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Whole School

Paper Recycling Launch

The launch of the Primary and Secondary paper recycling initiative went well on Tuesday. The learner managed to sort 4 bags of white and coloured paper which will join the next truck to the Tzu Chi Foundation which will then sell the waste and provide support for locally disadvantaged children in KL. Well done Nexus learners and tutors, we look forward to working with you next session!

Thank you from The Green Council.



Book Week Is Almost Here!

When we come back from our relaxing half term, we'll go straight into Book Week 2015. Don't forget to think about what awesome book character you'll come dressed as on Friday 27th February 2015.

Go to the Book Week website to check out all the fabulous competitions that you can take part in and to see what activities will be running throughout the week.

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/book-week-2015/home>

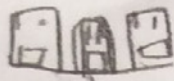


Fruggie Friday begins Friday 6th February

WE THINK FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ARE SO IMPORTANT FOR YOUR DEVELOPMENT THAT LESSONS WILL STOP 5 MINUETS 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!

Read more books
Plz. it so



from: Aayvan
and Zharif

BOOK WEEK IS COMING!

Tuesday 24 February

FRIDAY 27 February



Primary

Year 4 Learn About Volcanoes from an Expert

On Tuesday, Year 4 spoke to New Zealander Chris Bromley, a geophysicist who is a world-renowned expert in geothermal energy. The children used their enquiry and communication skills to ask some great questions. Read on to find out Chris' answers...

Q: What is geothermal energy used for?
(Vikki and Noora)

It is used for making electricity and it is also used for heating and cooling. Many people think you can't use heat to cool, but we can, this is new technology.

Q: Why do you live near a volcano?
(Preeshna and Amyra)

Because that's where my work is and because I find it an exciting place to live. There is heat coming out to the surface and to the hot

springs. New volcanoes are exciting to watch as there are several eruptions, especially in Taupo. Plenty of heat! We just have to be aware of large eruptions, but these days it is easy to leave and be safe.

Q: What kind of volcano do you live next to?
(Hung and Adam)

The one i live next to is in a lake. It's very similar to the nearest active volcano to you (Lake Toba in Indonesia). It is active, so if it erupts the lake will start bubbling and steam will appear. The steam is a sign of when you should evacuate.

Q: What volcanoes have you visited?
(Joshua and Edward)

The most exciting volcano was in Indonesia, Krakatoa. It was erupting in 80s, I landed on the volcano when it was erupting. I walked up to the rim of the volcano when it was beginning to erupt, it was very smelly from all of the gases. I even managed to walk on the molten rock. It was so hot, but we had rubber shoes. However a German man did not have rubber shoes, and his shoes melted!



Year 4 and geothermal power expert Chris Bromley having a Skype conversation.

Year 1 Learning Showcase

Year 1 were proud to present their Showcase to all of Primary this week. They had worked hard to learn their lines and memorised all their dance moves. This showcase shared their learning journey in the IPC unit, 'The Things People Do', Exploring The World of Work. Using their time machine, they took the audience to explore the past, present and future of work.



Secondary

Monash University Workshop

Last Saturday (07/02/15), I had the pleasure of joining four of our Nexus International IB Visual Arts learners on an interesting Visual Communications workshop. The workshop was held by, Monash University at the Hilton Hotel, KL Sentral. It was ran by, Gene Bawden a senoir lecturer and course coordinator at Monash University, Australia.

Gene likes to teach and interact with enthusiastic young designers and he occasionally travels beyond Australia to help with recruiting talented learners for the Monash Arts programs.

On the one day workshop, our learners found out about communication design and how it is an essential element of today's information-rich environment. The learners were then set a task to design their initials using a few given geometric symbols. This design was then to be used later to merge with the Monash logo so as to create a poster communicating a design education ethos. After a splendid buffet lunch at the Hilton, our learners continued with this activity followed by a careers talk in design, and then finally being offered a certificate (designed by the university) for attending their design workshop. We hope that some of our learners will use this in the future to give then leverage to enter courses in art and design and in visual communications.

Mauro Brooks
Hod Art and Design

University and Careers News

During PSE last week Year 11 and Year 12 completed the ACT Careers Profile survey, run by Taylors University. This Friday the learners have the opportunity to attend a follow up meeting, with Careers councillors, from Taylors, to discuss the results of the profile and potential career pathways. This will be particularly useful for Y11 to choose their IB options and Y12 learners as they are beginning the university application process.



Catherine



Anis



Angely



Zhakwan



CAS Reflection by Nur Nabilah Noorshearan

I have shown perseverance and commitment towards this activity by showing up to every session and frequently changing roles from one place to another so, I am not limited to one thing. Sometimes I had to do the same things as the previous day, which I found boring. I have dealt with my feelings professionally by focusing on the reasons I joined this activity in the first place, to enjoy spending time interacting and talking to the younger learners. I have learnt that by showing perseverance and patience the children become more familiar and secure around us. This is a skill I can use in life and prove that I am not a person that gives up easily even when things become challenging for me.

