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Whole School

CCA NOTICE:

Meet Our External CCA Instructors

We are hosting a casual open day on Wednesday November 5th, between 10am and 2pm at the main cafeteria, where many of our external instructors will be available to discuss their offerings and answer any questions you or your children may have regarding their CCA sessions





Primary

Learning in the Early Years



Food, glorious food!!

Thank you to all of our parents who have supported us throughout the last topic and celebration events. This week in Early Years we have introduced the new topic of 'Food'.

Our big question will be, 'where does the food on my plate come from?'

Our learners have already shared their initial ideas which include;

'My mummy buys me food from the shop'
Liang Li

'The market' Rasheed

'Apples grown on trees' Aqib

'Fish come from water' Jomthap

To see your child's response please check out our Knowledge Harvest boards in class.

All of the EY children thoroughly enjoyed our Entry' point trip and we would like to thank the parent helpers in Nursery for your support with this. TGI Friday's were fantastic, encouraging the children to use specially prepared menus to order their own meal. Inspired by this trip we have created both our own role play shop and restaurant. The children are currently working hard to make menus, shopping lists, display posters and other exciting support materials for these areas.

We have lots of interesting activities planned, including baking opportunities offered by our parents. We look forward to these and know that the next few weeks will offer our learners lots of language rich, sensory and exploratory opportunities.



Year 4 and 6 Learner Showcase

The first learner showcase for parents will be taking place next Wednesday in the theatre. Our year 4 learners will be sharing the learning that has taken place during their Homes and Habitats theme.



The Big Idea:

Home is the place where we live. Somewhere we can rest and feel safe. Animals have homes, too. Some animals (our

pets) live with us in our homes others are wild and live in their natural habitat.

Also in Year 6... On Friday 7th November 2014 Year 6 Spotlight on Learning Go with the Flow in 15 Minutes. Year 6 learners invite you to our Spotlight on Learning Assembly to hear all about our Go with the Flow IPC Unit



The Big Idea:

The world's rivers are our most precious resource. This unit studies the impact of the world's rivers on people and

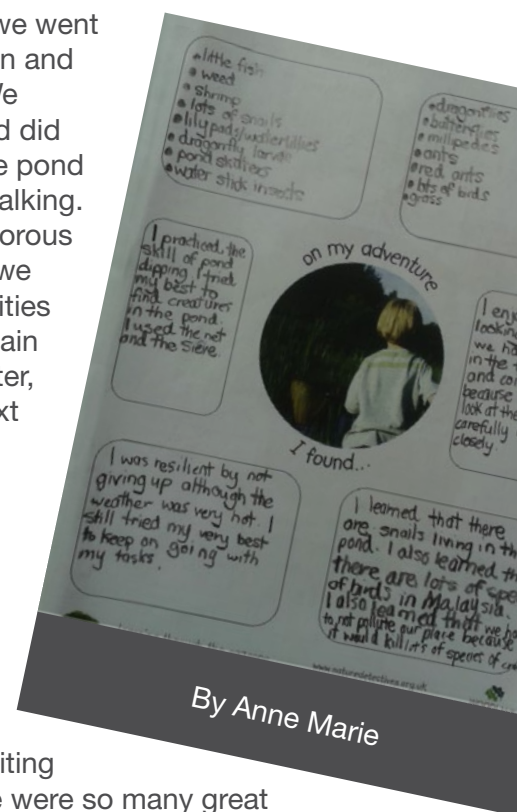
landscapes in the past, present and future.

Year 4 Trip to Taman Warisan



On Wednesday, Year 4 learners visited Taman Warisan as their Exit Point to the topic 'Homes and Habitats.' This involved pond dipping, sketching a pond habitat and going on a nature hunt. In the afternoon we visited Taman Wawasan to take part in the 'Entry Point' to our next topic 'Adventurers and Explorers.' In teams we explored the fruit orchard. Using a map we had to find where certain fruits were grown.

