

NEWSLETTER

15-Term 1 2023/24 | 1 December 2023

Message From the Principal

December is a wonderful time in school for most of our learners as we gear up for our end-of-term activities. Next week we eagerly await the Nexus Charity Week, organised by our Year 12 learners, with fundraising initiatives, events such as Karaoke Night and sports and game competitions. All proceeds go to help our Myanmar refugee friends.

Nexus Boarding will be welcoming the RKK orphanage tomorrow (Saturday) for our annual Christmas celebration with them and many thanks to all those who donated toys for the children.

This is also the time when we do most of our recruiting for the next academic year and although we do have a small turnover of staff again, we are busy interviewing lots of people so that we get the very best teachers and staff.

As you may know we have been working very closely with Cezars recently and there have been a number of personnel changes. I ate in the cafeteria several times this week and some of the dishes (Chicken Tikka Masala today for example) have been delicious. I invite you to try some of the new dishes that Cezars are now providing and feedback to us, as we continue to improve.

I hope to see some of you next week at our IB discovery day. Details in the Secondary section below.

Best Wishes,

David Griffiths

Primary Learning


As always, it has been an exciting week as we gear up for the final weeks of term and the Christmas celebrations. Rehearsals are underway and teachers are busy gathering costumes and props. Despite all this, the learning continues.

Last week, the Y5 Learners visited the Nexus "Forest School" area to explore the flora and fauna of their host country. They invested time and effort in creating information cards aimed at educating others about the Malay and English names of various plants and animals present in the area.



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 **Rubber Tree**
Pokok getah

Rubber trees can grow to be 65 to 130 feet (20 to 40 meters) tall.



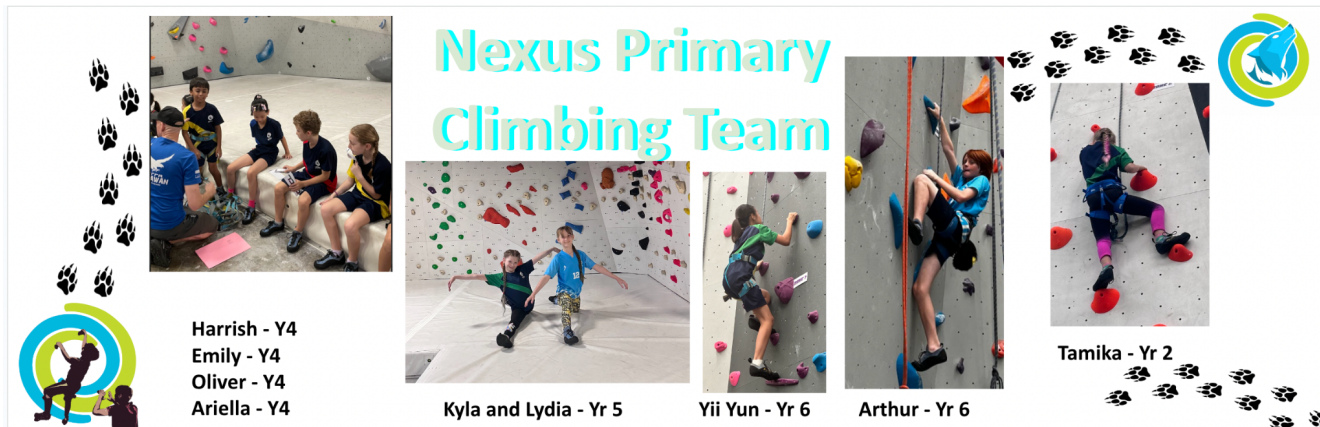
 **Koster's Curse**
Kutukan Koster

Native to tropical America, Koster's curse is a highly invasive shrub that generally grows to about 2m but can reach up to 5m tall.

Year 3 also visited the Forest School as they have been learning about the Rainforest and all the amazing plant life that can be found there. They discovered leaves with drip tips and even an invasive species.



Over the weekend, the Nexus Primary climbing team did superbly. They came in 4th place overall, with Oliver claiming second place in his age group. They showed resilience and rigor as they challenged themselves on some very difficult routes. Please congratulate all members of the team as they overcame fears, rallied together and did their best.



