



The Lyceumer

NUGEGODA (LN-285)

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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.



Celebrating the goal of national unity, Lyceum turns 26 !

The role of Education in bringing about harmony, tolerance and peace to our Nation cannot be overestimated in the current socio-political climate. The tragic events that devastated our country recently reiterate the urgent need for Sri Lankans to unite as one nation and one People.

Amid the chaos, Lyceum, students, staff and parents alike, stand together as they have always done, to celebrate their similarities and their differences with equal enthusiasm on the 26th anniversary of the founding of the school.

Lyceum was established in 1993, by its Founder Dr. Mohan Lal Grero and its Coordinating Principal, Dr. Kumari



Grero, as a not-for-profit organization, with the aim of giving accessibility to a good quality English medium education at the lowest possible cost to the largest possible number of Sri Lankan children. To date, the combined number of enrolled and graduated students stands at over 40,000.



Lyceum takes great pride in the knowledge that, all of these children grew up in an environment that actively propagated the teachings of peace, acceptance and non-violence handed down to us through the Tripitaka, the Bhagavath Geetha, the Quran, the Bible, as well as the teachings of other philosophers such as Aristotle and Gandhi.

It is a school which rejects division and segregation and rejoices in the richness and diversity of our collective culture and heritage. It is a school where children intermingle with one another, oblivious to the social backgrounds that divide the short-sighted and the greedy. The closer you look at these children, the more and more blurred and inconsequential their 'differences' become. They are a beacon of hope to all of us.



WORDS OF WISDOM



FROM OUR FOUNDER, DR. MOHAN LAL GRERO

Once I read this story of a farmer who sold a pound of butter to the baker. One day the baker decided to weigh the butter to see if he was getting a pound and he found that he was not. This angered him and he took the farmer to court. The judge asked the farmer if he was using any measure. The farmer replied, "Your Honor, I am primitive. I don't have a proper measure, but I do have a scale." The judge asked, "Then how do you weigh the butter?" The farmer replied "Your Honor, long before the baker started buying butter from me, I have been buying a pound loaf of bread from him. Every day when the baker brings the bread, I put it on the scale and give him the same weight in butter. If anyone is to be blamed, it is the baker."

What is the moral of the story? We get back in life what we give to others. Whenever you take an action, ask yourself this question: Honesty and dishonesty can become a habit. Being honest means choosing not to lie, steal, cheat, or deceive in any way. When we are honest, we build strength of character that will allow us to be of great service to others. We are blessed with peace of mind and self-respect and will be trusted by others.

Furthermore, Lyceum's message of hope is not limited to Colombo and its elite.

In eight Lyceum International Schools, spread all over the Island, children of all races, religions, gender and social backgrounds are being moulded to be true Sri Lankans who are a credit to their Motherland.



Lyceum is thus a learning hub that takes great pains to

nurture tolerant, open-minded, far-sighted citizens with a genuine sense of national pride and an open outlook upon the world, to take the country towards a better future. Lyceum illustrates, by example, how the Education system of the entire nation could be and should be revolutionised to bring about a meaningful change to achieve the National Educational Goals.

Striving for excellence in academic and in co-curricular activities seems to have become the sole objectives of most schools today. Lyceum would like to reiterate that it is not enough. Human values must be actively nurtured through teaching and by example. May Lyceum prosper ever more and stay true to its goals in the years to come!