On October 29th we went to Taman Wawasan and Taman Warisan. We walked around and did some activities like pond dipping, art and walking. I think we were rigorous learners because we all did lots of activities and did not complain about the heat! After, we went to the next park and went on a hunt for plants. We saw jack fruit, pineapple and learned about birds, monitor lizards, dragonflies and damselflies. It was a fun and exciting day because there were so many great activities to try out! By Azmer Ali



By Anne Marie

Year 2 Entry Point: **Flowers & Insects**



On Wednesday of this week Year 2 had a very exciting and interesting Entry Point for the IPC theme Flowers and Insects. We spent the day at KL Butterfly park, where we learned a lot about plants, insects, flowers and especially butterflies! Some of us were even frightened of butterflies before we went and showed such resilience and bravery in taking in all in our stride!

We all found this to be a fun experience that suitably 'whetted' our appetite for more learning in this theme!



Whilst there we had the opportunity to create some observational sketches, where some passers-by joined in with us – gifting their drawing to us!



After some outdoor exploration time we headed for the 'museum' part of the park where we had the opportunity to learn about different insects found in Malaysia – such as scorpions, Rhino beetles, moths, grasshoppers and many many different species of butterfly! Did you know that there are even 'water scorpions' found in Malaysia?

We also found out a little about how the park keeps unwanted bugs away without any pesticides – this was very interesting.

Before this visit we thought we knew lots about flowers and insects – but this has only shown us that there is so much more still to learn!





PE Notices

The U11 boys basketball team were in action on Weds night at ISP. It was a very tense and exciting match which was close throughout. ISP took an early lead which they kept for almost all of the game. However, David, Farid, Nabil, Adam, Kasper, Dickson, Muhammad and Sonny persevered and finally in the last minutes of the game scored a basket which took them 2 points ahead of ISP winning the game 48 points to 46.

A massive WELL DONE to all of the boys involved!

Wednesday afternoon the U11 Girls basketball team also travelled to ISP in preparation for the second round of the tournament, taking place in a couple of weeks.

ISP currently stand in first place in the tournament. However, this did not deter our girls who played a cracking one hour game (yes, one hour, only stopping for substations).



The final score was 32 ISP - 25 Nexus. Much closer than our previous game against them. Great shooting from Stella and Emily, attacking from Adrianna and Andrea, as well as outstanding defending from the entire team.

Well done to the following learners; Emily, Stella, Andrea, Xuen, Annisa, Adrianna, Amalia

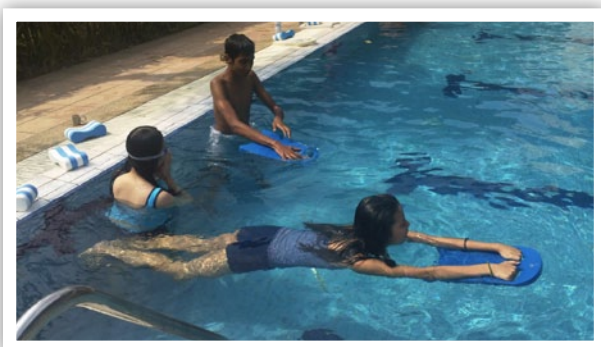


Secondary

CAS Reflection by Soh, Wei Li

I have been learning how to swim for a year now and I'm proud to say that I have come very far. From having zero knowledge on swimming to being able to swim both freestyle and breaststrokes, I believe I have made myself proud. I remember there was a time where I just couldn't get the hang of the breathing, and I could only swim half a lap due to that. However, I never give up. I was determined to learn and I showed up every week for class. Now when I swim, it feels almost natural and habitual. I have now started enjoy swimming. I am still eager to learn and get better at swimming. Therefore, I will continue to attend classes.