A collage celebrating the Nexus Primary Climbing Team. It features a central title 'Nexus Primary Climbing Team' in large, light blue, rounded font. The collage is decorated with black paw prints and a circular logo with a blue and green swirl. It includes several photographs: a group of four children sitting on a mat; two children posing on a climbing wall; a child climbing a wall; a child climbing a wall; and a child climbing a wall. Below each photo is a caption identifying the child and their year group.

Nexus Primary Climbing Team

Harrish - Y4
Emily - Y4
Oliver - Y4
Ariella - Y4

Kyla and Lydia - Yr 5

Yii Yun - Yr 6

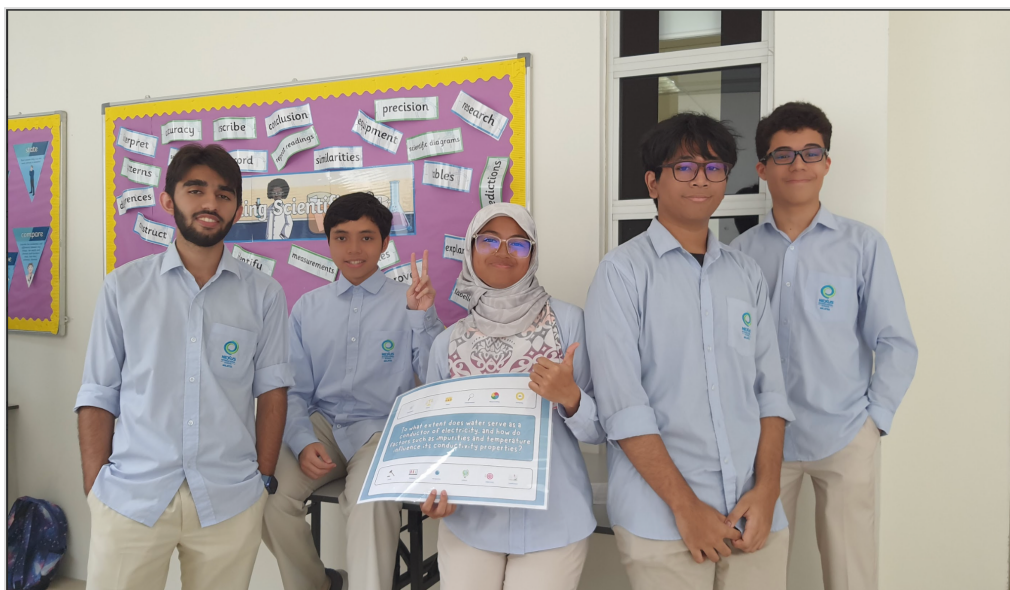
Arthur - Yr 6

Tamika - Yr 2

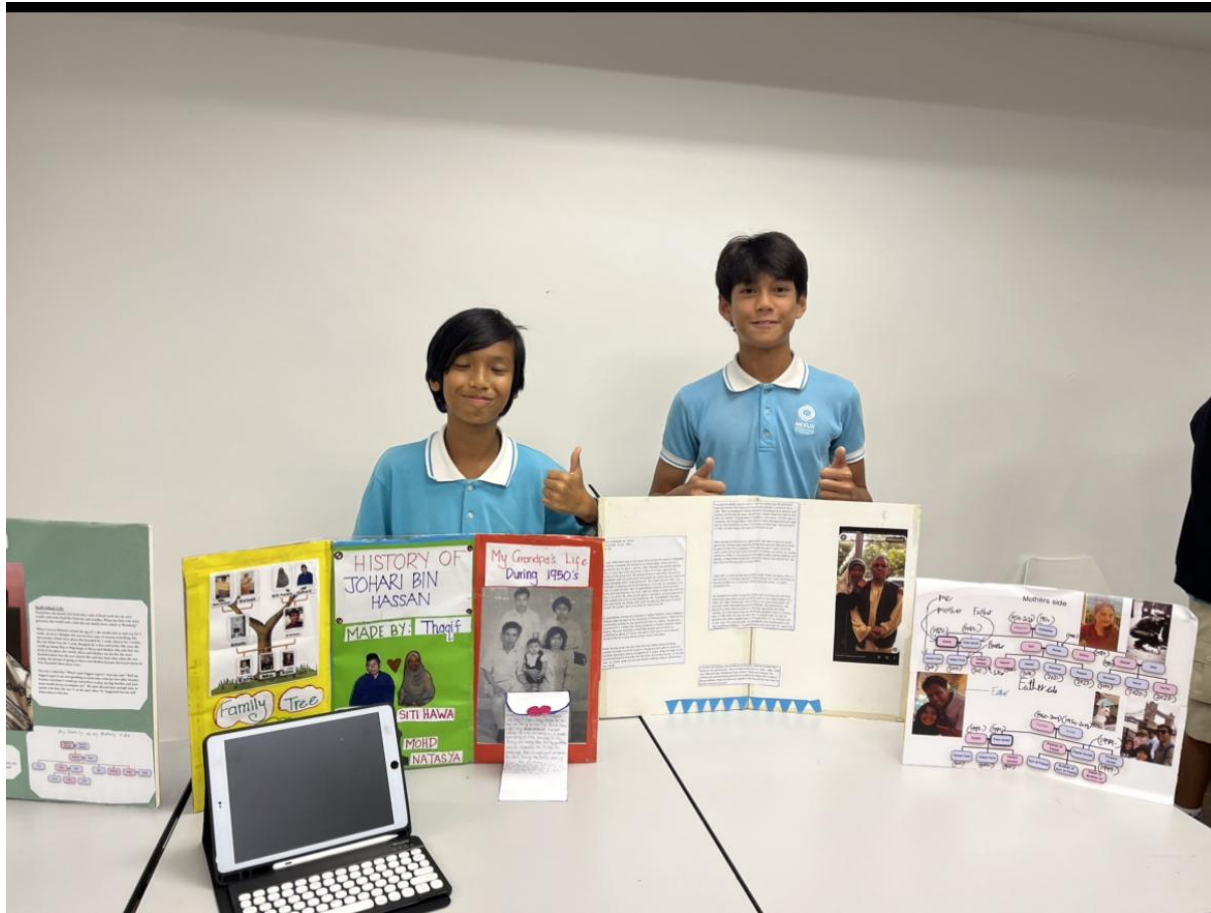
Secondary Learning

Collaborative Sciences Project

Last Friday our Year 12 learners took part in the Collaborative Sciences Project. This is a unique opportunity where learners from across Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Sports Exercise and Health Science, and Computer Science get to work on a particular research question. This year, our theme was 'MythBusters,' with learners using the scientific method