

Lyceum Newsletter

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Nugegoda

THANK YOU!

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

Mrs. Kumari Grero



Farewell Message from the Deputy Principal & Head of the Middle School

Dear Parents,

With great sadness, I write to inform you that I will be leaving Lyceum on the 1st of March 2017 in order to relocate with my family. Please accept my sincere apologies for any disruption caused due to my early departure before the end of the academic year.

The last four years have been a wonderful experience for me; your children have taught me nearly as much as I have taught them and I have had an amazing time getting to know them and helping them grow. I am also extremely thankful to everyone; my colleagues, students and parents who supported me during my tenure at Lyceum. It was a great privilege to work with you all and share my services with you and I hope to have left nothing but good memories.

I am especially grateful to our Founder, Mr. Mohan Lal Grero, our Coordinating Principal, Mrs. Kumari Grero and our Director, Mr. Nikitha Grero for giving me the chance to serve as the Deputy Principal at Lyceum for the last 4 years.

I wish everyone all the very best and hope Lyceum International School continues to grow and produce outstanding global citizens!

Ahamed Aslam

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

27th February 2017 will be a school holiday from Nursery to Grade 12 due to ISAC.

80% ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Please note that the attendance rate of 80% for students of Grades 1- 9 & 10 National will be calculated from 5th September 2017 to 15th March 2017.

For Students of Grades 10 Cambridge, 11 & 12 it will be calculated from 3rd January 2017 to 15th March 2017.

Grade 10 & 12 students who wish to stay at home and study may do so after 15th March 2017 (until the semester exams), however, class work will be continue until the day before exams commence.

If 80% attendance is not maintained please note that the student will not be able to sit for the First Semester Exam (Grades 1-9, 10N, 11) / Second Exam (10 Cambridge & 12).

Principal

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.

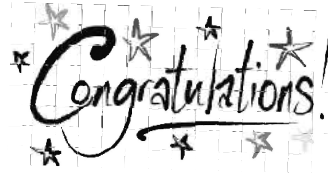
On October 9th 2012, a gunman boarded her school bus and shot her in the head. She was in critical condition. The girl survived and showed amazing bravery and optimism on her road to recovery from intricate surgery, a cochlear implant in her brain and a titanium plate in her skull.

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?

Hearty



SINHALA JUNIOR SINGING COMPETITION

2017

Grade 1

1 st place	Enara Samarasekera	(1F)
2 nd place	Janidu Wickramaarachchi	(1E)
3 rd place	Tunura Perera	(1I)

Grade 2

1 st place	Sasath Premarathne	(2I)
2 nd place	Minsanda Liyanaarachchi	(2A)
3 rd place	Thenula Balagalla	(2A)

Grade 3

1 st place	Shuhaizee Dain	(3B)
2 nd place	Uvin Silva	(3C)
3 rd place	Senumi Kariyawasam	(3H)

Grade 4

1 st place	Anarya Gamage	(4I)
2 nd place	Dinudi Fernando	(4D)
3 rd place	Nithila Sithupama	(4B)

Grade 5

1 st place	Senadi Gamage	(5J)
2 nd place	Vihanga Thudugalage	(5A)
3 rd place	Romala Gunasekara	(5C)

INTER HOUSE CHOIR COMPETITION 2017

1 st place	CETUS	(545 points)
2 nd place	URSA	(450 points)
3 rd place	CYGNUS	(429 points)
4 th place	AQUILA	(371 points)

ENGLISH SENIOR SINGING COMPETITION 2017

Intermediate - Girls

1 st place	Evni Sapugoda	(7B)
2 nd place	Gabrielle Wijesuriya	(8C)
3 rd place	Tharusha Karunasekara	(6D)

Intermediate - Boys

1 st place	Dileesha de Mel	(6H)
2 nd place	Saviru Premasara	(8E)
3 rd place	Risith Attanayake	(6G)

