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Student and Teacher/Parent Volunteer Request

Writing from World Endurance Malaysia - the organisers of IRONMAN 70.3 Putrajaya, which will be held on 5th April at Putrajaya. IRONMAN is an International triathlon event that involves Swim, Bike and Run.

The successful running of any event has long relied on the enthusiasm and commitment of an army of dedicated volunteers. Volunteers old and new turn up year after year to work at our major events and IRONMAN aims to recruit volunteers who will bring passion, enthusiasm and energy to an event.

Nexus International School Students (age 17 and above) and Teachers/Parents are invited to be part of this International event as Volunteers. Join 600 other volunteers who come together from our local community, universities and beyond to become part of a successful operations of the event.

As a volunteer, you will receive:

- Meals during your shift
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- Transport to and from School/University

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Primary Learners in Costumes for Book Week 2015



Primary

Adam Rohizam “Golf is my passion”

Champion Of The National Junior Circuit



March, 2 2015 - Rizq Adam Rohizam never thought that he could be the champion as all players are much more experienced than him. He felt so great when he claimed the Champion title at the National Junior Circuit for the first time in his one year participation hold at Kelab Golf Rahman Putra, Malaysia (KGRPM). He won with a total score of 82 strokes followed by Nor Haqeam Nor Hadi, 85 strokes and Jayden Ng, 86 strokes.

“I am very happy to be the champion for the first time in the Sportexcel National Junior Circuit. I came 2nd and 3rd few times in 2014. I was happy because I participated the circuit last year under 10 years old. I am so blessed to have my parents around who always supporting me and this is totally a different excitement for me today. I have gone through tough discipline and routine with my father and coach. I have trained for four hours a day during the last school break and I am glad that the hard work has paid off.” Adam Rohizam said.

“It was a nerve-wrecking day soon after I knew I led by 3 stroke after the first nine holes. My worst of the day was when I shot a double bogey on the 10th hole. Everything just felt not right after that hole. I tried to hold my nerve and I was so lucky when I shot Par in the next three holes and bogey at 14th hole. Knowing everyone was chasing , I made more mistakes

by triple bogey at 15th hole. My energy was drained out since I have to walk for hours to finish 18th hole. My dad consoled me to calm down, never think about winning and just play my best. I managed to get back my strength and win by 3 stroke lead. Today, I have learnt how to manage my nerve when I lead during the tournament. It was a valuable experience for me ”.

Adam Rohizam was ranked 3rd in Order of Merit Junior Golfer under 10 years old category last year and was invited in the Tournament Of The Champions under 12 years old category in Templer Park from March, 17 to March, 18 2015. Adam will be participating to experience the more challenging golf course with other players much older and experienced than him.



Primary Athletics Day @ The Panasonic Stadium Friday 27th February



So, the Athletics season is officially under way after lots of hard training this term, which started back in January. Our first meet of the season was the annual ISAC Athletics Competition at the Panasonic stadium against seven other of the international schools here in KL. They included Alice Smith, Garden International, Tenby, Australian International, Mont Kiara and ISKL. We had an early start to the day, arriving at the stadium for 7:30am to get under way for our long day ahead. The learners were in good spirits and started off with a team warm up. Throughout the day they went off to compete in their events, whether it was a run, throw or jump.

There were two medals won throughout the event and lots of personal bests (PB) achieved. Amelina Stiff achieved a silver medal in the Under 9 Girls Long Jump, with a PB of 2.63m. Asher Westmoreland won bronze in the Under 11 Boys Shot Put, just below his PB, with a measurement of 6.53m, followed closely behind in 9th (out of 18) place, Dickson Wong

measuring just short of his PB, 6.13m. Amelina just missed out on a second medal in the Under 9 Girls High Jump, coming in 4th place with a height of 1.00m. Emily Piri competed in the Under 11 Girls Shot Put, coming in at 9th (out of 18) with 4.94m. Vieshal Jeevanthiran came in at 6th (out of 19) in the Under 11 200m with a time of 31.90s, only 1.16s of first place. Farid Muammar achieved 5th place (out of 18) in the Under 11 Boys Long Jump with a measurement of 3.53m.

