



# The Lyceumer

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**M**aria Montessori was an Italian physician, educator, and innovator, acclaimed for her educational methods based on the way children learn naturally.

She opened the first Montessori school - the Casa dei Bambini, or Children's House - in Rome on January 06<sup>th</sup>, 1907. Subsequently, she traveled the world and wrote extensively about her approach to education. Maria immersed herself in many fields of study before creating the educational method that bears her name. There are now more than 22,000 Montessori schools in at least 110 countries worldwide. I would like to share some of Maria Montessori's words of wisdom.

- Children learn from what surrounds them.
- If a child is often criticized, they learn how to condemn others.
- If a child is often praised, they learn how to evaluate others.
- If a child is shown hostility, they will learn to fight.
- If you are honest with a child, they learn the meaning of fairness.
- If a child is too often derided, they become shy.
- If a child feels safe, they learn to trust people.
- If a child is too often made to feel shame, they will learn to always feel guilty.
- If a child is given frequent encouragement, they will have high self-esteem.
- If a child is condescended to, they will learn patience.
- If a child is given support, they will be confident.
- If a child lives in an atmosphere of friendship and feels that others need it, they will learn how to find love.
- Never speak badly of a child, in their presence or otherwise.
- Concentrate on nurturing the good in a child. That way, there will be no place left in them for the bad.
- Always listen to and answer a child's questions or requests should they approach you.
- Respect a child even when they make a mistake. They will be able to correct their error soon enough.
- Always be ready to help a child who requires assistance, and to stand aside when they've found everything they need.
- Help a child to master things early. This can be done by making sure the world around them is filled with affection, peace, and love.
- Always display the best manners to a child. Show them how to be the best they can be.

I'm sure children as well as adults can take her words to heart.

Message from our Founder  
**Dr. Mohan Lal Greero**



*Words of*  
**WISDOM**

### UPCOMING CALENDER MONTH OF DECEMBER - 2019



02 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	1 <sup>st</sup> Exam - Gr. 10 Cambridge, 11 & 12 Parents Meeting with the Management (Pre Grade to Gr. 1)
03 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	1 <sup>st</sup> Exam - Gr. 10 Cambridge, 11 & 12 Project Showcasing - Gr. 1 - 5
04 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Test Paper Corrections Gr. 10 Cambridge, 11 & 12 (Holiday for Gr. 10 Cam. 11 & 12 Students) Project Showcasing - Gr. 6 - 8
05 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Test Paper Corrections Gr. 10 Cambridge, 11 & 12 (Holiday for Gr. 10 Cam. 11 & 12 Students) Christmas Carols-Pre School
06 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Test Paper Corrections Gr. 10 Cambridge, 11 & 12 (Holiday for Gr. 10 Cam. 11 & 12 Students) School Closes for students - Gr. 1 - 9 & 10 (National)
09 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Paper Discussion Gr. 10 Cambridge, 11 & 12 Christmas Carols-Primary & Upper School
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Paper Discussion Gr. 10 Cambridge, 11 & 12 School Closes for students - Gr. 10 (Cambridge) - 12

### POSTPONEMENT OF RELIGIOUS PROGRAMME GRADE 3,4 & 5

The Religious Programme for Grades 3, 4 & 5 will not be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. The programme is postponed to Saturday, 08<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

## JUNIOR & SENIOR SINHALA SINGING COMPETITION

The Junior Sinhala Singing Finals were held on 24<sup>th</sup> October & the Senior Sinhala Singing Finals were held on 05<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Zeus Hall.

*Congratulations* to the following winners;

<b>GRADE - 1</b>		<b>GRADE - 2</b>	
Sathini Hettiarachchi	1 <sup>st</sup>	Hiruki Paliawadana	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sandewmi Silva	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maheli Senanayake	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Banuli Bihansa	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oshini Gunarathne	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>GRADE - 3</b>		<b>GRADE - 4</b>	
Lithuli Jayathilake	1 <sup>st</sup>	Seha Pathirana	1 <sup>st</sup>
Evran Ekanayake	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kewan Ranepura	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Thinili Sethlini	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Naduli Silva	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>GRADE - 5</b>		<b>GRADE - 6</b>	
Vinuth Gamage	1 <sup>st</sup>	Samadhi Herath	1 <sup>st</sup>
Vinudini Munasinghe	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vonara Rathnayake	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Methuni Basnayake	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thenumi Wickrama	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>GRADE - 7</b>		<b>GRADE - 8</b>	
Jong Rihyon	1 <sup>st</sup>	Pawan Gulawita	1 <sup>st</sup>
Onithi Onanga	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Menushi Jayasena	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Maheli Maggonage	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sithuli Samaranyake	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>GRADE - 9</b>		<b>GRADE - 10</b>	
Kithmini Rathnayake	1 <sup>st</sup>	Senushi Jayasena	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ranudhi Paliawadana	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sasunmi Perera	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dumindu Ranaweera	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Disath Penula	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>GRADE - 11 &amp; 12</b>			
Kawya Nanayakkara	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Charushi Rathnayake	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Randula Warnakulasuriya	3 <sup>rd</sup>		

