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PUTRAJAYA

Whole School

Big Thank You from the Myanmar Learners



A huge thank you to everyone for the fabulous Myanmar Christmas box donations. All the Myanmar learners were thrilled to receive their gifts. Thanks to the staff football team, the Year 5 bake sale and other generous donations, we were able to include extra dictionaries and special items to really give each child a wonderful Christmas. None of it would have been possible without the strong community spirit of Nexus.

CCA Notices

Please be aware that CCA's recommence in the week beginning 12th January 2015. Sessions run between 3.20pm and 4.20pm. The CCA portal will remain open until 23rd January for new registrations, please contact the CCA coordinator directly for changes to CCA's. Please ensure all learners attend sessions with the correct appropriate attire. Learners who are not appropriately dressed may not be allowed to participate in sessions.

If you have any questions or queries relating to CCA matters please contact the CCA coordinator at cca.enquiry@nexus.edu.my

Primary Learners during PE



PE Notice

Welcome back to all our learners, parents and staff. Happy New Year!

We have another jam-packed term of sport, starting with Secondary basketball and Primary football competitions as well as as our Intra and Inter-school Athletics competitions.

Below is a list of the Sports fixtures for Term 2.

Football

U9 Boys

- 11th Feb at Nexus
- 25th March at Nexus

U9 Girls

- 11th Feb at Nexus
- 25th Mar at Nexus

U11 Boys

- 27th Jan at ISKL
- 4th Feb at ISP
- 4th Mar at ISP

U11 Girls

- 27th Jan at ISKL
- 4th Feb at ISP
- 4th Mar at ISP

Basketball

U13 Boys

- 12th Jan at ISP
- 19th Jan at ISKL
- 29th Jan at ISKL
- 5th Feb at Tenby

U13 Girls

- 19th Jan at ISKL
- 26th Jan at ISP
- 29th Jan at ISKL
- 12th Feb at Tenby
- 26th Mar at Tenby

U15 Boys

- 8th Jan at ISP
- 12th Jan at Tenby
- 15th Jan at KLASS
- 22nd Jan at Tenby
- 26th Jan at BSKL
- 9th Feb at ISKL
- 12th Feb at Tenby

U15 Girls

- 14th Jan at ISP
- 15th Jan at KLASS
- 26th Jan at BSKL
- 29th Jan at KLASS (ISAC Final) If we do not qualify this game will not go ahead
- 29th Jan at Tenby - KLISS Rd 1 = 4 games
- 9th Feb at ISKL
- 26th Feb at Tenby - KLISS Rd 2 = 4 games + Medals given out

U18 Boys

- 21st Jan at ISKL Final

Athletics Days

Primary

- EY - TBC
- MP1 - Wednesday 21st 10.20am start
- MP2 - Thursday 22nd 9.00am start
- MP3 - Friday 23rd 9.00am start

Secondary - TBC

Please keep checking the Sports fixtures calendar for up to date information on timings, venues and tournament schedules



Primary

Early Years News

EYs will be on a traveling mission in their new topic called “Going places”.

Our IPC learning includes exploring and finding out about different vehicles, ways to get to places, looking at and creating maps, spatial awareness, singing transport songs and lots more. This week we were talking about what we can see on the way to school and we have started making a big map – great co-operation!

We have had an ICT introduction from Mr. Graeme who taught us how to draw and record our learning on the Ipads.