Overall, the Primary Athletics team came in at 6th place. A huge well done to all of the learners that took part and gave up their time to train and prepare themselves for the competition. Also, thank you to those parents that came along to show support.

Our next big Athletics Meet will be held here at Nexus International School on Saturday 28th March, starting from 8am. Please come along to show your support to our learners.

Book Week 2015!

Dragons, witches, wizards, princesses and all sorts of strange creatures were spotted at Nexus last week. That can only mean one thing....Book Week 2015!

The aim of the week was for the learners to enjoy books. Staff planned a range of activities that were aimed at learners who love books, learners who like books and learners who are reluctant readers. There was also a range of competitions that everyone could choose take part in.

A big well done to everyone who entered a story into our Fabulous Fantasy Writing Competition and all the entries will be available in the Primary and Secondary library for other

learners to read. Well done also to learners who managed to complete the Book Bingo Challenge. In the end, collaboration was needed between groups to share information and finish the challenge. Lastly, there was Guess the Teacher. Some were easier than others and more than a few identities were mixed up.

It was clear in our celebration assembly that the learners had a lovely time sharing books, reading books, writing about books and decorating their doors to look like books. A big thank you to everyone who took part in Book Week and particularly to parents for supporting learners to design their fantastic book character costumes.



PE Clubs - March 2015

	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	Athletics Year 3,4,5,6 Standing Triple Jump 3 Springs High Jump	Sports Hall	Miss Grace
TUE				T Ball Year 3 and 4	Field	Miss Gemma Miss Grace
WED	Swimming Club	Pool	Mr Andy Miss Gemma	Athletics Year 3,4,5,6 Chest Push Shot Put Relay Changeover	Sports Hall	Miss Gemma Miss Grace
THU				T Ball Year 5 and 6	Field	Miss Gemma Miss Grace
FRI	Swimming Club	Pool	Miss Gemma Miss Grace Mr Paul	Athletics Year 3,4,5,6 Long Jump Tennis Ball Quoit Throw	Field	Miss Gemma Miss Grace

Secondary

Secondary Sports Day 13th March

The school community is invited to attend and support all our secondary learners for the annual Sports Day on Friday 13th March. Events will start on the school field at about 9:00am and continue until the end of the school day. Parents please ensure your child comes prepared for the sports day with a water bottle, sunscreen and hat.

Debating workshops at KTJ

6 Nexus learners with Ms. Maureen, Head of English will be attending workshops at KTJ this weekend. The 2 days below explain what the learners will be experiencing.

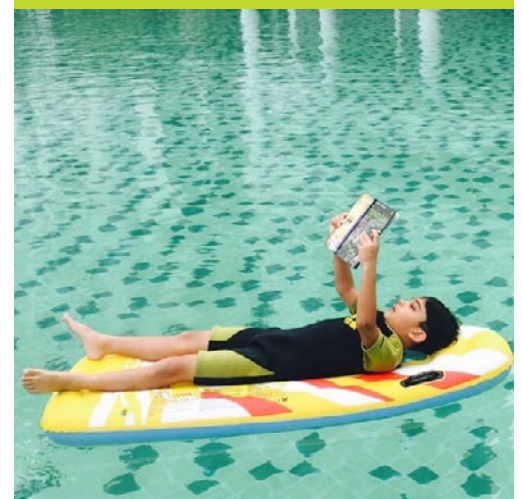
Saturday: as in previous years, there will be a panel of four eminent speakers for the main plenary debate, which for 2015 will include a Member of Parliament, two senior academics and a broadcaster. There will be 5 sub topics for the students to analyse in 10 workshops that are facilitated by Oxbridge alumni.

Sunday: the inaugural Oxbridge & KTJ Engineering Workshop. The objective of the day is to give students an opportunity to undertake some hands on engineering problem solving and innovative application of theory under the supervision of Oxbridge engineers. There will be a series of short lectures about engineering project management and theoretical aspects which will support the students in their workshops. They will work on up to three different machines or devices that will compete against other teams' creations based on common criteria, resources and materials.

