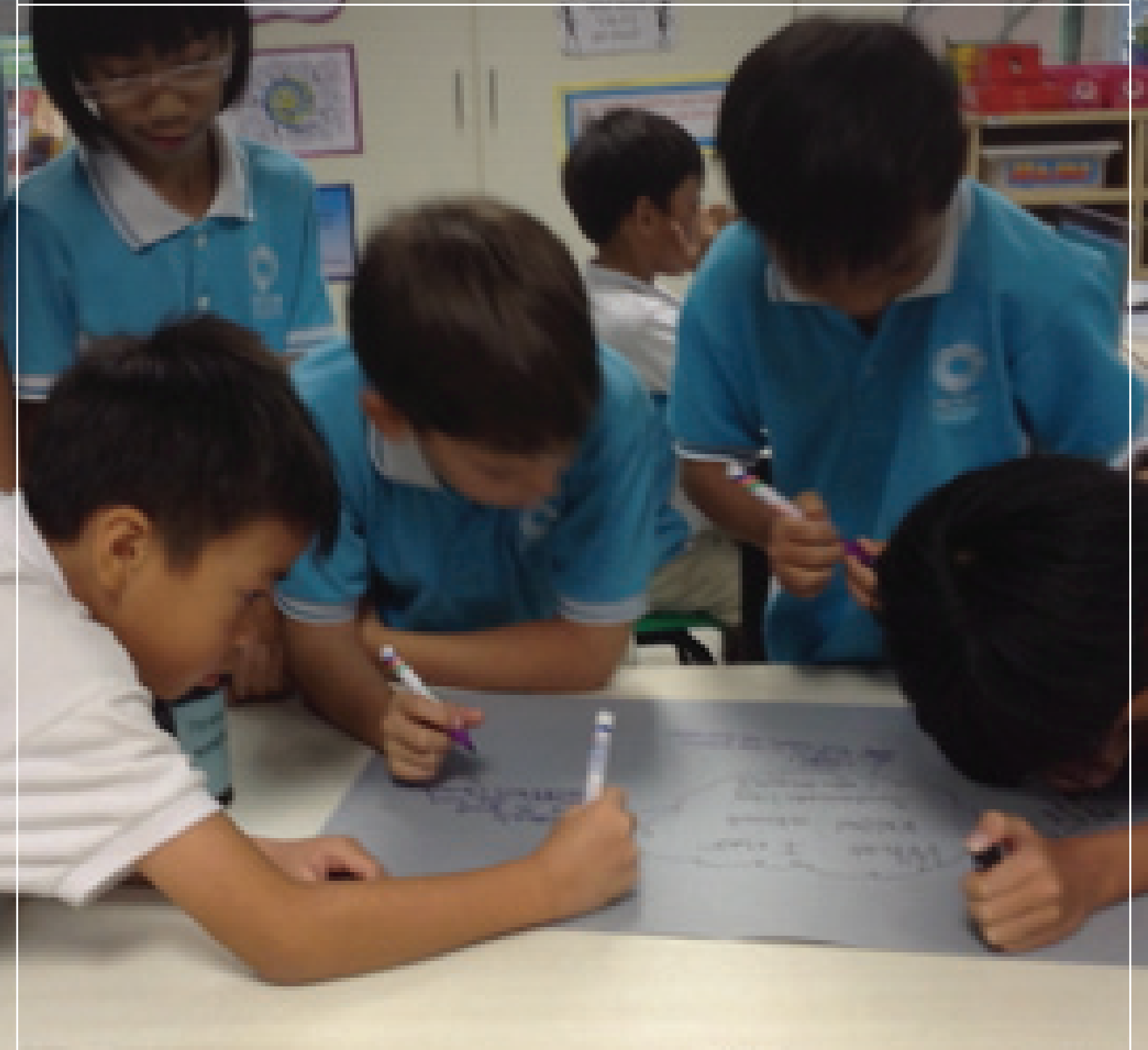


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Upcoming Events

Upcoming University Visits

Monday 5th October 2015

Essec School of Business (France) – In the Senior Canteen, 1-1.50pm

Tuesday 6th October

The University of Birmingham (UK)- Biosciences, Dr Steve Michin will be talking about studying

