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Philippines Appeal

Thank you to all who have make cash donations for us to send to the Philippines. Thanks to your generosity we have exceeded the target I set of RM7,000. The total raised is a massive RM10,827.55 (updated 8.15am 22/11/13)



Also last week the Nexus Community contributed one minibus load of non-perishable items which we delivered to the Red Crescent to help the relief effort for Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. We are continuing to collect non-perishable items so if you wish to donate could you please place these items in the boxes placed at the Secondary and Primary drop off points. The last day we shall be collecting will be Tuesday 26th November. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



Primary

Benchball Year 4s

The girls and boys represented Nexus with great passion, skill and vigour. Many of the other schools had players much taller than our learners, so the need for quick ball movement and high skill was greatly needed. The girls at ISP played wonderfully and added a few big scalps to a growing list of achievements finishing 4th, narrowly behind the bronze medal team. The boys were fantastic and played exceptionally well to gain a silver medal. In a fiercely competitive contest against BSKL our boys were 10 seconds away from securing a gold medal! Well done to both teams for an amazing show!

Basketball Year 6s

Both boys and girls expressed themselves to the best of their abilities in the KLISS event. The girls at ISP showed a much greater resolve and proved that with added preparation you can indeed move mountains! Nexus were easily the most invigorating and exciting team to watch in the tournament and won new respect by everyone at the event! A large win, draw and two narrow losses prove their efforts were well rewarded. The Boys totally dominated the tournament from start to finish! They won all 10 games played, finished 12 points above the second placed team with an overall points difference of 50+! An amazing performance and maybe the greatest ever by a team at Nexus!



INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY CURRICULUM

IPC Accreditation Visit

This week we have been very busy in school with our visitors from the IPC. They spent three days looking at the learning that was happening in classrooms, around the school and talking with learners about their learning.

They also spoke with teacher, board members and parents about their experience of the IPC. All of the teachers and learners worked incredibly hard on the self-review process leading up to the visit and I would also like to thank the group of parents that spoke with the IPC team too.

The team is now in the process of producing a report that will be sent back to the school and will help with our further development.

Learning Showcase

Our Year 5 learners shared the learning that they had done during their 'Fit for Life' topic last Wednesday and the showcase was enjoyed by all.

Secondary

Old Newspapers Collection

The Secondary Art department would like to appeal for Newspapers as we are starting a paper mache project with the Year 9's, and to cover the table while painting. We also recycle the Newspapers for paper making and printing activities. Please send them to the Secondary **Art room (122 or 123)** anytime during school hours. All contributions are highly appreciated.

Wayang Kulit - The Ramayana

(Y12 Theatre Arts performance for Y2)

In the Year 12 IB Theatre Arts, we have studied and performed the Indonesian theatre practice of Wayang Kulit (Shadow Puppets), it is where shadow puppets are played behind a screen with light shining from behind the performer (dalang), creating a shadow of the object that is in front of the light. In conjunction with learning about the theatre of Wayang Kulit, we wrote a script and rehearsed the story of Ramayana.

We created our own shadow puppets, with the Art department helping us by giving us the required materials and advice we needed to create them. We also devised our own adaptation of the story so that it was simple enough for the Year 2s to understand, and made it entertaining to avoid losing their attention.

The IB Theatre Arts students have worked hard on making the performance a success and have received positive feedback from the Year 2 learners and teachers about the performance.



Imran "It was good when the puppets moved their hands."

Fayez "I like the background lights because it always changes - from purple to red. Next step I would like to see Ravana with his 10 heads so he could be scarier!"

It was a fun process so much so that we would gladly take up on a similar project to Wayang Kulit. Finding a suitable light source for the stage was difficult, as was trying to prevent our shadows from being shown during the show, and we were given limited time to record the narration and rehearse, making us focus our energies carefully. Overall, we had a splendid time together as a trio, with Fadhli as the technician, Maryam as the Script Writer, and myself as the creative mind behind it.