Primary Girl Guides

Teacher Ms. Sunlitha came to the Girl Guides Meeting as a guest to teach a special form of counted-thread embroidery called cross stitching. She brought a cross stitch sampler that she is currently creating.



Cross stitching is made on a special cloth called Aida cloth. The stitcher counts the threads in each direction so the stitches are of uniform and appearance. The 11 Girl Guides have enthusiastically begun their cross stitch projects.



PE Notices

U15 Girls Basketball

The U15 girls had a bronze medal match at KLASS on Thursday and despite a gritty performance they lost 18-2. It was an excellent effort by the young team and a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable experience against a more established KLASS team.

U13 Boys Basketball

The boys travelled to Tenby to compete in round 1 of the KLISS basketball tournament.

The boys beat ISKL and narrowly lost 18-16 to Tenby. The team currently sit in third place in the table. A big well done to Rasmus, Max, Luke, Andrew, Maxi, Azim who put in an amazing amount of effort and determination.

Athletics

Secondary Sports Day is confirmed as Friday March 13th

Sign-up sheets will be emailed to all learners after half-term. The expectation is that all learners will compete in at least 1 event.

More details to follow...

Lunchtime Clubs

	Before School, 7.45am-8.30am			Lunch Time, 1.15pm-1.45pm		
	What?	Where?	Who?	What?	Where?	Who?
MON	Swimming Club	Pool	Mr Paul, Miss Grace, Miss Gemma	Senior Netball	Sports Hall	Miss Grace
TUE	Senior Netball	Sports Hall	Miss Grace	U15 Girls Basketball	Sports Hall	Mr Andy
				Athletics - Discus/Long Jump	Field	Miss Grace Mr Paul
WED	Swimming Club	Pool	Miss Grace	IB Revision (Year 13)	Classroom	Mr Paul
	U13 Girls Basketball	Sports Hall	Miss Grace	Athletics - Shot Putt/Triple	Field	Miss Grace Mr Andy
THU	Senior Netball	Sport Hall	Miss Grace	GCSE Revision (Year 11)	Classroom	Mr Paul
	Cross Country (7am-7.45am)	Field	Mr Stephen	Athletics - High Jump/Track	Sports Hall/ Field	Miss Grace Mr Andy
FRI	Swimming Club	Pool	Miss Gemma Miss Grace Mr Paul	Senior Netball	Courts	Charlotte Kwok
				U14 Girls Basketball	Sports Hall	Miss Grace

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.**



ABRSM Making Music Together Workshop and Concert

On Friday 30th January 2015 eleven learners from Nexus joined 4 other schools (GIS, Alice Smith, ISP and AIS), to take part in a workshop and perform in an orchestral and choral concert at KLPAC to celebrate the ABRSM 125th Anniversary.

A wonderful day was had by all and many new musical friends were made. The concert was a great success and showed off all of the hard work put in by the learners in the workshop during the day. Well done guys, you were great ambassadors for Nexus and the Music Department.

PHOTOS PERTAINING TO NEXUS ON THE DAY AND EVENING CONCERT CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B12ly1-XYwHGUWpIVFlqZzZ3OW8&usp=sharing>



All of the photos from the workshop and concert:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ef3oauvncqwj045/AACYDH6ZMSwOwfcJLtkfcZkYa?dl=0>

GCSE Music Practical Exam Timings

The GCSE Music Practical Exams will be held on Thursday 5th March. The timings for the exams can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dT1aT8Wv6vuJ0PEuddxyzJjOui34C-SDhUVtwM1MKpc/edit?usp=sharing>

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..

Learners can sign up for a trial for suitability here:

<https://docs.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/document/d/1e3inqEuASaZyv3MA7E2xH3d02a3Kb0NDLwv1zQ6iM0/edit>

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!

Why Study Music?



“Learning music as a child protects brain’s speech and auditory functions as you age, study finds”

<http://news.nationalpost.com/2015/02/03/learning-music-as-a-child-protects-brains-speech-functions-as-you-age-study-finds/>

Dates For Your Diaries

Thu 5th Mar	GCSE Music Practical Exams
Mon 2 Mar	Trial for the Suitability of Pieces for the Spring Concert
Thu 12 Mar	Spring Concert 7pm in the Theatre
Mon 11 May	Trial for the Suitability of Pieces for the Young Performers' Concert
Thu 21 May	Young Performers' Concert 7pm in the Theatre
Mon 1 Jun	Trial for the Suitability of Pieces for Dance in Action
Thu 11 Jun	Dance in Action 7pm in the Theatre
Mon 22 Jun	Rock Concert 7pm in the Theatre

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

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