Bioscience in the UK. Location: Learning Hub 1-1.50pm

Perdana University (Malaysia)- Business school, In the Senior Canteen, 1-1.50pm

10th-11th October 2015:

Education UK exhibition (British Council)- KLCC, 1pm-6pm. 84 UK universities will be attending and a whole host of workshops are available. I seriously recommend you attend the event if you are considering the UK as a university destination.

Secondary- University and Careers Year 10-13, parents are welcome

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<http://www.britishcouncil.my/events/education-uk-exhibition-2015>



Swimming Galas

MP3 - Monday 16th November - 8.30am until 11.30am

MP2 - Wednesday 18th November -
8.30am until 11.30am

MP1 - Friday 20th November -
8.30am until 10.00am.

EY - Wednesday 25th November –
'Open' swimming lessons and fun session.

Notices:

Monday

3.30 to 6.30 – Parent & Teacher Conferences

Tuesday

Parent Breakfast Bite – 8.40 – 9.20

(Come and find out about Digital Responsibility for Year 6 parents, whilst you have a bite to eat.)

- 8.15 – 8.45 - Parent information about Y5 trip

Wednesday

3.30 – 6.30 – Parent - Teacher Conferences

Friday

Parent Breakfast Bite – 8.00 – 9.00 (Phonics for parents from Milepost 1)



Primary

Hazy Days with Year 4

We are learning about how particular places and habitats have been affected by human activities.

As part of our IPC Topic, Homes and Habitats the Year 4 learners have been learning about the haze, how it is caused and how it affects particular habitats.

The learning started with a live news bulletin from Nexus school where the Head of Primary, Mr David Griffiths was interviewed about how the haze had affected learning.

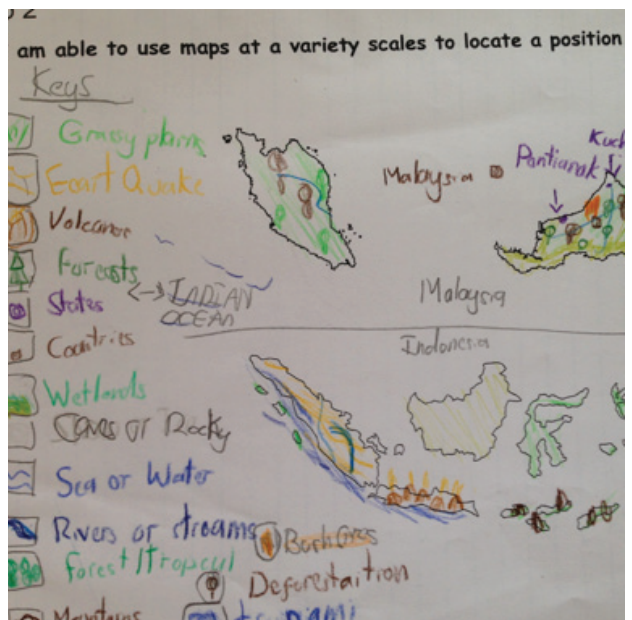
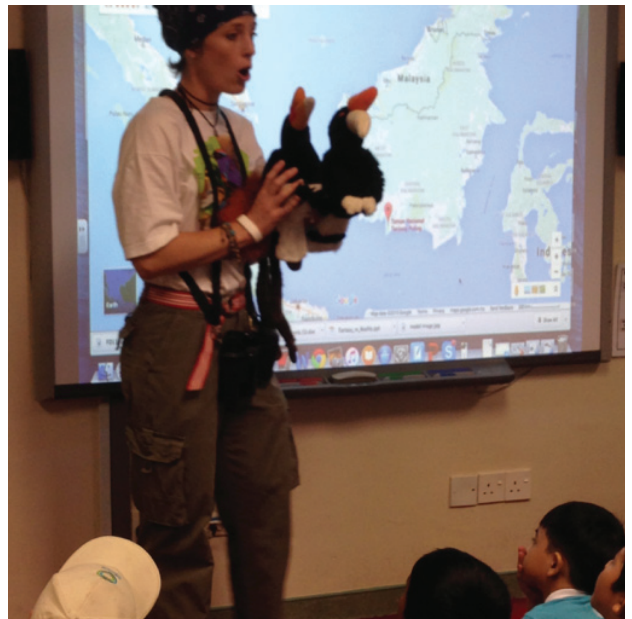
The learners then headed off to the Secondary Science labs where with the help of Ms Jenny they conducted careful experiments to help increase their understanding of what the haze is and their knowledge of the three things needed to make fire.

