

# CONNECT03

GREETINGS FROM NEXUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, PUTRAJAYA

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+ The World Renowned Composer Musician Arranger

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**NEXUS**  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL

PUTRAJAYA

# Whole School

## An Invitation to All Nexus Parents

Topic: Parenting and Restorative Practice Presentation

The interactive presentation will focus on:

- How can we support our sons and daughters to be the best people they can be.
- Explore what research is telling us about brain development,
- Risk taking behaviours and the social context of discipline.
- How the history of parenting influences how we do business in our schools.
- Explore the foundations of Restorative Practice and the links with maximising learning outcomes of young people.
- Examine the benefits of Restorative language and problem solving at home, at school and in our community.

Monday, 15 Sept 2014  
From 3:30-5:00pm  
@ MPR, NISP  
By David (Dave) Vinegrad,  
Director of Behaviour  
Matters, Well-known  
Restorative Practice  
expert and an International  
Educator from Australia.

For further information please contact:  
Ms Malou Bromley, Guidance Counsellor



*About the  
Presenter:*

*David  
Vinegrad*

As the Director of Behaviour Matters he is recognised as a world leader in the development of school based Restorative Practice. He has pioneered the application of Restorative Justice in the classroom, corridor and playground to enhance, promote and repair relationships. With his colleague Marg Thorsborne, he has authored 4 books and training manuals about Restorative Practice.

David is a well-known presenter with extensive experience in the area of Behaviour Management both nationally and internationally.

David's expertise and abilities in this area have been recognised at all levels. Over the years he has initiated and supported several student management initiatives that may be regarded by some as being revolutionary.

David has spent over 30 years working with teachers and students in a variety of diverse educational settings undertaking and developing a wide range of roles. He has taught in Tasmania and Victoria and has a Bachelor of Education and a Master of Education in Counseling and Adolescent Development.

In 1993 David pioneered Restorative Practice in Tasmania and then moved onto Victoria to passionately spread the word. His experience includes working with Tasmanian Police to incorporate conferencing as a juvenile justice intervention, worked with the Singapore Ministry of Education training Guidance Branch Officers and the staff of pilot schools as a first Restorative Practice initiative for Singapore. David has recently returned to Melbourne to continue his consultancy after working for 7 years in a range of international schools in Japan and Brazil.

# **SAFETY ON THE NET**

**Presentations  
from:**

**Mr Greg**  
(ICT Technical  
Director)

**Mr Graeme**  
(ICT Integrator  
@ Nexus)

**9-10.30am  
18 Sept 2014  
@ Multipurpose Room**

**If you would like information regarding:**

- 1. Online safety for your children**
- 2. Tips on what you could do to help your child be safe on the Internet**
- 3. Ways to monitor your child's use on the internet**
- 4. Managing the time your child uses their computer**

Devices: We encourage Parents to bring their own Mac Laptop and iPad. For those parents without either device, one will be provided.

# PE Notices

Congratulations to the U18 Girls Volleyball team who were victorious over MKIS in Monday night 's friendly match. The girls have got their season off to a great start and will be filled with confidence going into the first round of league matches next week.

The boys were not so fortunate. They came up against an extremely well-organised MKIS boys team and were defeated in straight sets despite an excellent performance.

## Sports Fixtures

This year we have even more opportunity to represent Nexus in sport. With 90+ fixtures on the calendar this term alone, we very much need your support. There are many ways to find out when/where these fixtures are taking place, such as:

1. Every week in **CONNECT** you will find a report on last weeks sporting highlights plus upcoming fixtures.
2. Via the **PE Dept Website** which can be found here - <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/pe-dept/>
3. Check the **Learner Bulletin** each week.
4. Take a look at the **TV Screens** on the corridors. They will display the fixtures for the week ahead.
5. Each learner has been shared the **Fixtures Calendar**. Save and display this calendar alongside your own using Google.

Please check using the above before emailing a member of the PE staff.

## CCA Notice

There will be no CCA sessions in the week beginning Monday 15th September due to the public holiday on Tuesday 16th. **School buses will be boarding at 3.20pm and departing at 3.30pm.** CCA's will resume in the following week, beginning Monday 22nd September. Please refer to CCA calendar in the website, link: <http://www.nexus.edu.my/Files/Nexus-CCA-Calendar-2014-2015.aspx>

