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Primary

Year 4 Learning Outside The Classroom

Last Wednesday, Year 4 went on their residential trip to MAEPS, Putrajaya. For most learners (and some teachers) it was their first experience of camping in Malaysia. The focus of the trip was to develop cooperation skills in real life contexts. Learners also took part in survival skills activities, which linked to their 'Active Planet' topic. The trip was a huge success with all children being extremely resilient throughout to trip. This was a wonderful experience for the children and something they will not forget.

Aminah in Year 4N wrote this reflection:

Knowledge: I learned how to tie a bowline and a reef knot. I learned a lot about first aid and it was my favourite activity! It was my favourite activity, because I knew the most information about first aid! I learned about using signals from ground to air, you had to use flags. I learned how to survive for three days (72 hrs) from an Earthquake, you have to choose five important items that can be used for three days. Putting up the tent was quite easy, me and my group just forgot to do the last thing.



Skills: I improved my compass skills by learning to hold the compass flatly. I also improved my cooperation skills and respecting skills. I improved my flexible thinking skills. I really improved my survival skills



Understanding: I understood how to show signals from ground to air and how to survive a flood for three days! I also understood how to save people when they are hurt. I understood how to make a bowline too.



Personal Goals: I was very resilient and respectful. I was respectful with everyone and I was resilient from not moaning with the hot weather.

World Cup Theme

Something as simple as a football can bring countries and people together. The game is played all over the world and the World Cup is a special event to help us to celebrate this. Like the players in a World Cup team, we must learn to respect, support and work with one another, no matter who we are or where we come from. Together we can achieve our goal.

For the last 8 days of this term, the whole Primary school will be learning through the exciting theme of 'The World Cup'. Each Milepost will conduct a mini enquiry-based theme in which Health and PE will feature highly as will the subjects of **Geography, International, Science and History**. We look forward to some great learning and great fun.



Leavers' Assembly

On Wednesday 2nd July, we will be having an assembly to celebrate the achievements and progress of all our leaving learners and teachers. Parents are welcome to come along and support. We will be saying farewell to the following teachers in Primary.

Katrina Huish: David Griffiths first met Katrina many years ago in Spain when they worked together at a British school there. Katrina's knowledge and enthusiasm for young learners education has always been one of her many great assets. When Nexus was looking for someone to develop the Early Years and Milepost 1 departments Katrina was delighted to come and join us here in Putrajaya. Since she began at NISP, Katrina has led the Early Years and MP1 departments with her usual enthusiasm and skill. As Deputy Head of Primary, Katrina has been invaluable in establishing goals and expectations for our school. She has particular strengths in promoting an inclusive environment and her leadership skills were clearly noted by the IPC inspectors when they visited our school. She was instrumental in Nexus being awarded 'Mastering' status by the IPC. Throwing herself into the position that she holds at Nexus, Katrina has worked tirelessly to make what is considered to be one of the best Early Years departments around. Like all good leaders she is now preparing to hand over the leadership positions to others so that they continue to maintain and improve what Katrina has set up. Popular with colleagues, parents and learners, we all now look forward to keeping in touch with Katrina's progress at The International School of London (One of the other IPC Mastering schools) where she has been asked to lead MP1. Also leaving with Katrina will be her husband, Paul. Paul has helped us out at Nexus in so many ways over the years. He is incredibly skilled at carpentry and joinery and has made almost all of the scenery and props for productions and even Santa's sleigh! He is currently just finishing a project with the IB learners where they have designed and built a butterfly enclosure. We thank both of them for their essential roles in the development of Nexus.

