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Whole School

Chinese New Year Curriculum Day

Chinese New Year 2015 is just around the corner! We will be celebrating the 2015 Chinese New Year Curriculum Day on Friday, 13 February.

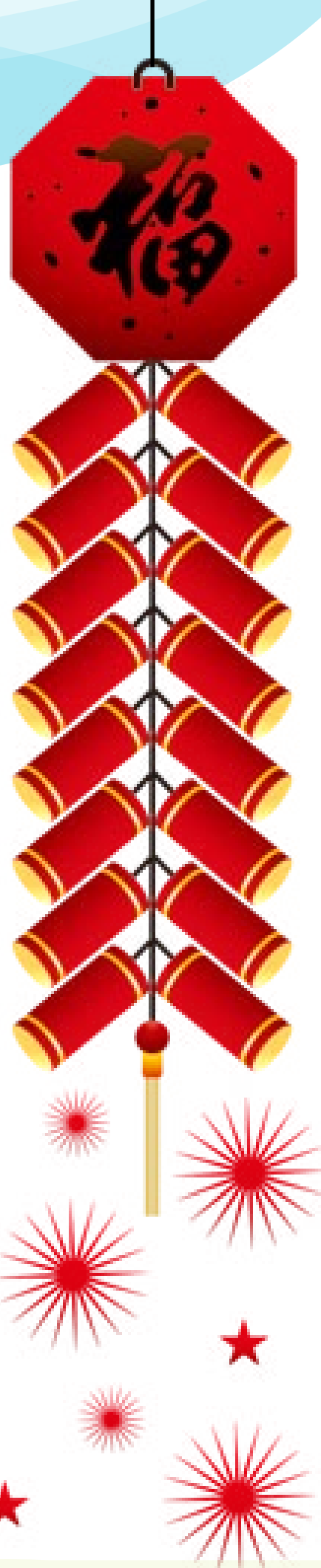
- Learners may dress up in Chinese costumes or something in the style of Chinese New Year on that day.
- Mandarin learners will set up stations at the LOTE foyer to introduce topics related to Chinese New Year and Chinese Culture on that day.
- Primary will be having CNY Primary Assemble in the theatre at 2pm.
- Parent representatives will organise CNY Food Tasting in the primary and secondary canteens during snack time. We would like to invite parents to contribute snacks for CNY Food Tasting, parents can bring your contributions on Friday, 13 Feb morning and leave them in the secondary cafeteria for secondary learners and primary canteen for primary learners.

Please don't hesitate to email Ms Wong (wony.yp@edu.my) if you need more details.

School Uniform Notice

Please ensure that the correct school uniform is worn by all children at school, this includes wearing the school hoodie.

The school hoodie is the only hoodie allowed to be worn in school and can be purchased from the school shop.





On Tuesday 24th February until Friday 27th February, Primary and Secondary learners will be celebrating our annual Book Week.

This year's theme is the Fantasy genre so get ready for dragons, witches, goblins and other exciting characters.

Over the week, the learners will take part in a range of activities that celebrate reading and bring up and will have a Secondary and Primary celebration assembly.

Look out for information on class websites and the Learner Bulletin to find out how to enter competitions and what costumes to start planning!

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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

Further presentations will made to parents
on 4/2/15 at 8:30am and 4.30pm.



Nexus Girl Guides

The 11 Girl Guides at NISP are busy making loom bands to fulfil one of the requirements to attain their craft badge.

The girls meet weekly as part of the international association of 10 million Girl Guides in 145 countries.



Primary

Article by Yong Sheng, Stella, Miles, Max and David

On 4th February Year 6 had a day trip to Muzium Negara and the Panggung Bandaraya Theatre.



The museum was fascinating! We went to learn about the history of Malaysia and our wonderful teachers made it a challenge by having our teams find specific artefacts, write down their details, and take pictures of them and anything else we found interesting. Before we started the hunt, we made team names and got our equipment. There were 4 rooms; early history of Malaysia; the Malay Kingdoms; the Colonial Era and Malaysia Today. We started in different rooms and worked our way round them all. We took turns using the camera and writing down facts, which were displayed in Malay and English. We almost got all the facts but some we didn't have time for. After the museum we went to other small museums near it and waited till we were sent to eat our delicious Lunch in the garden nearby

Miles: "What I learnt from the trip that The

Great Fire in Kuala Lumpur was in 1881 and so was the Great Flood. In 1957, Kuala Lumpur signed the Proclamation of Independence."

