



PLEASE NOTE THAT IMPORTANT NOTICES ARE CARRIED IN EVERY NEWSLETTER. THEREFORE, IT IS COMPULSORY FOR EVERY PARENT AND STUDENT TO READ THE NEWSLETTER.

ACTIVITIES IN MARCH 2017

- 03rd March Grade 3-5 Concert (Rehearsals)
07th March Grade 3-5 Concert
08th March Inter-house Drama Competition (Rehearsals)
10th March Inter-house Drama Competition
Maathra 10 - Audition (Gr. 5 to 12-Girls & Boys)
11th March KAT (Kiddies Activity Time)
21st March First Semester Examination - Gr. 9N & 10N
22nd March Second Examination - Gr. 10 Cam. & 12
First Semester Examination - Gr. 9, 10N, 11N
23rd March Second Examination - Gr. 10 Cam. & 12
First Semester Exam - Gr. 6 to 9, 10N, 11N
24th March Second Examination - Grade 10 Cam. & 12
First Semester Exam - Gr. 1 to 9, 10N, 11N
27th March Second Examination - Gr. 10 Cam. & 12
First Semester Exam - Gr. 1 to 9, 10N, 11
28th March Second Examination - Gr. 10 Cam & 12
First Semester Exam - Gr. 1 to 9, 10N, 11
29th March Second Examination - Gr. 10 Cam. & 12
First Semester Exam - Gr. 1 to 9, 10N, 11
30th March Test paper correction
(Holiday for Grades 1 to 12 students)
31st March Test paper correction
(Holiday for Grades 1 to 12 students)

BE PROUD OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

DEAR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS,

Please see that all students are dressed smartly in uniform. Please send your child in a new/nearly new uniform, polished shoes and neatly combed hair. As students are informed, if they fail to adhere to the dress code, parents will be called and students will be sent home.

Please do not give their old uniforms to anybody or put them in the garbage bin. You can hand over old uniforms to the school sickroom.

MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER MR. 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.

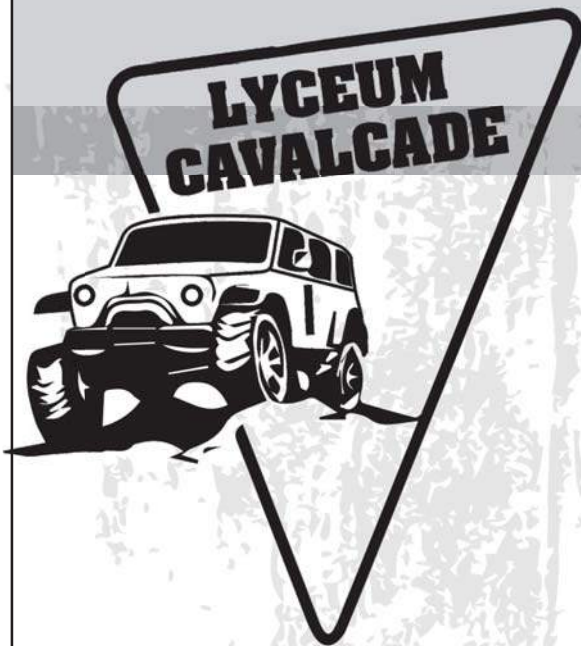
In 2009, an 11 year old girl began blogging on BBC Urdu about the takeover, by a group of extremists, of her hometown, under the pseudonym Gul Makai. The extremists denied a girls' right to go to school. Her classmates began dropping out for fear of becoming targets. An impending ban on girls in schools 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?

SPECIAL EVENTS



“CAVALCADE - 2016” was held on 29th January 2017, under the patronage of Lyceum International School, Anuradhapura in the School’s vicinity, with representatives from Lyceum Main School, and all other branches, to mark the 26th anniversary of Lyceum Network of International Schools.

Lyceum Ratnapura was represented by 10 students and 5 teachers, under the theme “Save Wild Life”, symbolizing which an exquisitely - welded iron effigy of a ‘ Black Panther ’ was paraded in the cavalcade.

Our thanks go to the students, teachers and other staffs for taking part in this Anniversary Celebration.

