



The Lyceumer

KURUNEGALA (LKU-11)

JULY 2017

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR / PRINCIPAL
MR. NIKITHA GRERO

The Power of 'Why?' and 'What If?'



Curiosity killed the cat? Not exactly.

One of the most overlooked keys to happiness is exercising a sense of curiosity. This is because curiosity is a state of interest or genuinely wanting to know more about something, creating openness to unfamiliar experiences leading to opportunities to discover joy and delight.

Curiosity is something that can be nurtured and developed. With practice, you can harness the power of curiosity to transform everyday tasks into interesting and enjoyable experiences. It is all about noticing and being drawn to things we find interesting. It's about recognizing and seizing the pleasures that day to day experiences offer us.

When we are curious, we see things differently; we use our powers of observation more fully. We sense what is happening in the present moment. We feel alive and engaged, more capable of embracing opportunities, making connections, and experiencing moments of insight and meaning. All of which provide the foundation for a rich, aware and satisfying life experience.

Next time you talk to someone, make it your goal to learn as much about that person as you can. Look for ways to connect the uninteresting things you have to learn with something you're curious and excited about.

We need more inquisitive people to grow into this new millennium. People who can ask questions that so many of us shy away from.

It all starts with wanting to know more.

"Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton asked why"
- Bernard Baruch

WORDS OF WISDOM

FROM OUR FOUNDER,
MR. MOHAN LAL GRERO



Once I found two very different books. One was "Mein Kampf" by Adolf Hitler and the other was "The diary of a young girl" by Anne Frank. Being curious I decided to look through them both in my usual fashion, skipping through the pages and looking for passages and paragraphs that would speak to me. I soon found that Hitler's manifesto was not only muddled and confusing but also full of ideas that chilled my soul and felt like poison in my veins. After a short while I kept it aside and started to read Anne Frank's diary. In page after page I felt her wit, wisdom, spirit, love and joy. She filled me with hope for humanity, for myself, and for this world. Even though she was taken away at a young age, I'm thankful that her writings had survived.

Anne Frank wrote that "Nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." When I started to write myself, I knew whose book's example I wanted to follow. I wanted to share ideas that uplifted the hearts and souls of others. I wanted to write words that brought more hope, more joy, and more light into this world.

Dear children each of you are writing a book too. This book is called "Your Life", and you write it with everything you do and every choice you make. Make it a great story, one that uplifts, inspires, and makes this world a better place.

"Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking."

- Marcus Aurelius

Vision

To produce global citizens who will reshape the future of their motherland.

Mission

To enhance the potential of every young soul that passes through our halls, empowering them to be the best they can be.



**MRS. KUMARI GRERO
THE NEW HEAD OF TISSL**

Mrs. Kumari Grero, our Coordinating Principal was recently appointed as the Chairperson of The International Schools of Sri Lanka (TISSL) at the AGM which was recently held in Colombo, making all of us at Lyceum extremely proud.



Under her guidance, eight branches with over 3000 employees and 18,000 plus children are presently receiving employment and education.

We are privileged to have her as the Chairperson for TISSL for the next two years and we wish her all the best with her vision to take TISSL to even greater heights! Supporting her in this task for the period of 2017/2019 will be – Dr. Frank Jayasinghe (Founder President TISSL and Chairman of College of World Education), Dr. Harsha Alles (Immediate Past President TISSL and Chairman of Gateway College), Mrs. Malithi Jayatissa (General Secretary of TISSL and Deputy Chairperson of Leeds International Schools and Principal of Leeds International School Panadura), Mrs. Chrishanthi Wickrama Arachchi (Secretary Public Relations and Communication of TISSL and Principal of Regent International College Gampaha) and Mr. Hemal Abeysekera (Treasurer of TISSL and Director of Academics OKI International Network of Schools).

We wish all of them the very best too!