Julie Campbell: Julie hails from England and is one of NEXUS' pioneer teachers, after joining us way back in 2009. She is very well known for her 'wicked' laugh and her down-to-earth approach to life – just ask her about 'Fat Bird'! Sahmalah Saktivel has had the privilege of working with Julie for four years as a co-teaching partner. During that time she had the opportunity to get to know her as a dedicated teacher, supportive colleague and a good friend. This is what she says about Julie: "As an educationalist, she always believes that everyone is a learner, including the teachers themselves. She is brave

to try new innovations and often takes risks to get the learners excited about their learning. Julie has worked hard on many things, such as implementing the IPC rubric in her teaching and learning, and making sure the learners have access to their own learning so they can reflect on it. Furthermore, the art displays outside the Year 2 classrooms are often work inspired by Julie, where her passion for art is reflected. During her years here she has also devoted extra time and effort to contribute to the extended community – where she has taken our Mynmmar learners for after school and CCA sessions. Mrs. Campbell is an avid reader; outside of school hours, you'll almost never fail to see her without her favourite books or Kindle – especially by the pool! Indeed, she continues to encourage and engage her learners to read and be immersed in books, as that is the best gift you can give yourself." Julie will be missed by colleagues, children and friends alike - but we are happy to say that she will be leaving to take up her new role of Grand Mother, one which she has been very much looking forward to and will relish! We also know that in between nappy-changes there will be breeding sheep, plucking berries and walking a new family dog! We wish her a long and happy retirement!

Tina Jenner: Tina has taught at Nexus for over 4 years having joined in January of 2010. Tina came with a wealth of experience in teaching in the Early Years and the Early stages of primary. Testament, to the kind and caring manner with which she works with the children, is the growth of this department and the happy, confident learners that have been taught by Tina. Her patience, knowledge and skill will be missed by learners and colleagues alike but will be an asset to the new school in the Netherlands that she will be joining in August.

Jenny Northam: Jenny has been at Nexus for 4 years and has played a key role in the development of the school, particularly in Milepost 3. She has consistently thrown herself into all aspects of school life with passion, enthusiasm and a sense of fun. Jenny has high expectations of herself, as a teacher, and her learners. She has been rigorous in all she does at Nexus and has shown a real talent for providing learning opportunities that are appealing and personalized for learners. Jenny has also involved herself fully in events outside the classroom, whether it be supporting learners in the various shows, marshaling at sports events, teaching at the Myanmar school, helping out on boarding trips or leading the wake up, shake up. As well as providing amazing learning opportunities for learners Jenny has also worked hard to support teacher's with their own professional development through her role as Maths coordinator, involvement in the IPC team and willingness to lead staff meetings. It will certainly take us a while to get use to Nexus without Jenny but we wish her every success in her next adventure in Ulaanbaatar.

Martin Harvey: When Martin arrived at Nexus, he had a vision of creating happy, sporting and skilful learners. As a result of his hard work and creativity, he has surpassed his aim. No

matter what task Martin has had put in front of him, he and his learners have overcome it with determination and creativity. Martin's main passion in life is PE teaching and he always prepares meticulously for each lesson. Martin has been an extremely dedicated member of the department, who has gave up numerous weekends and late evenings to support and coach Nexus sports teams. Some of his achievements include winning the KLISS football title with both Under 9s girls and Under 11s boys teams. As well as coaching the sports teams at fixtures, Martin is never one to shy away from a sporting debate with match officials. Martin also made a significant contribution to Nexus achieving mastering status from IPC. When his lesson was observed IPC were amazed at the high quality of the lesson and the learning environment that he created. Despite his incessant talking/rambling in the office and his utterly rubbish taste in music, he will be greatly missed by both the department and the learners, although his legacy will continue.

Dan Knight: Mr Dan joined the school two years ago teaching in Year 1, where his energy and enthusiasm made him an extremely popular teacher! Moving up to Year 4 in his second year, he added a great deal of fun and creativity to the curriculum. Mr Dan has always worked hard to find the best way to engage learner's interests and this has involved him dressing up as Edmund Hilary and even a cave man! It has been a lot of fun working with Mr Dan and he will be greatly missed by the staff and children.

