

NEWSLETTER

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Message From the Principal

Happy International Women's Day to all women in our community!

We had visits from lots of engaging and enthusiastic authors, storytellers and poets from Malaysia and beyond this week, as we celebrated International Book Week. Thanks to Matthew in the library and team for your commitment to literacy in our school. On Wednesday I joined the parents workshop for IPC. A wonderful, interactive event where our parents experienced the rigorous and fun learning that is involved in an IPC theme. Look out for more of these types of events in the near future!

Apologies for the delay in delivery of the eco-friendly wheatstraw sets to our Secondary learners and staff. We expect delivery by 14th March and so from 18th March all Secondary learners will be expected to bring these to school and metal cutlery will not be available for Secondary lunch.

Next week we see the start of the fasting month for our muslim community. Please note that there will be several accommodations for those who are fasting and details will be sent from the Heads of School and Director of Boarding. On behalf of our wonderful PTF, I'd also like to invite the whole community to our Family Iftar Dinner next Friday, beginning at 6.30pm in the cafeteria. See a member of PTF for details.

Good luck this weekend to our U18 Badminton teams and learners taking part in the KL Senior Maths Competition.

Best Wishes,

David Griffiths

Primary Learning

This week was Book Week, with a host of activities going on across the school through the theme of 'Poetry', including author visits, interactive workshops, buddy reading across year groups and culminating in our Book Week Assembly!



Early Years learners had the chance to immerse themselves in science and technology at Petrosians, The Discovery Centre. They made links in their learning from the IEYC unit 'Press it, Click it'. They experienced discovery with interactive exhibits and came face-to-face with science and technology in new ways through a variety of activities.



Year 4 learners turned Fashion Designers; in this Unit we will be learning about fashion from the present, past and future. Learners will explore different textile techniques and will learn how to apply them to add design features and colours to our work. We started with our Junk Fashion Show followed by a trip to Karyaneka - Malaysian Crafts.



Wednesday's Forest School session was fantastic. The session started with the Nexus Wolves learning how to build a fire that was good for cooking. After eating the learners followed their interests, some in creative, unstructured play, others collaborating on building projects or exploring.



Primary Curriculum Review - Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Parent workshops and Parent Forum as part of our Curriculum Review. We welcome your views and would be grateful if you were able to spend a few minutes completing our Curriculum Survey to help us make decisions which will help us continue to improve.



Secondary Learning

Year 7 took pleasure in showcasing their learning in Humanities on Monday morning, with parents, staff and primary learners invited to come and see their 'My Malaysia' exhibition. Over recent weeks the year 7's have explored the Geography, History and Culture of Malaysia as well as experiencing virtual museum visits to Institutions such as the Natural History Museum in London and The Louvre. Following this they were encouraged to develop their skills of collaboration and effective communication working as part of a predetermined team in order to design a 'Malaysia Museum and exhibit a selection of work.



We welcomed many visitors to Nexus this week, in addition to our Book Week guests who will be featured next week. It continues to be an exciting time for Higher Education with our 7th university fair of this academic year. Monday saw members from the prestigious Russell Group of universities in the UK come to Nexus once more to promote their institutions and speak face to face with interested prospective applicants. While our year 12s are beginning their exploration and had the chance to discuss fields of study, entrance requirements and scholarships it was a fantastic opportunity for some of our year 13 offer holders to interact with representatives from the Universities they plan on attending. Our History learners enjoyed a follow up lecture from Professor Stephen Tyre on Thursday on the topic of decolonisation and were complimented for their excellent questioning and engagement in the session.



We also welcomed Mr BK Gan, the President of Taylors Schools, to Nexus this week for the annual lunch with the Integral Student Council. Mr BK was very impressed by our learners and they also enjoyed the chance to find out more about Taylors Schools over the course of their time together.

Last weekend also saw one of the highlights of the Nexus calendar as 300 delegates from across Malaysia and beyond gathered for our 11th annual MUN Conference. This year's theme was #challengedby and over the course of three days, delegates debated topics such as human rights, militarisation and freedom of speech amongst others. Congratulations to all of the organising team for another superb event and to Mr Matt for all his support.



