



MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR / PRINCIPAL MR. NIKITHA GRERO

LOOKING AT LIFE FROM A DIFFER- ENT PERSPECTIVE

I would like to share a very inspirational story of a wealthy father and a lesson he tried to teach his son by taking him to visit a poor family in the country-side. The father anticipates that the encounter will make his son appreciate the luxury life they have, but what his son learns is much more valuable than the father intended!



One day a very wealthy father took his son on a trip to the country-side for the sole purpose of showing his son how it was like to be poor. They spent a few days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

After their return back home from the trip, the father asked his son what he thought of the trip. 'It was great, Dad,' the son replied. 'Did you see how poor people can be?' the father asked. The son answered, "Well, I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches up to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have domestic helpers who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, but they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "I just realized how poor we really are, Dad."

With our busy lives, we tend to forget to appreciate what we have and focus on what we don't have. We often don't realize that one person's worthless object is another person's prized possession. It is all based on one's perspective towards life and sometimes it takes the perspective of a child to remind us of what is truly important in life.

Mother Teresa once said, "We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty."

MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER MOHAN LAL GRERO

Sometimes the child-like spirit takes a hold of me and I wonder what it would be like to be a soaring bird. Apart from the care-free characteristic that birds are associated with, there are several important lessons we can learn from them that can build our character. Today I'm



reminded of the eagle. There's just something about them. We can't help but be in awe of their stance, their flight and their behaviour- everything about them is awe-inspiring and exciting.

Eagles have sharp vision. Their eyes are designed for long distance and clarity. They can spot something 50 miles away. Just imagine the possibilities with such vision. There have been many kinds of leaders but all of them have had one thing in common and that is vision. Your vision must be big and focused so that it will guide you and your team through obstacles and trying times, helping you to be successful.

Eagles are tenacious. When a storm comes, other birds fly away in fright but the eagle uses the wind current to climb to greater heights to literally rise above the storm. There are many challenges in the life of a leader but they do not shy away from them. Instead, they face them in order to rise above.

Eagles wait patiently in the air for the next opportunity to find their prey. They can climb up to 10,000 feet but can come back down swiftly to the ground. Likewise, great leaders are problem solvers. They do not grumble and complain but work patiently through challenges.

Eagles nurture their young. When the eaglets are very young the eagle gathers the eaglet on to her back, flies high and then swoops out from under it so that the eaglet falls until it learns what its wings are for. Other times she tears apart her nest so that the eaglet has nothing else to cling on to and then gently nudges him off a cliff. Similarly, bosses are not those who lord over others but they guide and assist others to be better.

Next time you find yourself leading others, be reminded of the eagle and be encouraged.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A PEACEFUL
SINHALA & TAMIL NEW YEAR**
School will reopen on 2nd May 2017 for the
teachers and on 3rd May 2017 for the students.



SINGING COMPETITION

The Singing Competition of Lyceum International School, Kurunegala was held recently at the school premises. A hearty congratulations goes out to the students and teachers who have trained our students so well. Winners of the Competition were.

Girls:

1 st place	:	Ayathma Adikari	2A
2 nd place	:	Senudi Rupasinghe	2A
3 rd place	:	Semini Dissanayake	2A

Boys:

1 st place	:	Pawan Ekanayake	2A
2 nd place	:	Hasandu Silva	2A
3 rd place	:	Arya Sarith	1A



DEAR PARENT,

Please note that when notices for selections are sent, any student who wishes to attend but is unable to do so (due to sickness, etc.) should bring an excuse letter from the parents on the next day to appeal for a new selections date.

GRADES 1 TO 12 - REPORT COVERS

Please keep your report cover carefully and hand it back to your Class Teacher in May 2017. If you have lost it, a sum of Rs. 50/- will be charged to obtain a new one.

PIRITH CHANTING CEREMONY

The Lyceum Kurunegala Pirith Chanting and Almsgiving Ceremony was held recently at the school premises under the patronage of Mr. Nikitha Grero, Principal of Lyceum International School, Kurunegala.

Religious rituals of the Pirith Chanting were conducted by Rt. Rev. Ven. Wetakgama Seelananda, Deputy Prelate, to the North Western Province and the Chief Incumbent of Ibbagala Raja Maha Viharaya, Kurunegala. The Founder of Lyceum International Schools, Mr. Mohan Lal Grero, Director/Principal Mr. Nikitha Grero, Headmistress of Lyceum International School, Kurunegala, Mrs. Narmadha Wijemanne, students, parents and teachers were also present at this occasion.



KIDDIES ACTIVITY TIME

The first Kiddies Activity Time (KAT) of Lyceum International School, Kurunegala was conducted successfully! The kids had a wonderful time with lots of fun!

We are extremely grateful to all parents who made time to attend our very first KAT and appreciate their presence, cooperation and kind comments for making this event a great success. A sincere thank you also goes out to all teachers, office staff, support staff and security staff for their hard work and staff commitment towards making it an unforgettable event.



ACADEMY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION - KURUNEGALA BRANCH

The Kurunegala Branch of the Lyceum Academy for Teacher Education (LATE) established under the Lyceum International School network was opened recently. The underlying purpose of LATE is to produce competent teachers capable of teaching students who seek education in the English medium within the North Western Province.