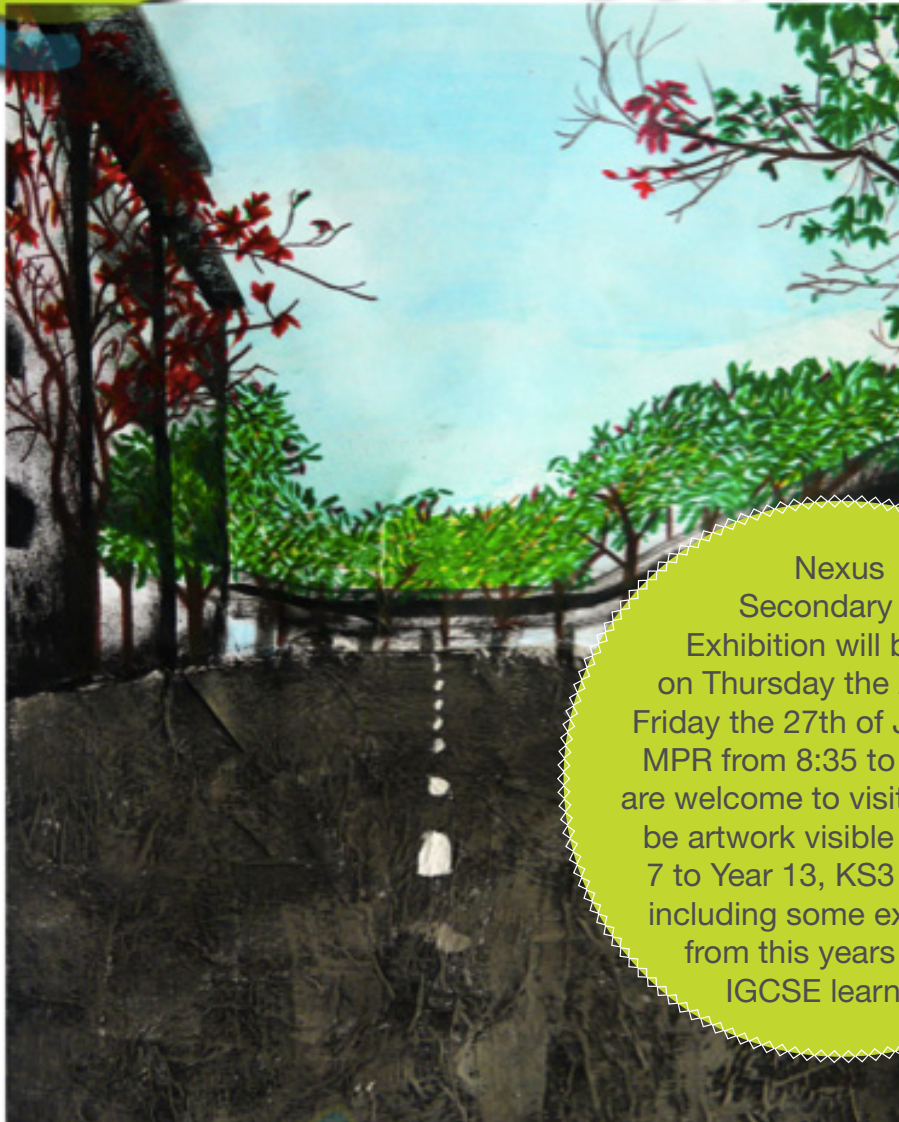
Cara Killham: Cara has been with Nexus for one year, and has been a wonderful addition to the Year 3 team. Cara's kind and calm manner has helped to create a classroom environment where children are comfortable and confident about their learning. During Term 2, Cara directed the Milepost 2 production, which was a huge success and her hard work and dedication was greatly appreciated by the staff and children. Cara and her family will be greatly missed and we wish them the best of luck in their next adventure in the Netherlands.

Sandip Jagdev: Sandip has had a very busy year working between Year 4 and Year 5. Although Sandip worked part time she put in many extra hours going above and beyo nd the call of duty! Sandip played an integral role in Milepost 2 and 3 productions, finding and sewing costumes. Sandip has also supported many learners with English as an additional language. As well as being extremely dedicated to her job, Sandip has taken time to help new teachers (and parents!) settle into the school. Sandip's new school in the Netherlands are very lucky to have such a kind, positive teacher joining their staff as Deputy Head.



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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.

ART EXHIBITION

Artwork from
KS3 + KS4

THURSDAY 26/06/2014
FRIDAY 27/06/2014
08:35-16:30 in the MPR

Secondary

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.

