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Primary

End of School Day

Our end of day procedures are becoming more and more difficult to apply due to the lateness of some parents to pick up their children. Here are a few of our current difficulties:

1. Learners who are not taking part in a CCA on Tuesday or Thursday are being left in the cafeteria, often for the duration of the CCA period and sometimes beyond this. This causes supervision problems as all staff are occupied with running the CCA programme and meetings and there is no supervision.
Therefore we ask that parents collect their children at 3.05pm on Tuesday and Thursday if they are not joining an official CCA.
2. Some Primary aged learners are collected by their Secondary age siblings and wait by the Secondary 'pick up' point for collection. However some of the secondary age siblings then leave the area with their friends and so the Primary children are left in this area, unsupervised, sometimes until 7pm.
Therefore we ask that parents speak to their secondary age children about responsibilities to stay with their Primary age sibling OR parents collect their children on time from the Secondary drop off area.
3. When Primary learners are not collected before 10 minutes after the end of the school day they are taken to the cafeteria and the parents of our younger learners are called. However there have been occasions when friends of the child's parents try to collect the learners and this causes confusion.
Therefore we ask that if there are any changes whatsoever with collecting your child on time, you inform the school of the situation. Please do not assume that a friend can collect your child and please do not attempt to collect any other child without the parents informing the school.

Most of these issues can be resolved by parents collecting their children on time at the end of the school day. Many thanks for your co-operation and assistance in proving a safe and secure environment for your child.

**Shared by
Ms Andrea**

Parents might find this information and suggested activities useful:

<http://www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com/fine-motor-activities.html>





Collaborative Non-chronological Report by Year 3E Learners

Baby Jamie's visit

This week, adorable baby jamie wilson, aged 13 months came to the year 3 nexus medical centre with her mum to have her annual check-up.

What can Jamie do?

We decided to test jamie with fourteen tasks that we thought she might be able to do. First, we gave her a whiteboard rubber to see if she could carry things. Yes, she could carry it easily. Then we gave her paper and wax crayons to see if she could scribble. She actually could! We asked her mum if she could climb up stairs and her mum said that she didn't know because she doesn't have any stairs in her apartment. What we did find out though is she can climb onto a small table, so we agreed that she must be able to climb stairs. We then demonstrated to jamie driving a car. Guess what? She copied us and pretended to drive a car. Isn't she a clever baby?

What does Jamie like?

Jamie is a very smart and cute baby who likes many different things. To begin with Jamie likes to give and share things. She gave us all the crayons to share when she was scribbling. Later, she showed us that she absolutely loved to kick the big blue soft ball. She also adored tipping things out and putting them away again. Baby Jamie also had fun feeding our baby dolls. She seemed to really like this activity even if she could only put the milk bottle on the baby's cheek. Finally, Jamie can already walk and talk. Her first word, believe it or not, was turtle! As well as this she can blow kisses and wave to everyone.

Year 3 were amazed by baby Jamie and predict that she will grow up to be an extremely smart person, just like her mum and dad who both teach at our school!



Secondary

Reminder for PE Uniform

All Secondary learners are expected to wear Nexus PE gear during PE class. Learners are only allowed to wear their PE kit to school when they have PE first period. If they do not have PE first period they are expected to arrive at school in their school uniform and change at school prior to PE class.

Leaving School Early for Holidays

Recently the school has received requests for learners to leave school early before the end of school term. The school does not encourage learners to leave school early as this disrupts the learning in the classroom. When learners are not in class; assignments, assessments and group work cannot take place. The school supports learners who have to leave the school early for an emergency, but not for holidays. Please can all parents ensure that their children are in school until the very last day of term. Thank you by Mr Steven.

Notice for All Year 11 Learners

Year 11 learners are reminded that they need to hand in their Parental Consent Forms and Confirmation of Attendance Forms for Activities/Workshop week to Mr. Louis asap. Learners who will not be continuing at Nexus need to ensure:

- That all borrowed items have been returned to the library
- The Leavers reference Form has been handed to Mr. Louis

- Macbooks have been taken to ICT for unbinding from the Nexus server.

Art Auction 24 June

The Year 12 IB Business and Art learners are due to hold an Art Auction of Nexus learners' work in the School Theatre on Tuesday June 24th from 5pm to 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come and see the artwork they have on offer! The entrance price will be RM 10 and a brochure of the art work for sale will be available soon. All proceeds from entrance and the auction will be donated to charity.

