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# Whole School

## A Successful Healthy Living Kick-Off

Lots of healthy food and drinks were made and tasted both by learners and parents last week.

Thanks to everyone for their contribution! Nexus School been recognized on the TV as a valuable contributor to “Kids help kids” charity organization to help the raise funds for KL’s House of Hope project.

After the long weekend we will introduce Fruit and Vegetable Fridays: ‘Fruggie Fridays’. Learners are encouraged to bring (AND EAT) their own fresh fruit and/ or vegetables every Friday to keep strong and healthy. At the same time, we are still looking for healthy snack and lunch boxes. Older learners should be role-models for the younger ones so let’s pack healthy food!

Our very helpful and active PTA would like to share the yummy and super-healthy recipes; which were part of the “Healthy breakfast session” last week.

This week’s quote is for good vision:



### Honeydew Smoothie

1kg Honeydew  
½ Cucumber  
3 Bananas  
4 Tablespoons of yoghurt  
1 Cup Low Fat Milk  
1 Tablespoon Honey  
6 Ice Cubes

### Dragon Fruit Smoothie

1 Red Dragon fruit  
5 Apples  
1 Carrot  
3 Bananas  
1 Cup Low Fat Milk

Please note that the amounts used will yield one jug full.



## SEE BETTER

**Vitamin A:** tomatoes, papaya, carrots



**Vitamin E:** wheat germ, oils, nuts and seeds.



**Vitamin C:** oranges, strawberries, peppers and broccoli.



**Zeaxanthin and Lutein:** leafy green vegetables, mangoes, kiwi, honeydew, peas, broccoli, yellow squash, corn, red grapes and oranges.



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**Duration: 9 days & 8 nights**  
**Friday 10 - Saturday 18 April 2015**



**\$995 USD**

inclusive of all activities, training, food,  
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Return flights from KL to Delhi and travel insurance will be an additional cost.  
We anticipate flights to cost approx 1500MYR based on current prices.

For more info at <http://goo.gl/nZi4rc>

To register your initial interest in this trip,  
please email Mr Graeme at [lazell.g@nexus.edu.my](mailto:lazell.g@nexus.edu.my)

Further presentations will be made to parents  
on 4/2/15 at 8:30am and 4:30pm.





## Fruggie Friday begins Friday 6th February

WE THINK FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ARE SO IMPORTANT FOR YOUR DEVELOPMENT THAT LESSONS WILL STOP 5 MINUTES EARLY EACH FRIDAY MORNING BREAK TIME SO YOU CAN EAT AND SHOW CASE YOUR FRUIT OR VEGETABLES WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS BRING YOUR OWN FRUIT OR VEG!

## No CCA's Next Week!

Dear Parents, please be aware that due to the public holidays in the upcoming week beginning 2/2/15 there will be no CCA sessions for the whole week.

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# Primary

## 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 encouraged 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 events and civilisations 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



## U11 Girls Football @ ISKL

Our U11 girls football team were narrowly beaten by ISKL.

The girls played really well for their first warm up game, Rinka in particular was a super star, making some great passes and runs, but she just couldn't break through ISKL's strong defence.

Xuen had a couple of good chances to score, but again the other team's defence were too strong, clearing the ball each time. Stella played very well in the Nexus defence, using her body to block most of their strong passes up towards the goal.

Overall, the girls had a really great afternoon of Football and gained valuable ideas about what they can work on for future games.



# Secondary

## Collaborative Learning Day



Wednesday saw the first ever LOTE 6th Form Collaborative Learning Day held at Nexus.

Learners from Mont Kiara, Alice Smith and GIS arrived for a morning of collaborative learning with our own year 12 and 13 learners of French and Spanish. 35 learners in total split themselves into groups to prepare and discuss the topic of 'Has technology had an impact on society'. After a lively debate in French and Spanish, the learners then designed an animation to explain the counter ideas of the previous debate, which was then followed by a decent lunch. Our learners debated extremely well and enjoyed the experience of learning with learners from different schools.

It was such a success that it will now become a regular fixture in the Nexus Calendar.



