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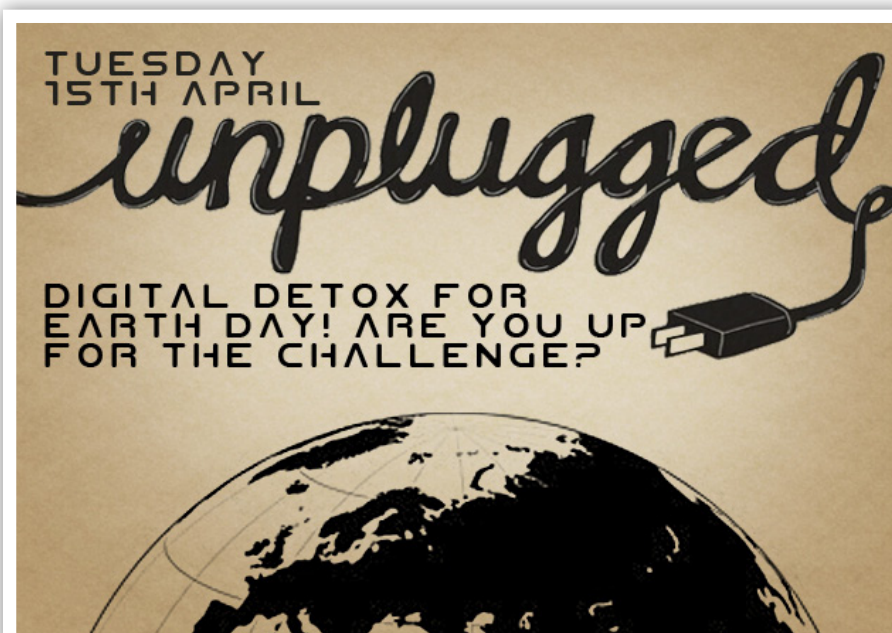


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Whole School

Earth Day - Nexus Unplugged



On Tuesday the 15th of April our school will be celebrating Earth Day to raise awareness and show our support for the environment.

The focus of the day will be 'Nexus Unplugged' which means we are encouraging the learners and teachers to put down the technology we normally use to teach and communicate.

Guidelines for the day;

1. Please refrain from bringing your laptops and personal devices on campus.
2. Ensure air conditioning and lights are turned off when not required.
3. As always try to reuse and reduce your waste or dispose of it in the appropriate recycle bins.
4. Learners to wear something blue, brown or green to show their support. In Secondary we would like to collect a RM3 donation for the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS)
5. If parents would like to donate to the MNS on the day please do so at the office payment counter.
6. Primary learners who eat packed snacks and lunches will be encouraged to bring a "no-waste packed lunch". For example, no aluminium foil, plastic cling wrap, individually packaged biscuits.
7. Learners are encouraged to bring drinks (e.g. water) in reusable drink bottles rather than disposable plastic bottles or drink cartons.

We would appreciate the support of the school community to use this as a launchpad for our sustainable future.

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Green Council

Primary

HFM Notice

Our Early Years areas have now been fully cleaned and disinfected and we welcome back our Nursery and Reception children on Monday 7th. We will continue screening the learners on a daily basis and ask that parents remain vigilant against any signs of infection.

Learner Led Conferences

On Tuesday 8th April it is the primary school Learner Led Conferences. Please remember that school will not run as normal on this day and learners should only be in school with their parents during the appointment time.

The LLC is an opportunity for your child to discuss their individual learning with you. It is best therefore that other siblings are not present as it can detract from the conversation or make the child more inhibited.

A crèche will be available for other siblings while you attend the LLC with your child.

Please register siblings in the KS1 library and collect after the LLC is finished. Please do not allow your children to be anywhere unsupervised in the school grounds. Secondary students have a normal school day.

Nexus Unplugged In The Primary School

Learners will be asked to come to school in

“Earth” colours but please don’t buy new clothes especially. (Donations will not be collected from the learners but if parents would like to make a donation to Malaysian Nature Society they may do so at the school office.)