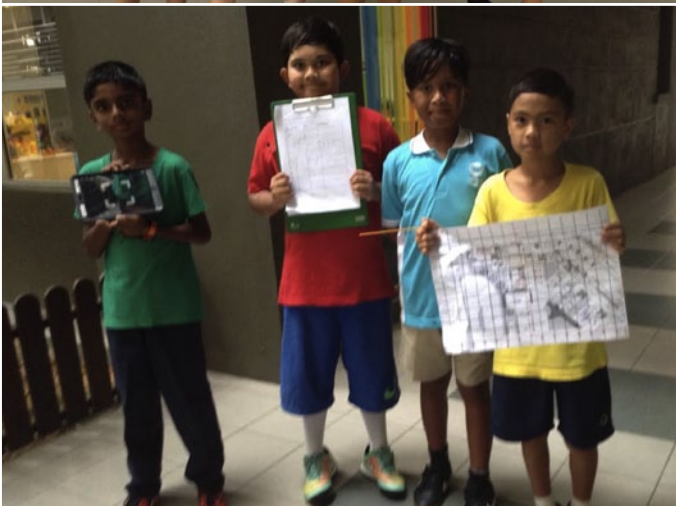
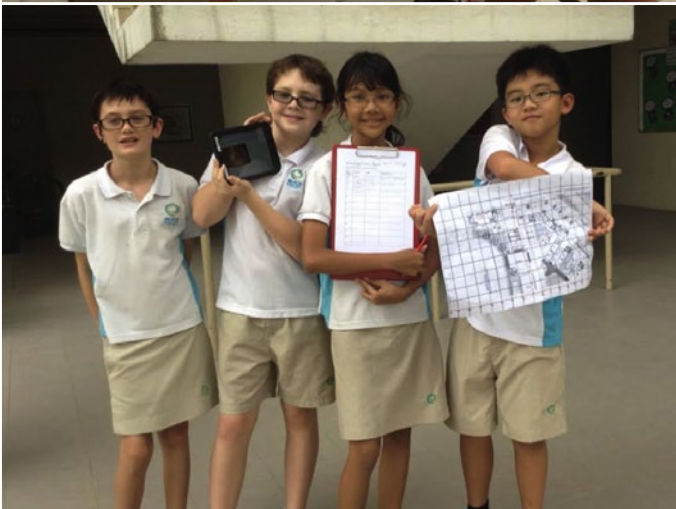
We proudly present the EYs Space shuttle, which can take you anywhere you wish! Learners can pretend to walk on the Moon, fly through space, they can look at planets or meet Laika, the first animal in space! Imagination and creativity have no limits in EYs

Morning Exercise

For Year 3 to Year 6 starts at 8:25am on the field. All children are expected to take part from 8.35am at the latest. Please bring your hat.

Before school swimming, Primary and secondary swimming starts next week and will run for the remainder of the year on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:45am-8:30am. All learners that are interested in swimming for the school team should attend. Please contact Gemma Craker for more details craker.g@nexus.edu.my





Year 6 Entry Point:

THE TIME TUNNEL

We found this Entry Point really good fun! The bad weather may have ruined a part of it, but we still liked the activity in the sense that it trained our cooperation skills and encourage us to think about the Maths we had been learning this week - Reading and Plotting Coordinates in 4 quadrants.

So, what did we do for our Entry Point?

Well, we had a QR Code hunt. This meant that we had to work in teams of 4 and using an iPad Mini scan the QR codes scattered all around the school. This took us on a huge tour of Nexus; the QR codes were hidden in front Of boarding, the 'Hangout Zone', even in front of the disabled toilet! The QR codes were a variety of different things including questions to be answered and even a 'Horrible Histories News' video!

As well as being fun and exciting it meant that we found out interesting facts that have changed the world e.g the Cold War, Communism, Ancient Egyptians, and many more. The QR codes were scattered everywhere like history lost in time!

So, now Year Six are all hyped up about our 3rd IPC topic, 'The Time Tunnel' and, believe that this topic will be a heap of fun!

We would definitely recommend this activity for next year's group!

Keegan, Christie and Ken
8.1.15

Secondary

Year 11 Mock Exams

A reminder to learners in Year 11 that mock exams are being held next week. All Y11 learners should refer to the e-mail they received from Mr Andrew on Tuesday regarding exam etiquette.

University and Careers Information



The process of university applications will commence shortly for Y12 learners, during PSE sessions. So I would like to make you aware of number of activities you could enroll in this summer to improve your applications and chances of being awarded a place.

