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Welcome
To
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Primary

Summative Assessments

Please be informed that the Year End Summative assessments for Primary learners from Year 2 to Year 6 will take place during the week beginning June 2nd.

In addition to the comprehensive and continual assessment for learning that goes on at Nexus, the summative assessment schedule consists of the following:

English	Reading comprehension test, Y2-6: Where ready a learner may take the test in Year 1
	Writing assessments, Y1-6 written and moderated on a termly basis
Maths	Progress In Maths online test (PIMS), Y1-6
Science	Test based on KS2 SATs from UK Y6
NB.	The Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT) are taken at the beginning of the school year, or on admission and provide predicted grades for the learners which, when compared to the end of year results can be used as an indication of progress.

There will be an information session on Wednesday 14th May at 9am (in the conference room) for any new parents to attend and ask questions.

Another Nexus Champion

Rasmus from Year 6 writes:

“On Wednesday 7th May, I was very excited to go to a badminton tournament at International School of Park City. Six of us travelled to try and win the tournament. I was feeling quite nervous. Two minutes after we arrived I had to play the first match. I went on the court and noticed that we played to 15 points, 1 set and then I started playing. The match was not hard at all I won 15-4. Straight after that I played my second match and won 15-1. I felt really proud and excited to have won my first two games. I had 10 minutes rest and

then had to play a much harder opponent from ELC. I had to win the match to go through to the semi finals and I had to work hard to win 15-12. I was feeling very happy with myself when I reached the semi final. The semi-final and the final were three set games. I had to start the semi-final straight away. I didn't play well in the first set but played much better in the 2nd and 3rd set and won.

The big moment came and I played the final. I was feeling very tired but I tried my best and won 2-0. Everyone was congratulating me. I was very happy at the end of the day as I had won a tournament for me and for Nexus!”

Spotlight on IPC

This week we are speaking to Jeeahn and Daniel:

What is your current IPC topic?

Chocolate

Why are you learning about that topic?

We will be learning about how healthy different chocolates are and how this will affect your body. It will make us think more carefully about what you eat. We think this topic will help us a lot in our lifestyle. For example when you buy something we will think more about the cost of things we buy and how much it costs to make things.

What did you learn today?

We have just taken part in our Entry Point. We went on a trip to Beryl's Chocolate Wonderland. We tasted chocolate and saw how chocolate was made. We Looked at the ingredients that go into chocolate.

Which personal goals are you using?

We used our communication skills to listen carefully to our tour guide and think about what she told us. We also thought carefully about the questions we wanted to ask.

What are the next steps in your learning?

We will be doing 'The Big Picture' and 'Explaining the Theme' next which means that we will find out what we will be covering in the topic and suggesting

Did you enjoy your Entry Point?

Yes it was fun and exciting because we got to learn how chocolates are made in real life in the factory. It was a good experience to be in a chocolate factory. We really enjoyed choosing the chocolate to buy! I feel excited about what will happen next in our topic!



Learning in Year 1

Entry Point – IPC theme Our World

This week the Year 1 learners had the Entry Point for the IPC theme Our World. The Year 1 learners were very enthused to be on a treasure hunt! They worked in collaborative teams to follow the clues from one place to the next and eventually 'crack the code' by arranging the clues in order and un-jumbling the letters to spell 'Our World'.

This was a very engaging experience, the photographic clues led the children to areas of the school that they may not have noticed before – allowing them to explore and interact with the world around them!

They are now eager to continue the learning journey and find out more about the world in which they live!

More details of this unit can be found on the Year 1, Term 3 curriculum letter on the Year 1 Googlesite!

Robin Hood Review

Coming up soon at Nexus Theatre,

Have you heard of the newest event at Nexus? Everyone around school is talking about our play, about a well known hero. Year 5 and 6 are presenting 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies!'

What's the play about you ask? Steal from the rich and give to the poor, that's what Robin Hood does...or does he?

Karamina Praga as Maid Marion, Arissa as Robin Hood, and a whole host of other guests star in this extravaganza.

Location: Nexus Theatre

Dress Rehearsal: Thursday 15th May, 10:30am (for Early Years and MP1)

Final Show: Friday 16th May, 9:00 am (for Parents and MP2)

This is a play you don't want to miss!
...are YOU coming?