The next step in our learning was to locate Malaysia and Indonesia on a map and plot interesting features. We were able to use Satellite images to see the haze over the two countries.

On Tuesday the Year 4's were visited by a conservationist who helped to increase their knowledge of the damage that was being done to the rainforests. They learnt about why the fires where started and how the damage to habitats has affected wildlife.

The learners will next prepare questions for another conservationist who's job it is to design temporary habitats for animals that have been displaced due to forest fires. They will interview her using skype live from her conservation centre. They will also use their research and ICT skills to research a particular rainforest animal from their host country Malaysia. Finally the learners will look through their technology lens to plan and create models of temporary habitats for their chosen animal.

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Gombak River



On Tuesday, 22nd September Year 6 took their learning outside of the classroom when we went to the Gombak River to learn about rivers. We visited two parts of the river - the upper course and the middle course - to see how rivers change as they run from the source to the mouth. We went into the water with tape measures, meter sticks, clinometers, clipboards and pencils, and measured the width, depth, speed and gradient of each part and recorded the data for further analysis back in the classroom.

Whilst on the trip we developed the personal goals of respect (for other people and their environment), adaptability (learning in a different environment) and cooperation (with each other to collect the data). We would like to thank Ms. Suzy for helping us on the trip as well as the local university for letting us have our lunch there.

We learned a lot about rivers on this trip and we really enjoyed learning outside of school. We had a lot of fun getting wet and we can't wait for the next trip!

"The fun part was when we got wet measuring in the river!"
Hazeeq Year 6E

"I liked measuring the width because it meant we could get in the river!" Afiqah Year 6X

"I enjoyed exploring the area around the different parts of the river." Aidil 6N



Secondary

Secondary Sports Fixtures

Haze wreaks havoc

The haze has ended any hope of secondary learners playing sport this week. With the football season dominating term 1 schedule all we can do is sit patiently for the haze to disperse and keep our fingers crossed for a better forecast for next week.

X-Country has also been affected this weekend. The ISAC event at Taman Rimba has been postponed and a new date will be published soon.

Please check the links below to access the sports fixtures schedule for all rearranged dates

Mr Andy
Secondary
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Year 10 Primary Art Corner Mural

The Year 10 learners have been assigned by Ms. Karina, Mr. Brooks and Mr Saiful, to design a Mural for the Art Corner at the Primary canteen. Me (Adlina), Amirah, Priti, Aisyah and Insyirah and Farhah worked on the Mural Project since the third term of last academic school year . For those of you who don't know where it is, the Art Corner is in front of the Primary Cafeteria. The project was based on the theme Rainforest.