By Marcus Westmoreland - Year 12



CAS Reflections:

“Lisa Thimister”

In the first three days of the trip we did a lot of trekking, and this was something that I actually quite enjoyed afterwards, even though it was tiring during the end of the trek on the second and third day. I've done treks with my family before, though they weren't this long. With my family we would stick to paths that weren't that difficult or long and take regular breaks. This is something that we didn't do on the trip. The treks were longer, with few breaks and sometimes with more difficult terrain. This was more of a challenge for me as it was more physical exertion than I was used to. It definitely became easier to walk longer and faster on the third day compared to the second day. Some of our group stayed behind or went back because it was too much for them. At times it was hard to put my foot in front of the other and at times I just wanted to quit. I complained at these times, and was usually joined by my friends but even as we were complaining we would encourage ourselves and others to continue on. That was something that made me feel happy and full of admiration for my classmates; even though we were all tired, there would always be someone to tell us to carry on and lift our spirits. We were there for everyone and to me that showed that even though we may not all be friends with each other, we would always do something difficult with each other and make sure that everyone finished if it was possible. This made me realise and learn that my classmates are pretty amazing and that I'm glad that I'm part of it.

Year 8 Trip to Ipoh

This week the Year 8 learners have been on their curriculum residential trip to Ipoh with Eco-Field Trips. Next week we will publish reflections from the learners in Connect, if you would like to see what the learners have been doing please look at this link <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/ipoh-2013/>



PE Notices

Well done to all of our learners who have represented Nexus in their respective sports this week. It has without doubt been the busiest sporting weeks since I have worked at the school, with so many teams heading out into KL to compete against other International Schools, it has been hard to keep up.

On Saturday 16th November

Nexus hosted 5 other International schools in the first ever KLISS X-country event. Nearly 400 runners took to the course around our school campus and with learners from Year 3 up to Year 10 taking part, it was certainly a whole school event. Special mention should go to Eric Tay and Imran Qabil who once again proved they are two of the best endurance runners in KL by winning Gold and Silver respectively in the U15 Boys category.



On Monday 18th November

it was the turn of our learners to show their talents in the pool. Despite being a sweltering day the swimmers managed to put on a great show and entertain the watching crowd. Over 47 races were held with some notable performances from the likes of Yi Jun, Kirsty Tay and Yongyou, proving the hard work they have put in as part of the Nexus Swim Team has really improved their technique.



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On Tuesday 19th November

the Boys U15 Basketball and the Snr Girls Basketball teams travelled to KLASS. Both teams played extremely well but were unfortunately on the losing side. The girls ran their opposition close but lost out in the final quarter with the final score at 17-11. The boys were tied at half time 15-15 but a small squad and inexperience cost them in the 2nd half as they succumbed to the KLASS side 24-15. Encouraging performances from both sides however will provide the motivation for next weeks matches.



Coming-up

Thursday 21st November	U13/U15 Swim Gala at Sunway School
Saturday 23rd November	U15 Boys Football at REAL, Shah Alam
	U15 Girls Football at REAL, Shah Alam
Tuesday 26th November	U13 Boys Football Vs MKIS at Nexu
	U13 Girls Football Vs MKIS at Nexus
	U15 Boys Rugby Vs ISKL at Nexus
	Snr Girls Basketball at ISKL
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Wednesday 27th November	U15 Badminton Vs Tenby at Nexus
	O15 Boys Football Vs Tenby at Nexus
Saturday 30th November	KLISS Primary Swim gala at Tenby
	U12 5aside Football at Southside

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Boarders Blog

KI Elephant Sanctuary

On November 16th, the boarders visited the Kuala Gandah Elephant Sanctuary in Pahang. We arrived there at about 11.30am after a long two and a half hour journey. We brought 10 tins of baby milk powder to be given to the elephant sanctuary as the baby elephants are fed with it.

When we arrived, we fed the elephants with sugarcane and papayas. We even managed to pet the cute baby elephant's trunk. Unfortunately, it started raining so we watched a documentary about the elephants. When the rain stopped, we watched an elephant show and saw the elephants doing brilliant tricks. After stopping by at the souvenir shop, we went back feeling happy despite the exhaustion from the long journey. We had loads of fun and gained new experiences at the elephant sanctuary.