MISPLACED SRB AND / OR SHB

The loss of an SRB is a serious matter. It must be reported to the Class Teacher the same day or the very next working day. The parent/guardian must submit a written report to the Class Teacher giving a full explanation of how the loss occurred. This report will be then submitted to the Registrar. The parent will be liable for the cost of replacement, which is Rs. 1,000/-. If the SHB is lost, a new copy may be obtained from the School Office at the cost of Rs. 200/-.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Lyceum Kurunegala Open Day. It was highly successful. We had great pleasure showing prospective parents around our school and hope you enjoyed coming to see us as much as we enjoyed seeing you all.



IMPORTANT

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 receipt with a signature in the SRB. From Grades 6 to 12, failure to acknowledge it will result in a black mark.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Lyceum Kurunegala celebrated the 24th Founder's Day of the main school (Lyceum Nugegoda) on 13th June with an Assembly Programme.



SINGITHI SALPILA

Grade 1 students participated at the Singithi Salpila on 2nd June, where students learned about the value of money, whilst selling their items.



POSON SERMON PROGRAMME

Lyceum Kurunegala Poson Sermon Programme was held at the Lyceum Adventure Park.

We thank all the students, parents, teachers, non academic, security and support staff for helping with the arrangements and making our school shine!



ESALA SIL PROGRAMME - 2017

The Lyceum Kurunegala students participated in a Sil programme, which was held at the Kurunegala Adventure Park on Esala Full Moon Poya Day.

The programme was organised under the guidance of Mr. Nikitha Grero-Principal of Lyceum Kurunegala and was conducted by Ven. Handugala Seelananda Thero, Ven. Idampitiye Chandananda Thero, Ven. Siyambalanduwe Dhammarathana Thero and Ven. Medagama Piyadassi Thero.



RAMAZAN IFTHAR PROGRAMME

We are today living in a multi-racial, multi-religious, and multi-cultural society. In order to live in harmony, peace and friendship, it is important that we gain understanding of each other's traditions, faith and religions.

In view of this concept, the management of Lyceum International School - Kurunegala arranged a grand Ramazan Ifthar programme recently at the Lyceum Adventure Park, Kurunegala.



"PARENTS CORNER"

We are pleased to introduce a "Parents' Corner" in the Lyceum newsletter, which will feature a few articles from our parents. Parents are welcome to send any writeups to lyceumer@lyceum.lk

SCHOOL RULES

School rules should be strictly adhered to. Breaking any school rule will lead to negative consequences. Therefore, dear parents, please cooperate with us to broaden the horizon of your child to achieve an excellent moral character via good discipline.

LEAVING CERTIFICATES

Please note that leaving certificates will not be issued after one year of leaving Lyceum.

ABSENCE NOTICES

Please note that your child's absence notice should be sent in the SRB on the day he/she returns back to school after getting absent.

SANDALS / SLIPPERS

Please note that only black sandals/slippers may be worn if your child is suffering from an injury to the foot preventing him/her from wearing shoes.



Dates for your Diary

AUGUST 2017

Date	Name of the Event (Detailed letters will be issued for certain events) For Nursery to Grade 3, a notice will be sent to each student via the SRB.
1/4	Paper discussion - Grades 1 to 3
3/4	Finalising marks and reports
4/4	School closes for students
	Issue of reports
7/4	Concert - Lower Nursery to Grade 3
	Holiday - Nikini Poya Day

GIFTS FOR TEACHERS

Please do not send any gift vouchers / gifts to teachers, as they will not be accepted by our teachers. Also, please refrain from offering lifts to teachers. A card made by the student or a flower given on "Teachers Day" would be much appreciated and valued rather than gifts. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL CAP

If your child is wearing a cap to school, it should be a Lyceum cap. If not, it will be confiscated and returned only on producing a school cap. The cap should be taken out on entry to school, unless it is raining.