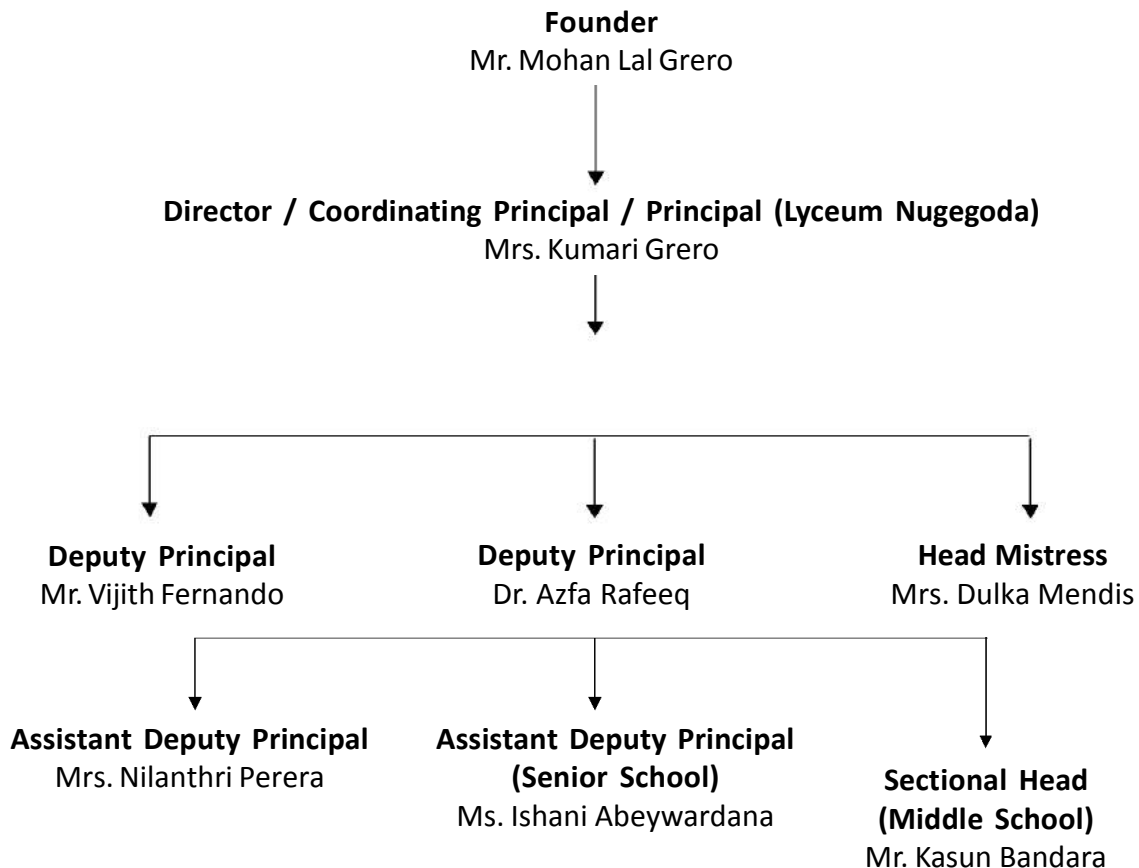
Senior - Girls

1 st place	Nadine Ollegasegrem	(11 Na. Sc. A)
2 nd place	Senanya Jayatilake	(11 Co. C)
3 rd place	Senali Amarasinghe	(11 Sc. C)

Senior - Boys

1 st place	Adish Ediriweera	(9 Co. C)
2 nd place	Stephen Ferdinands	(11 Co. A)
3 rd place	Movin Perera	(11 Co. A)

LYCEUM MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE - UPDATE



Hearty Congratulations!

ALL ISLAND INTER SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2016

Organised by
Sri Lanka Schools' Chess Association
Names of Participants:

Under 11 Boys

5th Place

(Colombo District Champions)

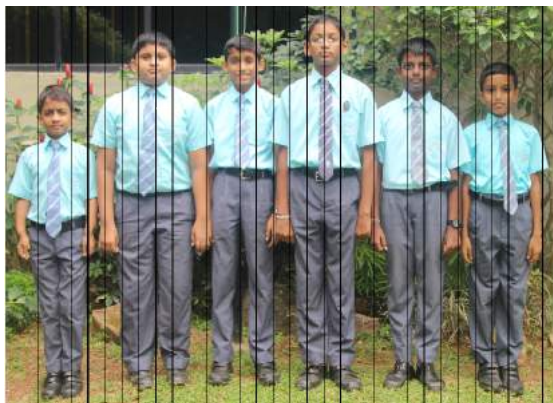


Mesanda Gamage	(6I)
Rashein Perera	(5A)
Thisaga Hewawasam	(5J)
Senethu Liyanahewage	(5G)
Arkam Rahuman	(5H)
Sasandu Dissanayake	(5D)
Thevindu Nagasinghe	(6D)

Under 13 Boys

6th Place

(Colombo District Equal Third)



Lisara Kodithuwakku	(7G)
Sadev Jayawardena	(8A) (absent)
Manith Liyanage	(7F)
Sethmika Hemachandra	(7H)
Sethum Weerasinghe	(7C)
Tharin Wijeratne	(7E)
Isum Weerasinghe	(8E)