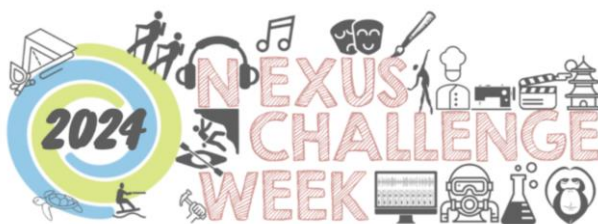
Social Enterprise @ Nexus

This week, our Year 2 learners have been budding entrepreneurs, making bookmarks, keychains and magnetic badges out of their own wildlife, personal goal animals and SDG designs. Their IPC topic is Live and Let Live and they practised their selling techniques to fundraise for the WWF.



communicators.

The learners are still raising money by selling their beautiful designs. We are very proud of them putting their personal goals into action; being kind, collaborative and good



Just a reminder please that payments for non overnight trips should now all be settled. For those opting for a payment plan for the residential trips, the last 20% payment is due by the 15th March.

If your child is in Year 5 - 13 and you have not completed the [trip consent form](#), we urge you to please do so. Your child's name will disappear from the list once completed.

A group of learners have spent the day at Negara Zoo as part of a social skills and work experience trip. They became zoo keepers for the day, cleaning out the enclosures, being up close and personal with the animals, preparing food and feeding the animals. Great exposure to tasks required for working with wildlife.





Boarding

Celebrating 'Book Week'

As our whole school celebrates 'Book Week' our Boarders have been diving into more reading than ever! During Prep this week some of our junior Boarders tried reading together. We chose to read about endangered animals and we all read aloud in a 'Choral Reading' setting - we were loud and sounded wonderful!