MULTIPLICATION TABLES (Grade 2, 3 4 & 5)

Please note that your child should learn the multiplication tables by heart before each term starts in the next academic year. The relevant times tables are given below according to each grade. 10% marks will be awarded for the times tables tests at the semester exams.

Grade	Term I	Term II	Term III
2	2	3, 4	5, 10
3	2, 3, 6	4, 5, 7	10, 8, 9

Hearty Congratulations!

ALL ISLAND INTERMEDIATE / NOVICES TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Organised by Wellawatta Sports
Club

Dewmeth Weerasena

(Lyceum - Nugegoda)

Champion

(Under 10 Boys Singles Event)

Semi Finalist

(Under 12 Boys Singles Event)

Quarter Finalist

(Men's Singles Event)

ALL ISLAND PRIVATE SCHOOLS / SEMI GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS / INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Organised by

Ping Pong Academy

Dewmeth Weerasena

(Lyceum - Nugegoda)

Runner Up

(Under 10 Boys Singles Event)

Semi Finalist

(Under 12 Boys Singles Event)

WESTERN PROVINCE JUNIOR RANKING TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Organised by

Western Province Table Tennis Association

Dewmeth Weerasena

Runner Up

(Under 10 Boys Singles Event)

10TH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Organised by

Regent International College - Gampaha

Position : Overall Champions

Lyceum, Nugegoda

SOUTH ASIAN CADET & JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Organised by

Sri Lanka Table Tennis Association

Dewmith Weerasena

(Lyceum - Nugegoda)

2nd Place (Cadet Boys Team Event)

CHIEF MINISTER OF WESTERN PROVINCE ISURU DEVAPPRIYA CHALLENGE TROPHY

OPEN ALL ISLAND RANKING TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Organised by

Western Province Table Tennis
Association

Dewmith Weerasena

(Lyceum - Nugegoda)

Champion

(Under 15 Singles Event)

INTERACT MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE - 2017

Organised by

Rotaract Club and D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo 07

Best Delegates Award

- Security Council

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Best Delegates Award

- UNESCO

Higher Commendation Award - UNESCO

Honorary Mention Award - UNESCO

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Won by students of Lyceum, Nugegoda

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ms. Odile Melder, the Speech and Drama Teachers and students of Lyceum - Nugegoda, for becoming the overall champions for the third consecutive year at the All Island British Festival of Performing Arts.

INTER INTERNATIONAL UNDER 13 GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - 2017

Organised by Colombo
International School, Colombo

**Position : 2nd Runner Up -
Lyceum, Nugegoda**

NATIONAL AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Organised by Sri Lanka Aquatic
Sports Union

**Ovin Gamage of Lyceum -
Nugegoda broke the present
National Record**

LITTLE COOKS

Lyceum Little Friends came together and displayed remarkable culinary skills, creativity and teamwork by preparing and cooking up a variety of treats such as cupcakes, vegetable soup and more, which was served to our lovely teachers and staff members. A job well done by the Lyceum Nugegoda Little Friends!



"Expectation is the root of all heartache".

- *Shakespeare* -

MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATING PRINCIPAL, MRS. KUMARI GRERO

Dear Parents,

I would greatly appreciate it if you could take a moment to read the few points I have penned for you.

- * Please speak to your child daily and ask how his/her day was. Do not speak to your child while watching the TV or doing some other work. You have to give your full attention to your child for at least half an hour daily. This is called giving your child "quality time".
- * Please read the newsletter and the valuable messages from Mr. Grero and myself in it.
- * Achieving "World's Best" at OL and AL examinations is pointless if your child does not have good values to become a great man or a woman one day.
- * We love your child and we know you do too, however please do not limit your love to the material things you give your child.
- * From Grade 1 upwards, please encourage your child to develop the habit of reading.
- * There are books with large letters and colourful pictures in bookshops where a small child's interest will be aroused.
- * Remember to read a bedtime story to your child every day. This will also give you quality time with your child.
- * Build a mini library in your child's room with a small bookshelf and story books.
- * Please do not give your child a computer or similar electronic gadgets as this will prevent them from acquiring reading habits.
- * Reading will make your child knowledgeable, creative and make it very easy for him/her to learn any other subject.

