



APOLLO Newsletter

NEWS & UPDATES

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"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."

-Helen Keller-

Message from our Patron
Dr. Mohan Lal Grero



Yesterday, the world celebrated "**White Cane Day**".

Therefore, I thought it an opportune moment to share with you a little story I read about a remarkable lady who was not only blind, but deaf as well.

It was a cold winter afternoon in 1920. A large number of people were waiting outside an exhibition hall in the city of New York to purchase tickets. Inside the hall, the manager seemed to be highly pleased. A large number of people had arrived, many more than his expectations. A new kind of exhibition was being presented on that day.

The curtain went up. The stage was set up like a reception room in a house. A young man who sat beside a piano rose and bowed ceremoniously. He introduced a majestic middle-aged woman to the audience. It was Anne Sullivan Macy. Anne made a brief speech. Everyone listened attentively to her sweet-sounding words. Later another woman, beautifully dressed and pleasant-looking, walked on to stage. Anne clasped her hand.

She just looked at the audience and stood revealed. Later, that woman - Helen Keller - spoke. She struggled hard to let out each word. The audience too struggled to grasp what she said. Still they kept their ears strained and sharp. A long applause resounded in the hall when Helen stopped speaking. Back in the day, these two were among the most famous people in America. Anne Sullivan was a bold educationist and civil rights spokesperson. Helen Adams Keller was her deaf and blind disciple. Despite being handicapped, she had made a name for herself as a writer, women's liberation activist and a social worker.

The audience was immensely touched by Helen's speech. Her words could be summed up this way: "My teacher told you how her one word touched the darkness of my mind and how I woke up to the bliss of life. I was dumb; now I can speak. I am obliged to the hands and hearts of others for this achievement. Through their love I came to see my mind; I could see God, I could find happiness. In fact, we all live for helping others and for being helped. By remaining united we can do a lot of things. Only love can break down the walls that stand between us and our happiness. The greatest commandment is to love one another. I would like to thank God at the top of my voice for all the love, happiness and hope that would be coming to me."

Why did Helen Keller give such a message? Both Helen and her teacher needed money to live. They got ready for this show in the hope of being paid. The audience had come to get a glance of this 'living miracle' much more than hearing a lecture. Most of them were curious as if they were viewing a rare creation. But Helen Keller's glory lies in the fact that she suffered all such humiliations and fought bravely for the rights of the physically handicapped people. She declared that the physically handicapped people had the right to live like normal people.

Let us do all we can to help those who are physically challenged to live just as we do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH OF NOVEMBER - 2021

03 rd November	Deepavali Celebrations
05 th November	Parent-Teacher Meeting
08 th November	Janagayana Auditions
12 th November	Project Showcase
21 st November	'Stay Fit' Virtual Sports Camp

FIRST TERM FEES

We would appreciate it if you could pay the first term fees, if you have not already done so. We sincerely thank the parents who have paid the school fees.

HOBBIES

Please encourage your child to get involved with a hobby. It may be collecting pictures, post cards, stamps, coins, cards etc.





The Children's Day was celebrated virtually by the students of Apollo International School, Kandy on the 1st October, 2021. The students of

Pre School had a fairytale themed activity day while the students of Primary and Middle Schools had a virtual assembly and class parties.

The staff of Apollo Kandy made a special presentation as a surprise for students where they reminisced about the past celebrations at school and also conveyed their best wishes to the students this year. Children had a lovely day and it was a memorable virtual celebration.



MILAD UN NABI HOLY PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Islamic students of Apollo Kandy presented the story of the birth of the Holy Prophet on 19th October, 2021. This was a virtual celebration which was streamed live on Facebook.



JANAGAYANA COMPETITION - AUDITIONS

The auditions for the competition mentioned above will be held on the 08th November, 2021 from 1.00 p.m. onwards. Students may sing one verse of any Sinhala folk song (kavi) unaccompanied. Those who are interested in taking part in this competition must inform the class teacher on or before 29th October, 2021.

Dress Code :- School Uniform



important NOTICES

THE IMPORTANCE OF WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today"

-Stacia Tauscher (dancer and artist)-

The World Children's Day was established by the United Nations to do just that; to remind ourselves of the individuality and the potential of children and to focus our awareness on their needs. It is celebrated on the 20th of November while different nations have their own specific dates allocated for this special day and Sri Lanka celebrates this on the 1st of October. We may not need just one day, specified in the name of children, but recognising a day for them does make them feel important and special. Many events and activities are conducted on this day and this greater focus on involvement of kids increases their sense of self-worth.