Nexus Art Auction 24/6 (5pm-6pm)

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.

Computer Games

Parents please be vigilant regarding the games that learners are playing at home on their laptops. The school will be checking laptops over the next couple of weeks and learners with inappropriate games, which are over their age limit, will be removed. We will inform parents of learners who have inappropriate games installed on their laptops.

The International Award

Please find the link below to see the latest International Award Brochure.

<http://pub.lucidpress.com/6b65b541-6b64-4ac0-9750-4bf8c4f98981/>

If learners in Year 9 and above wish to register their interest in taking part next year, please click on the link below and complete the document and hand in to Mr Jim.

https://docs.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/forms/d/1JYTkhZK6YBdKjKirS2fA1RJDe8KhnDdZJ_6qXM5GA8t8/edit

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Asian Language Day

The LOTE department is organizing an Asian Language Day on the 26th June (next Thursday).

We will be focusing on Mandarin and Bahasa Malaysia.

There are a variety of activities planned for the day for all Secondary Learners. We have Code Race, Karaoke, food tasting, book exhibition, traditional games etc.

Please come and join us to immerse into a day of Language and Culture.

CAS Reflection:

“Raveena Dhadli”

Working with the Myanmar refugee children through Nexus Community has become the highlight of my week over the past 2 terms. We often discuss the impact our lessons and activities must have on the children, but we always forget to consider the impact they have on us. Through planning and carrying out activities, these kids have made me more patient, understanding as well as more responsible. They are an absolute delight to work with - whether we're playing English games, doing sports or art, or even cooking, they're always engaged and so happy to learn. I never thought the simple knowledge I already had could have such a significant impact on someone else's life. For example, last week I taught a boy who did not know how to speak a word of English, how to say the word 'baby' and what it meant. Another memorable moment for me was when I taught Moses, an 11 year old, how to play 2 songs on the piano in a span of 40 minutes. I now call him 'mini Mozart'! I never realized what a blessing Nexus Community would be and I think I will definitely be continuing the activity for as long as I am a learner in Nexus.



- School - Newspaper -

The Arc Community is a group of students ranging from Year 8 - 12 who are passionate about news and bringing it to the learners of Nexus International School. 'The Arc' itself has been publishing since the start of the school year and has made massive progress in creating a student-run newspaper and getting it all around school. We have covered topics from the Sochi Olympics, and Bodybuilding, to music and how our generation are narcissistic bums. Please support the final issue for this year, and for more issues to come by visiting our website and simply picking up our newspaper in and around school.

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/the-newspaper/home>

PE Notices

Olympic Week 23-27 June

Next Monday sees the start of the 2014 Olympics Week organised by the Student Sports Council. Surveys have been sent out and votes have been counted. The sports that you guys would like to play are: **Touch Rugby, Handball, Tug of War, Basketball**

Hopefully by now you have signed-up to your house teams in the sports that interest you and are ready for the games to commence.

Please look out for details of event schedules which will be sent out via email, TV screens and posters around the school.

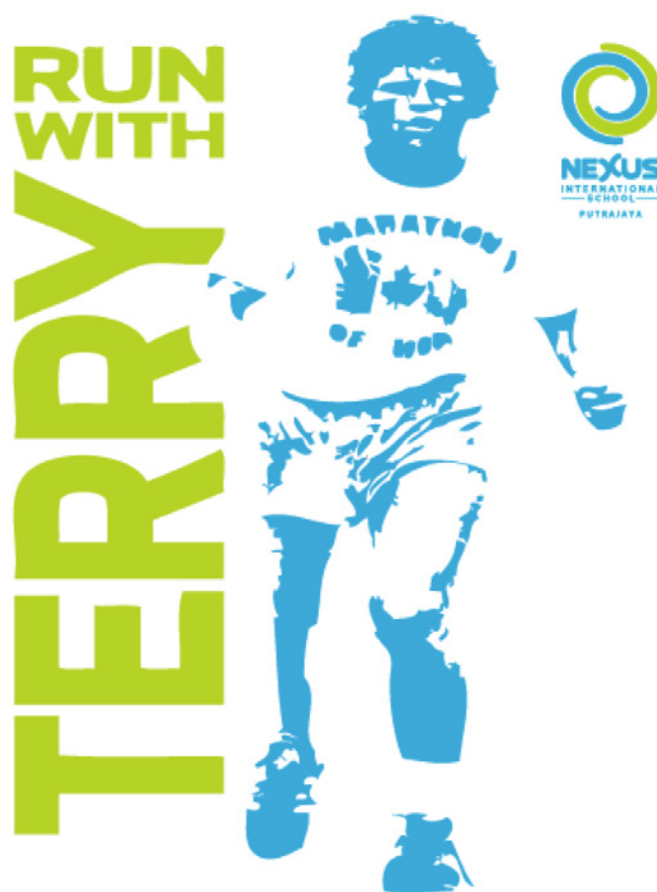
Finally, A big thank you to all the hard work and organisation of the Student Sports council for making the Olympics week happen.