## Fixtures Coming-up

Thursday 11th September		
U13 Girls Football Vs MKIS 4.15 Kick-off for all games		@Nexus
U13 Boys Football Vs MKIS		@Nexus
U15 Boys Football Vs MKIS		@Nexus
U18 Boys Football Vs MKIS		@Nexus
Saturday 13th September		
U18 Girls Football - ISAC Tournament Bus leaves Nexus at 6.30am		@ISKL
U18 Boys Football - ISAC Tournament Kick-off at 9.00am		@Nexus
Wednesday 17th September		
U18 Boys Volleyball Bus leaves Nexus at 3.15pm		@ISKL
U9 Girls Benchball Bus leaves Nexus at 2.30pm & will return for approx 6.30pm		@BSKL
U9 Boys Benchball		@BSKL
U11 Girls Basketball		@BSKL
U11 Boys Basketball		@BSKL
Thursday 18th September		
U15 Boys Football Bus leaves Nexus at 3.15pm		@Tenby
U15 Girls football		@ELC



## Extra Curricular

Nexus International School, Putrajaya  
The Global Citizens of Tomorrow

To compliment the existing range of sporting opportunities available within PE lessons and CCA, we will be running the following clubs this term:

Day	Clubs (7.30-8.15am)	WUSU (8.25-8.42am)	Pri. Lunch (12.20-1.10pm)	Sec. Lunch (1-1.50pm)
<b>Monday</b>		Sports Hall - GCR		Swimming - ASM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Fitness - ASM (7.15am)	Sports Hall - GNI		Fitness Suite - ASM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Fitness - ASM (7.15am)	Sports Hall - GCR		
<b>Thursday</b>	Fitness - ASM	Sports Hall - PBE		Swimming - GNI Fitness Suite - PBE
<b>Friday</b>	Swimming - PBE	Sports Hall - KHA	Y3/4 Benchball - GCR	Sec. Boyys & Girls Basketball - PBE/ ASM

Please speak to a member of the PE department if you have any questions/queries about school sports clubs.



This year we are holding our Nexus' Got Talent show in the first term this year - Learners have 9 weeks to practise their items ready for the Auditions on 10th November. We are looking for a variety of acts not just singers so get your thinking cap on and talk to your friends to see what you could do together.

**FREE  
Workshops  
and Shows in  
Music, Dance,  
Drama, Film etc.  
@ KLPAC -  
Saturday 13th  
and Sunday  
14th September**

**Click on the 3  
tabs near the top  
of the page for  
the schedules:  
[http://klpac.  
org/ysdartsfest/  
workshop-dance/](http://klpac.org/ysdartsfest/workshop-dance/)**

# Primary

## Spotlight on Learning:

## *The Dr's Surgery!*

The Early Years learners had an action packed week exploring 'What is special about being me?' by role-playing in their new Dr's Surgery. They talked about who has been to the doctors, what happened when they arrived and learned new words like waiting room, reception area, x-ray, doctor etc.

Nurse Mina came for a visit to show them how to wash their hands properly. They learned why and when they should their wash their hands, and also what happens when they do not wash them. In phonics they learned T is for tooth! They looked at a big model of the teeth to see how many teeth, we have and how to brush our teeth properly.