Y7,8,9 Summer Bash!

The Student Council is proud to announce the details for this years **Summer Bash!** The event will be open to **Key Stage 3 learners only**, and will be co-organised by a team of Year 9 learners.

Day: **Friday**

Date: **20th June 2014**

Time: **6 pm to 9.45 pm**

Venue: **Field @ NISP**

Tickets will be sold at the admin office from Monday, 9th of June. Each ticket will cost **RM 25** and will include dinner and set turns of all the games set up on the day. More information on the event will be released shortly. As of now, all Key Stage 3 learners are encourage to get your tickets as soon as possible because the event is guaranteed to be full of laughter, fun and of course, friendship.

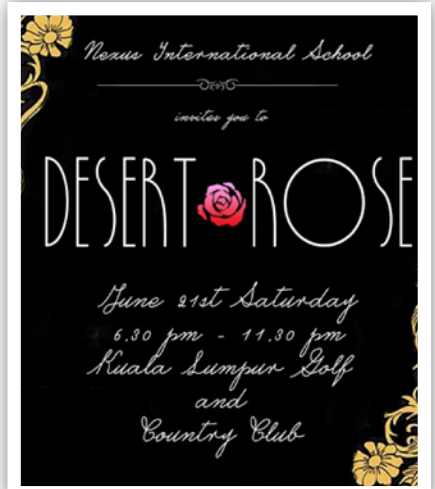
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3	NZL	Mission Heights Junior College	208	645,818		
4	NZL	Mount Roskill Grammar School	378	604,642		
5	AUS	The MacRobertson Girls' High School	561	563,082		
6	AUS	Kilbreda College	533	541,540		
7	MYS	Nexus International School, Malaysia	465	530,946		
8	AUS	Amaroo School	553	508,809		
9	AUS	Varsity College	237	507,669		
10	AUS	Killester College	482	483,909		
11	NZL	Pakuranga College	2,111	477,911		
12	AUS	Robina State High School	51	461,666		
13	USA	Living Waters Spanish	154	444,836		
14	AUS	Pymble Ladies' College	975	440,290		
15	AUS	St. Peters Lutheran College	1,869	436,844		
16	AUS	Viewbank College	682	428,045		

Reflection on the Language Perfect Competition

I enjoyed Language Perfect very much despite the very long hours I have put in everyday. I did not take the competition seriously until after the fourth day. I started off casually by just answering simple questions. Then I moved on to learn new words in various languages and I was amazed at how easy it was to learn new words. It was not until I noticed that I was raking up so many points per day that I started telling myself that I do have a shot in this competition. Then, I set my goal to complete the competition in the top 50 worldwide. I was really ecstatic that I ended the competition at 36 worldwide and I even scored the highest points for my national language, i.e., Bahasa Malaysia.

I learned many new words a day and I noticed my grasp of foreign languages was getting stronger. As you score points by answering repetitious questions, you know it is a fun way of forcing yourself to remember and learn. I started off late and slow in my Spanish class. But Language Perfect helped me to catch up with my lost lessons and I regained my confidence amongst my peers. The competition was really good as it encourages healthy competition amongst all my friends. The competition really tested one's endurance and self-determination to excel in learning new languages. My friends and I really loved this competition. All of us agreed that it is one of the most fun ways of learning anything new in life. I am determined to break into the top 20 worldwide next year.

Isabelle Yap, 8E



End of Year Dance

The Student Council is proud to announce the details for this year's End Of Year Dance! The dance this year will be open to learners from Year 10, 11, 12 & 13. The theme we have chosen to go with this year is **Desert Rose** - in hopes that it will be a mix of formal and fun. The details are as follows:

Date: **Sat 21 June 2014**

Time: **6.30 pm - 11.30 pm**

Venue: **Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club**

Tickets are priced at RM 160 each until the 30th of June, after which they will be raised to RM 180. Ticket sales will stop on the 11th of June. The Student Council thanks you for all your support, and looks forward to seeing all Key Stage 4 learners there!

CAS Reflection: “Yahya, Qashrina”

I started joining gentler cycling CCA in the beginning of term 2. This activity allows the learners in the club to cycle around Putrajaya, and it is a great opportunity for me as it allows me to get to know the area with another type of method instead of using the car. On the other hand, it also has a touch of fitness training involved too. I have never rode a bike on an open road before, and therefore I see this as a challenge as the tracks that we use are often very steep.

