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Primary

Early Year's Big Splash!!

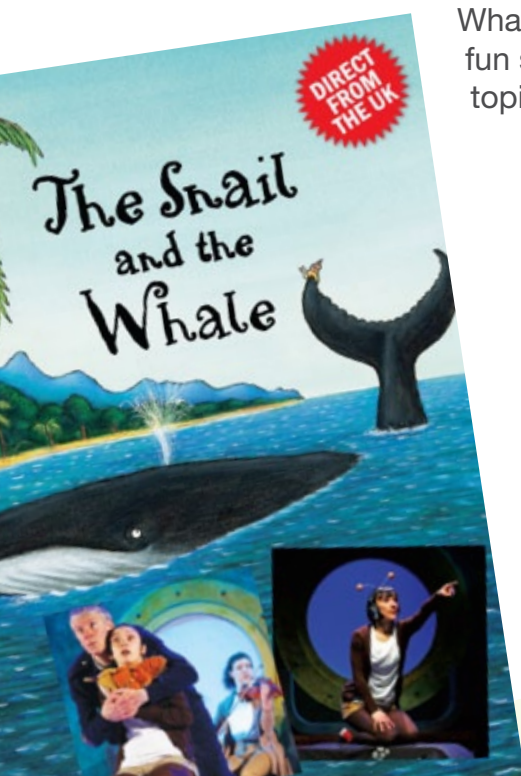
From our very successful trip to the Fire station, as the Exit point to Going Places topic, we jumped straight to our new IPC topic about Sand and water. Our Big Question this time is:

WHERE DOES WATER AND SAND COME FROM?

For Knowledge Harvest, learners had a tour around the school and looked where water and sand could be found. There is a lot that the children wish to find out in the next few weeks, for example about rain, snow, sharks, turtles or even “how does an electric eel sting people?” The topic started off with a great big SPLASH in various pools (and various textures in them such as jelly). More confident learners enjoyed the big Splash in the big pool.

The Entry Point continued this week as part of our mini-topic “Under the Sea”. EY2 classes visited PJ Live arts Theatre and enjoyed the Snail and the Whale performance.

What a fantastic fun start to the new topic!



Secondary

Testakers Prep Course for the SAT, April 13th-17th, 2015

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please fill in the registration form and hand it, with payment, into the administration office before March 20th.

University Visits and Events

- March 19th- University of Exeter (UK) will be visiting Nexus during lunch.
- March 23rd- A Professor of Astrophysics from University of Sheffield (UK) will be giving Y10 science learners a talk on renewable energy.
- April 2nd- 'University Applications Day' Y12 will be of timetable to attend various workshops related to Applications. Parents are also invited to attend these sessions. Details will follow.

Physics Olympiad



Last week 6 students from year 10 took part in the Physics Olympiad against 3 other schools; Tenby, Alice Smith and Garden. This year it was hosted by Tenby International School. Learners in teams of three completed 4 challenging

practical exercises and 2 quizzes and although they did not win, they all collaborated well together and enjoyed themselves tremendously. The practical activities ranged from balancing a team member on as few balloons as possible to making a water fountain. This stimulating event is helping to develop the physicists and engineers of the future and next year will be hosted at Nexus. Congratulations to Johana, Kirsty, Zhariff, Philip, Lakshman and Cicely from Y10 for participating and performing well in an excellent event.



**Book Covering
BLITZ**

When: Tue 17 Mar

**Anytime from
8.35 am to 4.20 pm**

**Where:
Library @ Level 2**

Library News

"Nexus Library would like to take this opportunity(during the Book Covering Blitz) to brief the parents about the available resources via the Nexus Library Website, which is now updated. So even if you are not interested in the Book Covering Blitz, we welcome you to visit the library at 10.am for the Briefing"



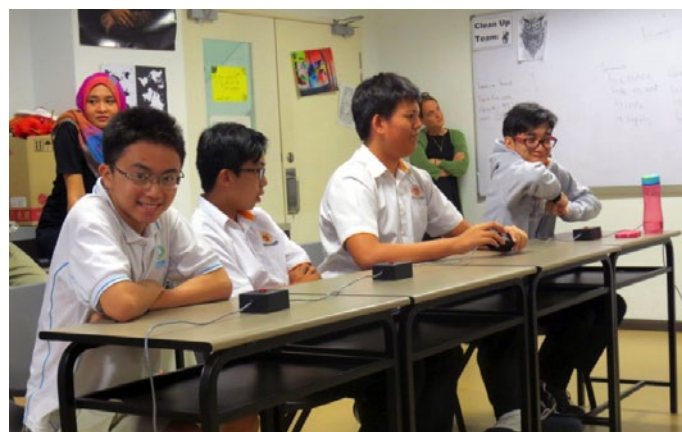
CAS Reflection by Radhika Moghe

I have had so far 4 lessons with a friend who is teaching me piano. We started with basic notes for me to read. After two lessons though I felt like learning a song by myself so I looked up the notes and practiced for the next few lessons with Amira. She has also been helping me with reading the notes since I am still new to them and take a long time to read them. I really like learning piano because I feel happy when I get the results I want such as a song that I played. I have also had a few problems with reading the notes but I am improving with every lesson.