David: "I really enjoyed the trip and I learned a lot about the history of Malaysia like how the Orang Asli's hunted, I had fun and I think the rest of the year did as well, I would like to go there again."

After we finished at the museum we went to a KL theatre and watched a production called MUDKL. It was amazing! It was all about how Kuala Lumpur grew and then caught fire which was called 'The Great Fire'. All of the villagers work together to try and put the fire out. There is a really active part when the villagers (actors) came to us the audience with a few buckets and asked us to put the fire out. There was also an interesting part when KL was flooded and they put a large blue-coloured material over the whole audience us and made the whole theatre look like it was flooding! It looked awesome! I've learned quite a lot of things from this production, I've learned to be resilient because they were also resilient, Although the whole of Kuala Lumpur was destroyed, they never give up and they built it back! The second thing I've learned is co-operation because they co-operated to build KL back This was the most inspirational, amazing, awesome and sad production I've watched!





Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Friday 30th and Saturday 31st January 2015, eight Year 5 learners travelled to Garden International School to take part in the first Year 5 KL Maths Challenge. Aidil, Alex, Aqeel, Bryan, Humayra, Jeeahn, Sena, and Tsu Lin formed two teams of four to challenge twelve other teams from nine different International Schools.

Over the two days the teams competed in a Maths Trail, computer challenges, written calculation work, mental maths, a maths relay and finally a challenge to build a roller coaster from junk!

The teachers in attendance at the Challenge commented on the effort, competitive nature and resilience of the Nexus Teams. In the team challenges their cooperation was excellent and their concentration in individual challenges was outstanding.

The teams thoroughly enjoyed both days and all received medals for their participation. Humayra returned with an additional bronze medal for her contribution to a mixed school team which came third in the Maths Trail.

All the learners enjoyed the two days and returned exhausted on the Saturday evening. Here are some of their thoughts:

Alex: “I enjoyed making the roller coaster using junk. I liked challenging myself because we don’t usually get questions like that. It was a bit confusing but it was still exciting and challenging.”

Tsu Lin: “The event was fun and exiting. We get to meet new friends. We got to know each other better as well.

Jeeahn: “There was a lot of challenging and fun activities. I developed my resilient skills because I never gave up. It was a good experience for me as I realised that my math skills were good and that still I need to have more.”

Sena: “I enjoyed doing the math challenges and problems and taking part. I liked it because the challenges were fun and we could get our brains running. I had to be resilient when the questions were hard and challenging.”

Humayra: “I really enjoyed co-operating because I’ve never really worked with the people in my team before. I also enjoyed the creativity of all the challenges and how they picked the challenges because it was really fun doing all the challenges even if they were hard. I think I developed co-operation and communication because I don’t really talk a lot in group work and this time I worked together in a team instead of going and doing it individually. It was fun and exhausting.”



Secondary

CAS Reflection by Ng, Wi Kiat (Kenny)



This weekend, Nexus sent 20 diplomatic, well versed individuals to KLMUN organized in the Garden International School.

As a representative of France in the SC it was both an exciting and challenging role, as this was the first time represented a VETO country. This time, we debated various topics, which include that crisis in CAR as well as the territorial disputes in the South China Sea.

My performance in this conference was defiantly one of my better ones. Learning from TAYMUN, I had organised notes as well as tried to speak calmly, fluently and diplomatically. I also raised key and critical issues regarding each topic and was able to debate them well.

Overall, I found that my performance within this conference is something to be highlighted and hopefully I'll be able to retain these skills and polish them for future conferences.

The highlight of this conference would defiantly be when I was announced the Best Delegate

Year 9 IGCSE Options Evening

For Year 9 Parents on Tuesday 10th February 2015, there will be an IGCSE Options evening for Year 9 learners and their parents to attend.

It will start in the theatre with a presentation by Middle School Phase Leader at 6:30pm then you are invited to go to the MPR, where you will be able to meet key teachers who can tell you about their subject at IGCSE.

Learners will be given an options booklet with information on making subject choices for the next academic year.

If you have any further questions about this, please contact Ms Leilah on zahedi.l@nexus.edu.my

Kind regards, Leilah Zahedi, Middle School Phase Leader

of SC. It was a shock and when my name was mentioned, I feel exhilarated; it was one of the pinnacle awards in one of the toughest councils in MUN.