Terry Fox Run - Friday 27th June (9am - 11am)

The Terry Fox run is now only 2 weeks away and preparations for this years event are speeding up. Thank you to everyone who has supported the event so far by ordering a T-shirt. These will be available to collect on Tuesday 24th June from student services.

Last year all money raised was donated to a local children's cancer charity and hopefully we can raise even more this year for such a fantastic cause. Here is a reminder of what the Terry Fox run is all about:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1QOtPDAAeY>



8.35am	Secondary register in P1 + opportunity to donate money.
8.45am	Primary register as normal + opportunity to donate money.
9.00am	Run starts for Secondary (+any MP3 running the sec route)
9.05am	Run starts for Primary followed by a picnic in the park. 10.00am - Olympic week Tug O' War competition
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10.30am	All learners MUST shower
11.00am	Back in lessons

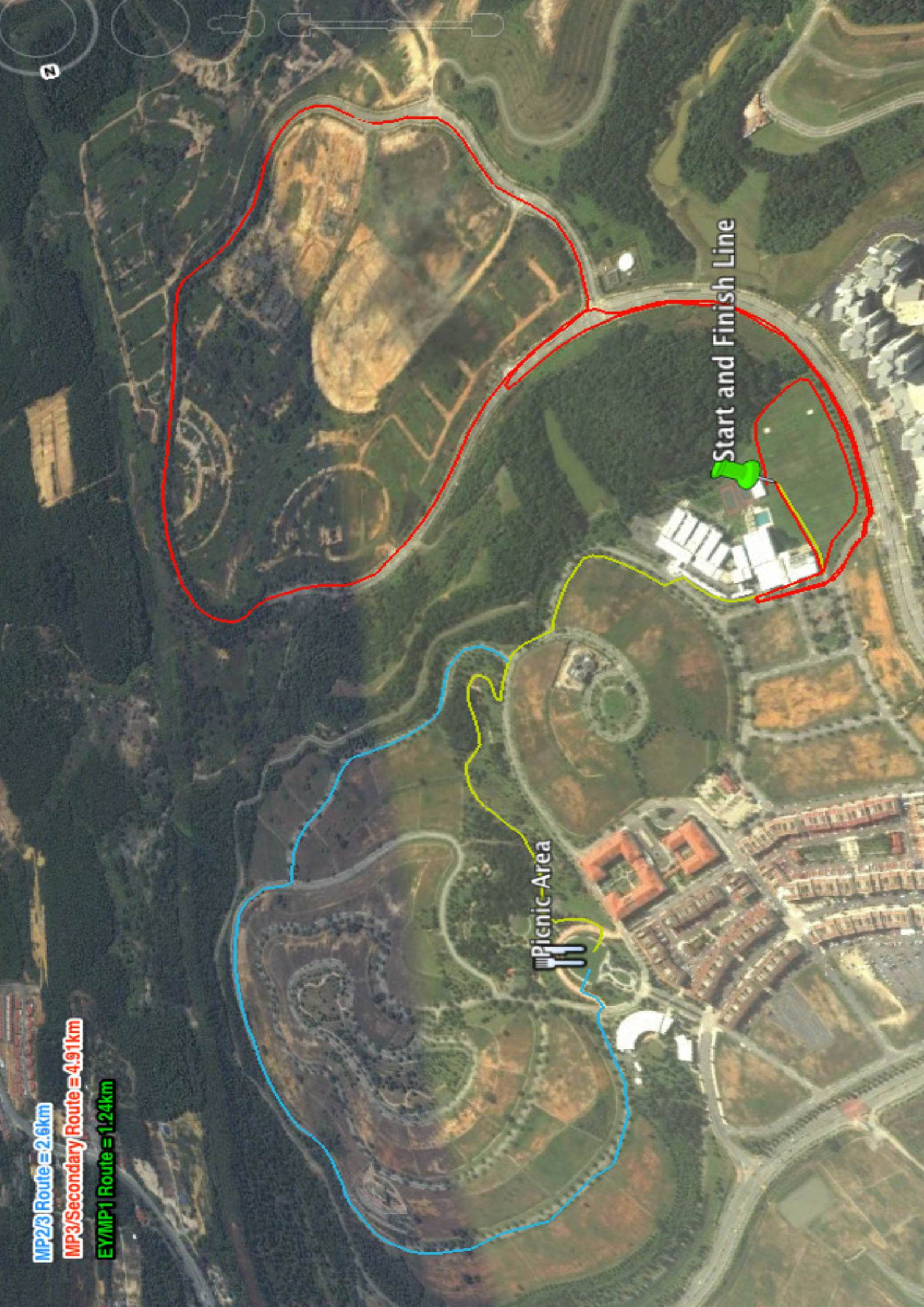
MP23 Route = 2.6km

MP3/Secondary Route = 4.91km

EY/MP1 Route = 1.24km

Picnic-Area

Start and Finish Line



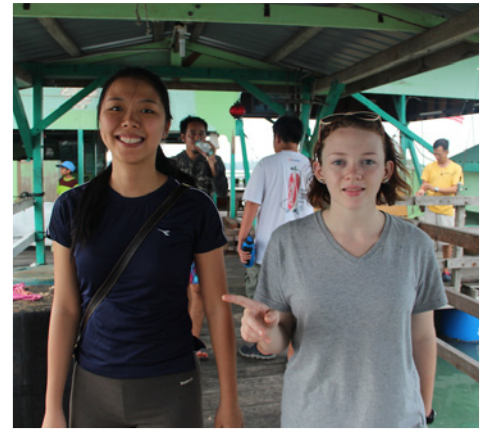
Boarder Blog: Crab Island

Last Saturday we went to Crab Island for a tour. First we visited the fish farm where the guide explained and demonstrated how fishermen breed and export fish. We then moved on to the island itself, where we enjoyed a wonderful seafood meal which was fantastic and we had enough for everybody.