Udeshika Perera

ACHIEVEMENTS

National & Junior National Short Course Swimming Championships - 2019

Organized by Sri Lanka Aquatic Sports Union

Position : 2nd Place (Boys Category) - 127 Points
7th Place (Girls Category) - 46 Points

Names of Participants:

Name	Class	Event	Place
Under 15 Girls			
Oneli Yahampath	7C	100M Butterfly Stroke	2nd Place
		200M Butterfly Stroke	1st Place N.M.R.
Under 15 Boys			
Janidu Gangahagedara	8E	100M Butterfly Stroke	3rd Place
		100M Back Stroke	2nd Place
		200M Butterfly Stroke	1st Place
		100M Individual Medley	1st Place
		200M Individual Medley	3rd Place
		4X50M Medley Relay	2nd Place N.M.R.
		4X50M Free Style Relay	1st Place N.M.R.
		4X100M Free Style Relay	1st Place N.M.R.
Chanulka Panadura	7E	50M Breast Stroke	3rd Place
		4X50M Medley Relay	2nd Place N.M.R.
		4X50M Free Style Relay	1st Place N.M.R.
		4X100M Free Style Relay	1st Place N.M.R.
Arkhash Saravanakumar	9 Sc A	4X50M Medley Relay	2nd Place N.M.R.
		4X50M Free Style Relay	1st Place N.M.R.
		4X100M Free Style Relay	1st Place N.M.R.
Thisas Himanjith	8G	4X50M Medley Relay	2nd Place N.M.R.
		4X50M Free Style Relay	1st Place N.M.R.
		4X100M Free Style Relay	1st Place N.M.R.
Open Girls			
Shanali Perera	10 Nat Ex A	50M Breast Stroke	2nd Place
		100M Breast Stroke	2nd Place
		200M Breast Stroke	2nd Place
		100M Individual Medley	3rd Place
		200M Individual Medley	2nd Place



LYCEUMER EXCELS AT THE 27TH FOXHILL SUPERCROSS

Kesara Godage, a Grade 8 student of Lyceum International School Nugegoda, showcased exceptional talent at the recently held 27th Foxhill Supercross Championship.

This talented Lyceumer, who is only 14 years old, became the highlight of the event as he emerged victorious in all 3 categories he competed in, which were two car racing events (SLE Nissan March 1000 CC and SLE Ford Laser 1300 CC) and one motorcycle event (85 CC 2 stroke) in the under 15 category.

The event was held on 21st April 2019 at the Diyatalawa Fox Hill circuit.



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12th Sri Lanka Schools' Aquatic Sports Novices Championships - 2019

Organized by Sri Lanka Schools' Aquatic Sports Association

Overall Position : 6th Place (Boys Category)
04 Medals (Gold - 01, Silver 02 & Bronze 01)

RESULTS

Names of Participants:

Name	Class	Event	Place
Under 12 Boys			
Risandu Wijesinghe	6C	50m Butterfly Stroke	2nd Place
		200m Individual Medley	1st Place
Dihen Edirisuriya	6D	50m Free Style	3rd Place
		200m Individual Medley	7th Place
Yoshitha Ginige	6E	50m Back Stroke	2nd Place
Mayan Yahampath	5A	50m Breast Stroke	4th Place
		50m Free Style	5th Place
		200m Individual Medley	6th Place
Dunitha Pothupitiya	6H	50m Back Stroke	5th Place
		50m Free Style	7th Place
Under 14 Boys			
Rithika Yatagampitiya	7G	50m Back Stroke	7th Place
Dinuda Yaggahavita	7H	50m Breast Stroke	8th Place



Novices Swimming Championship - 2019

Organized by Sri Lanka Aquatic Sports Union

RESULTS

Names of Participants:

Name	Class	Event	Place
Under 11 Boys			
Buvindu Manamperi	5B	50m Free Style	8th Place
		50m Back Stroke	13th Place
		200m Individual Medley	Qualified
Sithun Jeewakarathna	4A	50m Free Style	Qualified
Seniru Nagasinghe	5H	50m Free Style	Qualified
		200m Individual Medley	Qualified
Under 13 Boys			
Rithika Yatagampitiya	7G	50m Free Style	8th Place
		50m Back Stroke	3rd Place
		100m Free Style	6th Place
Under 13 Girls			
Hiruki Yatagampitiya	7G	50m Free Style	11th Place
		50m Back Stroke	7th Place
		50m Butterfly Stroke	Qualified
Roosara Hewawasam	7D	50m Free Style	Qualified
Under 15 Boys			
Lisara Lokuhetti	8E	200m Individual Medley	Qualified
Under 18 Boys			
Sehandu Abeyratne	9 Nat B	50m Free Style	Qualified



Lyceum Leadership Conference 2019

Lyceum Leadership Conference (LLC) came to an end with over 170 prefects from the Lyceum Group of International Schools taking part.