Dates for your Diary *March 2017*

Date	Name of the Event (Detailed letters will be issued for certain events) Grades 7 to 12 students who wish to take part in any of the events, should come and collect the detailed notice from the Reception outside the school office. For Nursery to Grade 6, a notice will be sent to each student via the SRB.
01/03	Best Speaker Contest - English - Semi Finals - Grades 1 & 2
02/03	Best Speaker Contest - English - Semi Finals - Grades 3 & 4 Meeting with parents - Grade 6
03/03	Inter House Debating Competition - Sinhala - Semi Finals
04/03	Inter House Soccer Tournament
05/03	Inter House Soccer Tournament
06/03	Best Speaker Contest - English - Junior - Finals - Grades 1 to 5
08/03	Best Speaker Contest - English - Senior - Semi Finals - Grades 6 to 8
09/03	Inter House Debating Competition - Sinhala - Finals
11/03	Inter-House Swimming Meet
12/03	Holiday - Medin Poya Day
13/03	Camp at Kurunegala - Grade 6
14/03	Camp at Kurunegala - Grade 6 Kiddies Activity Time - Nursery, Pre-Grade, Grade 1
15/03	Best Speaker Contest - English - Grades 6 to 12 - Senior - Finals
16/03	Camp at Kurunegala - Grade 7
17/03	Camp at Kurunegala - Grade 7
18/03	Inter House Table Tennis Tournament
21/03	First Semester Examination - Grade 9N & 10N
22/03	Second Examination - Grade 10 Cambridge & 12 First Semester Examination - Grades 9, 10N, 11N
23/03	Second Examination - Grade 10 Cambridge & 12 First Semester Examination - Grades 6 to 9, 10N, 11N
24/03	Second Examination - Grade 10 Cambridge & 12 First Semester Examination - Grades 1 to 9, 10N, 11N
27/03	Second Examination - Grade 10 Cambridge & 12 First Semester Examination - Grades 1 to 9, 10N, 11
28/03	Second Examination - Grade 10 Cambridge & 12 First Semester Examination - Grades 1 to 9, 10N, 11
29/03	Second Examination - Grade 10 Cambridge & 12 First Semester Examination - Grades 1 to 9, 10N, 11
30/03	Test paper correction (Holiday for Grades 1 to 12 students)
31/03	Test paper correction (Holiday for Grades 1 to 12 students) Easter Programme Staff Meeting

"Have more than thou showest,
Speak less than thou knowest"

-Shakespeare-

Hearty Congratulations!

INTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS' UNDER 15 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Organised by
Royal Institute

Position : 1st Runner Up

Names of Participants:

Zaarif Waznie	(7I)
Chaniru Ratnaweera	(8A)
Amshula Kariyawasam	(8A)
Ometh De Silva	(8B)
Hamdan Akram	(8C)
Sithika Wickramasinghe	(8C)
Dulain Dissanayake	(8C)
Sonal Kodikara (Best Goal Keeper) (8D)	
Ryan De Mel	(8E)
Kisandu Gonsal	(8E)
Pasindu Wimalaratne	(8E)
Seyyed Usuph	(8F)
Shuhail Ahmed	(8F)
Rudam Dulnath	(8G)
Methin Perera	(8G)
Janeth Thambavita	(8G)
Shamil Ahamed	(9 Sc B)
Imadh Riswan	(9 Co B)
Gobikeshaan Giritharan	(9 Co C)
Faheem Fazal	(9 Co C)

ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE SECOND MISSION OF CHUMS FOR CHARITY CLUB



It is with immense pleasure that we announce the successful completion of the second mission of our House Construction Project for one of our very own support staff members. The beneficiary this time was Ms. Nishanthi, a member of the support staff team at Lyceum, Kohuwela.

Ms. Nishanthi is a single parent of a 9 year old son. We are very proud to have brought a smile upon them both by providing them with a complete home within a short period of six months.

The official opening of the house took place on the 23rd of January 2017 with the gracious presence of the Head Mistress, Ms. Dulka Mendis, the teachers in-charge of the Club Ms. Deepthi Goonasekera, Ms. J. G. S. Renu and the most senior members of the club, Shanalie Poornima and Lamuel Elangovan.

We, the Chums for Charity, would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Deputy Principal Mr. Vijith Fernando for initiating this project and his continuous support and guidance, in helping us realise our goals.

We would also like to invite all our generous parents and well wishers to join hands with us in this worthy cause.

HELP US TO HELP ANOTHER!

for further information, contact :

Ms. Deepthi Goonasekera (0773953116)

Ms. J. G. S. Renu (0712854082)

LYCEUM'S GOT TALENT (VOCALS ONLY)

Grades 1 to 8

Auditions for the talent show will be held after school.

Dates : March 7th Tuesday - 1.00 - 3.30 p.m.

March 9th Thursday - 1.00 - 3.30 p.m.

Venue : Eratodan Building : 3rd Floor - Music Room

Children who wish to participate are invited to audition for the show.

Contact Person : Mrs. Shayami Ratnam *or*
Ms. Shahani Wijesekara

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

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

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.



SCRABBLE CLASSES - UPDATE

Scrabble classes will be held in the Junior Library as follows:-

<u>Days</u>	<u>Conducted by</u>
Mondays & Fridays	Ms. Thirathni Perera Mr. Lakshman Cooray
Wednesdays	Ms. Thirathni Perera
Time (on all three days)	2.00 to 4.15 p.m.

Students attending classes are requested to bring: the SRB, a scrabble board with the tiles, the 2.3.4. Word booklet, homework exercise book, a pen and pencil. You are also required to report to the class on time.