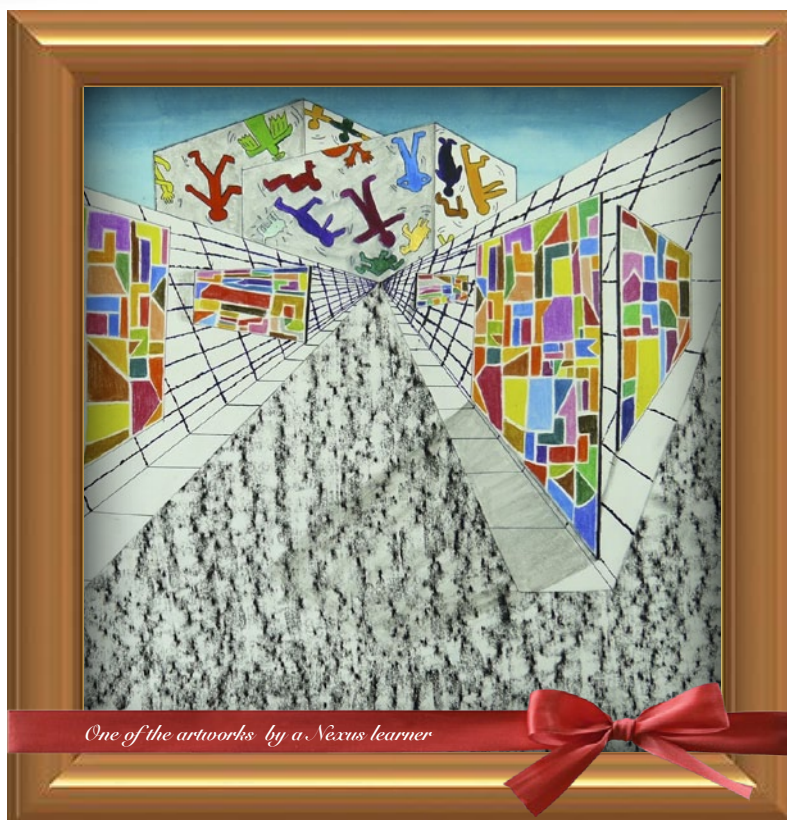
Attending swimming classes every week not only allowed me to learn about various techniques of swimming, but it also helps build my stamina. I could see that I am fitter now compared to before. Besides, patience and determination are the key to my learning. I believe that if I am determined, I will be able to compete with other swimmers one day.



Secondary Art "Newspaper Appeal"

Secondary Art would like to appeal for newspapers, as we are going to start our **Papier-mâché** project with Year 9 learners and to cover the table while painting. We also recycle the Newspapers for paper making and printing activities.

Please send the newspapers to the Secondary Art room (122 or 123) anytime during school hours. All contributions are highly appreciated.



PE Notices

Welcome back from the half-term break. I hope you all had chance to rest and recharge your batteries.

The sporting calendar is jam-packed with fixtures and events this term. Over the next few weeks we'll see the culmination of the secondary football, primary basketball and whole school X-country season while we welcome in the start of the swimming and secondary basketball.

Saturday	1st	November
U11 Boys Basketball at ISKL, Melawati Campus - Transport leaves at 6.30am		
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U15 Boys Football Finals at AISM - Transport leaves at 7.00am		
Sunday	2nd	November
U13 Boys Football at ISKL, Ampang - Transport leaves at 6.30am		
U13 Girls Football at ISKL, Ampang - Transport leaves at 6.30am		
Wednesday	5th	November
U9 Boys Benchball at BSKL - Transport leaves at 2.30pm		
U9 Girls Benchball at ISP - Transport leaves at 2.30pm		
Sunday	9th	November
Whole School X-Country - Nexus - Athletes need to be on the field at 7.00am		

Reminder:

Thank you to those learners who have returned their playing kit already but if you still have any kit belonging to Nexus at home please can you return it ASAP. I am missing many items still despite numerous emails. Thank you Mr Andy.



Teacher Profile Corner:

Grace Nichols

Health and PE Teacher

"Grace is moving to Malaysia to teach at Nexus from Cairo. Before this she taught for six years at two different schools in London. Having Irish danced for a number of years she was given the opportunity to train in more styles and teach dance as a..."