Milepost 3 Production

Learners in Year 3 to Year 6 will be performing their dress rehearsal of Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies on Thursday 15th May at 10:30 for Milepost 1 and Early Years and any parents who can't make the parent performance.

The main performance for parents is at 9:00 am on Friday 16th May. Performances will be about 90 minutes in duration.



'Bugsy Malone' The Muscial



Secondary

Beijing Trip 2014

The LOTE department is excited to announce it's inaugural trip to Beijing, China in October 2014. Highlights of the trip will include excursions to Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Juyongguan Great Wall, Summer Palace, Happy Valley theme park and much more!

For more information and a trip letter please see either Mr Martyn in room 226 or Ms Wong in room 225. Alternatively contact either teacher via email.

This trip is available for all learners so you do NOT have to be studying Mandarin.

Get your letters quickly as the date to sign up is Wednesday 14th May 2014.

Martyn Nayman
Head of LOTE

Testtakers SAT Preparation Course (USA University Applications)

During the first week of the holiday four learners from Y12 attended an intensive 5 day course to prepare for their SAT tests, which are due to be taken in June. The course was run by a Singaporean company called Testtakers, who work with schools such as UWCSEA and Tanglin school. The SAT is a prerequisite for the USA university application and a major influence in the university selection procedure. The feedback from the learners was very positive and the official report indicated that each learner improved their score by approximately 200-300 points by the end of

the course. If you would like more information on the SATs please visit this website: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home> or contact Mr Conner.

Inter-Schools Debating Contest

On the 26th April 2014, a debating team from Nexus of Shailinder, Pranav and Jerrell accompanied by Ms. Maureen and Kenneth as adjudicators, went to Garden International School for the annual inter-schools debate; There, we were one amongst 44 teams of enthusiastic debaters. The debate began with a brief opening ceremony, followed by a hundred plus debaters hustling around in equal parts of distress and excitement, searching for their team match-ups. I can personally tell you that I underestimated what was awaiting me in the rooms that I would subsequently walk in to.

Throughout the course of what seemed to be merely a few hours, Jerrell, Pranav and I gained invaluable experience which I know will prove useful in our future endeavours as keen debaters. Personally, I feel that in the duration of the competition, there were several times where we had to maintain our calmness under circumstances of great pressure and contain, in fact, actively hide, feelings of nervousness when met with the gaze of the adjudicator and fellow debaters alike.

For the final debate, we had a mere twenty minutes to prepare, with no outside assistance. After that time had passed, we had to speak in front of an audience consisting of a few hundred people. It was, for lack of better words, an eventful final debate, and perhaps what was even more debatable than our topic (This house believes that environmental protection efforts in Asia will continue to fail) was the second opposition speaker's use of expletives in his speech. However, we didn't let a stinging attack by the opposition throw

us and were pleasantly surprised to become the overall competition winners.

The theme of the debate was the environment, and as debaters, we learnt a lot on the urgent need for global efforts to stop environmental degradation as our homes face a variety of immediate threats due to the usage of fossil fuels and irresponsible environmental exploitation which has been going on since the Industrial Revolution.

A major clash-point during all debates revolved around who to blame for the problems we face, but in hindsight, the future is ours and we should do our part to secure it. Of course, if others don't do anything, the problem won't be solved. But, sadly, few people grasp the fact that a person can only trigger a team effort by setting an example. What's wrong with taking the first step if it means securing your future lives?

The earth is a fine place and worth fighting for and if we don't think about the future generation, they'll never forget us...for the wrong reasons.

Shailinder & Jerrell



7 Brownies from 1st Putrajaya (Nexus) Brownies win The Star Brownie Award
Back row: Stella & Cheok Ling; Front row: Amelina, Jordis, Tara, Ilham & Samara

BROWNIES EXCEL ...