(Mrs.) Kumari Grero

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WITH SRI LANKAN CULTURE AND VALUES FROM 1993 .



KURUNEGALA BRANCH

LIMITED ADMISSIONS ARE NOW OPEN

- Lower Nursery
- Upper Nursery
- Pre-Grade
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Grade 5

For further inquiries, you may get in touch by either:

- Sending a text message to 076 397 9176 (Hotline) or
- Sending an email to kanchana_iku@lyceum.lk.

Address: No. 71, Udawalpola Road, Kurunegala

WE ARE BORN TO TEACH

Founder: Mr. Mohan Lal Grero

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SORTING OF WASTE

Parents are kindly requested to purchase recycle/compost bins and encourage your families and neighbours to recycle food waste as much as possible.

Also please ensure to separate all other waste such as plastics, paper/cardboard, bottles and tins, so that together we can contribute to help save our environment!








WAKE UP PARENTS

Years back, poor illiterate parents produced

- ❖ Doctors,
- ❖ Engineers,
- ❖ Scientists,
- ❖ Accountants,
- ❖ Lawyers,
- ❖ Architects,
- ❖ Professors.., whom I will refer to as Group 'A'.

These Group 'A' children struggled on their own after Primary or Grade 12, to become notable personalities. Most of them

-  trekked to school barefooted
-  went to farms
-  fetched water and firewood
-  cared for domesticated animals
-  did some work including trading after school to survive.

Now Group 'A', who have now become parents themselves are producing Group 'B' children. These group 'B' children are,

- ❖ pampered.
- ❖ helped in their homework or home assignments from Nursery school through secondary schools to higher institutions.
- ❖ chauffeur driven to very expensive schools or are sent abroad to study.
- ❖ they can watch movies from morning till dawn after school.
- ❖ they are treated like baby kings and queens.
- ❖ they don't do any household chores.
- ❖ food is put on the table for them.

- ❖ their plates are removed and washed by parents or housemaids.
- ❖ they are given expensive cars and clothes.
- ❖ not forgetting big pocket money to be wasted!



In spite of all these, only few can speak or write correctly. 😊



Group 'A' parents cared for their own parents and children, Group 'B', their children are still struggling to find their feet at age 30+.



They find it difficult to do things on their own because they are used to having help from Group 'A', therefore so they can't help themselves, their parents or the society. **THEY ABANDON THEIR PARENTS IN THEIR BID TO ACQUIRE THE WORLD.**



Where do you belong ?



Reduce the pampering and the unnecessary help you offer your children.



Let your children grow in wisdom, intelligence and strength.



Let them face the truth and the realities of life. Teach them to grow to become independent adults.



Teach them to respect their religion.



Respect others and Develop confidence in themselves.



Parents, train your children to become disciplined adults, useful and not useless.

LYCEUM ACADEMY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

The inaugural ceremony for Diploma Programmes at the Lyceum Academy for Teacher Education (L.A.T.E) in Kurunegala was successfully conducted on the 3rd of June 2017.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Sarath Perera - Dean of the Academy spoke of the importance of Teacher training courses in order to produce quality students for the development of our nation as well as our country. He further stated that the opening of the Kurunegala branch would open a new horizon of quality teacher training education in the North Western Province.

The Lyceum Academy Registrar - Mr. W. K. G. Welivita, Senior Lecturers of Lyceum Academy - Mrs. Lathika Gunawardane, Mrs. Shanthini Abeygunawardane, Mrs. P. Kumarasinghe and a number of students were present on this occasion.



Parents can assist their children becoming teachers &
School leavers too can become teachers !

LYCEUM ACADEMY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

Kurunegala Branch

(Registered with the Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission - P01/ 0297)

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