Our Specialities:

- * Courses are conducted by an experienced panel of teachers with foreign exposure.
- * Nationally and internationally recognized diplomas.
- * Curriculum consists of theory, practice and applications.
- * Free printed material.
- * After 12 months of training, an opportunity will be given to undergo a 3 months volunteer training programme at Lyceum schools.
- * Well equipped lecture rooms.
- * Audio visual facilities.
- * Recreational facilities.
- * Affordable fees.
- * Installment payments.
- * Modern computer lab.
- * Modern science lab.

For more information visit the office at Lyceum International School, No. 71, Udawalpola Road, Kurunegala. Tel: 037 4947954



100 BIRTHDAY CARDS BY 100 LITTLE HANDS

The Little Friends of Lyceum International School Nugegoda made 100 birthday cards to make the Centenary celebrations of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association.



LOOK SMART IN YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

If your child's uniform is old and worn-out, please buy him/her a new uniform. Please consider the fact that old worn-out uniforms bring disrepute to the school as well as to the child.



We proudly congratulate our students who achieved outstanding results at the December 2016 National OL Examinations

Lyceum Nugegoda	: 9As - 12 students ; out of 42 students
Lyceum Panadura	: 9As - 13 students ; out of 54 students
Lyceum Wattala	: 9As - 9 students ; out of 70 students
Lyceum Ratnapura	: 9As - 10 students ; out of 58 students
Lyceum Gampaha	: 9As - 6 students ; out of 48 students
Lyceum Nuwara Eliya	: 8As - 3 students ; out of 49 students



LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NUGEGODA SHINES AT THE COLOMBO MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE - 2017

Students of Lyceum International School Nugegoda achieved the following at the Colombo Model United Nations Conference held on 03rd, 04th & 05th March 2017 at the Overseas School of Colombo & Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo. This conference was organized by the Overseas School, Colombo.

Lyceum Nugegoda won the;

- Best Delegate Award-GA4
- Higher Commendation Award-GA1
- Honorary Mention Award-GA3
- Honorary Mention Award-FSC
- Best Foreign Policy Award



Dates for your Diary

MAY 2017

Date	Name of the Event (Detailed letters will be issued for certain events) For Nursery to Grade 2, a notice will be sent to each student via the SRB.
1/5	Holiday - May Day
2/5	School reopens for teachers
	Staff Development Programme
3/5	School reopens for students
8/5	Vesak Lantern Display
10/5	Holiday Vesak Poya Day
11/5	Holiday - Day Following Vesak Poya Day
31/5	Bodhu Gee Saraniya
	Staff meeting

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KARATEKA'S EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AT THE INDO-LANKA INTERNATIONAL OPEN KARATE TOURNAMENT



Eleven year old Indusara Wijetunge (3rd Kyu) bagged three 1st place trophies for KATA, BOBUDO and KUMITE in the above tournament. He also won 3 Gold Medals last year at the International Karate Tournament held in Chennai.

INTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS' UNDER 15 AND UNDER 19 BADMINTON TOURNAMENT - 2017

Organised by

OKI International School

Position : Champions - UNDER 15 GIRLS



NATIONAL JUNIOR GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Organised by

The National Gymnastic Association



Lyceum Nugegoda won;
- 12 Gold medals
- 1 Silver medal
- 2 Bronze medals

LYCEUM NUGEGODA ARE THE CHAMPS AT THE INTER INTERNATIONAL NETBALL TOURNAMENT - 2017

We are extremely proud to announce that the over 15 Boys Netball team of Lyceum Nugegoda emerged champions at the above tournament which was held on 11th & 12th March 2017 at The British School in Colombo. This competition was organised by the Colombo International School.

A hearty congratulations to the Lyceum Nugegoda Netball team. Well done!

WELL DONE LYCEUM!

The under 15 Boys Netball team of Lyceum Nugegoda became the 1st Runners Up at the Inter International Netball Tournament – 2017 which was held on 11th & 12th March 2017 at The British School in Colombo. The tournament was organised by the Colombo International School.

INTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS UNDER 17 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017

Organised by The British School in Colombo

Position : 2nd Runner Up

IMPORTANT



Please note that there are important notices in every newsletter. Therefore, it is compulsory for every parent and student to read the newsletter and for the parent to acknowledge receipts with a signature in the SRB.

Hearty Congratulations!

SELECTIONS FOR THE WORLD SCHOOLS' CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Organised by
the Sri Lanka Schools' Chess Association

Names of Participants:

Under 11 Boys

Thisaga Hewawasam 5J 5th Place

Under 13 Boys

Lisara Kodithuwakku 7G Champion



Thisaga Hewawasam



Lisara Kodithuwakku

(Above two players have been selected for the World Schools' Chess Tournament 2017 to be held in Romania)

LYCEUM HOTLINE

Please note that parents of all Lyceum International School children may forward any complaints / suggestions / comments to our Hotline **0773483066** (via text messages / WhatsApp only).

I always feel happy, you know why?
Because I don't expect anything from anyone! Expectations always hurt...

- Shakespeare -

LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL KURUNEGALA HOLYDAY PROGRAMME OF APRIL 2017

ACTIVITIES	DAYS	TIME	VENUES
CRICKET	17 th , 19 th , 24 th , 26 th	7.30 a.m. - 9.00 a.m.	Adventure park
GYMNASTIC	17 th , 19 th , 24 th , 26 th , 28 th	9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	School
ATHLETIC	18 th , 20 th , 25 th , 27 th	7.30 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.	Adventure park
CHESS	25 th , 27 th	9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	School
	22 nd , 29 th	10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon	
KARATE	22 nd , 29 th	8.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	School