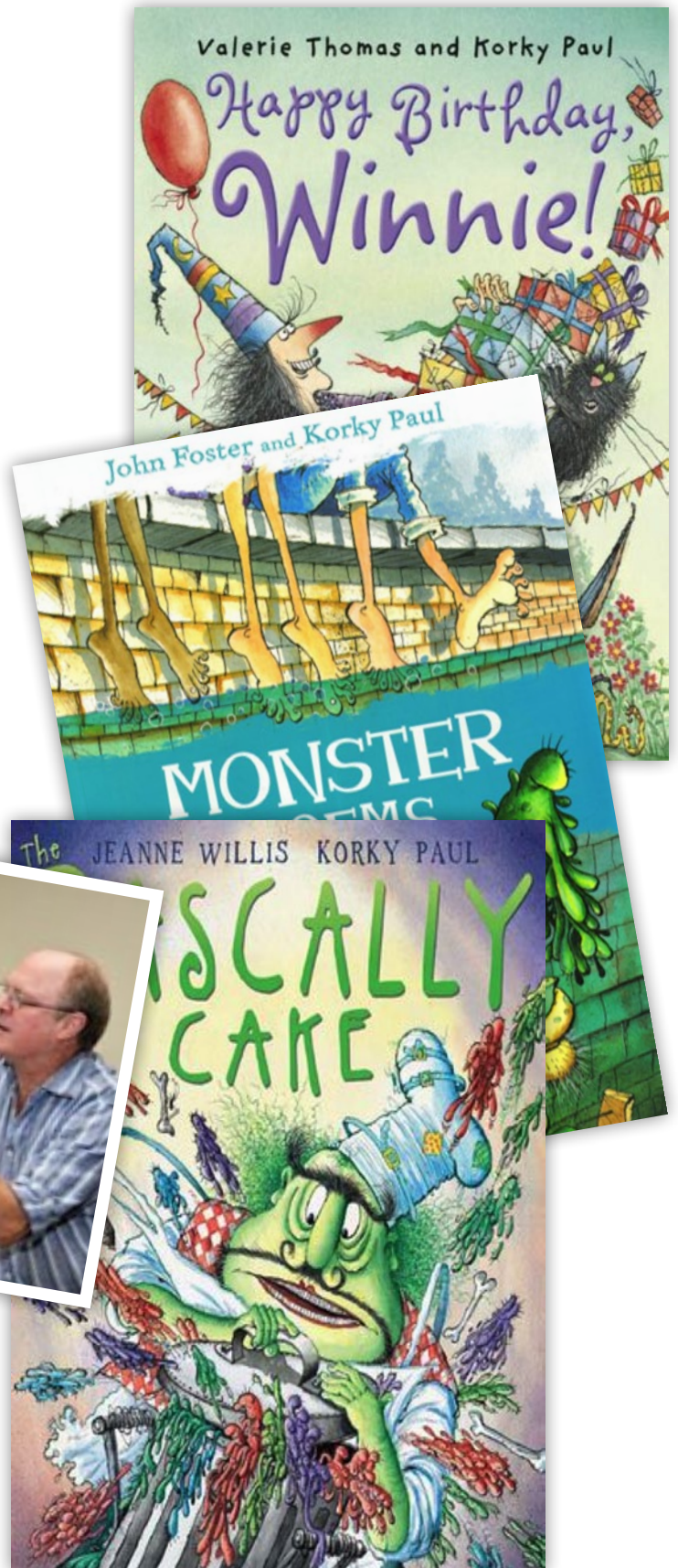


## Korky Paul

Is visiting Nexus on 10th  
November 2014

He is a British Illustrator of Children's Books. It's likely that you have read his famous "**Winnie the Witch**" series. You can find his books in the library at Nexus. Come read his books and get ready to ask questions for an interesting interactive session. He would be conducting a workshop for Nexus learners (10th November) and sharing his experiences about his journey as an illustrator.

Born: 1951, Harare, Zimbabwe  
Education: California Institute of the Arts  
His real name is Hamish Vigne Christie Paul.





# Secondary

## University Seminars

Last Friday a representative from the University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada paid Nexus a visit, which was attended by a number of Y13 learners. This week a consortium of universities from USA, will be at Nexus on Thursday during the lunch break (upstairs in the Library).

All learners in Y11-13 (and Parents) are welcome to attend these presentations so please check your emails and notice boards in the Library and IB common room for all future events.

## Swipe Card System

Please can all secondary learners ensure that they top-up with money on their swipe card. The school cafeteria will soon become a cashless system, where swipe cards will only be accepted for payment. Please top-up the cards at the main office reception. In addition, learners must swipe-in when they come to school for attendance and swipe-out when they leave the school premises. Swiping-in and Swiping-out is very important, as attendance is recorded for safety and fire procedures.



## Secondary Art "Newspaper Appeal"

Secondary Art would like to appeal for newspapers, as we are going to start our **Papier-mâché** project with Year 9 learners and to cover the table while painting. We also recycle the Newspapers for paper making and printing activities.

Please send the newspapers to the Secondary Art room (122 or 123) anytime during school hours. All contributions are highly appreciated.







# CAS Reflection

by Alissa Yap

Recently I had started playing a new piece for my upcoming examination. The new piece that I am currently practising is a classical jazz, this is different from my other examination piece as I had never chosen to do a jazz song for my examination; I used to only play classical in the baroque and romantic period. To improve on my jazz piece, I had started to use a new approach in my practice. I would first analyse the chords that are being used in the score, before I actually start playing, this had shown to be effective, as there are less errors in my playing compared to the way that I had practiced it before. Other than my pieces that I am practising, I am also playing some new scales such as the chromatic third apart scale, while I had played chromatic scales in the past; this is my first time trying it in third apart. In my practice, I notice that my scales and arpeggio are currently more polished compared to my pieces as I had been more focused on them in my past practices; this means that in my future practices I need to start focusing more on the pieces that I am playing instead.



Lunch Time Extra Help Sessions for secondary learners will begin this coming week. The first session will be Monday, 15 September. These sessions will run twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1:20 until 1:50. Learners can come for 20 or 40 minutes. There is no need to register ahead of time, they can just come to Rooms 413/414.

“Lunch Time Extra Help is a time when learners can come and see a teacher to get help with something they are doing in class. If learners need a little help or a big help, they can come along and talk to someone who can give them some help,” says program coordinator Sandra Curtis.

