

Lyceum Newsletter

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- 1st August * Paper discussions - Grades 1-11
- * Graduation - Grade 3
- 2nd August * Finalising marks and reports (holiday for Grades 1 to 11 students)
- 3rd August * School closes for students
- 4th August * Issuance of reports. Parent-Teacher Day (school holiday for students)
- 5th August * Issuance of reports. Parent Teacher Day (school holiday for students)
- 17th August * Holiday - Nikini Poya Day
- 29th August * School reopens for teachers.
- 30th August * Staff development programme.
- 31st August * Handing over textbooks & stationery to Class Teachers : Nursery to Grade 2
- * Meeting with Class Teachers (Grades 3 - 12) according to surnames - A to L
- 1st September * Handing over text books & stationery to Class Teachers : Nursery to Grade 2
- * Meeting with Class Teachers (Grades 3 - 12) according to surnames - M to Z
- 5th September * School commences for students.

(September calendar will be continued in August month)

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Please note that on the last day of school of every term, parents will not be allowed to visit the school office, as we will be busy with internal matters pertaining to the school.

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairytales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales"

- Albert Einstein

MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER, MR. MOHAN LAL GRERO



I want you to find a little ant in your room, then put your hand in front of it to block its path and see what the ant will do.

The ant will just change its direction and go around your hand. Now put your hand once again in front of the ant and it will change its direction again. Keep blocking the ant's path and it will keep changing its direction until you get bored!

The ant has a certain life goal and as soon as someone blocks its path, it changes its direction in a few seconds to find another route.

If you want to reach your goals in life you don't need to do much more than the ant does!

Have you ever seen an ant crying because someone blocked its path? Or have you seen three ants talking about how hard it is to reach a goal these days?

Ants never do so, but we humans are professionals at crying over spilt milk and making a fuss whenever we fail to reach a goal.

If the route you've been taking isn't working, try a different route. If you lack the skills that you need to reach your goal, then develop those skills and try again. If you fail to reach a goal because of a mistake you made, then try once again, avoiding that mistake.

Do you know why few people reach their goals, while the majority doesn't?

It's because the former group of people never bother wasting time telling others why they failed. They just keep going forward until they make it while the latter group wastes time in regrets and complaints.

Remember, just do as the ant did and change your path whenever something blocks your way and keep going till you reach your goal.



MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATING PRINCIPAL, MRS. KUMARI GRERO

Dear Parents,

I would greatly appreciate it if you could read the few words 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.
- * It is useless even if your child gets "World's Best" at OL and AL examinations if he/she 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. But 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. This will kill their reading habit.
- * Reading will make your child knowledgeable, creative and make it very easy for him/her to learn any other subjects. **(Mrs.) Kumari Grero**

SHB 1 (page 64)

Please do not send your child, specially Grade 7 and upwards to parties, discotheques, etc. Please refer SHB 1 (page 64 - Outside Activities / Parties).

CHANGE MONEY

Please send change money for purchases from the canteen.

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.

DAHAM PASALA

We are conducting a Daham Pasala at Siri Dhammaramaya Temple, Nugegoda in English medium on Saturdays from 7.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon for Grades 1 to 10.

The PARENT - TEACHER DAY

The Parent - Teacher Day will be held on 4th & 5th August 2016

Please follow the schedule given below.

Surnames beginning with	Times to meet the teachers
4 th } A, B, C, D	7.45 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.
August } E, F, G, H	9.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.
2016 } I, J, K, L	11.45 a.m. - 1.45 p.m.
5 th } M, N, O, P	7.45 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.
August } Q, R, S	9.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.
2016 } T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	11.45 a.m. - 1.45 p.m.

We would appreciate it if you could note down your problems beforehand, as only 5 minutes will be allocated to you with the teacher. We request all parents to strictly follow both the day and the time allocated to avoid congestion. Students (Grade 1 and above) should come in school uniform and gray socks and black shoes, if they wish to accompany the parents. They may not come in the P.T. kit.



Memos to Parents & Guardians



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AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A TEACHER

Are you a School Leaver/Knowledge seeker or a parent who wants to assist your children.
LYCEUM ACADEMY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION CONDUCTS THE FOLLOWING DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

Programme	Class Day	Time
(1) Diploma in Early Childhood Development Education	Saturday	8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
(2) Diploma in Primary School Teaching	Wednesday & Friday	2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
(3) Diploma in English Language Teaching	Saturday	8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
(4) Diploma in Teaching Science	Saturday	8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
(5) Diploma in Teaching Mathematics	Saturday	8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
(6) Diploma Programme in Swimming Instruction	Sunday	9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Curriculum consists of Theory, Practice and Application & free printed material.

- (a) **Application and Registration fee Rs. 1,000/-**
- (b) **Course fee Rs. 36,000/-**
- (c) **Science and Maths Rs. 42,000/-.** An easy payment structure is available.