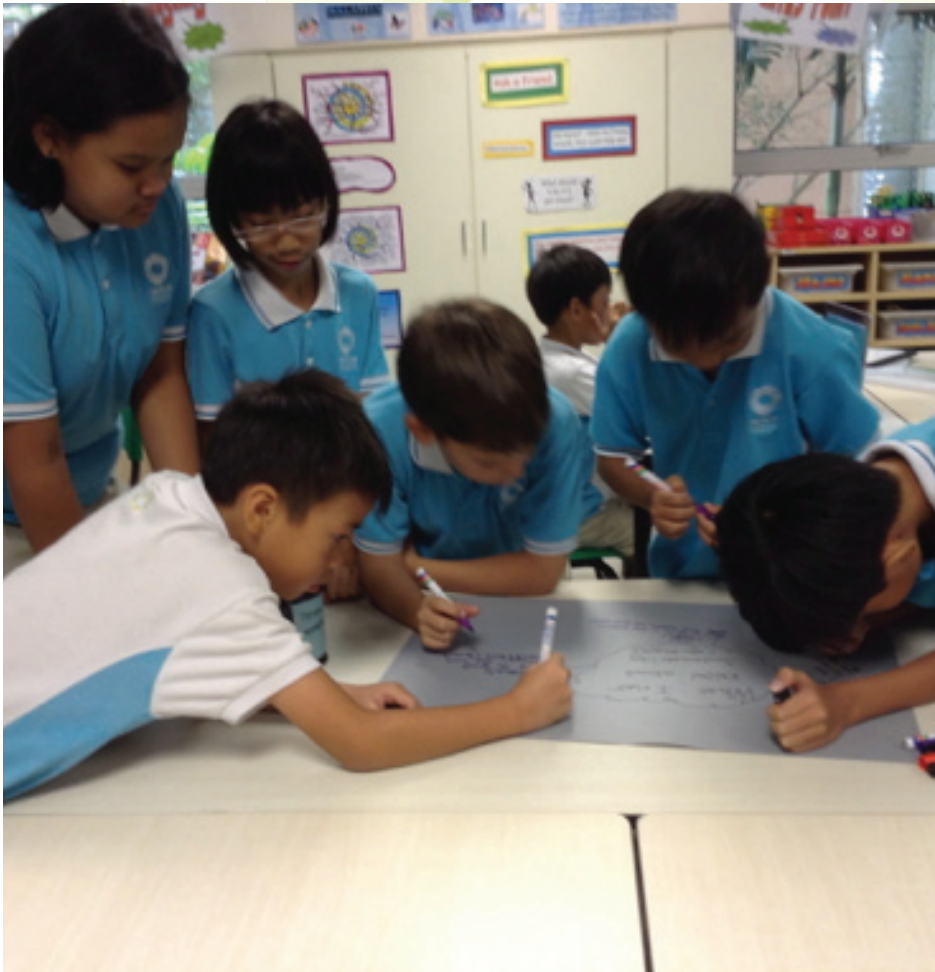
The first week we spent at least 40 mins after school twice a week and planned what/how we wanted it to look like. We then chose the best two out of all, which was Insyirah's and Priti's idea. It's been such a great experience helping the primary kids with their Art Corner and to put in work into decorating the school. After many hours of working on this project after school, we are now nearly finished with project.

Be sure to check out our project if you pass by the area :)

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Global Goals come to NISP!



On Friday 25th September, 193 World Leaders met at the UN in New York to agree on and commit to 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development which focus on achieving 3 main aims: To End to Extreme Poverty, To Fight Inequality and Injustice, and To Fix Climate Change. At Nexus, we acknowledged the day by taking part in the World's Largest Lesson, organised in conjunction with UNICEF and involving schools from all over the world.

The Day kicked off with an introductory assembly for Years 5 – 11 which was hosted by Y12 Learners Kwan Ann Tan, Amir Tazree, and Julian Goh.

In various workshops, activities and lessons throughout the day, the learners then investigated the background to the Global Goals, sharing their opinions, exploring alternative perspectives and developing understanding of how they can get involved to support the goals.

From here, the Student Council will be taking the project forward and coordinating projects with a Global Goals focus throughout the rest of the year and beyond. They will be looking for others to get involved and help so watch this space!



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CAS Reflection



Having been a ballet student for over ten years, I had taken our annual concerts for granted. It wasn't until two months to the show that I realised this would be my last ever performance as a student at the Federal Academy of Ballet, as I will most probably be in a foreign university this time next year.