KTJ PRIMARY
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**Get Caught
Reading
Book Week 2015**





CAS Reflection by Farah Emilia Hisamuddin

At first I joined this activity to not only contribute to the drama/shows since I've had some background experience from building things (I contributed to design technology) and I can use my past skills to help the committee.

Every Thursday, since the beginning of the year, I have been attending Props Making to participate in making the props for the drama shows for the youngsters. For the past few weeks of the session, we are all divided into groups and I have Nabilah, Johan, Christie and Matthew. So far what we have done is list out our props that are related to our chosen drama/story, and figure out 'how' to make the props. The props are hard to find or make because not only do we need to use our own personal belongings to contribute, but we were told to make something wearable for the backstage and actors to use.

The learning outcomes for me are Planned and Initiated Activities and this is from planning out the list of props, who is responsible for each prop, how the props are meant to be built and

when it should be done.

Another learning outcome is Show perseverance and commitment and this is by showing up to every single meeting and contributing continuously by constantly sharing opinions and discussing altogether as a group on how to make the situation better.

This learning would be applied more widely for me by understand behind the scenes of a drama production. I will understand more from this by organizing my group or dividing my group into doing separate tasks so that when we meet again, we can all discuss our findings or share our updates on the task we were assigned to do.

Yesterday, Nabilah, Johan, Akila, Helen and I were assigned to dye the fabric canvas that was as long as the stage to blue and it was because we had to make it into the 'sea'. It was tiring because the fabric material wasn't the type of material to absorb the dye which meant we had to lay it all out, and actually put paint onto the canvas. We walked and spread the paint with our barefeet because using our hands would mean we had to go on our knees and we did not want our uniform to be dirty. It took us the entire hour because we were trying so hard to get the canvas to stick to the dye but it only absorbed the 'blue water' from the dye we made earlier which was a disaster because the canvas was now not dark enough. We all decided to have it soaked overnight.

This morning, both me and Nabilah came to the art room to spread out the canvas whether it absorbed anymore of the blue dye but it was still the same from yesterday and so we decided to just have it lay out to dry up. Mr Brooks said that he would have two Year 9 classes who are focusing on painting and so he decided that it would be a good idea to have

them paint the canvas and make the mountains (painting on boards) for the production.

At the end of this activity, all of the Prop's Making members have all rushed to do a lot of the finishing touches to the props. All of the sessions I have attended after the morning we checked the dye on that long cloth for the 'sea', was all about making the boats. What we all did to make the boats were painting 2 other white cloths in different shades of brown. We painted many lines horizontally and vertically along the cloths. It took quite awhile to finish up the boats but it was very fun because we all got to socialise more.

During the entire activity, I had gained so much experience in terms of planning, making, and understanding about the background of a play. I have learnt that it really does take a long time to make props for a play that may or may not even last that long. I learnt that a lot of these props we made can actually made to be used as a different prop other than the main props it was designed to be used. I've met new students from younger years and having to socialise whilst working with them has been delightful because socialising while working just makes the environment a lot less stressful. I was mostly inspired by Nabilah Noorshearan because she was working very diligently and just watching her teach me to do certain tasks was quite nice because I developed a lot more skills than I did the first time I joined the activity. I think someone who benefited from my activity was Mr Brooks and Ms Rachel because they provided a great opportunity for me to participate in something new, something I haven't done before in terms of making props for the actors to use in the play. The whole activity was quite fun because like I said before, I developed a lot of skills and understanding of the behind-the-scenes of a play.



IA Bronze Award Practice Trip to Frim

Last weekend a group of 12 Nexus learners took part their first International Award Adventurous Journey in the shape of a practice expedition in FRIM, trekking, camping and learning new camp craft skills. Over 2 days and one night the group tackled challenging hikes in the sweaty forest, set up camp for the first time and built fires. All came away mentally & physically tired, but feeling better for the experience!

Learner Reflection:

"It would be fun," They said. "We would enjoy it." They said.