Over the past two years a majority of learners

have applied to the UK, USA, Canada, Australia and Malaysia. Competition for places is intense for some of these locations, particularly the USA and so participating in a range of extracurricular activities is vital.

Below you will find details of a number of international programs/courses that you could enroll in, or apply for to help you stand out from the crowd:

1. **Kingdom Education Preparation Courses:** This is suitable for learners thinking about applying to top universities in the UK, USA, Australia and New Zealand. The CEO, Mr Sam Yang will giving a talk to the students on January 30th during PSE (13.50-14.30pm) Parents are also invited to attend and ask questions. For details click here <http://kingdomeeducation.com/>
2. **University of British Columbia, Canada (UBC) Summer Schools Program:** If you are interested in Environmental Science or Applied Science please click on the link for detailed information. <http://www.summerscholars.ubc.ca/>
3. **Oxford Royale Academy Summer School 2015:** This could suit individuals that are interested in the following topics; Medical preparation, Law School Preparation, Engineering Preparation, Broadening Horizons, Global leadership programme, Oxford enterprise programme, Oxford Summer English programme, Academic writing with IELTS prep, Computer Science, Film Academy. Click on the link for more detailed information <http://www.oxford-royale.co.uk/>
4. **Oxford Royale Academy, ORA Prep courses:** These are online courses, which aim to prepare learners for the demands of university courses. They are available in a wide range of fields. Click the link for more details <http://www.oraprep.com/>

5. **Berkley, University of California, Academic Talent Development Program (ATDP):** Again programs run in a number of academic fields. Click for details <https://atdp.berkeley.edu/>
6. **Oxbridge Academic Programs:** These are a series of courses specifically aimed at individuals that are thinking of applying to Oxford or Cambridge. Click for details <http://www.oxbridgeprograms.com/#>. A representative will be visiting the school at January 13th/14th. He will be sitting in the senior dining room so please ask questions if you are interested.

Unfortunately all of these programs will incur a cost (with some being very expensive). However, these are not the only activities available that can improve your applications. Activities such as work experience or internships related to your chosen field, participating in the International Award, volunteering for groups and organisations within school (eg School Council, Green Council) and being fully immersed into your CAS activities can certainly help when applying to international institutions.

If you would like more information on any of the above programs please do not hesitate to email or come and see me in my office, located in the library (upstairs). Mr Joel, University and Careers Coordinator.

Drama News

Y9 Drama Production - 'Fugee' - Wed Jan 28th 6pm

Year 9 learners are currently rehearsing for their production of 'Fugee' which will be performed after the Year 9 PTC.



This play focuses on the problems faced by teenage refugees coming to the UK from different countries, and features all Year 9 learners performing as well as taking on other backstage / technical responsibilities.

We hope that as many parents and learners from Y7 and above will come to see the play. Audience members will be asked to make a donation to the 'Stop the Traffik' charity rather than paying a set ticket price. Please note that due to the content of the play, it is not suitable for Primary learners.

'East Side Stories'

Congratulations to all involved in our School Production, 'East Side Stories' in December - it was wonderful to see so many learners involved in all aspects of Drama, onstage and offstage, supported by our Gamelan players. Special thanks to the PTA for their support with costumes, hair & makeup and food, which made the show a treat for all the family!





CAS Reflection

by Alirarasan, Uthaya (Uthaya)

CAS Goals that I have achieved;

- Increased awareness of your strengths and areas for growth
- Undertaking new challenges
- Show perseverance and commitment
- Develop new skills

Recently I participated in a golf tournament. It was a very competitive tournament. I managed to qualify into the very last stage of the tournament. I came in 10th of 50 other participants. I have gained exposure and confident after playing for over 4 years now. I train almost every week and if I'm on break I train everyday to become a professional golfer one day. I have showed great commitment on my golfing, as I have not missed any of my golf lessons. I have also successfully completed all the strokes perfectly. I have also shown great improvement every lesson. I think I have improved a lot as I was not even able to win a competition place before. I am proud to say that I have again achieved all the learning outcomes and hoping to do the same in the future. Lastly, I hope I win the tournaments that I'm going to be participating in the future.

