

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message From the Principal

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we will soon be introducing a new cutlery system in our cafeteria. We have ordered a set of sustainable wheat straw cutlery for every Secondary learner and will be expecting learners to bring this each day from March 11th. It is of course Ramadan and so many of our learners will be fasting, but I ask that they keep the cutlery safe, for use after Hari Raya.

Our Nexus Wolves in the Wild programme is becoming well known and respected in Malaysia and beyond. Just this week we have had visitors from the MOE and Principals from schools in Seremban to look at our programmes. The Nexus Model United Nations Conference (NISMUNC) is another very well known event throughout Malaysia and our secretariat have worked very hard to organise this again. We will have a report for you about this next week.

Congratulations to James (Year 5) who represented Nexus in a Schools Invitational Golf competition in Bangi last week and won second place.

Next week is Book Week at school and I look forward to a host of wonderful activities. Finally, good luck to our Primary Maths team who are taking part in an AIMS competition this weekend.

Best Wishes,

*David Griffiths*

# Primary Learning

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Curriculum review by attending our workshop on 27th February about the IB Primary Years Programme and our Parent Forum on reporting and curriculum. Next Wednesday we will have a workshop on the IPC where you will be able to experience the curriculum as our learners do, so please come along! After this, we will send out a parent survey to obtain your feedback. No decisions have been made about improvements to our curriculum as yet and we very much value your input.

## Year 5 Trip

The Year 5s were very internationally minded this Friday by visiting the Mah Meri cultural village as part of their IPC unit, Building a Village. They developed their understanding of settlements by comparing the similarities and differences between their own ways of living and that of Mah Meri people.



## AIMS Maths Competition

Taking part in the AIMS maths competition is a fantastic way for our Y6 learners to demonstrate their maths fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills as well as providing a way to work on their critical thinking, rigorous and collaborative Personal Goals. All of this while having fun! We look forward to hearing how our learners get on this weekend.

Well done James!

James in Y5 has been training incredibly hard at golf and last weekend won 2nd Place in an under 16s Schools Invitational Golf competition. The competition was fierce and James was one of the youngest competitors. Congratulations James!



### Dates for your Diary

Book Week - is next week and will focus on Poetry. There will be a dress up day on Friday 8th March where our learners are invited to dress up as a character from a poem. Get creative!!



Wednesday 6th March 3:45 pm: Curriculum Review -Let's Experience the IPC: A reminder for parents of the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) as you journey through a typical Unit of Learning.

Sign up for all parent workshops this term, including these meetings, is here: [Link](#)

# Secondary Learning



Over the course of this term, the Year 10 and 11 geography learners have been exploring coastal environments and investigating processes that affect coastal landforms and characteristics. Here in Malaysia, the coastline is nearly at our doorstep and we have a great opportunity to explore the topics covered in the classroom in an authentic, real world experience. The geography learners recently embarked on a fieldwork trip to Cape Rachado, located just 90 minutes away from Nexus, where they were afforded ample opportunities to see coastal processes in action and to witness, firsthand, many of the things that we have investigated in

the classroom such as coastal defences and coastal ecosystems such as mangroves. The learners were able to test their carefully-crafted hypotheses and to hone their fieldwork skills employing a range of equipment used to conduct a beach profile survey, measure sediment and investigate the influence of longshore drift on two beaches situated on opposite sides of Cape Rachado. The trip provided the learners with an opportunity to fulfil one of two required fieldwork experiences for the course and the learners

really enjoyed the opportunity to experience geography in action outside of the classroom, seeing how geographical knowledge and skills can be applied in real world situations.



# Social Enterprise @ Nexus



Learners in our Pathfinders CCA, led by our community partner Morph Outdoors, have been learning different knot tying techniques. They have been creative and innovative with their ideas and have built their own various types of structure, including racks for their shoes!





With Book Week starting the week beginning the 4th March, Year 9's had a pre launch event with a visit from Shivani Sivagurunathan.

Shivani is a published poet, author and lecturer. She presented her poetry journey to the year group and then facilitated a poetry workshop.

The learners are examining conflict as a topic in their English classes, so Shivani wove in and shared examples of her own conflict writing.

Connections to the community and sense of belonging were also discussed to gain a deeper understanding of its integration in literacy.



Following Shivani's steps to writing poetry, the Year 9s came up with some very emotive and beautifully written verses of their own. They also had the opportunity to purchase a personalised signed copy of Shivani's latest poetry book, 'Being Born'.

We are very lucky to have both local and international authors coming in next week to partner with us for book week. Further information will be forthcoming.

# Boarding

## Weekend Activity Plans

Our weekends remain busy and eventful as we enjoy excursions, on-campus events and activities. The next few weekends are particularly exciting and we would like to see as many of our Boarders as possible get involved. Some activities are an essential part of our programme such as extra English classes and active times on campus. It is an expectation that all Boarders under Year 10 attend these sessions and older Boarders choose what to join depending upon their study schedule.

### Saturday 2 March

NISM MUN - Model United Nations

\*Extra English class for Y10 and below

\*Excursion - Art and gelato making

### Sunday 3 March

\*NISM MUN - Model United Nations

\*Sports and art activities

### Saturday 9 March

\*Extra English class for Y10 and below

\*Excursion to Malaysia Zoo

### Sunday 10 March

\*Film-making and photography



## Parent and Boarders 'What's App' group

All of our lovely Boarders will be checking-in with staff this week to ensure we have up to date contact information and they are included in any alerts or appropriate updates. For parents and guardians, we would like to re-institute a What's App Parents Group for sharing any important information, quickly. Please confirm your Whatsapp number to us, by your registered email address, and we will confirm by What's App message when you are successfully added. Please email us at [admin\\_boarding@nexus.edu.my](mailto:admin_boarding@nexus.edu.my) for inclusion.

## Boarding surveys



This week we will forward links for our Annual Surveys for *Boarders* and *Boarder Parents*. The valuable feedback we receive will let us know how satisfied you are with the Boarding provision and life at school and help us adapt to the Boarding Programme. Please complete the survey with your honest feedback and suggestions.

## Plans for fasting month

Celebrations for the fasting month of Ramadan are quickly approaching. We would like to confirm the following plans are in place for our Boarders and staff.

Breakfast - Each floor in Boarding will be supplied with a variety of food items for breakfast each day. Fasting Boarders will be able to eat fully, before sunrise to set them up for the day. Non-fasting Boarders will attend breakfast in the dining room as usual.

Lunch - Fasting Boarders will still receive a lunch ticket that they can exchange for snacks or drinks that they can eat in the evening. Staff can collect these items if preferred.

Dinner - Our evening meal time will be changed for all Boarders to suit the time of breaking fast each day. Our fasting Boarders will be asked to eat first, followed by everyone else. We look forward to enjoying the time together through food and cultural celebrations. **This week in Boarding...**



# Parent Zone



## IPC PARENT WORKSHOP

**Wednesday 6th March @ 3.30pm**

**Location: Year 4 classrooms**

**Come and join our Primary teachers to experience an  
engaging IPC unit: Chocolate!**

**Take part in the learning journey and gain an understanding  
of how we learn**

**best through The IPC curriculum.**



**Sign up here!**



# 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!





Dive into the festive vibes at Nexus! From savouring Lunar New Year delights to embracing lively games, captivating performances, and the mesmerising lion dance 🦁, last week was a joyous celebration. Our Global #NexusCommunity shone brightly with diversity, turning an ordinary week into an unforgettable celebration! 🌍❤️

View more photos [here](#)