We then explored the island by cycling. We really admired their local culture. We also enjoyed eating fried ice cream. We went to their Chinese temple. The temple was beautiful and peaceful and the guide then showed us their precious creature, their mighty python, it was so big and long that the cage was even bigger than a car.

We then had an hour of free time to explore the streets of Crab Island and we bought souvenirs and snacks. All in all we enjoyed the trip and we are looking forward to another trip in the future.

Dev Patel - Year 9
Lawrence Li Year - 12



Music News

Music Lesson Invoices

The Music Lesson Invoices are due, can you please contact Student Services if you have not received yours yet. Can you please settle them as soon as possible please.

Nexus' Got Talent 2014 - Video

The Nexus' Got Talent Video is now up on the Music Department Website - A big thank you to Mr Suneel and Mr Jason for producing and editing it:

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

Dance In Action 2014



One Wednesday night this week saw the return of Dance in Action. It was a wonderful night with some amazing dancing. Well done to all the learners who took part!

The Video will go on to the Music Department Website this week.

Rock Concert 2014

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

Tickets are on sale NOW from Student Services. Seating availability can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/theatre-seating-availability>

Dates For Your Diaries

25th June

Rock Concert

Why Study Music?

Music Psychology - Music Education and Benefits for Children and Young People

http://www.winmentalhealth.com/music_psychology.php



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