[Eventually can proceed to BEd Degree in Education studies conducted by Acquinas University affiliated to Catholic University, Australia or Bachelor Degree conducted by Kaatsu Internal University [KIU], Battaramulla.]

Contact: Registrar, Lyceum Academy for Teacher Education, Lyceum International School, Nugegoda.

Telephone no. 2829744-45 / 2822387 / Fax: 4301120 / Ext. 125

Please note following days and happenings;

- (1) Inaugural of Diploma in Primary & English programmes at Gampaha - LIS on 1st July 2016 at 3.00 p.m.
- (2) Inaugural of Diploma in Primary, English & Early Childhood Programmes at Nugegoda - LIS on 17th July 2016 at 3.00 p.m.
- (3) Diploma Awards Ceremony at Gampaha - LIS on 15th July 2016 at 3.00 p.m.

FINES & REPLACEMENTS FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

For fiction and textbooks the fine will be Rs. 10 per day for overdue books.

Fiction

- * From 36 to 120 days Rs. 360/-.
- * If the book is damaged a new book will be requested plus the fine.
- * If the book is returned after 4 months, the fine will be Rs. 360 plus a new book.
- * If the book is lost, a new book plus the relevant fine will be requested (a new book should be given to the librarian within 2 weeks).
- * If the book is returned after 6 months, you will be asked to give 2 fiction books plus a fine of Rs. 360/-.
- * All donations of new works of fiction to the library will require the approval of the librarian.

Textbooks

- * From 150 to 300 days a fine of Rs. 1,500 will be charged.
- * If the book is returned after 300 days half of computer fine charged.
- * If the book is lost, the new book must be the same title and edition as the lost one. If it is not available, a textbook of a similar title/content has to be provided with the relevant fines.

IMPORTANT!
Please note that there are important notices in every newsletter. Therefore, it is compulsory for every parent and student to read the newsletter.



ENGLISH SINGING COMPETITION 2016 JUNIOR - FINAL RESULTS

	<i>GIRLS</i>			<i>BOYS</i>	
Grade 3			Grade 3		
1 st place	Prajna Hariharan	3B	1 st place	Nabeel Irshad	3G
2 nd place	Dinudi Fernando	3K	2 nd place	Yoshitha Ginige	3J
3 rd place	Dulansa Kuruppuarachchi	3E	3 rd place	Hovindu Watawala	3K
Grade 4			Grade 4		
1 st place	Senadi Gamage	4C	1 st place	Jehan Cassim	4D
2 nd place	Umeja Ranasinghe	4B	2 nd place	Thisath Senanayake	4I
3 rd place	Romalaa Gunasekara	4B	3 rd place	Vihanga Neeranjana	4J
Grade 5			Grade 5		
1 st place	Tharusha Karunasekara	5E	1 st place	Dileesha De Mal	5D
2 nd place	Swashthika Gobinath	5D	2 nd place	Anuhas Perera	5F
3 rd place	Vinulya Weerasinghe	5E	3 rd place	Mahen Kanakkahewage	5H

SIX MONTH RULE

For students participating in any event organized by the International Schools Association

Please note that The International Schools of Sri Lanka (TISSL) has decided that if a student changes from one member school to another member school, he/she cannot represent the new school in TISSL events until 6 months have passed. This does not apply to students leaving school after OL and joining the AL class at the beginning of the 2nd year programme, but if the students joined the AL class midway, the 6 month rule applies.

**NURSERY, PRE-GRADE, GRADES 1 & 5
SCHOOL IDENTITY CARD**

Please note that when you (or an authorised person) come to pickup your child, entry to the school premises will be granted only if you have your child's School Identity Card. If you do not have this card, you will have to remain outside the School Gate until the rush is over. Then your identity will be ascertained and your child will be handed over.

APPEAL TO PARENTS

If you notice any child misbehaving or in a risky situation without adult/parental supervision outside the school premises, in school uniform, please inform us on 0773483066 immediately. We thank you for your cooperation.

Please note that students while in school uniform, cannot visit establishments outside the school premises after school, unless prior written permission is obtained from the Director / Principal / Deputy Principal / Warden / Head Mistress.

**DEAR PARENTS OF GRADE 6 - 8
STUDENTS,**

Listening Comprehension tests for English, Sinhala, Tamil and French will be held from 8th to 15th July 2016 (during the week prior to the Semester II Examination). The marks gained will account for 10% to 15% of the student's semester marks. Therefore, please ensure that your child is not absent from school during this week.

ABSENCE NOTICES

Your child's absence notice in the SRB should be brought to school on the same day he/she comes back to school after getting absent.

COOKERY GRADES 6, 7, 8

Please note that it is compulsory for students to wear an apron and a cap which covers the entire head during cookery lessons.

