

# Lyceum Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR / PRINCIPAL MR. NIKITHA GRERO

**EVERY CHILD IS LIKE A DIFFERENT FLOWER AND ALL TOGETHER, MAKE THIS WORLD A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN**

Plants come from seeds. Each seed contains a tiny plant waiting for the right conditions to become a seedling and start to grow into a beautiful plant. Some plants bear flowers, which emit various types of fragrances and also make plants look more beautiful.

Young plants need four elements in order to grow and develop properly: **Earth, Water, Sun** and **Air**. Similarly, a child needs the very same elements in order to grow and flourish.

**Earth** provides a plant with essential nutrients. It represents the education of a child, i.e.: the moral qualities and values we wish for him/her to absorb. The roots secure the plant firmly to the ground (earth). Once the roots are strong, only then will the plant continue to grow. Similarly, a child should have deep roots that connect him/her to a rich source of nourishment – their parents.

**Water** is crucial for the growth of a plant. It helps dissolve nutrients and ensures that the roots do not dry out. Nutrient rich soil is of no use if the plant is unable to absorb it. Water represents humility, which is the quality of being humble and respectful to others. Our children must have humility in order to learn and absorb new information. Without this quality, they will not be able to learn.

**Sun** provides **light** as well as **warmth** for plants to grow. Light represents parents showing children the beauty and richness of what is right, rather than just telling them what to do. Warmth represents the unconditional love that parents must show to their children. This instills in them a high self-esteem and security, which helps them face life's challenges with confidence.

**Air** implies **space** and **atmosphere**. Just as a plant needs space to grow, a child too needs space or personal quality time in order to develop his/her true identity and realize his/her abilities. Atmosphere is the environment that surrounds your child (i.e. his/her parents' actions at home). If a child lives within a happy and caring environment, he/she will flourish into a fully disciplined socially friendly adult with a kind heart.

Being a parent/gardener is a full time job. We must be consistent and persistent in tendering our gardens with the four essential elements and constantly be on the lookout for problems that might arise (e.g. weeds/insects) and "nip them in the bud" so that our children/seedlings can blossom into beautiful fragrant flowers that would make our world a beautiful garden.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER MOHAN LAL GRERO

**Heroism comes from within**

Does a hero have superpowers? Is he handsome? When we think of heroes, we imagine someone in a costume. Other times, we imagine it to be a man with an incredible physique and superhuman strength. True heroes are nothing of the sort.

In 2009, an 11 year old girl began blogging on BBC Urdu about the takeover, by a group of extremists, of her hometown, under the pseudonym Gul Makai. The extremists denied a girls' right to go to school. Her classmates began dropping out for fear of becoming targets. An impending ban on girls in schools looked highly possible as the schools closed for winter vacation. Schools were closed for several months in her area. However, she did manage to return to school but continued to claim the Right to Education for girls. By this time, her identity had been revealed to the whole nation.

On October 9<sup>th</sup> 2012, a gunman boarded her school bus and shot her in the head. She was in critical condition. The girl survived and showed amazing bravery and optimism on her road to recovery from intricate surgery, a cochlear implant in her brain and a titanium plate in her skull.

She later took her campaign global, as a girls' education activist. The whole world knew her name: Malala Yousafzai.

A symbol for girls' Right to Education and an international symbol of peace, she was awarded the National Peace Prize in her country. In October 2014, Malala received the Nobel Peace Prize, along with Indian children's rights activist Kailash Satyarthi. At age 17, Malala was the youngest person to ever receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

She was just an ordinary girl. She felt fear just like you and I. But she knew that standing up for what was right was more important than giving in to fear. What do you believe? What will you stand up for today?





# Memos to Parents & Guardians



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## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the parents who answered my questionnaire and sent it back to me.

Mrs. Kumari Grero



## SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

The students who have not paid their fees for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> terms of the Academic Year 2016/2017 should pay it on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2017.

### LYCEUM MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE - UPDATE

Founder

Mr. Mohan Lal Grero



Director / Coordinating Principal / Principal  
(Lyceum Nugegoda and Anuradhapura)

Mrs. Kumari Grero



Director / Principal  
(Lyceum Kurunegala)

Mr. Nikitha Grero



Head Mistress

Ms. Narmadha Wijemanne

### Dates for your Diary

February / March 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.
28/02	Project showcasing - Grades 1 and 2
11/03	Pirith Ceremony
12/03	Pirith Ceremony
	Holiday - Medin Poya Day
13/03	Kiddies Activity Time (rehearsal)
17/03	Kiddies Activity Time
30/03	Holiday for Grades 1 and 2 students (Test paper correction)
31/03	Holiday for Grades 1 and 2 students (Test paper correction)

### 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.



One flag, One land!  
One heart beat ,One hand !  
Students of  
Lyceum International School  
Kurunegala celebrated Sri  
Lanka's  
69<sup>th</sup> Independence Day  
recently, at the school  
premises.