This aspect of Children's Day is important as there are many children who don't feel they are worthy or are denied the privileges we might be able to offer our kids. Children's Day is an opportunity to help them feel worthy and loved, as privilege is not the only thing a child needs. It is an opportunity to reconsider our roles in their lives and whether we're too busy to give them the emotional support they need. It's never too early to start noticing that what is most valuable to a child is your attention and affection. The material things you give them are only short-lived, but the time you spend with them and the happy memories created, live on. And what a child becomes tomorrow will be determined by what you give them today. Remember, every child is special and Children's Day is a special day for those special individuals.



OCTOBER MONTHLY TEST

GRADE - 1 & 2

Date		
27 th Oct	English	
28 th Oct	Maths	Social Studies
29 th Oct	Sinhala / Tamil	Science

GRADE - 4 & 5

Date			
28 th Oct	English	Maths	Social Studies
29 th Oct	Sinhala / Tamil	Science	

GRADE - 6

Date			
27 th Oct	English	Maths	
28 th Oct	History & Geography	French / Western Music	Computer Science
29 th Oct	Sinhala / Tamil	Science	

TOLERANCE IS BASED ON HEALTHY SELF-ESTEEM

Feeling good about yourself and your background is not the same as feeling superior to others. (In fact, children with poor self-esteem are more likely to be intolerant. They put others down to feel better about themselves.)

HELP BUILD YOUR CHILD'S SELF-ESTEEM

by letting your child know that he or she:

- ★ is important and special
- ★ is respected as an individual
- ★ has talents and strengths
- ★ has rights -- and responsibilities.



CELEBRATE YOUR FAMILY HERITAGE

--for example:

- ★ Talk about your ancestors -- where they lived, the challenges they faced, etc.
- ★ Point out the influence of your heritage on family customs, special foods and holiday observances.
- ★ Read stories and folk tales from the land(s) of your ancestors.



Point out that other families also celebrate their heritage. Compare your traditions with some of theirs.

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO RECOGNISE WORDS

Words in books

- ★ Point to a word. Ask your child to find the same word on a different page.
- ★ When reading books with repeating patterns, ask your child to point to the words as they read them. Pointing focuses on reading the words rather than just memorising the text.
- ★ Before reading a new book, ask your child to look through the first few pages and find words that he or she already knows. This can help a nervous child feel more confident about tackling something new.

Looking closely

- ★ Talk about the shape of different words: for example, 'a long word', 'a short word'.
- ★ Write words using different media (paint, felt pens, rainbow crayons).
- ★ Make words out of magnetic, foam or plastic letters.
- ★ Use the letters to make two words that are similar, such as 'the' and 'they'. Ask your child to say what is the same and what is different. Then ask the child to make 'the' into 'they' and 'they' into 'the'.

KEEP SCHOOLS SAFE DURING COVID-19 AND ALWAYS



BE WELCOMING, RESPECTFUL, INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE TO ALL

EXERCISE BOOKS

Please note that from Grades 1-8, all students should carry only 80 page exercise books. Sometimes, an 80 page CR book is also recommended.



HAVE DINNER WITH YOUR FAMILY

The above message is to parents & guardians, Enjoy a family dinner daily with your child and listen to what he / she has to say about their day in school. During this time you have to give undivided attention to your child.



important NOTICES

“Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenge”,

- Joyce Meyer -

Maybe the chalk and the blackboards have now been replaced with whiteboards and marker pens, but the challenges have not changed nor have those who engage in the world’s most noble profession of ‘teaching’.



Lives of every soul that pass through the corridors of Lyceum International Schools have been rightfully illuminated and enlightened by our dear teachers who are the strong trunk of this gigantic tree, the Lyceum group that has now spread its branches and leaves island wide, sheltering many.



During these difficult times, you have dedicated your time and space towards your students and have spared every moment to show them all the walks and works of life, even via the digitized screens of your virtual classroom. Technology is a challenge indeed, but you learnt the art in split seconds, proving every day of this teaching-learning process is a challenge and that you can overcome it.



Dear teachers, all of you who are under our wings, are the very reasons for our smooth operation. The gratitude we have towards you, is day in and day out in our hearts, minds, and souls. Reverberations of celebration isn’t limited to a single day, but your presence is felt every day.



Here is a note to say, **‘Your untiring dedication towards steering future generations of the country and the world towards victory, is second to the efforts of none. Thank you, dear teachers you are precious to us.’**