## GRADE 5 CONCERT

The Grade 5 Concert; "Twist to Tango" was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the Zeus Hall. We wish to thank the Class Teachers and Assisting Class Teachers for putting together a wonderful show. A special thanks goes to our Dancing, Music and Art Teachers for their dedication and commitment.



## PROJECT SHOWCASING EVALUATION - GRADE 6 - 8

The Project Showcasing Evaluations were conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 during school hours for Grade 6-8 students. Parents are invited to witness the Project Showcasing on 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 according to the notice which is sent to you (Session 1 / Session 2)

## ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION- PRE SCHOOL

The Art and Craft Exhibition of the Pre School was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 with much glamour. The students showcased their talents by presenting their work on many interesting themes. The invaluable support & guidance of the Pre School Teachers are highly appreciated.



## PARENT TEACHER DAY

The Parent Teacher Day was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from 7.45 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. We wish to thank all parents who attended the meeting.

A car wash was organized by the Senior and Junior Prefects' Guild of 2019/2020 on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 to raise funds for a Community Service Project.



## SPECIAL RELIGIOUS PROGRAMME - 10X STUDENTS

A Special Religious Blessing Programme was conducted for 10X students in lieu of the G.C.E National O/L Examination on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. We wish all the very best for them at the Examination!

## THE POYA DAY PROGRAMME - NOVEMBER

The Poya Day Programme for the month of November was held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. This programme was held for students of Grade 6 - 12 students of all religions.



## THE ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING 2018/2019

The Annual Prize Giving was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 6.00 p.m. onwards at the Zeus Hall. The Chief Guest for the day was Prof. Gunapala Nanayakara. He is currently the additional Director General of the National Institute of Education and formerly the founding Director and Senior Professor of Management Studies in the Post Graduate Institute of Management in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

*We congratulate all the winners!*



## *important* NOTICES

### DISCIPLINE AT HOME & AT SCHOOL

Maintaining good discipline amongst children at home and at school is a challenge faced both by parents and teachers. Various strategies are used to achieve this. Amongst them, it is very important to consider the following;

- The child must know the 'done things' and the 'not done things'. The child must know where to draw the line between these. The parents and the school must also agree about these, because if different signals go to the children from the parents and the teachers, they will be confused.
- Children must know the consequences (corrective action) for indiscipline and should accept the consequences if he / she falls into indiscipline. Once corrective actions are implemented it should be explained to the child why he / she should make a firm commitment not to repeat the mistake.
- Both parents and teachers must ensure that the corrective actions do not amount to abuse. The universal declaration of children's rights provides excellent and clear guidelines regarding this matter. All parents and teachers should take the time to read it for the sake of our children.
- The school authorities, teachers and the parents should accept the child who was corrected with a 'clean slate' and ask the child to start to put the past behind him / her and make a new start with a positive attitude.

### ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILD TO 'MAKE SENSE' WHEN READING

Talk about the pictures in the book. Draw attention to what is happening in the picture before your child reads the words. This will 'tune in' the child to what the text might say before he or she reads it.

Use the pictures to introduce difficult words such as the names of characters, or unusual objects that you know your child will not recognise.

#### Taking time

- Don't 'jump in' as soon as your child makes a mistake. See if he or she can work it out alone. Praise your child if he or she stops and realises that something didn't make sense.
- Sometimes, allowing time to 'take a run at the word' can help children guess difficult words in the middle of sentences. Say the rest of the sentence, leaving a gap for the tricky word. Hearing the sense of the sentence will help your child to work out the missing word.

#### Wrong word, right meaning

- Sometimes your child will say the wrong word, but get the right meaning. Praise what the child did right - he or she chose a word that made sense - before you draw attention to clues that help work out what the correct word is.

### MONTHLY TEST

The monthly test is to check if the student has understood the work done during the last two months. Therefore, it is a simple paper. The content which appears in the monthly test is taught until the day before the monthly test. Please tell your child if he / she comes daily to School, listens carefully to the teacher and completes all the homework given, without studying he / she can answer the monthly test paper.