This is the first such event of its nature in the history of Lyceum, organised by the Prefects' Guild of Lyceum International School Nugegoda for the year 2018/2019.

This two day conference provided a platform for prefects of all the Lyceum schools to get to know each other better and take full advantage of the diversity in ideas and backgrounds offered by a comprehensive network of schools across the country. We hope that this will be the first of many such events in the future that are designed for the future leaders of this country.

All participants engaged in a mix of training sessions on a number of different topics, including a social event where they all got to know each other better and had fun. The final day of the leadership conference comprised of outdoor physical training sessions and motivational lectures by reputed resource personnel.

The prefects' forum which was held at the end of this event created a platform for prefects from all schools to discuss the challenges that lay ahead and their way forward.

The conference came to an end on a high note with the address by the Coordinating Principal Dr. Kumari Grero which added much value to this programme.



THE YOUNG BIOLOGY EXPLORERS OF LYCEUM

This club of young explorers first began back in October 2018 with the idea of exploring biology outside of the classroom. It started off with a few students from grade 10 who visited the Beddagana Wetland Park, Diyasaru Biodiversity Park and the Seethawaka Botanical Gardens and conducted ecological surveys. They also visited the medical exhibition held at the BMICH where they learnt about human biology from a different perspective. Today the club has grown to include students from grade 9 and 11 too.

As their first major endeavour, the young explorers began a butterfly gardening project in our own school under the guidance of the members of the BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA (BCSSL). Inspired by the butterfly garden at Diyasaru, the students collected the adult feeding plants and larval food plants and introduced them to the existing garden at Lyceum. Within a month they witnessed new butterfly visitors not formerly seen in the school garden. Over a period of three months, the club members had introduced over 25 species of butterfly plants and observed over 20 species of butterflies. The project not only enables new learning, it helps in conservation of the environment, has sparked an interest and created awareness among many staff members in our school. This is an on-going project and we hope it will inspire you to do butterfly gardening in your own home gardens too.



**INFORMATICS
INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY**

Message from the
GOLD SPONSOR
of Lyceum Leadership
Conference 2019

The Informatics Institute of Technology (IIT) was established in 1990 as the first private higher education institute that awards reputed British higher education in the field of Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Business.

Over the course of three decades IIT has not only established itself as a pioneer in education but has also produced many successful entrepreneurs and engineers that have contributed to both local and international corporate and government entities. Up to date, IIT has produced over 3000 graduates that have annexed themselves in eminent positions in many companies in Sri Lanka and abroad.

IIT offers BEng (Hons) Software Engineering, BSc (Hons) Computer Science, BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems and BA (Hons) Business Management internal degrees from University of Westminster, UK. Several entry paths to the degree programmes such as the Foundation Programme in Higher Education in business and IT are also offered. IIT also offers MSc Advanced Software Engineering, MA Fashion Business Management and MSc Cyber Security & Forensics from the University of Westminster while MSc Big Data Analytics and MSc Business Analytics programmes are offered by Robert Gordon University, UK.



Message from the
PLATINUM SPONSOR
of Lyceum Leadership
Conference 2019

The Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) - Sri Lanka is a truly multinational operation established in partnership with Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation, Malaysia (APU) and Staffordshire University, UK. We provide internationally recognized higher education with a view to producing globally competitive graduates who will meet the demands of modern society and contribute to socio-economic development.