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Music News

The Music Department and all of it's staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Welcome To Our New Piano Teacher, Mr Yew Chee

The Music Department would like to warmly welcome our new Piano teacher, Mr Yew Chee (MBA, LTCL, LRSM, AMusTCL).

Mr Yew Chee started teaching this week and the learners have given some really positive feedback after their lessons with big smiles on their faces.

Instrumental Lessons

All the instrumental lessons are up and running and going really well.

If you are new to the school or have been here for a while and just want to try out playing an instrument, then please ask your parents to fill in the application form here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/sign-up-for-instrumental-lessons>

We still have got the following instruments to **Loan To You Free of Charge**, which will save you money on the start-up costs of learning an instrument. We have the following instruments: flutes, alto saxes, clarinets, violins, 'cellos, trumpets and trombones.

Spring Concert

This term sees the return of the Spring Concert in March. The Spring Concert is designed to showcase the talents of Nexus musicians of

Grade 5 standard and above, including the GCSE and IB learners. The auditions for the Spring Concert will be held at the start of March, so please start practising now. Learners who audition in groups will be looked on favourably.

Instrumental Reports

All of the instrumental teachers are currently working hard writing the instrumental reports for the first term. Parents will receive the reports in the next few weeks, just in time for the Instrumental Parents' Evening in February.

Instrumental Parents' Evening

The Music Department's Instrumental Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 10th February from 4pm to 6pm. Letters will be sent home in the next few weeks with all learners who have instrumental lessons detailing the arrangements for the Parents' Evening. Please respond to the letter and request an appointment time with your son/daughter's instrumental teacher. You will have received their Instrumental Report beforehand and it will be an opportunity for you to discuss their progress with their teacher.

Dates For Your Diaries

Wed 26 Jan	Instrumental Reports go home
Tue 10 Feb	Instrumental Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5pm
Mon 2 Mar	Auditions for the Spring Concert
Thu 12 Mar	Spring Concert - 7pm in the Theatre



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LEARN TO
PLAY MUSIC.
70% OF ADULTS
WISH
THEY HAD.

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Why Study Music?

Nexus currently has 30% of learners have instrumental Music lessons in school, we want to improve on that figure! Go on give it a try, it is great fun.

**Lunchtime Music Clubs - ALL WELCOME - No Invitation Needed!
Just Come Along and have FUN!**

Primary

Mon	Recorder Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann
	Primary String Group (Violins, Cellos) for Primary Learners with Mr Mervin
	Primary Guitar Group for Primary Learners with Mr Afiq & Mr Hafiz
Tue	Primary Drumming Group for Primary Learners with Mr Jared
Wed	Flute Group for Primary Learners with Miss Yem Voon
	Ukulele Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann
	(After School) Clarinet Group for ALL Learners with Miss Kit
Thu	Primary String Group (Violins and Cellos) for Primary Learners with Mr Mervin
Fri	Primary Singing Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann & Miss Audrey

Secondary

Mon	Secondary Drumming Group with Mr Jared & Mr Tim
Tue	Guitar Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Afiq
	Brass Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Gerold
Wed	Flute Group for Secondary Learners with Miss Yem Voon
	Fun Secondary Vocal Group (Acapella singing, 4 part singing) with Mr Tim & Mr Steve
	Guitar Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Hafiz
	(After School) Clarinet Group for ALL Learners with Miss Kit
Thu	Jazz Band/Group with Mr Tim
Fri	String Orchestra with Mr Steve & Mr Mervin

COME TO BOARDING DURING YOUR EXAMS



**GOOD
NEWS FOR
YEAR 11 &
YEAR 13
LEARNERS**



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