**ATHLETIC** ▶



*Congratulations*

**INTER HOUSE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP - 2019**

The above event was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at Sugathadasa Stadium, Colombo.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS					
Age Group		Name	House		
Under 08	Boy	Kuvin Jayasiri	Aquila		
	Girl	Senaji Weerasiri	Aquila		
Under 10	Boy	Yenuja Wickramasinghe	Cetus		
	Girl	Thisaru Gajanayake	Cetus		
		Niyumi Rajapaksha	Cetus		
Under 10	Girl	Odithya Menike	Cygnus		
		Under 12	Boy	Imira Adikari	Cygnus
		Girl	Ranudi Rajapaksha	Cygnus	
Under 14	Boy	Sevindu Herath	Cetus		
	Girl	Ravishi Alagiyawanna	Cetus		
Under 16	Boy	Thimesha Gamage	Aquila		
	Girl	Dananjana Hewawasam	Cetus		
Under 18	Boy	Lakindu Adikari	Cygnus		
		Rishan Manan	Ursa		
		Senula Herath	Ursa		
	Girl	Sanduni Weerasinghe	Cygnus		
Imasha Gamage		Ursa			
Over 18	Boy	Anjana Bandara	Aquila		
		Mohomed Rinosh	Ursa		
		Senitha Ranathunga	Ursa		
	Girl	Sachini Nethmini	Aquila		

■ **BEST PERFORMER (BOY) - Senula Herath (Ursa)**  
Triple Jump - 13.07 m

■ **BEST PERFORMER (GIRL) - Dananjana Hewawasam (Cetus)**  
Long Jump - 5.06 m

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cetus (301 points)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aquila (276 points)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ursa (285 points)	4 <sup>th</sup>	Cygnus (266 points)



**SWIMMING** ▶



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**25<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP - 2019**

The above Championship was held on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at Sugathadasa Stadium Swimming Pool.

As per the medal count, Lyceum Gampaha was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in this championship.



**UNDER 10 BOYS**

**Kewan Ranepura**

**Under 10 Boys Champion**

1<sup>st</sup> 100m Free Style (NR)

1<sup>st</sup> 50m Back Stroke

2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Free Style

Dinura Thewmitha

3<sup>rd</sup> 200m Individual medley

1<sup>st</sup> 4x50 m Free Style

1<sup>st</sup> 4x50 m Medley Relay

Kewan Ranepura,  
Dinura Thewmitha,  
Sahiru Gunawardena

**UNDER 10 GIRLS**

**Anuththara Jayasundara**

**Under 10 Girls Champion**

1<sup>st</sup> 100 m Free Style

1<sup>st</sup> 50 m Back Stroke

2<sup>nd</sup> 200 m IM

**Induwary Wickramarathne**

**Under 10 Girls Champion**

1<sup>st</sup> 50 m Breast Stroke

1<sup>st</sup> 50 m Free Style

2<sup>nd</sup> 50 m Butterfly

Hasali Senevirathne

3<sup>rd</sup> 200 m IM

1<sup>st</sup> 4x50m Free Style

1<sup>st</sup> 4x50m Medley Relay

Induwary Wickramarathne,  
Anuththara Jayasundara,  
Hasali Senevirathne

**UNDER 12 BOYS**

Ovin De Silva

1<sup>st</sup> 200 m IM

2<sup>nd</sup> 50 m Breast Stroke

Chamath Jayasundara

2<sup>nd</sup> 200 m IM

2<sup>nd</sup> 100 m Free Style

3<sup>rd</sup> 50 m Free Style

2<sup>nd</sup> 4x50 m Free Style

Chamath, Ovin

**UNDER 12 GIRLS**

Onithi Onanga

2<sup>nd</sup> 200 m IM

3<sup>rd</sup> 100 m Free Style

3<sup>rd</sup> 50 m Butterfly

Lasanya Madurapperuma

3<sup>rd</sup> 50 m Free Style

1<sup>st</sup> 4x50 m Free Style

3<sup>rd</sup> 4x50 m Medley Relay

Onithi Onanga, Lasanya  
Madurapperuma, Nehgi  
Guruge, Kithumi Nandasoma

**UNDER 14 GIRLS**

Binaya De Silva

2<sup>nd</sup> 100 m Butter Fly

2<sup>nd</sup> 200 m Free Style

2<sup>nd</sup> 200 m IM

Newin W., Dulina C., Nipun

T., Nehgi G., Lasanya

M., Dinura T., Hasali S.

Received certificates for  
achieving qualified time.