Over the 19 years of existence in Sri Lanka, APIIT has grown in stature & trained more than 3,200 highly resourceful and enterprising graduates in Business Management, Computing/IT and Law. Today, APIIT-Sri Lanka offers a wide range of internal British degrees (undergraduate & postgraduate) in Computing, Business and Law. With 1,200 students in enrolment and an annual intake of approximately 500 students, we are the largest provider of foreign degree programmes (transnational education – TNE) in Sri Lanka.

The cornerstone of success has been the consistent upholding of high standards and quality of education programmes. This is achieved through constant attention to critical factors that underpin quality, namely, recruitment of highly qualified and competent lecturers, strategic investments to maintain the teaching facilities at the cutting-edge and efficient delivery and management of educational programmes.

GENERAL POINTS

- It is compulsory that students bring the SRB daily to school, else they will be held at the gate.
- All pre - primary and primary parents must bring the student ID card to pick students afterschool.
- Please refrain from contacting teachers on their personal mobile numbers. If there is a need to clarify details on school related matters, please contact the official numbers of the school.
- Please cooperate with the security and the school staff at all times and kindly bear in mind that everyone's main concern is the safety of the children.
- All parents are requested to come on time to pick students to avoid any inconvenience.
- Kindly note that birthday cakes will not be accepted due to security reasons. Therefore please do not bring or send any cakes to school through your child.
- No food/meals/snacks or other parcels will be accommodated at the gate by school security until further notice. Please send enough meals and snacks when your child is dropped in the morning.
- Dear parent, please note if your child is having any skin abrasions / rashes or any skin ailments, swimming will not be permitted in the school swimming pool.

SCHOOL FEES

Please make sure school fees are paid on time to avoid the surcharge. Kindly note that requests to waive off the surcharge will not be accommodated.

Marks for Swimming - 2nd Semester Examination

Please note that students will be tested as follows :

- Grade 1 - 5 Students will have their swimming test between 17th June and 17th July 2019 during the respective swimming period of their class.
- Grade 6 and above students who have selected swimming as an extra-curricular activity will be tested during "Learn to swim" classes held between 17th June and 17th July 2019 from 2.00 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

Parent Teacher Day

Please note that the Parent Teacher Day scheduled to be held on 4th and 5th July 2019 is cancelled. School will be in session as usual for students on these days.

Important Notices

- Please complete the Co-Curricular Activities form and handover to the class teacher on or before the deadline given in the form.
- All students following Chemistry should wear the safety spectacles which are available in the lab. Students must wash and wipe the safety spectacles before using. This is not compulsory for students who are currently wearing spectacles.
- A lost report card will cost Rs. 500. A letter from the parents is required to issue a new report.
- Please keep your report safely for the next few years. As mentioned previously, Nursery students have to use the same report card given at the end of the term till the end of Pre Grade. Grade 1 students must use the same report card until Grade 5. Grade 6 students must use till Grade 12. A new report card will be issued only in Nursery, Grade 1 and Grade 6 from the next academic year onwards.

Some guidance on hearing your child read.

Before you begin reading

- * Have a look through the book before you begin your reading session, so you have an idea where your child might need help. Some books (such as the Daisy Lane Home - School Readers) include notes and ideas for how you can support your child.
- * Sit down together; place the book so both of you can see it.
- * Don't go straight into the book 'cold'. Talk about the cover and suggest some ideas about the story: for example, 'I wonder if...'. Make sure that your child is eager to read.

As you read

- * Use praise to show your child what he or she is doing right.
- * Remember that we all learn by our mistakes. When children are learning to read they will make mistakes. They need to know that this is OK. They need to feel confident. Always praise them for 'having a go'.
- * Talk about the story - it will help your child to make sense of what he or she is reading.
- * Don't make the session too long. Ten minutes is probably enough. A number of short sessions are always better than one long session. If it's a struggle - stop! Try again some other time.
- * Always end on a positive note, with lots of praise.