## FOOTBALL TRAINING

CAS reflection by Abi Satria Praga

First session back from a long holiday, I felt unfit from not doing any exercise over the term break. We did our normal warm up routine, jogging around the court for 7 laps and 1 laps around the court doing side steps, I could feel that my stamina had been slightly reduced, because I was tired after the fourth lap, which is not good for me. Not only was my stamina reduced, my physical strength as well because during our fitness workout, I just barely completed the push up and sit up exercises. I feel disappointed, but at the same time, more motivated to improve myself. As time progressed in each session after the first, my strength slowly developed to form, and my gameplay greatly improved as I have been winning my matches frequently. So far there have been no tournaments for the under 18's, and I feel a bit disappointed as we as a team have been preparing for one for a while. There were new members that joined the team, and I was excited to play against them as this competition will test my abilities to see where I am at in my progress, and not only that, I get to make new friends and bond with them.

# NEXUS ART STUDENTS VISIT THE MALAYSIAN NATIONAL ART GALLERY

On Tuesday the 27th of January, IGCSE and IB Visual Arts learners visited the Malaysian National Art Gallery to gather research about past and contemporary art work from Malaysia.

Learners were given an introductory guide into the latest modern acquisitions to the museum, some of which are thought provoking installations sculptures and paintings about current cultural and tribal issues. The learners were set the task to research artists and art works that are connected to their current assignments. It is as well that Choong Kam Kow, one of Malaysia's longest and most respected artists was exhibiting his work. His art work is shown in a number of 'series' spanning from the late 1950's to the present, documenting the life and times of the Malaysian people, culture and heritage.

The learners will find the trip useful as they must demonstrate in their sketch books a number of responses to their insights into museum trips and the curatorial information that they find there.



## PE Notices

### Basketball

Basketball matches are coming thick and fast at the moment as we head towards the conclusion of the ISAC season. The U13 Boys and Girls were in action at ISP while the U15s teams visited BSKL on Monday night. All 4 teams played extremely well and are growing stronger as a group. The season finale for the U13 and U15 teams is the end of February at Tenby. Good luck to all the teams involved.

The U18 Boys team narrowly lost out on the ISAC Div 1 Bronze medal on Wednesday night, losing by 6 points to the ISKL 'A' team. It represents the last tournament that this very successful team will play together as U18s. We wish them all the very best in the future.

### Football

The last games of the football season were played last week as Nexus hosted the ISAC U13 Football tournament. 12 teams were in action with Nexus boys winning the Bronze medal and the girls losing out by 1 point. It was a great morning of football, enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the learners who gave up there morning to represent Nexus.

### Waterskiing CCA

See footage below of Isaac Tan waterskiing for the first time. An excellent achievement considering he's never put on a pair of waterskis before.

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 March at Nexus

### U11 Boys

- 4th Feb at ISP
- 4th March at ISP

### U11 Girls

- 4th Feb at ISP
- 4th March at ISP

## Basketball

### U13 Boys

- 29th Jan at ISKL
- 5th Feb at Tenby

### U13 Girls

- 29th Jan at ISKL
- 12th Feb at Tenby
- 26th March at Tenby

### U15 Girls

- 29th Jan at Tenby - KLISS  
Rd 1 = 2 games
- 9th Feb at ISKL
- 26th Feb at Tenby - KLISS  
Rd 2 = 3 games + Medals given out

### U15 Boys

- 9th Feb at ISKL
- 12th Feb at Tenby

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

# U15 Girls Netball

On Wednesday 29th January the U15 Girls Netball team played in their first ever tournament at Epsom College. Their first game was against Garden International School. The girls played so well throughout keeping themselves in the lead for the first three quarters, with fantastic attacking from Charlotte, Adeline, Yen Li, Sorfina and Kauthar. It was only in the last quarter that Garden overtook us with goals scored. The final score was 6-4 to Garden. The second game against Epsom College was more challenging, but the girls worked hard throughout. Well done to Vicky for her role as GK, Ji for her first time playing WD and excellent defending from Yuanbei throughout. Everyone made great improvements in their game play and for some this was their first netball game ever. The team are as follows; Charlotte Kwok, Adeline Tan, Yen Li Wong, Sorfina Md Shaiful, Kauthar Manan, Yuanbei Lim, Ji Zhang, Amira Mahathir, Vicky Camia, Jeslin Koh.



On Monday 26th January the U15 Girls Basketball team played a friendly game against ISP. This was a great opportunity for the team to develop their skills and understanding of some of the more complex rules of the game. The team played well throughout with excellent shots from Chelsea and Aisya and great reading of the game by Amisha. Well done to all involved; Chelsea Lim, Azmina Mohd Azam, Karamina Praga, Sorour Khadivi, Aisya Tuan Razali, Amisha Mohd Nadzari.

