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## MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER MR. MOHAN LAL GRERO

Sometimes we come across stories that encourage us to dream big, to think positive and to never give up.

We are inspired by the strength of the human spirit and we learn how to be better people, more sensitive, supportive, kind and loving. Here is one such story. It is about a man named Monty Roberts.



When Roberts was just a young boy, his father as a horse trainer moved from stable to stable, from ranch to ranch, training horses. Thus, the boy's school career was constantly interrupted. One day, when he was a senior, his teacher asked him to write about what he wanted to be when he grew up. He did not hesitate a minute and wrote a seven-page essay about his aim to be an owner of a horse ranch. He wrote many details and drew a location of buildings and stables and even a detailed house plan.

Two days later he received his paper back with an "F" on the front page. After class he came up to the teacher and asked, "Why did I receive an F?" The teacher responded, "This dream is so unrealistic for a boy like you who has no money, no resources and who comes from a low class family. There is no possibility that you will achieve such a great goal".

The boy went home and told his father what the teacher had said. His father answered, "We cannot change how your teacher feels about you. But it shouldn't change how you feel about yourself". After several days the boy brought the same paper to his teacher. No changes were made. He said to his teacher, "You can keep the F on my paper and I will keep my dream".

Later on in life, Monty Roberts went on to live in a 4,000 square foot house in the middle of a 200 acre horse ranch. His school paper was framed and hung over the fireplace.

Always follow your heart and never let anyone steal your dreams. They may seem difficult to reach, but you will be amazed by what you can accomplish when you stay determined.

## LYCEUM STUDENT SILUNI WALAKULUARCHCHI DOES SRI LANKA PROUD AT 20TH INTERNATIONAL UCMAS ABACUS AND MENTAL ARITHMETIC COMPETITION



The 20<sup>th</sup> International UCMAS Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Competition – 2015 organized by Indian Head office of UCMAS: guidance from UCMAS International head office Malaysia, was held at North campus, University of Delhi, recently.

Six year old Siluni Tharulya Sandakini Gaganathara Walakuluarchchi, a Grade two student of Lyceum International School, Nugegoda represented Sri Lanka and won the 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up award in the Intermediate "B" category. ( She attempted 100 addition, subtraction and 50 multiplication and 50 division sums.) This is particularly significant as Siluni was the youngest person to participate in the Intermediate " B " category, competing with around 3000 children to qualify for the International competition, where a total of 11,000 children participated from different parts of the world.

Please take  
your child on  
a bus trip or a  
train trip.





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## **GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE FROM LYCEUM NUGEGODA LITTLE FRIENDS**

The students of Lyceum International School, Nugegoda embarked on a project to donate Library books to school children from underprivileged areas in the Anuradhapura district.



The Little Friends of Lyceum Nugegoda with the blessings and instructions of Mrs. Kumari Grero, Coordinating Principal and Mr. Nikitha Grero, Director, started the project.

## **LYCEUM TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

Parents are invited to join the Toastmasters Club. It is a good method to improve your speaking abilities. To become a member a payment is required. The first three meetings are free of charge for you to observe the proceedings.



## **MONTHLY TEST**

From next term, monthly tests will not be held for Grade 11 and 12. Instead the usual end of term exams will be held. This is to allocate time for teaching, tutorials, etc.

Please note and abide by the following time frames when you are planning to visit the Administration office.

- \* Meeting with the Coordinating Principal, Principal & Deputy Principals (open day) - **Yellow pass** - Every Wednesday 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon. (for Coordinating Principal please call in the morning and check before coming)
- \* Handing over of Admission forms & Admission payments (Nursery / Pre-Grade / Grade 1 to 12) - **Yellow pass** - Week days 8.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.
- \* Payments made to - **Ms. Marie** - Administration Office - Weekdays 7.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.
- \* Collection of O/L & A/L Certificates - **Yellow pass** - Every Friday 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.
- \* Issuing and collecting of leaving certificates & recommendation letters from the Career Guidance Department - **Yellow pass** - Weekdays 8.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.
- \* Visiting the Accounts Department - **Green pass** - Weekdays 8.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY OF LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL, NUGEGODA**

The Christmas party of the Lyceum International School Nugegoda, "Little Angels" was held amidst much celebration on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 at the school hall under the patronage of Chief Guest Pastor Damion. With the spirit of the festive season held high, he mentioned how proud he was of the Little Friends of the school.



The Guest of Honour Miss. Dimanthi Gunewardhane, National Secretary of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association, requested the support of the Little Friends in the association in order to take the movement forward.

## **BUDDHISM TEXT BOOK - GRADES 1-5**

Please send the above text book on the days your child has Buddhism in school.

## **CHANGE OF SUBJECT**

Changing subjects during a term will result in losing marks for the subjects at the Semester Exam.