Ms. Curtis is an ELL teacher who encourages learners to come along whenever they think they need some help. It is fine to come to Lunch Time Extra Help

Sessions even if a learner just has a simple question. She reports, “All of our teachers are real Nexus teachers and they are eager to help!”



# Music News

## World Music Workshops: Lead by Andy Gleadhil, The World Renowned Ethnomusicologist

Next week on Tuesday 16th September to Saturday 20th September Nexus will be hosting 8 World Music Workshops lead by Andy Gleadhil, a world renowned ethnomusicologist from England. He will be running Samba Drum Workshops, African Drumming Workshops, Gamelan Workshops and Composition Workshops.


Our Y10, 11 Music GCSE and Y12 Music IB

learners will be taking part on Thursday and Friday and our teaching staff (both classroom and instrumental) will also be getting training during the week.

If any of you would like to attend the afternoon (3pm to 6pm) sessions or the whole day Saturday (8am to 4pm) workshops then you can sign up here (it says that the sessions are intended for teacher training but Andy says that are also appropriate for those who want to learn about performing World Music):

### WORLD DRUMS SIGN UP PAGE

Below is the timetable for the week - come along and use our new Gamelan!

	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th	Saturday 20th
					All Day Event: 8am - 4pm
					Morning Session: Drumming & Brazilian Samba
8.30am - 2.30pm			Gamelan Workshop with Y11 & 12, Ann, Steve & Tim	World Drums Workshop with Y10, Jared, Ann, Steve & Tim	Afternoon 1 Session: Teaching Whole Class Instrumental & Ensemble Lessons
3.00pm - 6.00pm	Drumming & Brazilian Samba	Gamelan music & how this can be explored using traditional Gamelan Ensembles, Garage Band, DIY Gamelan made up from school percussion instruments & using an iPad virtual Gamelan app	Composing with World Music: African Drumming, Caribbean Reggae & Indian Ragas		Afternoon 2 Session: Composing with World Music



and the LSO, Paul Young, Jeff Beck, Seal, Dame Shirley Bassey, Kerry Ellis and Paul Carrack and contributed to film including tracks for Baz Lurhmann's Moulin Rouge and Romeo & Juliet, Bridget Jones' Diary, Teachers Pet, Spongebob Squarepants, Finding Nemo, Mona Lisa Smile, and 101 Dalmatians 2

**Join Steve Sidwell at: KL Converge! KL Convention Centre 17-19 Sept 2014 organized By MCMC**

Follow @KLconverge on twitter for updates or register online [www.klconverge.com](http://www.klconverge.com)

## Dates For Your Diaries

Mon 10th Nov	Nexus' Got Talent Auditions
Thur 20th Nov	Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Fri 21st Nov	Young Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Wed 10th Dec	Production - TBC
Thu 11th Dec	Production - TBC

## Free Composing Master Class by Steve Sidwell, The World Renowned Composer Musician Arranger

Free Master Class by world renowned Composer Musician Arranger Steve Sidwell will be in town on my invitation.

Album credits include the orchestration and conducting of Robbie Williams' multi-platinum selling album Swing When You're Winning. Recent projects include recordings with Sarah Brightman

## Why Study Music?

Music education helps kids improve language, reading

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2014/08/10/374754/music-can-improve-language-reading/>





# Lunchtime Music Clubs!

**No Invitation Needed! Just Come Along and have FUN!**

Primary @ Lunchtime	
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
	Xylophone and Glockenspiel Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann
	(After School) Clarinet Group for ALL Learners with Miss Kit
Fri	Primary Singing Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann & Miss Audrey
	Primary String Group (Violins, Cellos) for Primary Learners with Mr Mervin

Secondary @ Lunchtime	
Mon	Music Technology Club with Mr Tim
	Secondary Drumming Group with Mr Jared
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
	Senior String Group (Violins and Cellos) for Secondary Learners with Mr Mervin
	Fun Secondary Vocal Group (Acapella singing, 4 part singing) with Mr Tim & Mr Steve
	Guitar Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Hafiz
Fri	Clarinet Group for ALL Learners with Miss Kit
	Jazz Band/Group with Mr Tim & Mr Steve

## Music Lesson 2014-15

Over 65 new learners have signed up for Instrumental/Voice lessons. If you could not make the meeting or have not signed up yet IT IS NOT TOO LATE! You can now do so on the new Online Sign-Up Form here:

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

We still have a few instruments to loan FREE of charge to learners: **Fife (small plastic flutes for little hands) x 5, Flute x 1, Clarinet x 1, Saxophone x 1, Trombone x 1, Trumpet x 1.**

Please let the Music Department know if you would like to secure one of these instruments.