to prove a myth was, in fact, a fact. There were also many opportunities to link their learning to the Theory of Knowledge, and each group had to write a 200-word reflection on a specific knowledge question that linked with their research question. Overall, it was a wonderful day that allowed our learners to collaborate from all the different science disciplines.



This week our Year 8 learners presented the outcome of their Intergenerational Writing projects. The project is based on developing biographical writing as learners find out about the life history of one of their family members, often one of their grandparents. As well as developing their writing skills, many learners commented on how the project had helped them to find out more about aspects of their grandparents' lives that they had not known about before. It was lovely to welcome a number of parents to the event as well as to enjoy the projects and presentations.



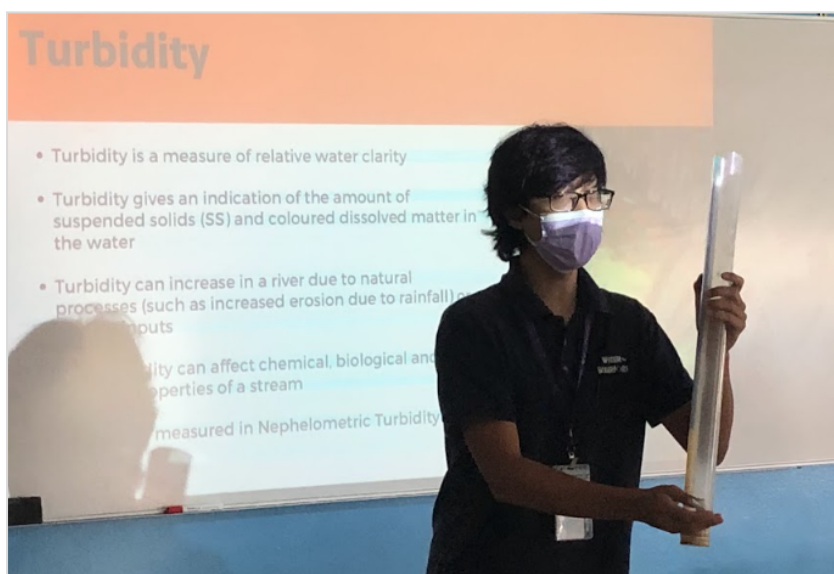
Social Enterprise @ Nexus

Our last update on Global Goals Day 2023 is all on the theme of water and SDG6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and SDG14 (Life Below Water).