Sue Yen (Year 10)

* Please visit our website to find out more

ELL Information

The Importance of Vocabulary

Building vocabulary is key to understanding - this is ongoing throughout their school career. In the beginning, children may just be learning words for things, but later they will need to have an academic/technical vocabulary for specific subjects.

Please encourage your child to actively build their vocabulary.

- Ask your child about any new words they have learnt at school today.
- You may want to buy a white wipe board so these words can be displayed or for younger children magnet letters on the fridge.
- It is most important to try to use these words in conversation.
- For some children drawing the meaning of the word (or getting a picture off Google images) is most effective.



(Co-ordinates, an example of drawing the meaning of a word)

Kepentingan Sesebuah Perkataan

Pembinaan sesebuah perkataan merupakan kunci kepada pemahaman- ianya melangkaui dari persekolahan mereka. Pada permulaannya kanak-kanak akan mempelajari perkataan yang menunjukkan benda namun, kemudian mereka akan mempelajarinya untuk bidang akademik/ perkataan teknikal untuk bidang-bidang yang lebih spesifik.

Berikan galakan kepada anak-anak anda untuk membina perkataan dengan secara aktif.

- Tanyakan kepada anak anda perkataan-perkataan yang baru dipelajari dari sekolah pada hari ini.
- Anda mungkin boleh belikan sebuah papan putih untuk memaparkan perkataan tersebut atau untuk kanak-kanak yang lebih kecil boleh belikan mereka perkataan magnet dan lekatkan di peti ais.
- Sangat penting untuk mencuba perkataan ini dalam perbualan.
- Kepada sesetengah kanak-kanak boleh juga lukiskan maksud perkataan tersebut (atau mengambil gambar dari Google) ianya akan lebih efektif.

词汇的重要性

提高理解能力的关键便在于建立广泛扎实的词汇——这在整个学习生涯都需持续提升。刚开始, 孩子们或许只是学习基本的日常单词。过一阵子, 他们就得学习特定科目的专有名词。

请积极鼓励您的孩子建立与拓展他们的词汇。

- . 问问您的孩子今天在学校学到了甚麽新词汇。
- . 购买一个小白板, 在小白板上展示些新词汇。对于年龄较小的孩子, 可使用磁铁字母并将它展示在冰箱上。
- . 更重要的是, 巧妙地在日常对话中使用这些新词汇。
- . 对一些孩子而言, 将词汇的意思以图画的方式记下来, 是最有趣及有效的方法, 以下是使用图画解释词汇的例子。

Dear Parents,


Welcome to Embrace!

I hope you find this forum an invaluable resource, an opportunity to share experiences and strategies and giving each other advice and professional support.

You will need a google or gmail address to log on. Please follow this link <http://parentportal.nexus.edu.my/parent-support-forum> to the parent portal on the School's intranet to access the site. You will have to request permission to begin posting on the site.

ELL Department

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Hi!


The Countdown Begins

Good morning everyone!



Here in Malaysia, it is the start of school holidays for most schools. That means family vacations and travelling! Do take care during this time and be sure to travel safe.

With 19 days to go until EAP Malaysia's first ever Conference, it is time to get your tickets by sending us an [email](#) or giving us a call at 2094 0421. On our blog, we have posted up a Conference Preview, do [check it out](#) and let us know what you think!

Besides that, EAP Malaysia's blog hosts a post that is aimed at parents and teachers on helping us to understand better our child's learning and communication style. If you know someone with autism but are not quite sure how to go about helping them, [this](#) is for you.

Have a great week everyone!

- EAP Malaysia

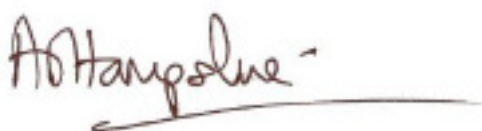
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