

Lyceum Newsletter



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Anuradhapura



MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

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Importance of failing in order to succeed

Michael Jordan. What a lucky man. He's got the advantage of height. He's got so much of talent. He's got the fame: millions of fans around the world. What more could anyone want? Some people have all the luck, right?

Not quite. Michael Jordan was actually removed from his high school basketball team. He has missed more than 9000 shots in his career and lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions he was entrusted to take the game-winning shot and he missed. What does he have to say about his 'failures'? He says that he has failed over and over and over again and that is the reason why he succeeds.

From our early years, we are made to be afraid of failing; that success means having the right answers and that struggling is a bad sign: the kind of thing you do when you do not understand the work or the work is too difficult.

However, increasingly, thought leaders, social scientists and educators are taking a renewed interest in the power of failing. It has come to light that mistakes are extremely important for learning and that if you are not making mistakes it means, you are not growing.

Blakely, a world famous and revolutionary businesswoman shared the secret behind her success. Her father taught her not to think of failure as an outcome but to think of failure as NOT TRYING. If she does not try, she fails. If she tries but fails and keeps on trying, that is success. This redefinition of 'failure' helped her to go beyond her comfort zone and reach the top.

Studies show that when avoiding failure is a primary focus, our work becomes more stressful, and inevitably a lot harder to do. And on the long run, the mental strain results in reduced creativity and mental fatigue.

So, think of failure as a learning opportunity. It will lead you to take more risks that will eventually lead to success. Also, it is important to think back on why you failed and what you can do to improve your next attempt.



2 nd February 2017	Best Speaker Contest – English Finals
15 th & 16 th February 2017	Parent Teacher Day
25 th – 27 th February 2017	ISAC - 2017
02 nd March 2017	Athletic Meet – Selections
18 th March 2017	Kiddies Activity Time
21 st March 2017	First Semester Examination Gr. 9 National
24 th -29 th March 2017	First Semester Examination Gr. 1- Gr. 9
1 st April 2017	Athletic Meet 2016/2017



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



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REMINDER

Please use the “Parent to School” section provided in the SRB to communicate with the school. Medical certificates also should be sent with an entry in the SRB, duly authorized by the parent / guardian. Kindly note that notices sent from school to parents should also be acknowledged as and when they are received, using the same specimen.



EXERCISE BOOKS & STATIONARY

Please note that it is compulsory that your child uses only 80 page exercise books. When a book is over, please do not bind the books together in order to avoid bringing bulk and ensure that your child only brings the textbooks and stationery required for the day’s lessons.

HOMEWORK Gr.1 – Gr.3



Please note that any home work / incomplete school work sent home should be completed by the student; however it is not compulsory.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES MESSAGE OF HIGH IMPORTANCE

If your son / daughter is suffering from any infectious / contagious disease (sore eyes, viral flu, etc), please refrain from sending your child to school until he/she is fully recovered

10% MARKS AT SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR ATTENDING – RELIGION SCHOOL(GRADES 1 TO 9

Please note that attending Dhamma Schol/Sunday School/Ahadiya School/Araneripp Padasalai counts for 10% marks at the Semester Examinations for Grades 1 to 9. It is not necessary that these be English medium Schools. A form will be given to each student in February (for the 1st Semester) and in June (for the 2nd semester) to get confirmation of participation from the respective school. This form should be handed over to the Religion teacher before the end of February and June respectively.

GROWTH CHART

All parents are kindly requested to fill the Growth Chart in the SRB.



DAILY CHECK LIST FOR PARENTS

Could all parents please check the following every day, before your child leaves for school.

- Hair should be neatly combed.
- The collar should be in place and neat.
- The belt should not sag and both ends must be secured (girls).
- Grey socks should be worn reaching 4 inches above the shoe level.
- The shoes should be clean and polished and fully black.
- The girl’s uniform should be long enough to the knees and boys’ trousers should be worn above the hip level (just below the waist). Boys in Grade 6 and above should wear a black belt with a very simple buckle.



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CHECK LIST BEFORE LEAVING FOR SCHOOL

Being organized is a vital skill that helps children to be better prepared each morning for school. Accordingly, we are sending herewith a checklist of chores and special notes to help your child develop basic organizational skills. Please ensure that the same is displayed in a convenient location at home / in the child's bedroom or study-room etc. and that he/ she be encouraged to check it each morning prior to leaving for school.



MY MORNING CHECKLIST

Wake up	×
Make the bed	×
Wash and get dressed for school	×
Have breakfast	×
Have you packed the correct books?	×
Art supplies / homework packed?	×
SRB packed?	×
Lunch /snack/bottle of water packed?	×
Check after – school activities with parents	×
Worship / Greet your parents	×

NINE INTELLIGENCES

It would be important, useful and perhaps, interesting for you to know that your child possesses more than one of the following intelligences!

According to the Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences, the intelligences by people are categorized into nine different areas. Every individual may possess and exhibits strengths in all these nine areas at varying and different levels being prominent/stronger in one or several while weaker in the other areas.