In addition, the younger learners who are in the club inspire me because although the size of the bikes are too big for them, they still have the guts and spirit to ride the bikes!

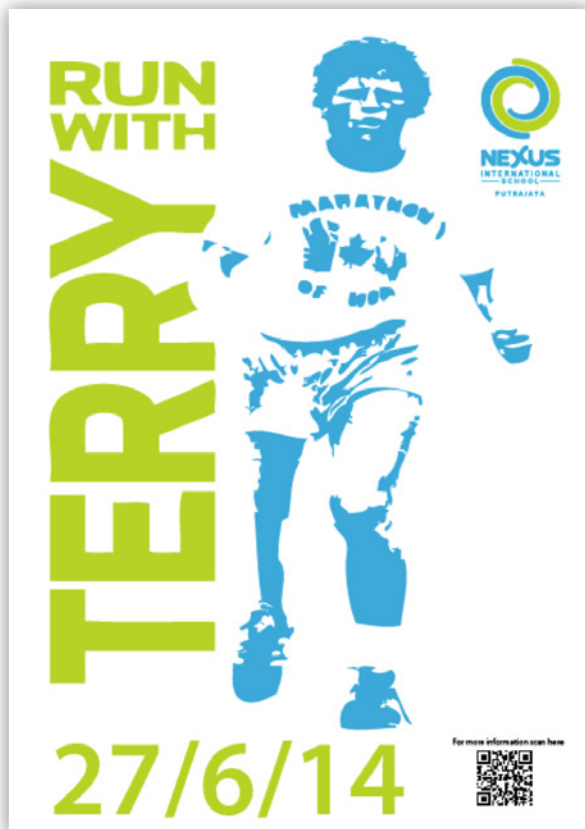
All in all, I believe this activity benefits me by letting me to do fitness training outside of school, and at the same time giving me the joy to explore the places I've never been to.



Thumbs Up for Stephen

Learners from Y12 took part in a 'Thumbs Up for Stephen' to show their support for the Teenage Cancer Trust charity. This was started by Stephen Sutton, a British teenager who raised over 4 million GBP by organising fun events whilst battling with cancer.





Sport News

Well done to the U11 Boys Football team who secured an impressive 8 - 3 win against a local football club last weekend. It was an excellent opportunity for some of our fringe players to get time on the pitch in what was an entertaining match. Thanks to Mr Harvey for refereeing the game!

Terry Fox Run 2014, Fri 27 June

This years Terry Fox Run promises to be bigger and better than ever. The Secondary learners will be running a 5km course that starts and ends on the school field, while our Primary learners will be running/walking a shorter distance to Taman Cansari, where they will enjoy a morning picnic in the park.

T-Shirts are now ready for pre-order using the google form shared by Mr Andy. The deadline for ordering is **Monday 9th June**. Each T-Shirt costs **RM20** and can be collected from Student Services from **Tuesday 24 June**.

More details to follow shortly...

Library Book Covering Blitz

The school would like to thank all the parents who have volunteered to help cover the school's library books. The photos below, show our parents busy at work!





Careers and University Options

On Thursday evening, 28 May, thirty Year 12 Nexus learners and their parents gathered to hear presentations by the Careers and University Counseling Staff at Nexus. Options for higher education in the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States of America, and throughout Asia were discussed. Choosing which schools to apply to, the application processes and deadlines, and financial consideration were examined. Thanks to the PTA, the participants also enjoyed lovely refreshments.

This informational evening was followed by University and Careers Day on Friday, 20 May. All Year 12 students were off timetable so they could focus on planning for their futures. They attended interactive workshops about choosing the best universities to apply to, working on their Personal statements (UK applicants), their Common Application Essay (USA applications), and how to organize a gap year.

The parents of Nexus Year 12 learners listen attentively to presentations about career and university options for the sons and daughters. Photos of Learners in action on the University and Careers Day.



BGIFC & Girlguiding are asking for an adult volunteer to run a guide unit @ nexus

What are Guides?

A section of Girlguiding aimed at 10-14 year old girl

What are Guides?

We don't mind; although we are part of Girlguiding UK our Division unit leader are a mixture all nationalities

You don't have any experience?

Not a problem, no experience required - we do 'on the job' training

What would you gain?