In this case, they were talking about waking up in the wee hours of the morning, traversing both uphill and downhill terrain with packs that weighed a quarter of our weight, wading through streams that reached knee depth, climbing and stooping over and under debris that had inhibited our path, kindling a troublesome fire, gutting fish, and, at the end of the day, persevering through the complaints, groans, moans, grunts and the occasional “THERE’S A LEECH ON MY-” of our fellow adventurers.

Yeah. I guess you could say they were right.

First things first, we arrived at FRIM (Forest Research Institute Malaysia) in the morning, with light hearts and cheery grins. Unbeknownst to us, the trip wouldn’t be all fun and games. After meeting Gary, our guide, who at forty-seven was fitter than any three of us put together, we set out on our predestined path to our campsite. We split into two groups - Alpha and Beta, and started trekking.

For three hours.

By the time we arrived at our campsite, which to our delight was equipped with showers, sinks, and toilets, everyone of us was pretty much drenched in sweat. There was no time for rest, though, as we had tents to set up. So, in groups of three, we picked a suitable plot,

claimed it as our own, and in the miasma of tent inner, tent outer, tent poles, and tent pegs, constructed our respective three-man tents.

We then were called to convene in the wide gazebo-like structure to be issued a task.

“Create a fire from scratch. Also, cook these fish over the fire you built. And eat them.”

Sounded easy enough. Collect some firewood. Get tinder. Start the fire. Feed it increasingly larger pieces of wood. Find two Y-shaped pieces of wood, stick it to the ground next to the fire, find another piece of wood to bridge the gap between, get more pieces of wood to act as a spear for our fish, which we had to gut, then lean it on the bridged gap.

Voila! Cooked fish that not a lot of people ate.

We then had to cook dinner. Mr Jim had readied the ingredients for chicken curry and rice, so that was to be our meal. Fortunately, he had also given us a set of instructions on how to cook the rice, ready the curry, and cook the chicken.

It was supposed to be fool-proof.

Instead, one group (mine) ended up with a broth containing rice, chicken, and curry. If you think that we had actually succeeded in our task of cooking chicken curry, then imagine a pot filled with rice, then filled with curry, then filled with chicken.

Yeah.

Darkness had come by then, but we had one last activity before we could pull out for the night. We were blindfolded in our groups, single-file, with each person holding on to the shoulder of the person in front. The leader of

the group was blindfolded too, and lead by a stick. They would have the delight of being the first person to come into contact with any obstacle, be it tree root, rock, branch, or fallen log.

There were many falls that night.

But, we showed that we could work in a not-completely-incompetent group, and that is a small success in itself.

At the end of it, we took our blindfolds off. You see, too often in the darkness we rely on the use of artificial lights to guide us. It is of one's benefit to simply enjoy the light of the moon, and let wonders be revealed. We were on a path, now, and dotting our visions were small, floating pieces of light. Fireflies.

On the ground beneath of us, leaves had come to emit their own light, covered in bioluminescent fungi. The world of Avatar had suddenly appeared at our feet.

Too soon, our awe dissipated as we returned to camp. Some slept fitfully that night, and others grabbed what they could. The sounds of nature ebbed and flowed throughout the night, engulfing us in its serenity.

Early up next morning. A quick breakfast, then a messy packing of bags equaled by a not-so-efficient disassembly of our tents. Afterwards, we left for a similar-length trek as the day before.

Noticeably, spirits weren't as high, on the second day. Everybody seemed to be preoccupied by their own thoughts. The beat of our footsteps was a timid addition to the forest's natural orchestra.

Too quick, it ended. Three hours passed, and

we returned to camp. A quick drying of tent inner, tent outer, tent poles, and tent pegs, and we were on our journey back to the main gate, to be collected by our parents.

And then we reached it. Our journey had ended. Our practice trip had concluded.

From it, we learnt many lessons:

1. Canned food is heavy and more often than not you will not find a use for it.
2. The movies where people are marching and singing songs? Yeah, for the most part, that's not accurate. Don't be surprised to find everyone quietly looking at the ground during the Make sure your rucksack is properly adjusted. The weight of it should be bearing on your hips, not your shoulders, or else your shoulders will be sore for a week.
3. Leeches aren't something to be scared of. They're all talk and no bite. Well. They're all bite.
4. Commend your mothers for their cooking. It's difficult.
5. Downhill is harder to trek than uphill.
6. Most importantly, don't litter. Especially non-biodegradable products. They're nature's nightmares. I'm talking about plastic in particular. Gary gave us a stern talking-to about that. Recycle what you have, over and over. Do. Not. Litter.