It was a two night show where my class did a modern ballet piece for both nights (Flashlight) and an additional classical piece the second night (Waltz of the Flowers from The Nutcracker) The classical dance was pretty formulaic; everybody simply had to keep in mind our positions and formations as the beauty in the choreography came from the symmetry of the dancers. The true, physical challenge was the modern ballet piece: the beat of the music was strong and sharp and the steps required a lot of quick weight transfers with one jump after another. Since cutting down classes to two times a week my stamina had dropped considerably; this dance forced me to work my body harder and regain my previous strength.

What I enjoyed the most however, was the burst of commitment that came to my class. As the concert drew closer, we began prioritising practices and coming an hour earlier to brush up the dance before class; we proactively discussed the best techniques and timings to ensure synchronisation as a collective group. This happens before every concert- the teamwork, the dedication. I love the dates leading up to a performance because it is when my feeling of belonging to this group of co-dancers, friends, is at its highest, highlighting our constant sense of camaraderie.

Another challenge surfaced on the second night: my teacher left us "older girls" in charge of preparing the younger dancers with hair and makeup. Because I've always been quite skilled with hair-tying amongst my group of friends, I was left to fix the messy buns of little 7 to 8 year old girls. Mothers came with their daughters' hair tied in an unimaginable manner; it was actually quite humorous. Not only were they messy with wisps of hair flying about, one of them had teased the little girl's hair into an 80s style bun (not what you want to do for ballet!); another, I swear, had put a sock in the bun to give it volume!

So I spent hours tying these young ballerinas' hair (there were quite a few of them), reminiscing the times I used to get the teacher to do my hair and makeup for me. It's funny how my last concert ended with a very large allusion to my first one.

There's no doubt that I will miss all of this when I graduate next year; the thought is truly bittersweet. But I'm sure I will continue dancing, one way or another. It isn't just about the steps, the challenge and the artistry- the community you become part of through such an activity I think, is the most beautiful part of it all.

Priyalini Ai Bharath



Sport News

U11 Boys Basketball @ Alice Smith

September 29th 2015

The U11 Boys Basketball team had their first friendly match of the season this week. We took 2 teams over to play against Alice Smith School.

The boys had a great time putting their practice into reality, they demonstrated great resilience and kept their game up for the full 60 minutes. For some of the boys this is the first time that they have represented Nexus in Basketball and they had a lot to remember. Our defence was great and the boys put pressure on the Alice Smith team.

The boys lost out, but only by 3 baskets, with a final score of 22-16.

A huge well done to all of the boys that took part!

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U11 Girls Basketball @ Alice Smith

September 29th 2015

On Tuesday the Under 11 Girls Basketball team competed against Alice Smith in their first game of the season. This was a friendly game in preparation for their first tournament next week. The team started off quite nervous, but once they got into the second quarter we saw outstanding goals from Arianne and Xuen and excellent defence in the second half from the whole team. Unfortunately the final score was a loss to Nexus. However, brilliant play by the whole team;

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Aminah
Adilah
Adeena
Thirah
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Jeeahn
Mya Ann

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U9 Boys Benchball @ Taylor's KL

September 30th 2015

Our Benchball team had their first tournament away at Taylor's International School, KL this week. After lots of hard work and training the boys had an awesome afternoon winning both of their games with every member of the team scoring at least one goal!

Nexus 14 - 12 Taylor's
Nexus 20 - 4 KTJ

A huge well done to all of the boys that took part!

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U9 Girls Benchball @ Taylor's KL

September 30th 2015



This was the Under 9 Girls first benchball tournament of the season. Nexus played against two other teams from Taylor's and KTJ. The first game was tough against Taylor's where Nexus had to work really hard in defence. Sadly the score was a loss to Nexus. In the second game Nexus showed excellent passing and teamwork skills throughout with superb goals scored by a number of the team.

This great play led to a 10-5 win for Nexus against KTJ. Well done to following girls;

Rachel
Tessel
Xuen
Xiang Qin
Mina
Alisa
Farzana
Anis
Huda

Miss Grace

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