1. An opportunity to be part of one of the world's biggest female aimed youth organisations
2. A chance to meet new people & expand your social life
3. Support both in the unit & in your day-to-day life as a leader
4. A recognised CV entry

What you get paid?

Not in money!! Guiding is a purely voluntary option the payment for which is reflected in the fun you have with other leaders & the girls.

What would you have to do?

On term/weekly basis

1. Plan for 1.5 hour weekly meetings, based on a suggested Guide programme
2. Learn about Go For Its (the back-bone of the Guide program)
3. Keep personal data record utilising the Girlguiding UK database
4. Keep in contact with parents through a term newsletter & info updates
5. Budget & maintain accounts

On a wider basis

1. Be mentioned through Girlguiding UK's ALQ (Adult Leader Qualification) system
2. Possibly travel with your Guides to other countries/locally for Guiding camps
3. Get First Response (similar to 1st Aid) training
4. Get a 'free' Guiding polo-shirt & badge tab!!

This is done with support from others!

Contact Julie Findlay on 016-3159464 or via 1stnexusbrownies@gmail.com if you want further information

International Award Reflection



This year's International Award has made me push out of my comfort zone. I was really enthusiastic to do my skills, physical and service activities, particularly the first two, which were Volleyball and Vocal lessons. However, as it went on, I found it very hard to commit myself to do service. I was excited to be able to help around and do library service, but as weeks passed, I felt bored and slacked at some parts. But in the end, I was able to push through and finally made it in the end. The overall experience with all 3 of the essential things we had to do for the International Award has made me learn and find out, on things I want to do for myself for Silver Awards, next year.

The trekking expedition we did was by far my favourite thing that happened throughout the International Award experience. To be honest, at first I was quite skeptical and nervous about

my decision to join the International Awards, as all of us had to go through the painful walk up the rainforest hill for 8km. Although, I felt incredibly proud that I pushed myself against my limits with the walking, because I know that I would not agree to do such thing if I had the choice. But, I remembered that I joined the International Awards to make myself push against my boundaries, therefore, I decided to continue on without a fight until the very end. When I reached the end, I did not regret a single thing about the walk. The first night was mostly the introductions and cooking, but it still felt so tiring and at night, my tiredness made me already passed out by 10pm. However, that all changed by the second day, as all of us traveled up to our 2nd campsite, which was far into the rainforest. Despite the tortures with the leech bites, it was all forgotten when we all went to a beautiful lagoon that was near our campsite. It was an enjoyable and relaxing time for all us, as we all took our time floating, swimming and exploring in the waters.



Our next activity was the stretcher exercise, which was just a lesson on what to do if there was an emergency on an injured person. It taught us how to carry a person up if they were injured badly and needed treatment as soon as possible. It may seem like it looked easy, but it was actually very challenging to stay still in the strong river current that

was knee-height up. I didn't really like the challenge but I still found it hilarious. On the other hand, the next activity is definitely something worth remembering for a lifetime; the fire making activity. We were divided into 2 separate groups, and our challenge was to make fire out of logs, twigs and branches, with only 10 matches to light it up. My group (group 1) finished out all 10 of our matches and were on the verge of giving up. However, we found out that the other group (group 2) had only 2 matches left. We finally realised that with teamwork with group 2, we could make a bigger and better bonfire with all our materials together, despite the fact that we only had 2 matches left. So, with that said, we decided to team up and do what we had to do. Needless to say, we made the fire happen and it made all of us immensely proud of our work that we all put together. The activity made us bond together, and brought us closer than ever before, which is one of the things I love about the International Awards. It made the same effect when we did the blindfolded walk during the night, and these activities made none of us want to leave the trekking expedition.



I love how in the International Awards, it brought us all together, even if we have not spoken to each other in normal school lessons. It made it so wonderful that the simplest activity could bring individuals together and bond, in such a way some

people won't understand. I also really enjoyed my International Awards experience as it has made me push myself, as well as being able to just improve activities that I already enjoy. Nonetheless, the International Awards has been an excellent and amazing experience and I cannot wait to do it again for next year.

by Hamidah Abd Rahman



Nexus Secondary Art Exhibition will be held on Thursday the 26th and Friday the 27th of June in the MPR from 8:35 to 16:30. All are welcome to visit. There will be artwork visible from Year 7 to Year 13, KS3 and KS4, including some exam work from this years IB and IGCSE learners.

Music News

Video of Young Performers' Concert - 21st May 2014

The Video and recording of the concert is on the music Department's Website.