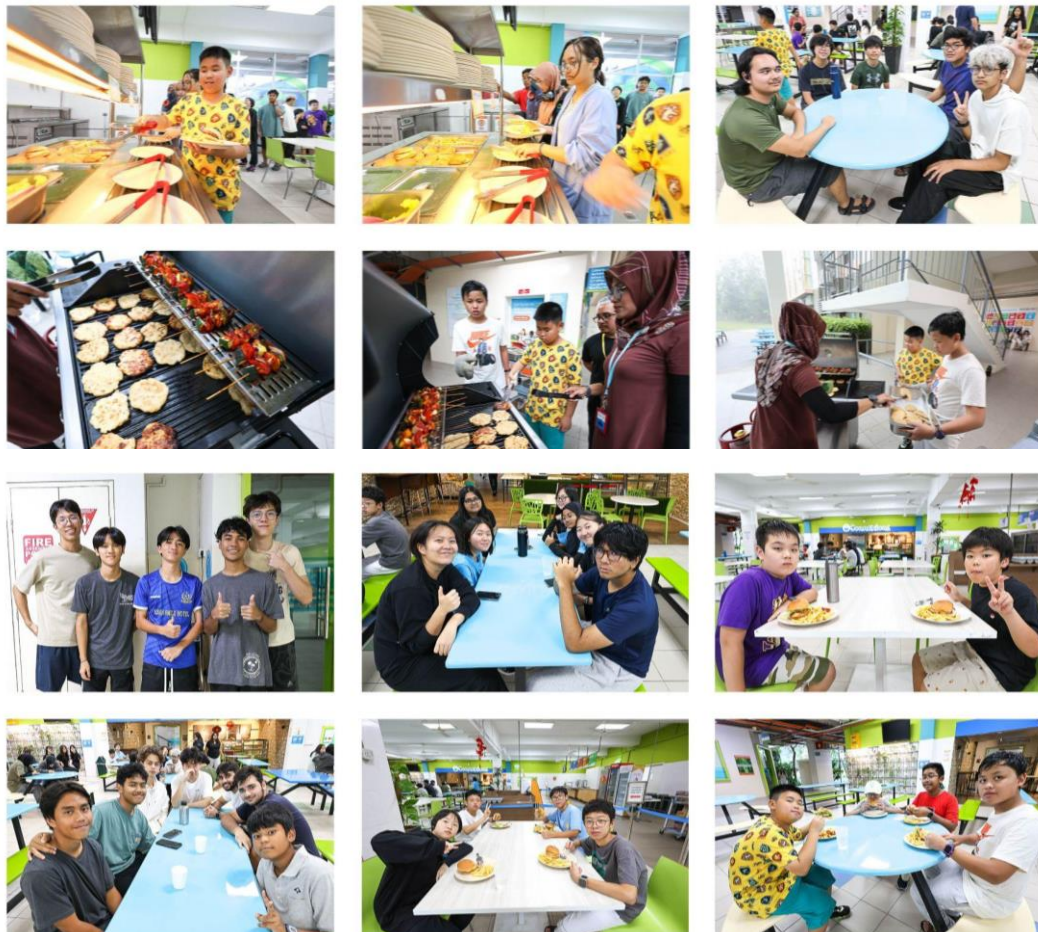


We also loved joining-in a library competition to design some new bookmarks. It was great to see our younger Boarders celebrating what they love about books and reading. What would you choose to show on your bookmark?



BBQ - learning to cook, whatever the weather!

Our 'Teamwork Wednesday' activity this week was set to be cycling and running around our sports field, followed by a BBQ cooked by the Boarders. Our Malaysian rain meant a quick change of plans as we moved indoors - no cycling but lots of laughs and getting to know new Boarders as we all waited for our burgers.



Parent Zone

Learner Wellbeing Survey

Learner Wellbeing

Care other

Care Self

LEARNER VOICE!

Have your say

Learner wellbeing
Learner's voice
Facilities
Health and Safety

Dear Learners, feel free to scan the QR code to share updates on your wellbeing. Your active participation is crucial for fostering a safer and more supportive school environment. You can also connect to Stuco and the facilities team if you have any suggestions. Thank you for contributing to our community's wellbeing!

Nexus Neurodiversity Week 2024 - Embracing Dyslexia



The 18th-22nd March is Neurodiversity Week and the theme this year is “Embracing Dyslexia”. Throughout the week, both Primary and Secondary learners will be involved in a variety of activities to promote understanding.



The poster features a decorative top border with gold lanterns and stars against a dark purple background. The main text is in purple and black, set against a light yellow background with a subtle geometric pattern. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a mosque with a crescent moon and a QR code.

NEXUS FAMILY
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
RAMADAN
IFTAR DINNER
Friday 15.March.2024
6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
Venue:
Cafe (Iftar dinner) & MPR room (Maghrib prayer)
Invitees :
All Nexus community (Muslim and Non Muslim)
▶ ALL LEARNERS NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT(S)
▶ 1 form per family

Sign up here



Dear Nexus School Parents,

As we embrace the spirit of unity and inclusivity during the holy month of Ramadan, we are delighted to invite you and your family to our Iftar celebration at school on the 15th of March from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This event is a wonderful opportunity for the Nexus family community to come together, share in the joy of Ramadan, and strengthen our sense of belonging. To ensure a well-organised and diverse spread, we kindly request you to sign up using the provided **QR code**. Please indicate the number of family members attending and specify the food you will bring to contribute to our collective Iftar experience.

Your participation is integral to making this event a success and fostering a sense of community and belonging. We look forward to breaking fast with you and celebrating this special occasion as one Nexus family.

To share the festive spirit we will also be collecting donations for our Nexus janitors and guards. Please donate 10-20Rm per person to the collection. This collection will be used to make hampers for our community support staff. Please see the poster below. Primary learners should pass donations to their teachers and secondary learners should pass donations to their form tutors.

Ramadhan Kareem Donation



For our janitors and guards

This donation will be used make Ramadan hampers

Open to anyone, suggested RM 10-20

**Donations collected by
class teachers & PTF,
4.3.2024 - 12.3.2024**