It was with a lot of excitement and a little trepidation (at least on the part of the parents probably) that seven 1st Putrajaya (Nexus) Brownies headed off to their very first Brownie Camp at the Science Centre in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday 3rd May. It was an over-night stay-away outside in tents with 112 other BGIFC Brownies from around Kuala Lumpur as part of the Brownie Section's 100th year birthday celebrations in 2014. The camp organisers, with a bit of help from the Science Centre staff, had put together a fun and varied program of activities for the girls over the 2 days and it didn't fail to please. However, probably the most exciting part for the Nexus Brownies was an unexpected award given to them on the final day – The Star Brownie Award. This award is often given to a girl who shows some great personal characteristics at camp – but in this case it was awarded to the Nexus group due to their impressing so many Brownie leaders at camp with their enthusiasm, helpfulness, friendliness and willing to make the most of the adventure that they were on. You will likely agree – job well done to Samara, Ilham, Tara, Jordis, Amelina, Cheok Ling and Stella!!

PE Notices

The Nexus Triathlon is being held on Sunday 18th May from 7am until 12pm. The first race will get underway at 8am starting with the Open and U18 Category. If you are interested in competing or simply coming to support the event then please visit the link below for full details.

<https://sites.google.com/site/nexustriathlon2014/home/raceinfoetails>

As always The PE Dept are looking for volunteers to help make the event run smoothly. If you would like to offer your services to help marshall the route, then please email me at smith.a@nexus.edu.my

The Primary Badminton season got underway on Wednesday night with a U11 boys team travelling to ISP. It was a fun evening for all with some outstanding Badminton on show. After all the matches were complete, Rasmus stood alone as the champion, collecting the Gold medal, without losing a single match. Well done to all the players!



CAS Reflection:

“Noor Habibollah, Nurul Atiqah”

Half way through the first term, I started volunteering at Kechara Soup Kitchen. My friends and I go there and help during our school holidays. We pack food and give them out to the homeless people. A day volunteering would take around 2 hours, in which you can meet other volunteers or enjoy the day with your friends.

Apart from packing food, we also help the organization by registering the homeless into the organization. This is done by submitting forms into their website which has been filled in by the ones who want to seek for help.

We were lucky enough to be able to visit a village in KL and give food to the residents. Even though we couldn't understand them as they were speaking in Mandarin, we knew they were happy to see us and get their meals.

I have enjoyed working in Kechara Soup Kitchen, as it makes me happy to see the smiles on people's face by getting their food or by helping them. This is an activity that I will keep doing and would recommend to others too.

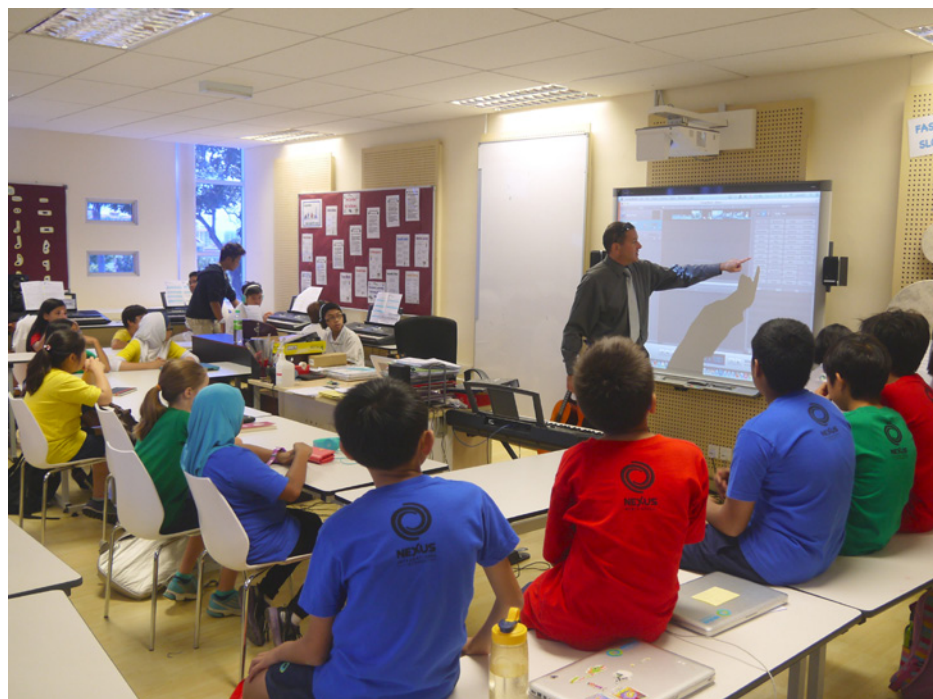
Saturday 10th May	O15 Touch Rugby at MKIS
Wednesday 14th May	U18 Softball at MKIS
Saturday 17th May	U15 Badminton at MKIS U18 Mixed Touch at MKIS U9 Boys Football at GIS U9 Girls Football at GIS
Sunday 18th May	Nexus Triathlon U11 Boys at KLASS, Melawati Campus U11 Girls at KLASS, Melawati Campus