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## **CBEE 16 JAMBOREE: AN ACTION PACKED LEARNING EXPERIENCE**

For a duration of six days, the Canterbury Agricultural Park in Christchurch, New Zealand was transformed into a city of tents, teeming with 1362 girl guides from New Zealand, Canada, Australia, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Ireland and Fiji, who arrived to participate in the CBEE 16 Jamboree. The Sri Lankan team, comprising of a Guide Leader from 5<sup>th</sup> Colombo, 3 girl guides from 61<sup>st</sup> Sri Jayawardenapura, 3 guides from 5<sup>th</sup> Colombo and 2 guides from 11<sup>th</sup> Kandy attended the six-day camp held from 6-12 January 2016.

Students of Lyceum International School, Anudi Lewis, Asini Wanasekara and Yadusha Ravindran received the opportunity to take part in the jamboree as the girl guides from 61<sup>st</sup> Sri Jayawardenapura.

## **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS (ISAC)**

The ISAC, which will be hosted by Lyceum International School, Nugegoda will be held at the Mahinda Rajapaksha Stadium, Diyagama on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. each day. Tickets are available at Rs. 350/- each at the entrance. We look forward to your presence.

Please do not park your vehicle along Petersz Place or Saparamadu Mawatha.



## **APPEAL TO PARENTS**

If you notice any child misbehaving outside the school premises in school uniform, please inform 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.

## **SRB**

Please note that it compulsory that a child has his/her SRB in his/her hand or that it is seen easily in the bag when he/she enters school in the morning.

## **LYCEUM ALUMNI CLINCHES BASKETBALL TROPHY**

The alumni basketball team of Lyceum International School won the Duncan Jayawardena Basketball Challenge Trophy 2016, scoring 78-54 against the present under-19 basketball team of Lyceum International School.

This was hosted by the Alumni Association of Lyceum International School. The event was held in order to felicitate Mr. Duncan Jayawardena, former coach of the school (2001- 2006).

## **GRADE 12 STUDENTS**

Please apply for colours on or before 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

If you have lost anything, please come and look in the "Lost and Found" cupboard near the canteen. These items will be kept for 2 weeks from the date found. Please label all your child's belongings.

## **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

Your child will be taken to the Kalubowila Accident Service and you will be informed immediately.

## **LYCEUM CAPS**

Please note that if any student has to wear a cap with the school uniform, it should be a Lyceum cap. Also, unless it is raining, caps should not be worn inside the school premises.

IF YOUR CHILD IS JEALOUS,  
THE REASON MIGHT BE THAT YOU  
**COMPARED**  
HIM/HER WITH OTHERS  
**CONSISTENTLY**





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## ENCIRCLING THE STUPA WITH YELLOW ROPE

### (KANCHUKA POOJA)

The Kanchuka pooja which is organised by Lyceum International, Anuradhapura branch, will be held at the Anuradhapura branch on 27th February at Ruwanwelisaya at 2.00 p.m. All are cordially invited. Students from every Lyceum branch will be participating.



## SRI LANKAN NATIONAL FLAG

The flag of Sri Lanka, also called the Lion Flag or the Sinha Flag, consists of a yellow lion, holding a kastane sword in its right fore paw, in front of a dark red background with four golden bo leaves, one in each corner. Around the background is a yellow border, and to its left are two vertical stripes of equal size in green and saffron, with the saffron stripe closest to the lion. The lion represents the Sinhalese ethnicity and the bravery of the nation and its yellow colour represents Buddhism, while the four Bo leaves represent the four main concepts of Buddhism : Metta, Karuna, Mudita and Upekkha. The orange stripe represents the Tamils, the green stripe represents Moors and the maroon background represents the majority Sinhalese, like the lion. The flag has a yellow border representing unity and Buddhism. It was adopted in 1950, following the recommendations of a committee appointed by the 1st Prime Minister of Ceylon , Hon. D. S. Senanayake.



## LYCEUM ANURADHAPURA OPENS NEW SWIMMING POOL

The opening ceremony was held at No. 128, Isurupura, New Kandy Road, Anuradhapura 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016.



Religious clergy, Hon. Minister Duminda Dissanayake, Mrs. Dilrukshi Peiris- Lyceum Anuradhapura Headmistress, Mr. Nikitha Grero - Director, and other distinguished guests graced the event along with the students. "This is another milestone in the three year history of Lyceum International School Anuradhapura," said the Director, Mr. Nikitha Grero commenting on the event, "and Lyceum will extend its effort to provide high quality international education for the Anuradhapura district with a Sri Lankan identity."

### SCHOOL SERVICE (Van)

Starting from Piliyandala, Bokundara, Verahera, Boralesgamuwa, Divulapitiya, Nugegoda.  
Contact: Mr. Bimal. Tel: 0777-131234

Please spend more time with your children. At least have dinner together and speak with them. Before you know it, your children will be adults and leave you. Cherish the time you have with them now!



Mrs. Kumari Grero

Please send suggestions to the Coordinating Principal in writing, regarding the ways in which we can conduct the O/L and A/L subject selection meeting in a more productive manner, so that parents and students can gain more.

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