Thank you, Miss Grace



# IB OPTIONS EVENING

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**WEDNESDAY 4/2/2015  
AT 6.30PM IN THEATRE**

# MUSIC NEWS

## New Drum Teacher



Sadly Mr Jared has decided to leave Nexus at the end of this term in order to focus more on his ever increasing and demanding drumming performance career. Jarad has been with the Music Department since 2012 and he will be missed. We wish him all the best in his future ventures.

Nexus has managed to secure the services of an excellent drummer and teacher, Faez Ikhwan, BA (Hons). Faez will be starting teaching Drums at Nexus from 27th April.

Faez Ikhwan, BA (Hons) is a full-time musician who is the founding member and drummer of a local rock band called Drama Band. Faez's band has been widely known for their popular songs being made into soundtracks for movies and TV shows. Drama Band has also been nominated in several different local music awards and celebrations.

He started playing music whilst studying in Victoria Institution Kuala Lumpur. In his High School, he was a member of the school's cadet corp. marching band. He played marching band for his entire school days and has participated in numerous national and international marching band competitions. After finishing High School, he got accepted to pursue his studies in music at Diploma level and majoring in percussion and drums. During his time there he was exposed to more diverse types of music genres other than marching band music. Faez completed his studies when he received a BA (Hons) Degree in Music

Performance from UiTM.

Faez is also a member of a well-known percussion group called No Noise Percussion. They are very popular both locally and nationally for their usage of unconventional everyday items as a percussion instrument and they play mostly stomp-based music. The No Noise Percussion team has travelled to most part of Malaysia performing in festivals, and in private and public functions. He has a passionate for teaching and started his teaching career whilst doing clinics and team building session with No Noise Percussion. Faez has not stop teaching since then and is excited to share his lifelong passion for drumming and percussion with the learners at Nexus.

## 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. We will be holding a Trail Session for Suitability of Pieces (length, standard, genre etc) for the Spring Concert which will be held on 2nd March, so please start practising now. Learners who offer items in groups will be looked on favourably - There are only 25 performance slots in the concert and 8 of these are taken up by School Choir, Jazz Band, Y7-9 Class Choir etc..

## Instrumental Reports

You should have received their Instrumental Report beforehand and it will be an opportunity for you to discuss their progress with their teacher. If you have not received the Instrumental Report or invitation to the Instrumental Parents' then please contact the Music Department.



## Instrumental Parents' Evening

The Music Department's Instrumental Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 10th February from 4pm to 6pm. An email has been sent home to all the learners who have instrumental lessons detailing the arrangements for the Instrumental Parents' Evening.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO THE INSTRUMENTAL PARENTS' EVENING THEN PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B12ly1-XYwHGeTZuUGh3dEZUUUk/view?usp=sharing>

Please respond to the letter by RETURNING THE REPLY SLIP and request an appointment time with your son/daughter's instrumental teacher (please note that this Parents' Evening is for learners who have Instrumental Lesson at Nexus only).

## Instrumental Lessons

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>

Why not give it a try for a term - you are not signing up for lessons for life!

## Dates For Your Diaries

Wed 26 Jan	Instrumental Reports Go Home
Tue 10 Feb	Instrumental Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5pm
Mon 2 Mar	Trial for the Suitability of Pieces for the Spring
Thu 12 Mar	Spring Concert 7pm in the Theatre

## Why Study Music?



Science Just Discovered Something Amazing About What Childhood Piano Lessons Did to You

<http://mic.com/articles/108022/science-just-discovered-something-amazing-about-what-childhood-piano-lessons-did-to-you>

*“Musical training doesn’t just affect your musical ability — it provides tremendous benefits to children’s emotional and behavioral maturation.”*

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

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

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

## DRAMA NEWS

### Y9 Drama Production - 'Fugee' - Wed Jan 28th

Well done to all the learners in Y9 for their hard work in putting together the performance of 'Fugee' this week. It was good to see so many parents and friends supporting them, and they managed to raise RM792 for the 'Stop the Traffik' organisation which campaigns for refugees' rights.

Pictures will be available in next week's 'Connect' and the video will be available online soon.

### IGCSE Workshops



Our Y10 Drama learners were involved in a 2-day workshop collaborating with others from International schools around KL at GIS. They had masterclasses in

different techniques to help them devise their own piece, and performed a short piece to everyone at the end of the process.

### What's On?



KLPAC  
(<http://www.klpac.org/>)  
Feb 3-8 : 'Zak Zebra's African Safari' is a musical which follows a friendly group of animals on their quest for freedom  
(<http://www.klpac.org/?p=13907>)





**Primary Athletics Days! Find us on FB for more photos.**