As always, if you would like further information regarding school sports, please contact me on the email above or visit our PE School Sports calendar here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/nexus-sport-pe-and-health/class-schedule>

Year 6 to 7 Taster Day

On Tuesday 6th May, our Year 6 learners had their final Secondary Taster Experience of the year. Learners attended Humanities, P.E, Music and Drama lessons and the feedback was that they had great fun, whilst learning new things! Here are some photos from the morning.





**SO MUCH
FUN!
6/5/2014
More photos
on FB**

Music News

Piano and Flute Recital

Well done to all of the learners who took part in the Piano and Flute Recital last term. You all played amazingly well and did yourselves and Nexus proud.

The recordings of the evening can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/recordings-performances>

Bugsy Malone

The Bugsy Malone Video is still being edited and will hopefully be out next week... Watch This Space!

Young Performers' Concert 21/5/2014

Auditions for the Young Performers' Concert will be held next week - It is an acoustic concert featuring all learners up to and including Y9.

Nexus' Got Talent 2014

Calling all Jugglers, Dancers, Comedians, Fire Eaters, Sword Swallowers, Magicians, Musicians etc.

The "Nexus' Got Talent 2014" Auditions will be held in 3 weeks, on 27th May. Get practising your acts ready for the Auditions.

Like last year the audience on the night will vote via SMS for the Best Primary Act and the Best Secondary Act.

The 'Sign-up Sheet' will be out in a couple of weeks.

Dance In Action 2014

This year's Dance in Action will be held on 18th June. Sabrin Saw our Dance CCA teacher will be coordinating the dancers, so if you are a dancer and would like to perform a solo or group piece then please let Mr Tim know ASAP (by 26th May) and we will give you a quick audition.

Instrumental Lessons

32 new learners have signed up for instrumental and voice lessons already this term. It is not too late to start lessons so if you would like to learn an instrument then parents please fill in the form here: <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/sign-up-for-instrumental-lessons>

We can loan you **Free of Charge** the following instrument which will be loaned on a first-come-first serve basis:

2 'cellos, 2 violins, 4 clarinets, 2 trumpets, 3 trombones, 4 saxophones and 1 flute.

Invoices for this term's lessons will be sent out next week. Can I ask you to please pay them promptly as this is a short term.

Dates For Your Diaries

14th April	Auditions for the Young Performers Concert
21 May	Young Performers Concert
4 June	Nexus' Got Talent
18 June	Dance in Action
19 June	Rock Concert

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<http://official-isme.blogspot.com/2012/01/12-why-study-music-in-school.html>

Drama News

'Bugsy Malone'

Well done to all the cast and crew of our musical show 'Bugsy Malone' for their hard work and professionalism at the end of last term. Five months of hard work, lots of rehearsals and a fair bit of laughter resulted in some excellent performances which were greatly enjoyed by the audiences.



A big "Thankyou" to all our friends and parents who helped out with making set, props and costumes for the show, and to those staff and parents who were behind the scenes supporting us. We couldn't do it without you!

Look out for the 'Bugsy Malone' video on the Nexus website - coming soon!

Winners of the Wednesday night 'Bugsy Malone' lucky seat prize draw for the Marriott Hotel & Spa, Putrajaya:

2 days 1 night stay : Seat no. E16

Weekend Buffet Brunch for two : Seat no. F11

Check your tickets and contact Ms Rach at thomas.r@nexus.edu.my if you've won!

Nexus Triathlon



Sunday 18th May 2014

Aquathlon - U6

Duathlon - U18, Open

Triathlon - U8, U10, U12, U15, U18, Open
Individual or Team Relay

Kids: RM30 - Individual
RM60 - Team Relay

Adults: RM30 - Individual
RM60 - Team Relay

Racing Starts at 8am

For Race and Registration info

Visit - www.tinyurl.com/nexustriathlon2014

E-mail - malaysiarace@gmail.com