Learners who eat packed snacks and lunches will be encouraged to bring a “waste-free packed lunch”. For example, no aluminium foil, plastic cling wrap, individually packaged biscuits.

Learners are encouraged to bring drinks (e.g. water) in reusable drink bottles rather than disposable plastic bottles or drink cartons.

Learning on Earth Day will be “un-plugged” and learners and teachers will be encouraged to turn off lights, air-con and fans while they are not in the room.



Listening Skills

What can we do to help develop our children’s listening skills in this increasingly visually dominated world? This article is shared by Andrea Kaprinayova, our EY2E teacher.

<http://www.neverendingstories.co.za/educational-resources/item/2-developing-effective-listening-skills-in-children.html>

Spotlight on Learning in IPC

This week we are speaking to Charlie, Ryan and Vasudev from Year 3

What is your current IPC topic?
Saving the World - Rainforests

Why are you learning about that topic?
People are chopping down too many trees. The animals that live with the trees will die and the people who eat the animals will also die or starve.

What are you learning today?
We have been learning about what plants need to grow healthily. We have been doing an investigation, looking at how to make a fair test. We have put the plant seeds inside the cupboard, outside the cupboard and inside the classroom. We have made it a fair test by only changing one thing. This has been the amount of light.

Which personal goals are you using?
We have been working on our cooperation skills because we needed to take turns. We needed to listen to each other and not get angry if someone disagrees with you.

What are the next steps in your learning?
We have to continue to water them every day and watch them grow. At the end we will find out what plants need to help them grow well.

Are you enjoying what you are doing?
We are excited to see how the plants will grow.





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31 Mar 2014

To:
Nexus International School, Putrajaya

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: 2014 Nautique Ski & Wake Championships (25 – 27 Apr 2014)

The Malaysian Waterski & Wakeboard Ski federation (MWWF), as organisers of the event attached have the pleasure to invite your students to attend our event as follows:

Date: Sunday, 27 Apr 2014 (Finale event)

Time: 12pm – 5pm

Venue: Grandstand, Putrajaya Water Sports Complex, Presinct 6, Putrajaya.

Attached is the poster of the event for your kind information.

Each student will get a light snack and there will be also food stalls available at the event site.

Ten (10) free vouchers for 10 waterski lessons will be given to your organisation to distribute as you deem fit or to raffle for your sports club's annual event if you can send 2 bus loads x 40 pax or five (5) free vouchers should you only send 1 bus load x 40 pax. Each voucher has a value of RM100.

The students have also enjoy a chance to ride our waterski power boats to tour the lake during the event.

The few hours at the finals of this competition will enable the students to be exposed to this wonderful and exciting sport of waterskiing & wakeboarding.

We look forward to your kind reply.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Hanifah Yoong

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Secondary

CAS Reflection - Arissa James



On 24 January 2014, we held J-NISPMUN 2014 here at Nexus. We got around 15 delegates from Desa Park and about 15 of our own delegates as participants. We kicked off the morning with our workshop, which started at around 9am. The workshop represented an integral part of J-NISPMUN as it would introduce the participants to all the skills, procedure and information that they would need for the mini-debate session later on in the afternoon. I headed the planning and preparations for the workshop, and since a lot of thought and hard work had gone into its planning, I was quite curious and anxious to see how it would unfold.

On the day itself, I was tasked with running the workshop, so I introduced the activities and concepts to the participants and was with them every step of the way. I have never been solely in-charge of running a junior workshop with such a large number of participants, so it was a

new experience and definitely a new challenge for me. The trickiest part was probably gauging how engaged the participants were during the activities and explanations, and then simplifying things down or explaining it in a different manner so that it would be more comprehensible for them. This definitely made me more perceptive and at the end of the day, I felt like I did a good job managing the workshop! We got some really good feedback from the supervising staff from Desa Park and they complimented the workshop saying it was “really impressive” and “very well done”. The team and I had put a lot of work into executing the J-NISPMUN workshop, so, to see it get such good reception from the staff and the delegates (who appeared engaged and enjoying themselves during the workshop) was extremely rewarding

University and Careers News

SAT prep course (test takers) final call! Please make payment by Monday 7th April if you would like your son/daughter to attend. For further details please contact Mr Joel Conner conner.j@nexus.edu.my

University Presentation for Y10-13

University of Southampton (UK) presentation: Monday 7th April will be held in the library from 1pm. Please come and show your support.



