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Primary

Nexus at Novel Knockout

Jonathan Wei Chin, David Calalang, Thaliza Charmaine Limoanco and King Chow Wong represented Nexus in the recent Novel Knockout held at ISKL in Ampang. The team performed well and enjoyed the experience.



Year Book Photos

On Monday (19th) the school photographer will be taking class photos for this year's Year Book. The photos will be taken in the theatre.

Why Study Music?

11 Facts About Music Education

<https://www.dosomething.org/tipsandtools/11-facts-about-music-education>

Music News

Young Performers' Concert 21 May @ 6.30pm

The auditions for the Young Performers' Concert went really well on Wednesday with over 50 learners auditioning. The standard was very high but sadly we could only offer 32 performance slots. The programme will include learners from Year 2 right up to Year 9. Congratulations to all of those who got through to the concert, those who did not make it this time will hopefully get through to the next concert.

Tickets for the Young Performers' Concert are on sale from Student Services in the School Reception. They are priced RM10 for Adults and RM5 for Children/Concessions.

Please note that the concert will start at 6.30pm due to younger learners being involved.

Bugsy Malone - The Musical

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

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 THIS WEEK!

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

38 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
25 June	Rock Concert *N.B NEW DATE*

Secondary

CAS Reflection: “Saring, Hakim”



Ever since October me and my some of my friends started doing ‘Translations’ as our CAS supervised by Ms Angela. What we basically do is translate paperwork given. The translated paperwork would then enable Ms Angela to help and explain a student who doesn’t understand in English.

Our translation will be either from English to Malay or English to Mandarin. So this way if the particular student is Chinese for example, and doesn’t understand English, he/she might be able to understand our translated version of English or Malay. Without a doubt it is convenient.

In this activity, I have found that working collaboratively with others is hard. Because, firstly I am not a social-person. Socialising with people has always been my weakness. And now Working with them? Nevertheless, this activity helps the quality of our teamwork and cooperation with the others. There are many words that I do not know in Malay. Coming

across the new words help me increase my vocabulary in Malay, which is quite a benefit since I am Malay myself.

My first time in the Translation class was rather okay. We had to divide our main work and then firstly translate individually before putting the pieces back together and check on it together as a team. Despite having an individual sessions we are bound to ask another person about say, a sentence that we do not know how to put together when translated. In other words we always help each other when needed and that’s when the teamwork comes.

I’ve always had full attendance since the start. I have not missed a session as in this term I was assigned to be the monitor for the group and so I had to organize things such as the current sheets to be translated, dividing work, checking progress and what not. I am a very punctual person; I usually attend the class 5 minutes earlier to sort out for the day’s work. I’ve put a quite a large effort in working in Translations regardless of how challenging it may be. My team and I are able to over-come them together and experience hardship as a team.

To be honest I look forward to do more translation next term as I really enjoy doing it. Possibly better with more people in our little team?



IB Graduation 23rd May

Our year 13s are presently taking their IB examinations and these will conclude on the morning of 23rd May. We wish them all the best of luck and hope that the qualification gained will take them wherever they want to go in life.

This is our first group of IB learners and will be the first learners in the history of Nexus who will be leaving because they have completed their secondary education. They are a very special group not just because they are the pioneers of the IB Diploma Programme but because of the way they have approached their studies and supported each other.

In order to say goodbye to them formally and recognize what they have achieved we will be holding a graduation ceremony on 23rd May at 2pm. Parents of year 13s are warmly invited to attend. In order to ensure a prompt start, I would request that everyone be seated by 12.50 at the latest. The PTA has kindly offered to provide light refreshments at the conclusion of the ceremony on the school field. Bring a camera to record what will be a special day both for the year 13s and Nexus International School.

NEXUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PUTRAJAYA

Embracing Diversity. Challenging Minds.

The IB Graduating Class of 2014

*Request the pleasure of your company at
The first IB graduation ceremony of Nexus International School Putrajaya*

*Date: 23rd May
Venue: Theatre
Time: 2pm
(please be seated by 1.45pm)
Dress: Formal*

'Celebrating Diversity Challenging Minds'



University Application Information Evening

Date:
Thursday 29th May
 Location:
Learning Hub 1 (Room 315)
 Time:
5:00pm-6:00pm

Dear Parents,

Over the coming months you and your children will be starting the process of university applications, or planning life after Nexus. The tutor team and I would like to invite you to an information evening, introducing the application process for popular destinations such as the UK, USA, Canada and Australia. We will not have time to go into detail, but I hope it will give you an overview of the procedures, important deadlines and costs associated with these countries. I'm sure you will have lots of questions so a dedicated Q&A session has been scheduled after the presentations.

For rooming purposes I would like to have an idea of numbers, so if you would like to attend please email me (conner.j@nexus.edu.my) with your name, the learners name and total number wanting to attend

Mr Joel Conner
 University and Careers Coordinator

ELL Information:

“Superhero Play”

Don't be surprised if one day, your child wants to don a cape and rush off to catch some baddies. and don't be alarmed either. 'Superhero play' can appear to be aggressive and might even include weapons-but it should be harmless play fighting and there's much that your child can learn from it. Pretending to be a superhero will give your child the courage to explore:

Their fears and abilities:

- Good and bad
- Danger and new experiences, even
- Life and death

Superhero play will also help your child to:

- Make friends and learn how to solve problems-saving the world takes a lot of thought and cooperation
- Understand other people's feelings, by taking on the roles of champion, villain, even victim, and
- Learn lots of language through their superhero stories

Superhero play also satisfies some children's desire for rough-and-tumble, with its harmless wrestling, kicking and rolling around. However, you will still need to set rules, particularly around the kind of rough-and-tumble that you will accept. Explain that superheroes always use their powers wisely and agree that if anyone feels unhappy during play-fighting, they will say, for example, 'Stop. I don't like it!', and the playing will stop. Providing enough capes, masks and so on should avoid any real arguments breaking out. Join in if your child and their friends want you to - and find out about the great stories that they've been creating!



Boarders Blog:

“Skytrex Trip”

On Tuesday we had a holiday, so the boarders travelled to the Skytrex complex with Ms Lisa. Mr Pete was also there to lend support. We travelled through the jungle for a while and then we were shown how to use the equipment by the instructors.

My favorite parts had to be the zip lines (flying fox), it made you feel like you were flying and was really fun. My least favorite one was a section where you had to go on hanging tubes, and when you stepped on one of them, it would swing back and forth and it was really scary. A few people thought the long climb up the rope ladder was the most terrifying. But over all it was really fun and I want to do it again.

Georgia Steven
Year 10



Young Performers' Concert

Date: 21st May 2014
Day: Wednesday
Time: 6.30-8.00pm
Venue: Nexus Theatre

**Tickets are available from
the Payment Counter**
Child/Concessions: RM5
Adults: RM10

Performers do not need a ticket



**A concert featuring our younger musicians to give them an
opportunity to perform on stage in front of an audience**