapura



MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Mr. Mohan Lal Grero

Ignite your everyday creativity

When we usually think about creativity, our mind immediately goes to images of eccentric artists like Picasso, Frida Kalo or trailblazing innovators like Steve Jobs. Some think creativity looks a certain way: a man with tattoos and long hair. Often we just don't realize that we too are capable of creativity. This is a misconception.

In early history, humans would have been unsuited to their untamed, natural environment in comparison with animals that were equipped with far more heightened senses and natural defenses needed for survival. Then how did we survive? Through creativity, of course. In fact, the earliest known product of creativity would have been the discovery of fire.

Creativity can be described as any novel process that leads to the invention of something meaningful. Let's say you fall asleep with the doors and windows open, the wind blows through the room and the door keeps on banging loudly. It disturbs your sleep but you are too exhausted to get up and close the door. So you fling your shoes against the door to keep it in place. This is a small creative act. Surprised?

One of the main things hindering our creativity is judgement - our own and other's. We are so quick to scan, sort and throw away ideas. We often condemn ideas that could have potential. When we think about ideas we must defer our judgement for later. This does not mean we must agree with every single idea that we or others come up with, but simply that we open ourselves to thoughts like 'maybe, 'what if' and 'why not'

Creativity arises from playfulness so keep your childlike qualities alive - I emphasize *childlike*; not childish. A positive attitude is also important. Knowledge, imagination and the ability to evaluate ideas is important for personal creativity to blossom, but without a positive attitude it cannot flourish. So, never forget your positive attitude or the belief that ...

You are creative!



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| 9 th December 2016 | School Closes for Students |
| 2 nd January 2017 | School Reopens for Teachers |
| 3 rd January 2017 | School Reopens for Students |
| 6 th January 2017 | O/L Subject Selection Meeting |
| 9 th January 2017 | Singing Competition - English & Sinhala Semi Finals |
| 13 th January 2017 | Singing Competition - English & Sinhala Finals |
| 20 th January 2017 | Best Speaker Contest - English Semi Finals |

LEARN TO SMILE AT EVERY SITUATION. SEE IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE YOUR STRENGTH AND ABILITY.

IMPORTANT!

Please note that there are important notices in every newsletter. Therefore, it is compulsory for every parent and student to read the newsletter.



Memos to Parents & Guardians



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Message from Mrs Kumari Grero

All parents are kindly requested to contact teachers via the SRB or by calling the school number. Please refrain from contacting them on their personal number.

Message from Mrs Kumari Grero

Please do not send your child for tuition. If your child needs extra help in English and Mathematics, the school will arrange brief coaching sessions, free of charge, after school. **Please make sure that we do not conduct any tuition classes outside the school under Lyceum name.**

An appeal to the Parents

Parents are kindly requested to check the child's time table daily and send only the relevant books for the day to avoid children carrying unnecessary weight in their bags. Carrying weight in excess increases physical stress, which eventually produces lethargy, fatigue and inability to concentrate in class

House Badge

Please ensure that your child wears the house badge. The badges are available in the bookshop.

- Cloth badge : Rs.20/-

“Lyceum Cavalcade 2016” has been postponed to 22nd January 2017 due to unavoidable circumstances.

GRADE 4 SINHALA TEXTBOOKS

As mentioned previously, Grades 1 to 5 textbooks will be used in the corresponding grades (ie. Grades 1 to 5) from September 2017. Until now, a lower grade textbook was used in each grade. In order to match the book with the respective grade by September 2017, Grade 4 classes will be taught a small section of the Grade 3 book during the current term and in January, the relevant sections of the Grade 4 book will be taught. This change applies to the current academic year only. We ensure that the amount of Sinhala homework given to your child will remain at a reasonable quantity.

Thank you for your support!

SINHALA BEST SPEAKERS CONTEST

Grade 1-9 –Finals

We are glad to inform you that Sinhala Best Speakers contest Grade 1-9 –Finals was held on 17th November 2016 at the school auditorium

Winners are as follows:-

Grade 1

- 1st Place - Annya Senavirathna
- 2nd Place - Navidu Perera
- 3rd Place - Ovidi Thotawaththa

Grade 2

- 1st Place - Desadi Thehansa
- 2nd Place - Amandeep Kaur

Grade 3

- 1st Place - Anuththara Manimaran
- 2nd Place - Kemendi Dolamawatha

Grade 4

- 1st Place - Ashifa Bushra
- 2nd Place - Raahil Roshan

Grade 5

- 1st Place - Sneha Manthuli
- 2nd Place - Nethaya

Grade 6

- 1st Place - Dewmi Priyathma

Grade 7

- 1st Place - Punsith Bandara

Grade 8

- 1st Place - Buwanjith Wickramage
- 2nd Place - Kevin Dolamawatha

Grade 9

- 1st Place - Gayashan Weerasinghe
- 2nd Place - Mithma Kandambi



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Mr Nikitha Grero

The Greatest Love on Earth

There was a three member family; father, mother and their son. Both parents worked very hard to provide for the family. They left for work early in the morning and returned home late in the afternoon. Their child was still very young and stayed at home with a helper during the day. He preferred the company and affection of his parents, but knew this was impossible to have.

One afternoon, when the mother returned home from work, her son innocently asked her a few questions.

Son: "Mamma, how much do you earn per month?" The mother, confused at the question answered: "I earn 200 dollars a month my dear.

"Son: "Then Mamma, how much do you earn per week?" The mother answered: "Well that is 50 dollars per week my dear" Son: "Mamma,

then how much do you earn per day?" The mother answered: "I earn 10 dollars per day my honey." The puzzled mother thought about the

peculiar questions raised by her son and asked him: "My dear, why did you ask all these questions?" The child contemplated on the question

asked by his mother and

kept his silence.

The next morning, while the father and mother were hurriedly getting ready to set off to work, the child quietly approached and hugged his

mother and asked "Mamma, could I have one dollar from you please?" He asked the same question from his father as well. Without

hesitation, both parents gave him a dollar each. The day after, the son went to both of his parents as he did the day before, and asked them

both for a dollar each. He repeated this for this for the next three working days of that week and had collected a total of 10 dollars from

both his parents by the end of the week.

On the first working day of the following week, while both parents were hurriedly getting ready for work as usual, the child went up to his

mother and hugged her. He placed 10 dollars on the palm of

her and said "Mamma, here is 10 dollars for today's work. Why don't you stay at home with me today?" Tears fell down her face and she

was speechless.

We live in a very busy technological world and we forget about the precious things that make us human. Children are the most precious gifts

and should receive utmost priority. We must find a way to satisfy their emotions, feelings and requirements for it is not material comforts

that pacify their mind. Parent's warmth, love and affection is the first and foremost requirements of a child. Nobody on earth can ever love a

child more than their parents. If they are to love the society as adults, they must be loved and protected from their childhood.

Best Speaker Contest – Sinhala - 2016/2017



Art and Craft Exhibition and project Showcasing

Art and Craft Exhibition and project Showcasing 2016/2017 held on 25th November 2016 at the school