1	Verbal – linguistic intelligence	“word Smart” :- Well-developed verbal skills and sensitivity to the sounds, meanings and rhythms of words.
2	Logical – Mathematical intelligence	“Number / reasoning Smart” :- The ability to think conceptually and abstractly, and the capacity to discern logical, numerical patterns.
3	Visual – spatial intelligence	“Picture Smart” :- Capacity to think in images and pictures, to visualize accurately and abstractly.
4	Bodily – kinesthetic intelligence	:Body Smart” :- Physical intelligence; the ability to coordinate one’s body movements and to handle objects skillfully.
5	Rhythmic musical intelligence	“Music Smart” :- The ability to produce and appreciate rhythm, pitch and timbre.
6	Interpersonal intelligence	“People Smart” :- A social intelligence; capacity to detect and respond appropriately to the moods, motivations and desire of others.
7	Intra – personal intelligence	“Self Smart” :- Self-reflection; capacity to be self-aware and in tune with inner feelings, values, beliefs and thinking processes.
8	Naturalist intelligence	“Nature Smart” :- An intelligence of the natural world; ability and awareness of the intricate workings of the natural world and its value.
9	Existentialist intelligence	“Deep Thought Smart” :- The sensitivity and capacity to tackle deep questions about human existence, such as the meaning of life, and the nature of existence.



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SCHOOL FEES

School fees should be paid a week before the term commences. A surcharge will be levied if school fees are not paid after the 1st month. Therefore, please pay your fees in time to avoid the surcharge. In case you have not received your paying in voucher or have misplaced it, please collect it from the school office.

COMPULSORY DRESS CODE DETAILS

Boys : A white sleeveless vest (not high necked) must be worn underneath the shirt by all students.

Girls : White undershirts or white long shorts (1" shorter than the uniform) must be worn underneath the school uniform. Black tights are not allowed.

Please go through the discipline code given at the time of admission of your child. Also go through the SHB 1.

MOBILE PHONES

Dear Parents,

Mobile phones and other electronic equipment are not allowed within school premises. If found, the item will be confiscated and not returned for any reason whatsoever.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

It is very important that parents be aware of the after school activities taking place in school pertaining to their child.

Parents' consent is compulsory for students staying after school for various activities.

JEWELLERY

Silver chains / black cords / jewellery worn around the neck for various religious reasons should not be visible from the outside.

In such cases, students will be asked to remove the item. Therefore, please wear a long cord and conceal it by keeping the buttons of the uniform fastened.

PARENTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEWSLETTER AND ALL NOTICES

Please note that all notices sent via the SRB has to be acknowledged by the parent/guardian. Failure to do so will result in a black mark for Grades 4 to 9.

ATTENDANCE / ABSENCE

Students should be absent only due to illness or family emergencies. The school should be informed in writing by the parent of the reason for such absence on the first day when the student reports back to school. This should be written in the Student's Record Book. If a child is sick and is absent for three consecutive days or more, a medical certificate should be submitted. There should be a written entry in the SRB duly signed by parent/guardian, with the same signature provided as specimen on page 4 of the SRB.

A student who suffers from an infectious disease should keep away from school until the full contagious period is over and should submit a medical certificate by an accepted medical practitioner.

Congratulations!

We are proud to announce the list of Lyceum Anuradhapura athletes selected for the International School Athletic Championship to be held in Mahinda Rajapaksha International Stadium in February 2017

- Sanuka Mindina Adikari
- Siluni Sanithya Wijesinghe
- Nethsari Welagedara
- Rusara Sandul Karunarathna



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DEAR PARENTS,

- Please read the monthly Newsletter, as we share very important information with parents on a monthly basis.
- Check your child's SRB on a daily basis for any remarks/messages from the school. Read the section 'From School to Parents'.
- Ensure that the child's books are kept neat and tidy at all times.
- The School uniform should be neat and tidy and worn in the proper manner.
- The PT T-Shirt should be buttoned up to the 2nd button.
- Boys' trousers should be worn immediately below the waist and not on the hips.
- Boys hair should be trimmed short and neat.
- Grades 1 - 8 girls' hair should be worn in two plaits.
- Grades 9 - 12 girls' hair should be worn in one plait.
- Children should be advised and taught to sit properly.
- No tuition, no Internet and no mobile phones for students of Grades 1 - 12.
- If your child is a teenager, take the time to discuss the difficult period of change they are undergoing.
- Show that you love, respect and trust them.
- Facebook membership is prohibited to Lyceum students.
- Parents should read the SHB 1 from time to time and be familiar with the rules of the school.
- Teach the children to respect parents, teachers, elders and each other.
- Ensure that your child has a happy and interesting home environment to return to, after school and ensure his / her safety.
- Once a child goes out of the school premises, they cannot come back, unless with a written note from parents, and signed by the school Principal/Deputy Principal (prior to going out and re-entering)
- Parents are requested to cooperate with the school authorities when disciplinary action is taken, to ensure corrective action is being carried out - this is for the good of the child.
- If the parents are in disagreement with a teacher, kindly refrain from talking to other teachers about it. Speak directly with the said teacher or the Principal or Deputy Principal.
- If you wish to meet the Principal, please come on the "open day", which is Wednesday between 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL IT SYSTEM



Your child's attendance and progress at school can be checked online via the school IT system. Parent will need to email child's name, class and admission number **to it_la@lyceum.lk** and the user name and password will be emailed back, only if your email address tallies with the one provided at the time of registration. If this is not the case, parents will be requested to visit the school IT department with the child's SRB to obtain the user name and password.

EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

WINTER WONDERLAND - Christmas Carols 2016

The best way to celebrate Christmas is to share your love and time with your family. Because Christmas is not about counting and opening presents, it's about opening your heart and celebrating it with your family. Lyceumers in Anuradhapura recently celebrated Christmas by having their annual Christmas Carol programme. It was a very successful event that cheered all hearts in a merry way. Our kids enjoyed and celebrated the birth of baby Jesus with the lovely songs, presence of most reverent Bishop Norbert Andradi and the joyful Santa Claus.