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/recordings-performances>

Once again, congratulations to all the 'Young Performers' in the concert! All of you played wonderfully and the standard of the concert was really amazing. You did yourselves and Nexus very proud!

Nexus' Got Talent 2014 - Great Show

Well done to **YongYou Woon** and **Rasha Al Halabi**, the Secondary Winners of Nexus' Got Talent 2014 and **Andra Tai** the Primary Winner of Nexus' Got Talent 2014.

All the learners who performed in "Nexus' Got Talent 2014" were amazing and it was a fantastic evening of entertainment on Wednesday night.

The Video will be up on the Music Department Website this week.

Young Nexus' Got Talent 2014 for EYs to Year 3/4

Well done to all the Early Years to Year 4 performers in the **Young Nexus' Got Talent 2014** on Thursday - For most of you it was the first time on stage performing in front of an audience and you all did really well.

Dance In Action 2014

This year's Dance in Action will be held on 18th June at 7pm in the Theatre. Sabrin Saw, our Dance CCA teacher, will be coordinating the dancers.

Auditions will be held on 9th of June for Dance in Action '14

Tickets will be going on sale this week from Student Services.

Rock Concert 2014

This year's Rock Concert will be held on 25th June at 7pm in the Theatre.

Tickets will be going on sale this week from Student Services.

Dates For Your Diaries

11th June	Shakespeare Rocks
19th June	Time Lord the Musical
18th June	Dance in Action
25th June	Rock Concert

Why Study Music?

The 18 Benefits of Playing a Musical Instrument

<http://www.effectivemusicteaching.com/articles/directors/18-benefits-of-playing-a-musical-instrument/>



WED 18/6/2014
7PM THEATRE

DANCE IN ACTION



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Always Authentic, Always Ahead.



TTG
Tree Theatre Group

ADULT - RM15
CONCESSION- RM 10
FAMILY - RM50 (2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN)
**TICKETS AVAILABLE
FROM STUDENT SERVICES**

NEXUS ROCKS

FEATURING LEARNERS ACROSS
SCHOOL & THE STAFF BAND

WEDNESDAY 25/6/2014
7PM IN THE THEATRE

RM

15

ADULT

RM

10

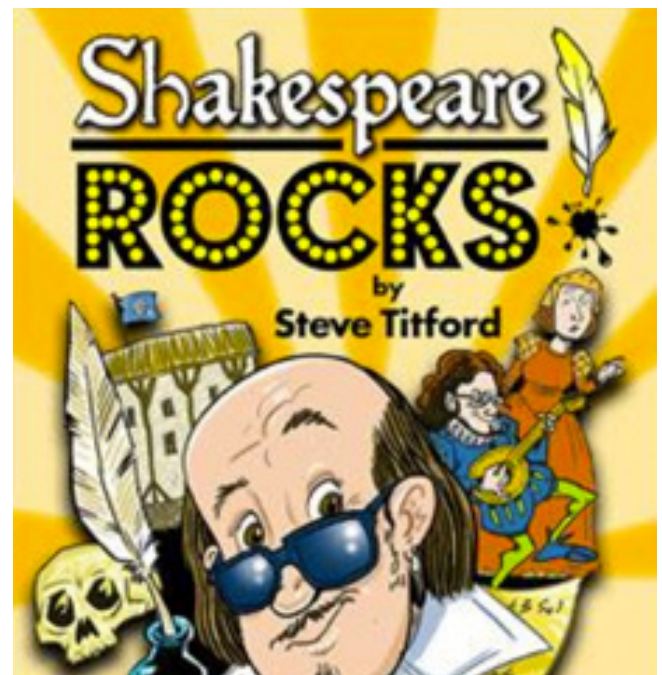
CONCESSION

RM

50

FAMILY

2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN



RM10/Ticket
Get one from Student
Services now!

Drama News

Tickets for the Y7 Drama productions '**Shakespeare Rocks**' on June 11th 10.30am & 6.30pm, and '**The Time Lord**' on June 19th at 10.30am & 6.30pm are now on sale at Student Services!

Learners from Y9 and above are welcome to join the Drama and Theatre Arts learners on a theatre trip to see '**Entropy**' at KLPAC on Friday June 20th at 8.30pm. Please see Ms Rach ASAP if you would like to join us. The show lasts around one hour.



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and experience learning
that is both challenging and fun.