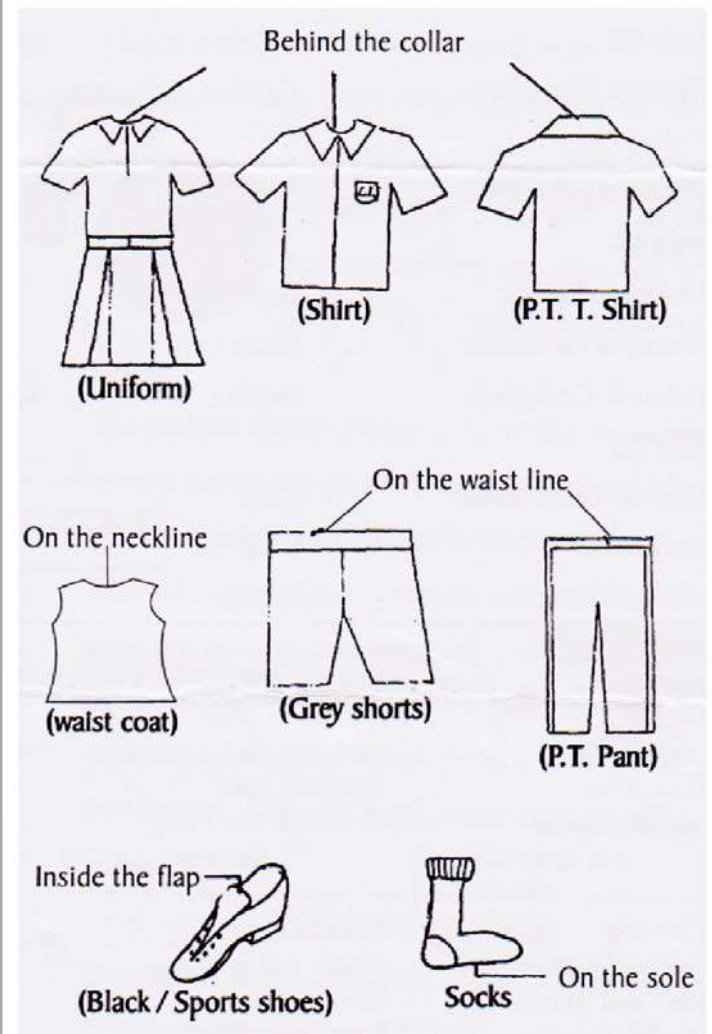


MEMOS TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



UNIFORMS

Please write your child's name and grade on uniforms in the places indicated below (using a permanent marker on the inside of the uniform). Also write the name and grade on the towel and underwear, as it will be easy to sort their clothes specially when they go for swimming.



DEAR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS,

Please train your children to be clean and keep the surrounding environment clean and tidy as well.

Coordinating Principal

RAINY DAYS



Please send an umbrella or a raincoat on rainy days.



SPECIAL EVENTS

69TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The 69th Independence Day of Sri Lanka was ceremoniously commemorated in Lyceum Ratnapura on 2nd & 3rd February 2017, by Nursery Students and Grade 1 - 12 students respectively.

On 02nd February, Nursery kids, dressed in indigenous attire, and carrying national flags, made a kiddies' assembly where they eagerly listened to their teachers.

The Celebration of the Primary & Upper Schools (03rd February) consisted of patriotic songs, a cultural performance and speeches in all three languages, i.e. Sinhala, Tamil & English.



CERTIFICATES & DOCUMENTS OF SCHOOL LEAVERS

Please note that the leaving certificates or other documents of school leavers need time to be processed, (clearance, checking etc.). Therefore, please apply for them at least seven working days in advance.

AN APPEAL TO THE PARENTS

Parents are kindly requested to check the child's time table daily and send only the relevant books for the day to avoid children carrying unnecessary weight in their bags. Carrying weight in excess increases physical stress, which eventually produces lethargy, fatigue and inability to concentrate in class.

CAREER & HIGHER EDUCATION DAY - 2017

The Career & Higher Education Day was held on 16th February 2017, with 21 representatives from various educational institutions, including foreign universities. Students of Grade 8 & above attended the session, accompanied by parents, for consultations and further vocational guidance.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the universities for their kind presence at the CAHE – 2016 programme.

The hard work done by the Student Counselor, Ms. Sewwandi Kasthuriarachchi, the teachers and other staff members is highly appreciated.



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Mega Cultural Festival of Lyceum 2017

Auditions (Gr. 5-12, Girls & Boys)

on 09 / 03 / 2017
from 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.
@ Kandyan Dancing Room

If unable to attend on this day,
please give your name to KD teachers.



PRINCIPAL

SPORTS NEWS

INTER HOUSE ATHLETIC MEET 2016/17

The Annual Athletic Meet of Lyceum Ratnapura, was held at *Arena Nike* (School Grounds) on 14th February 2017, witnessed by a large number of parents and well-wishers. Mr. Chaminda Kodikara, Provincial Cricket Coach (Sabaragamuwa), and Mr. Gihan Weerasinghe, President, Ratnapura District Cricket Association graced the event as Guests of Honour.