It was a sweet victory after a long MUN journey and hopefully I'll be able to take these skills further in my next conference, and that this victory was because of skill, not because of chance!



International Award Silver Expedition Langkawi 2015

A group of 14 Nexus learners took part in a gruelling 3 day kayaking expedition around the northern region of Langkawi over the long weekend, paddling through mangrove lined rivers and open water sections around rocky island on a challenging 40 kilometre route. Camping overnight on two remote beaches without electricity or running water, the group prepared and cooked their food, even managing a toasted marshmallow dessert!

During the trip we experienced many encounters with nature: white crested Eagles, Swimming monitor lizards, pesky thieving macaques with the highlight kayaking with a pod of Dolphins at sunset!



Valentines Day Activities

The Student Council will be holding a few activities on the 12th February in honour of Valentines Day. On this day learners in the Secondary School may wear the colour red, this is a non-uniform day and money will be raised to go to a local charity. In addition the Student Council will be holding a few Valentines activities, which include a Photo booth and a message balloon service.



PE Notices

The PE department continue to offer a wealth of sporting opportunities throughout the week. Extra-curricular clubs are available to all learners (some clubs have entry guidelines, such as swimming) who are wishing to improve their fitness, have fun or represent school teams.

The extra-curricular timetable is available on the PE website. Please check it out! Here's the link:

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/pe-dept/clubs-and-practices>

Exam Revision Sessions

- IB revision 1.15 - 1.40 on 4th floor IB Classroom
- GCSE revision Thursday 1.15 - 1.40 in the GCSE Classroom

The PE department is working alongside the Primary team to create and raise awareness of all things healthy. For daily

health updates please follow NISP Health on Twitter. @NISPHealth

Sports Fixtures coming-up

Football

U9 Boys

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

U9 Girls

- 25th March at BSKL
- 25th Feb at BSKL

U11 Boys

- 4th Feb at Nexus
- 4th March at Nexus

U11 Girls

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

Basketball

U13 Boys

- 5th Feb at Tenby

U13 Girls

- 12th Feb at Tenby
- 26th March at Tenby

U15 Girls

- 5th Feb at KLASS - medal match
- 9th Feb at ISKL
- 26th Feb at Tenby - KLISS Rd 1 = 2 games
- KLISS Rd 2 - TBC

U15 Boys

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

Athletics

Primary

- 27th Feb - ISAC Track and Field - Venue TBC
- 28th Mar - KLISS Track and Field - Nexus

Secondary

- 28th Feb - ISAC Track and Field - Venue TBC
- 7th Mar - KLISS Track and Field - ISP
- 13th Mar - Nexus School Track and Field. 9.00am until 2.30pm

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



MUSIC NEWS

New Musical Instrumental Lessons Now on Offer

The Music Department is please to no be able to offer the following NEW instrumental lessons: **Double Bass, Indian Sitar, Indian Tabla.**



Spring Concert

The Spring Concert is in 5 weeks time on 12th 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, Y7 Gamelan performances 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!

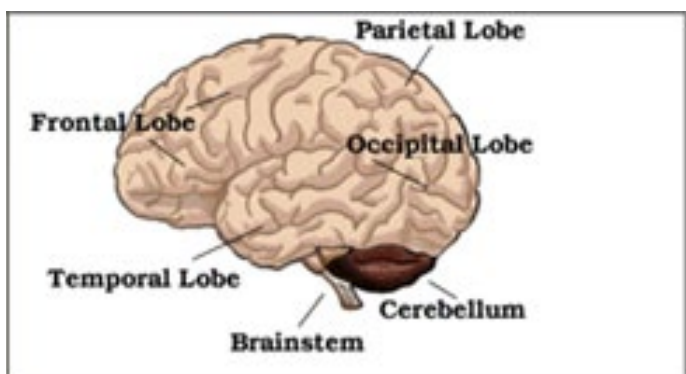


Dates For Your Diaries

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?

Brainstem Changes following Music Education:
Another Piece of the Puzzle or another Puzzling
Piece



<http://musicempowersfoundation.org/brain-on-music/2013/10/20/brain-on-music-education-106-brainstem-changes-following-music-education-another-piece-of-the-puzzle/>

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