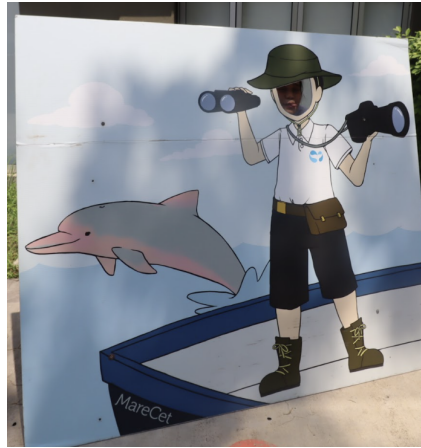
Our wonderful nurse Mina led workshops on clean water and the learners looked at different samples of living microorganisms under the microscope. The learners were able to compare this to the clean water samples of safe drinking water and they learned about how to make water safer to drink, by boiling and other methods.



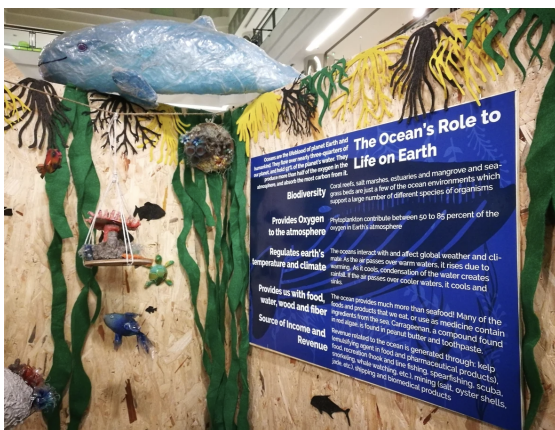
Our community partner Water Warriors, led workshops on water quality testing with the Year 7s. They learned how to conduct different tests on water samples to assess how clean the water actually is and to measure the turbidity.



MareCet, the Marine Mammal Research & Conservation organisation visited Nexus on the last day of their 'Nationwide Mobile Marine Education Tour.' They had an interactive display and brought along their tour bus, 'Whales on Wheels' for our learners to visit. The MareCet volunteers shared about the different marine life in Malaysia and the conservation efforts being made to protect the whales, dolphins and dugongs.



MareCet were so impressed with our Global Goals Day and our commitment to education about the Sustainable Development Goals, they have in fact just donated to us their Ocean Maze! We shall look forward to sharing this interactive exhibit with you next year.



We have a Google Space group for learners called, 'Service / Opportunities for Learners'. Those who have joined, have had the chance to take 'deeper dive experiences' with our community partners. The group promotes events external to Nexus, to enable our learners to give back to the community, meet requirements for CAS, Duke of Edinburgh International Award and strengthen their college and university applications through these added value opportunities.

The UNICEF Young Leader's Showcase hosted at Asia Business School was an opportunity for our learners to find out more and share their ideas for the future of child advocacy and literacy, mental health and climate change.



Other learners volunteered at the World Children's Day celebrations in DaMen Mall on 25th November with our community partners Toy Libraries and Re:Play. Various workshops were hosted for the younger members of the community and events will continue on the 10th December.



A group of our learner leaders were recognised this week by the Animal Kindness Coalition (AKC) for their contributions to leading the CCA. It marked the last CCA of the calendar year and the founder of AKC, Asther Lau, showed her appreciation by awarding certificates to both the learner leaders and the participants.



As Term 2 approaches in January, new learner leaders will have the opportunity to take on some of the CCA roles. The Year 12's are also welcome to join as aspiring leaders for their CAS contributions. If you have any suggestions for new possible CCAs, please feel free to share them with the CCA team at CCA.enquiry@nexus.edu.my or Ms Maddy at proud.m@nexus.edu.my.

Nexus Wolves Sports Teams

After a mammoth term of fixtures we have just a couple left for term 1. Good luck to our Nexus Wolves U18 boys and girls basketball teams and our U15 netball team in their KCLASS series tournaments. Our U13 boys and girls badminton teams will also kick start their season against Alice Smith next week, let's go Wolves! Well done to all learners who have represented Nexus Wolves this term, it has been a fantastic term, roll on more fixtures in term 2.