The occasion consisted of athletic events including a class race by Grade 1 & 2 students, a colourful drill display, a gymnastic display and a spectacular cultural performance depicting a triumphant return of the versatile warrior King *Rawana*, into the midst of modern-day athletes.

House Aquila (377 points) had a convincing victory over House Cetus (275 points) while House Ursa with 230 points, was placed third.

CHAMPION ATHLETES

Under 06 Boys	- Disas Huvin Rathnayake (Cygnus)	Under 16 Boys	- Samud Dulshan (Aquila)
Under 06 Girls	- Senuthi Sihansa (Cygnus)	Under 16 Girls	- Umanga Wijethunga (Cetus) Gayali Gunaratne (Cygnus)
Under 08 Boys	- Thirana Losandu (Aquila)	Under 18 Boys	- Rajitha Chandrasekara (Cetus) Ousman Iqbar (Aquila) Sanji Poobalakumar (Cetus) Ushan Gunaratne (Ursa)
Under 08 Girls	- Imna Imtinaz (Aquila)	Under 18 Girls	- Pamudi Ratnayake (Ursa)
Under 10 Boys	- Dunitha Pothupitiya	Over 18 Boys	- Kalindu Bandara (Cetus)
Under 10 Girls	- Isali Geenadi (Cygnus) Hiruni Imasha (Aquila)	Over 18 Girls	- Lelumi Jagoda (Cetus)
Under 12 Boys	- Dineth Rajapakshe (Aquila)	Best Performance (Boys)	- Kalindu Bandara (Cetus) Asitha Athukorala (Aquila)
Under 12 Girls	- Anjalika Madhushani (Aquila)	Best Performance (Girls)	- Navodi Silva
Under 14 Boys	- Manidu Meraj (Ursa)		
Under 14 Girls	- Navodi Silva (Cetus) Nanujnani Loganathan (Aquila)		



CONGRATULATIONS ONELI !

We are pleased to announce that our student Oneli Vihanga Weerawardena of Grade 5 has been selected to represent **National Youth Chess Contingent in Asian Youth Chess Championship - 2017** to be held in Uzbekistan from 31st March to 8th April 2017.



GOOD LUCK

*Dear Parent,
Thank you very much for your encouraging participation at the Parent-Teacher Day & Career Day.*

NO Mobile phones
Facebook
Parties & gatherings



SPECIAL EVENTS

ENGLISH BEST SPEAKER CONTEST

GRADE 1-5

23RD JANUARY 2017 IN AEOLIAN HALL

WINNERS

Grade 1

- 1st Place - Thisali Kumarage
- 2nd Place - Kavishi Galukagama
- 3rd Place - Methuli Gamalath



Grade 2

- 1st Place - Vinudi Polgaswatta
- 2nd Place - Hesali Mundigala Arachchi
- 3rd Place - Senitha Sithmal



Grade 3

- 1st Place - Senadi Dihini
- 2nd Place - Janiru Bathila
- 3rd Place - Hasali Jayasinghe

Grade 4

- 1st Place - Ranugi Mundigalaarachchi
Damsandu Pothupitiya
- 3rd Place - Januly Akeesa



Grade 5

- 1st Place - Milni Ariyawansa
- 2nd Place - Sihasini Nanayakkara
- 3rd Place - Sathmi Linethma

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

MEETING THE PRINCIPAL

Please note that the open day for parents to meet the Principal is **Monday (not Wednesday)** from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. (Please check the availability before you come)

PARENTS' DRESS CODE

Please note that when visiting the school you should be conservatively dressed. i.e. the ladies preferably in Saree/ Shalwar/Frock (modest dress), blouse with sleeves and gentlemen in long trousers and shirt.

ENGLISH BEST SPEAKER CONTEST

GRADE 6-12

27TH JANUARY 2017 IN AEOLIAN HALL

WINNERS

Grade 6

- 1st Place - Dinethmi Dasunya
- 2nd Place - Sandya Dias
Nadithi Kalugampitiya



Grade 7

- 1st Place - Sanara Wathmini
- 2nd Place - Wethmin Geesanga
- 3rd Place - Sanuda Manathunga

Grade 8

- 1st Place - Vindiya Wickramathunga
- 2nd Place - Dilara Sesadi
- 3rd Place - Oshadha Attygalle



Grade 9

- 1st Place - Imalshi Liyanage
- 2nd Place - Amjad Nazeem
- 3rd Place - Althaf Ajmal

Grade 10

- 1st Place - Vethmi Abeyasinghe
- 2nd Place - Malshi Dayasiri
- 3rd Place - Rashmi Divyanjalee



Grade 11

- 1st Place - Umanga Wijetunga
- 2nd Place - Uvindu Wickramathunga
- 3rd Place - Nethmi Thotawatta

Grade 12

- 1st Place - Sayshanjali Srimuhunthar
- 2nd Place - Aashcharya Vidyalankara
- 3rd Place - Sachini Navodya



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !



CHILDREN'S PAGE

The following are the writings with the fewest mistakes, from the entries received.
Please note that they are unedited.

How can I fight Against Pollution?

In the modern world man fights a gruesome battle with nature. Man has started to act against our creator as we evolved. Man started to cut down her loving trees and her loving animal children. Who is destroying her? When this is asked man stays hushed. There is a little bit of kindness in man's heart but he listens to the evil stirring in his deep ^{with} heart. For he cannot hear mother nature pleading with bears not to hurt her children at that moment man is dumbfounded.

Us human's throw garbage into her flowing water. ~~how~~ and spits oil in oceans. We build factories and the smoke harms her sky. Nature is one of our lord's greatest creations. I am embarrassed to say this but the next generation will not be able to witness mother nature in her full glory. That is why I suggest to stop her misery and pain.

Now you might be wondering "How in the world can end this?" Don't worry. I've got your back. Step 1: Start ~~recy~~ recycling don't just throw salmon tin away. Step 2: Stop littering. If ~~thing~~ you see someone littering pick the trash up and throw it away. Step 3: Protect and grow trees. So that is all the tips. I've got. And remember "every action has a reaction".

Dinithi Dasunya Manathuaga
Grade: 6B



Value of trees

Trees are considered as one of the most valuable gifts mother nature has given us. No creature on earth can live without trees. Trees are helpful for us in countless many ways. People use trees for food, timber, for medicine, to store water and etc. They even use it for commercial purposes.

There are many types of trees such as large trees, plants, herbs, shrubs and climber. Mango trees, Apple trees, Bo-trees and various types of other trees are available in mother nature. Oxygen is one of the most important things and it is also produced by our beloved trees. Our planet Earth will ~~become~~ become deserted if trees ~~were~~ are not there. Trees help us in storing water as well.

Even trees are so valuable, man has not realized the value and misuse it. They have started to plunder its resources recklessly. They cut down lots of trees for commercial ~~pur~~ purposes. They have started deforestation and destroy our wonderful forests. We should not imitate them. All the students we should protect our trees. We all should join hands to take ~~strict~~ strict actions to stop deforestation.

N.L. Raju
Nourda Nimritha | 6/C

I am the Sun light

I'll light up the whole world, I'll be shining so bright!

I'm the sun light. I give you all light. I help plants for photosynthesis, by providing them light. That's not all I give daylight to the whole world. If I'm not there the whole world will be left to darkness. Early morning I meet lots and lots of birds. They chirp me good morning. I also say the same I have lots of friends.

Do you know that I'm a star? I'm the biggest star in the whole solar system. Without me all the planets will be floating where they like, unless I hold them with my gravity. And without me the green colour of the plants will fade away, so I give them my light.

Using my sun light you can ~~be~~ make solar electricity. Using my sun light only you see everything. That means without me you will be in darkness. You can get lots and lots of uses from me. Also you can use my bright light to dry your clothes. And in some very very cold countries sometimes I help them to stay warm. I also give you advantages from my sunlight. Do you know that I give you vitamin D from me in the morning. So remember "I'll light up the whole world and I'll be shining so bright."

N.L. Raju
Nardani Kalugampitiya
G-A

A historical or religious I like to visit again.

The place I like to visit again is the very big rock, Sigiriya. I have climbed Sigiriya just five months ago but the attracting beauty of beauty of the rock makes me want to go there again.

I love Sigiriya because ^{it is} ~~is~~ very high and the view we can get from there. I can still remember seeing faraway temples and forests so tiny when looking from more than hundred metres above. And the ruins of buildings which in the past were palaces. And also I am so amazed about how they got water to the top of the rock.

The paintings painted on the rock, which are supposed to be teenage girls who lived in the palaces to entertain the king, look ~~really~~ really life like. And the graffiti written by people who ^{were} ~~came~~ enchanted ^{to see} by the beauty of Sigiriya makes me feel like ^{so not so} ~~like~~ home.

Sigiriya, which is situated at Dambulla and is hovering above the city and village like a huge Giant, is a place named as the eighth wonder of the world. I am ~~leave~~ happy have the eighth wonder of the whole wide world in my country. And I am not surprised it's one is of my favorite places. I hope I can go there again.

N.L. Raju
Akithree Somantha
grade 6 D