THE GRADE ONE ORIENTATION WEEK

The orientation week is dedicated to the children's enjoyment through listening, speaking, song, dance and other activities, for them to develop a love of school. This is simply adopting and adapting some of the activities the children enjoyed in the Pre Grade class to encourage children. It is hoped that they would see that school life in Grade 1 is a continuation of what they have enjoyed so far, at least to some extent. This can ease the transition from informal education in Pre Grade to formal in Grade 1.

One of the features of the orientation week is that children are not challenged to write, because writing is more difficult for children in this age group. Since they do not have complete control over their fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination etc., burdening the child with the task of having to learn to write so early could slow down their overall development in learning. It is hoped that parents will not be over-concerned that there is no evidence of learning in their writing books.

During the orientation week, children continue to work in small groups. This creates an atmosphere where each child is recognised by the peers in his group as an individual, rather than as one in a large class. The group work pattern is continued right through Grade 1 and will give the child greater self-confidence and an opportunity for him/her to discover himself/herself.

Certain aspects of formal education are also introduced during the orientation week. In the Pre Grade class, the children use kinship terms, (eg. aunty) to address their teachers. The formal way of addressing a teacher is introduced during the orientation week. Children learn to use the terms 'Miss. Tamara' or 'Teacher', with the former being preferred.

The enjoyable thematic learning activities such as 'water play' in Pre Grade are replaced with activities more focused on revision, such as 'shapes', 'numbers' and 'colours'. All the activities are supported by audio aids, and where possible, by video.

It is believed that an orientation week will create appreciable changes in attitudes towards learning in children, parents and teachers. Making things better and easier for the children depends on how the idea is perceived and the input from our dear parents.



Our Camp provides students with a community of caring mentors who provide experiential education that leads to self-respect and appreciation for life. We embrace the philosophy that these experiences challenge students physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually and help them realise their potential. By offering outside-the classroom experiences, these programmes take students out of their comfort zones by exposing them to new situations in a totally different sphere of experience. It is an excellent confidence builder. The programmes in our camp help students to grow and develop team building and leadership skills. When they travel to locations outside the school, they experience unfamiliar cultures and participate in activity based programmes and gain an appreciation and a better understanding of how others live.

The programmes in the camp encourage problem solving, creative and lateral thinking and coping skills both as individuals and as part of a team. It fosters self-esteem, independence, which in turn develop a great leader. It ensures resilience in an exciting and safe environment by offering an opportunity to build friendships. They spend the day being physically active and unplugged from technology which enable them to grow more independent and learn social skills. They reconnect with Nature and travel to historical places.

Safety is our primary focus. We ensure that good quality equipment is used. Each of our activities is preceded by safety briefings from our trained staff. Our challenging activities are guaranteed to build trust, promote leadership abilities and team skills. Our school leadership programme helps to develop both personal and inter-personal skills in a unique and secure learning environment, ensuring an experience that will both broaden students' educational base and have an impact on them for many years to come.



Dear Parents,

Please be informed that when a parent (and not both parents) is forwarding an application or giving notice to the school to remove a child admitted to Lyceum International School, the Principal or the Director(s) of the school have the absolute authority to approve the said application made by either of the parents and that they are not bound under any circumstances to consult the other parent to obtain his/her consent for the said removal.

CONTACT YOUR CHILD AFTER SCHOOL

Due to requests made by some parents, school has considered of allowing students to carry a contactable device introduced by Dialog. The device is called "Dialog Suraksha" which allows the students to contact parents through maximum of 4 numbers decided by the parent. The above device can only be controlled by the parent. The device should be kept switched off during school time and can activated after school. Parents who wish their children to carry this device can obtain further details from any Dialog Customer Service Center or On-line. Please note that the restriction on using mobile phones still applies to all students.

PERMISSION TO WEAR SANDALS / SLIPPERS

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

Congratulations Ms.Damithri !

The Lyceum Management wishes to congratulate Ms. Damithri Guneratne, the Grade 6 French Coordinator of Lyceum Nugegoda for winning a teacher training scholarship to France awarded by the French government. Only two such scholarships are awarded to Sri Lankans each year and Ms. Damithri was chosen after a competition open to all French teachers in Sri Lanka. We are very proud of her achievement and wish her the best of luck. During her absence, the other teachers of the French department will be replacing her. Bon voyage!

HEALTH AWARENESS

As we are currently experiencing a significant increase in the number of children with influenza in school, we kindly advise parents to be vigilant with regard to your child's state of health.

We find that many children return to school while still on medication or before they are fully recovered from the flu, which puts other children and staff members at risk.

Please note that when returning to school after **dengue fever**, a copy of the diagnosis card will need to be submitted to the school nurse.

ATHLETICS & SWIMMING

This is to inform you that your child's Athletics & Swimming final timing (related to a particular time trial or a selection) can be obtained from the Sports Department on every Wednesday from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

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.

LOSS OF 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 giving full details of how the loss occurred, to the Class Teacher which in turn will be 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/-.

GIFTS

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