History Bee and Bowl by Ryan Lee

On the 8th of March, Mr Andres led a team of 6 Nexus learners into a battleground of memory work, passion, and idiosyncratic interests- The History Bee and Bowl (Malaysia Region). Our team of 6 pitted their wits against 3 other teams twice in the Varsity Bowl Championships pertaining facets of history- from the Emperors of Rome to the technological advancements of computer science in the 1990s; from the Prussian empire to Aztec civilisation; from King

Richard the Lionheart to the Arab Spring. Our team played against very formidable opponents and emerged with 2 wins and 4 losses- unfortunately not enough to make the Bowl finals in Thailand this summer. However, the Nexus team did very well for the Bee Championships, where players play as individuals to buzz in as many correct historical answers as possible- all based on their own personal knowledge. Ryan Lee from Year 12 emerged champion for the Senior Varsity category, single-handedly beating 3 members of Dalat International School team, which went on to win the Senior Varsity History Bowl, in the Bee finals. And for the Junior Varsity category, Jerrell Ong from Year 11 landed a bronze medal after an intense 6 way scramble for the title. It was a good day for Nexus.



Oxbridge Debating by Sue Yen

“On this stage, friendships will temporarily be broken all in the spirit of debating.” Those were some of the first few words uttered by the MC at the Oxbridge and KTJ (Kolej Tuanku Ja’afar) Debating Forum.

We were introduced to the four key Oxbridge speakers, three of which were from the Oxbridge alumni. Ranging from a radio announcer,

to a professor, to a politician, these four debaters displayed their extensive knowledge surrounding the motion, "This house believes that modern media is malignant and not maligned." In the most diplomatic, yet witty way, they fired arguments at one another in the hope of persuading and winning the hearts of us, the audience.

After the heated debate, we then dispersed into our respective groups for a fruitful workshop session guided by the Oxbridge alumni facilitators. In preparation of the main debate to follow, we brainstormed, mapped out strategies and sparked mini-debates on different aspects of the modern media; such as, the regulation of the media, education through the media and the effects of social media.

The battle of wits began. Representatives from respective groups presented their ideas, affirming their stance on these complex issues surrounding the modern media. As some first-timers faced their glossophobia (fear of public speaking), they were cheered on by the supportive audience. Meanwhile, for the more experienced debaters, it was a challenge trying to fit rebuttals and one's own points into 90 seconds of speaking time as compared to the usual 8 minutes in ordinary parliamentary debates, resulting in some speaking as if they were catching a train, or rapping without a rhythm.

Next came a round of impromptu debates where individuals had 5 minutes preparation time and 2 minutes to speak. Some were amazing in their control and content, others were amazing as they overcame the stammers and stutterings of speaking publicly and in such a forum.

Overall, the fiery debates and the nerve wracking moments on the podium were unforgettable.

table. After listening to the insights from the experienced Oxbridge alumni facilitators, we would never look at debating the same way again.

PE Notices

U15 Girls Basketball



The girls won both their second round matches against BSKL (20-3) and Tenby (22-2) last week to win the silver medal and bounce back from a disappointing performance in the first round of matches 2 week prior. It was a great way to end the season and a special thanks must go to our Captain Lih Xiu Liew and our coach Mr Woon.

Sports Fixtures coming-up

Saturday 14th March

U13 Boys Football Tournament at Nexus - 9am until 4pm

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

Come & experience

**OPEN!
WEEK!**



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**16-20
March 2015**

9.30h-14.30h

Activities included:

- Introduction to learning at Nexus
- Information on Boarding School by Director of Boarding
- Guided tour of school by Principal and Learners to see classrooms in action



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Boarder Blog

Sunway Lagoon Amusement and Waterpark

On 7th of March 2015 the Nexus boarders had a trip to Sunway Lagoon amusement and waterpark. All the boarders thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the waterpark, with the wave pool and the slides. Most of the learners took quite a liking to the Vuvuzela ride, which took you through a tunnel and then opened up to a huge funnel where we got soaked.

On the amusement park side, the Pirate Ship ride was sadly closed for maintenance, but the boarders enjoyed themselves over at Tomahawk where you were locked in and flipped around in a huge machine. It was quite exhilarating as you got to see the entire park from the top, but you were upside down, all in all it was a very cool trip.

Mohamed - Year 13