To know more about Marie, please visit: <http://www.nexus.edu.my/About-Nexus/Our-People/Secondary.aspx?page=4>

Music & Drama News

Lunchtime Music Clubs - All Welcome - No Invitation Needed - Come Along & Have Fun!

Primary @ Lunchtime	
Mon	Recorder Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann
	Primary String Group (Violins, Cellos) for Primary Learners with Mr Mervin
	Primary Guitar Group for Primary Learners with Mr Afiq & Mr Hafiz
Tue	Primary Drumming Group for Primary Learners with Mr Jared
Wed	Flute Group for Primary Learners with Miss Yem Voon
	Xylophone and Glockenspiel Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann
	(After School) Clarinet Group for ALL Learners with Miss Kit
Fri	Primary Singing Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann & Miss Audrey
	Primary String Group (Violins, Cellos) for Primary Learners with Mr Mervin

Secondary @ Lunchtime	
Mon	Secondary Drumming Group with Mr Jared & Mr Tim
Tue	Guitar Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Afiq
	Brass Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Gerold
Wed	Flute Group for Secondary Learners with Miss Yem Voon
	Senior String Group (Violins and Cellos) for Secondary Learners with Mr Mervin
	Fun Secondary Vocal Group (Acapella singing, 4 part singing) with Mr Tim & Mr Steve
	Guitar Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Hafiz
	(After School) Clarinet Group for ALL Learners with Miss Kit
Fri	Jazz Band/Group with Mr Tim & Mr Steve

Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15 Auditions 10th November

SIGN-UP FORM NOW LIVE!

The Audition Sign-Up Sheet is now open until Wednesday 5th November @ 5pm. It can be accessed [HERE](#)

We are looking for a variety of acts not just singers, so get your thinking cap on and talk to your friends to see what you could do together.

Ideas: Magic Act, Juggling, Gymnastics, Dance, Comedy Act, Mime, Instrumental Ensembles/Duets, Instrument Solos, Get practising!

NGT FINAL In 2 WEEKS on Monday 10th November



Why Study Music?

A little music training goes a long way: Practising music for only few years in childhood helps improve adult brain.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/08/120821212626.htm>

Dates For Your Diaries

Mon 10th Nov	Nexus' Got Talent Auditions
Thur 20th Nov	Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Fri 21st Nov	Young Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Wed 10th Dec	Production, TBC
Thu 11th Dec	Production, TBC

Health benefits of SINGING

The health benefits of singing are both physical and psychological.

- Physical Benefits:** Singing has physical benefits because it is an aerobic activity that increases oxygenation in the blood stream and exercises major muscle groups in the upper body, even while sitting. (Illustrated with a heart and oxygen molecules).
- Emotional Well-being:** Your body produces 'feel good' hormones called Endorphins, which rush around your body when you sing which is linked to our sense of emotional well-being. (Illustrated with a smiling face and musical notes).
- Sense of Community:** When people sing together they feel increased Sense of Community, Belonging and Shared Endeavour. (Illustrated with a group of people singing).
- Respiratory and Mental Benefits:** Increases lung capacity, improves posture. Clears respiratory tubes and sinuses. Increases mental alertness through greater oxygenation. (Illustrated with a human torso showing lungs and sinuses).
- Immunity:** Boosts Immunity by promoting healthy lymphatic system. (Illustrated with a human figure and a virus).
- Blood Pressure:** Lowers Blood Pressure. (Illustrated with a heart and a downward arrow).

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Korky Paul

Is visiting Nexus on 10th
November 2014

He is a British Illustrator of Children's Books. Its likely that you have read his famous "Winnie the Witch" series. You can find his books in the library at Nexus. Come read his books and get ready to ask questions for an interesting interactive session. He would be conducting a workshop for Nexus learners (10th November) and sharing his experiences about his journey as an illustrator.

Born: 1951, Harare, Zimbabwe
Education: California Institute of the Arts
His real name is Hamish Vigne Christie Paul.