PE Notices

Secondary Sports day has been confirmed as Friday 13th March. First race at 9am

Last years winners Riang will be hoping to hold on to the trophy after wrestling it out of the hands of Cergas who were the 2012 and 2013 winners.

Sign-up



The process is the same as last year. Learners have been emailed the sign-up google forms. Please make sure all entries are made before Wednesday 11th March.

Participation

Every learner from Yr7 - Yr13 will be expected to sign-up to between 1 and 5 events. Athletics is a sport which suits all shapes, sizes and fitness levels and exercise is generally regarded as a good way to reduce stress. Perfect for those learners about to take exams.

What to Wear

- You can arrive in your sports clothing as there will be no time to change and limited

space available.

- Wear your house colours but please no football/rugby shirts etc.
- Banners/face paints etc are all encouraged - Lets make the event a colourful one!

On the Day

- 8.35am - Learners will arrive and go directly to their first lesson of the day to be registered.
- 8.45am - Learners will arrive at the field ready to begin their warm-ups
- 9.00am - Event begins
- 2.45pm - Presentation in the stands to the winning house team

Sports Fixtures Coming-up

Saturday 7th March

ISAC U18 Badminton
at Tenby - 6.45am
Secondary Track and Field
at ISP - 6.30am
U11 Boys Football
at ISKL, Melawati - 6.45am
U11 Girls Football
at ISKL, Melawati - 6.45am

Thursday 12th March

U15 Boys Basketball
at Tenby - 3pm

Please check the Sports fixtures calendar regularly for up to date information, as timings, venues and tournament schedules are liable to change.

MUSIC & DRAMA NEWS

Spring Concert

The Spring Concert is next week on Thursday 12th March, 7pm in the Theatre. Tickets are on sale from the school reception and are selling out fast.

The Spring Concert is designed to showcase the talents of Nexus musicians of Grade 5 standard and above, including the GCSE and IB learners.

There will be 180 learner strong choir from Y7-Y9, the school String Orchestra, Vocal Group, Y7 Gamelan Ensembles (with Y7 compositions being performed on our newly commissioned Gamelan made by hand in Java Indonesia), and our Senior Learners performing solos and duets.

All Y7 to 9 learners will be taking part and need to arrive at school on Thursday at 6.30pm in the Music Department wearing smart school uniform and BLACK shoes please.

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<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

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

Year 9 Drama Workshop

Our Year 9 learners are all participating in half-day workshops led by staff from KLPAC this Friday (March 6th). They will be looking at ways in to devising Drama to prepare them for creating their own group devised pieces.

Please look out for photos and a full report in next week's 'Connect'!

Performing Arts Opportunities

Our Year 9 learners are all participating in half-day workshops led by staff from KLPAC this Friday (March 6th). They will be looking at ways in to devising Drama to prepare them for creating their own group devised pieces.

KLPAC are looking for actors over the age of 16 to audition for upcoming productions - see the KLPAC site (<http://www.klpac.org/?p=14265>) for further details.

They are also running workshops in all areas of Performing Arts over the next few weeks.

WORKSHOPS

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6 Mar @ 7 - 10pm **Writing**

7 Mar @ 2 - 5pm **Acting + Directing**

8 Mar @ 2 - 5pm **Combined + Presentation**



SHORT SWEET + DANCE MALAYSIA

21 Mar @ 10am - 1pm **Choreography**

22 Mar @ 10am - 1pm **Choreography**
participants can choose either one day



SHORT SWEET + MUSICAL MALAYSIA

20 Mar @ 7 - 10pm
Idea Generation + Sharing:
How to write a 10 minute Musical

21 Mar @ 2 - 6pm
Composing for your 10 minute Musical

22 Mar @ 2 - 6pm
Putting it Together + Performing

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