Although our competitive Nexus Wolves team sport is slowing down for the Christmas break, we still have many opportunities left to celebrate the brilliant learning in our PE lessons. Please see below what our learners will be taking part in for our inter-house sports competitions.

Secondary Inter-House Sports Week



**INTER-HOUSE
SPORTS**

NETBALL
MONDAY 11TH DEC
@SPORTSHALL

FOOTBALL
TUESDAY 12TH DEC
@GRANDSTAND

BASKETBALL
THURSDAY 14TH DEC
@SPORTSHALL



SIGN UP USING THE QR BY
WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Primary Inter-House Aquatics Gala's

Year 4 INTER-HOUSE AQUATICS GALA

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

 **1:50PM - 3PM** 



Year 3 INTER-HOUSE AQUATICS GALA

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

 **1:10PM - 2:30PM** 



Year 5 INTER-HOUSE AQUATICS GALA

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

 **8:40AM - 10AM** 



Year 6 INTER-HOUSE AQUATICS GALA

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

 **8:40AM - 10AM** 



Primary Nexus Wolves Football Team

A promotional poster for football taster sessions. The background is dark grey. At the top center is a small green and black soccer ball icon. Below it, the text 'FOOTBALL' is in white, 'TASTER' is in green, and 'SESSIONS' is in blue. A large soccer ball is centered, with a circular logo on its right side. The logo features a blue wolf head inside a green and blue circular design. Below the logo, the text 'NEXUS WOLVES' is written in blue. To the left of the large ball is a green and black soccer ball icon. At the bottom, the text 'LUNCHTIME @ GRANDSTAND' is in green, and 'WANT TO BE A PART OF THE TEAM?' is in white. A green rounded rectangle contains the dates: 'YEAR 3&4 - MONDAY 4TH DEC' and 'YEAR 5&6 - FRIDAY 8TH DEC'. At the bottom right, 'SEE: MS SAM' is in blue. The poster is framed by a green bar at the bottom and a blue bar at the very bottom.

**FOOTBALL
TASTER
SESSIONS**

**NEXUS
WOLVES**

WANT TO BE A PART OF THE TEAM?

**LUNCHTIME
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SEE: MS SAM

Sport in the Community

KL Lightning Basketball are now offering sessions for **FREE** only to Nexus Learners sign up using the poster below.



KL LIGHTNING BASKETBALL

AT NEXUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



PROGRAMME DETAILS
NEXUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Saturday mornings
Ages 6-9: 9-10am | Ages 10-16: 10-11am
Starting Saturday 25th November, Coach Ella we will be providing basketball development training sessions for all skill levels at Nexus school. To book this sessions or to learn more about our programme and coaches please visit:
WWW.KLLIGHTNING.COM

COACH ELLA KENNEDY

Social Media Highlights

Click on the icons below to be directed to our respective social media channels.
Don't forget to click follow, like, share and drop a comment!



Empowering change through Global Goals Day

Global Goals Day was a resounding success! 🚀☀️ The action-packed day featured insightful activities and engaging discussions with representatives from various charities and organisations.

Throughout this special day, our learners expanded their worldview and learned what it meant to be Changemakers in this global age. 🌍

A big shoutout to the Changemakers that joined us, including Kloth, Autism Cafe Project, Hara Makers, MareCet, Ascendance, Morph Outdoors, MInD Mechatronic Intelligent Design, Peter Ong, Yuri Schneider, Jacqueline Koay, and many more!

View more pictures [HERE](#).

IB Discovery Day (6th Dec): Learn more about our IB Diploma Programme. IBDP Scholarship 2024/2025 Open for Application.

Want to learn more about Nexus IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) for Year 12 and 13? Parents are welcome to join our IB Discovery Day on Wednesday, 6th Dec for :

- 🎓 An overview of the IB Curriculum
- 🎓 Curriculum briefing by Leadership Team
- 🎓 IBDP Subject Fair by teachers

Our internal and external IBDP Scholarships are open for application as well. To find out more, contact our Head of Secondary School.

Open to all Malaysians and International Students for our 2024/25 intake. 🇲🇾🌍