Year 9 & 10 Visit to Sepang International Circuit

On Friday the 28th March Years 9 and 10 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Sepang International Circuit to watch the Formula 1 qualifying and to put into practice their iGCSE learning about speed, forces and homeostasis. The learners were challenged to work out the average speeds of the new F1 cars and to compare these to last seasons cars to see how the new technological developments have changed the sport. They also has the opportunity to learn about how the unique conditions of a Formula 1 race in Malaysia challenge the physical fitness and stamina of the Formula 1 drivers.

The Learners were also challenged to explore the circuit and learn about other new technologies developed in Formula 1 that will influence the technology of commercial cars in the future. They had the opportunity to speak to some of the race marshals and fans to help them answer quiz questions and well as trying to find out the most interesting and unique fact about Formula 1 and the Sepang Circuit that they could.



Book Covering Blitz 2/4/14

Kudos to all the Wonderful Parent Volunteers of Nexus International School, you have covered about 700 books in less than 10 hours. Nexus Library thanks you for your incredible help!

Thanks,

Nexus Library



ELL Information

Y11 and Y13 learners will shortly be taking their exams. They will hopefully be revising hard for these exams as the countdown begins. However, what really works in terms of revision? How can we be sure that our children are not wasting time and energy by revising in the wrong way?

According to expert advice, one thing we should not do is cramming; that is trying to revise everything at the last minute. Studies show that this doesn't work and you will forget it all very quickly. This is because the information is only stored in our short-term memory. Revision should be done over a few weeks, with gaps between each subject. Make sure your child has a revision timetable, with each day dedicated to a subject area. This kind of repetition will help to ensure content knowledge is passed to the long term memory. As an expert points out "The biggest mistake you can make is just to keep reading it over and over to yourself." In short, revision should be done in short bursts and at regular intervals.

Of course your child also has to make sure that they are learning facts in a meaningful way. According to Ed Cooke, a 31-year-old British memory champion, if the brain can't make connections with the information, it's unlikely these facts will be recalled when needed. "Memories are about connections with other things in your mind – you can't just put a memory into nowhere. It has to connect with your other memories, and that's a very personal thing." This is why it's so hard for students to learn those oh so important key terms. They can't make any connection with them to make it meaningful. This is especially true for our EAL learners.

However, it is possible to make even the most abstract information memorable. One way is

to make an acronym of the information (where each letter of the acronym is the first letter of the piece of information.) It's also possible to put the information into a rhyme or connect it to something funny or visual in the learner's mind. For example, if you're doing history and you're trying to remember the date of an important event, say 1456. Think of a clock and see that clock in the picture of the event. Also, your child can try and make connections with the abstract word and a similar everyday word. For example - with the term 'aorta' the learner can think a for artery and 'it ought to go away (a) from the heart' Or for second language learners, your child can try and make a connection with the English word and a word in their first language. If this is humorous in some way, a deeper connection will be made.

Of course, it's not all about recalling facts. When writing long answer questions, your child will have to make connections and form the facts into a narrative. One way to help with this, is that at the end of a revision session, your child can write everything they know about it onto a blank piece of paper. This can be done as a list or in a more visual way. This can be checked against the revision material (possibly next time) to see if anything has been forgotten. This is a good technique for practice exam questions. Instead just writing the answer, get all the information down in note form. Then check to see if everything is included and if it can be organised in a better way. In the exam this will be very useful and will save time.

Sadly, good revision needs motivation and discipline. It will be hard for your child to revise for long periods without wanting to facebook or message a friend. Get a time (a simple kitchen timer will do) and encourage your child to do 30 minutes without a break. Once the time sounds they have 5 minutes to send that message or check their facebook account before settling back down again.



Ultrasound

People and Places

**IB Art
Exhibition
27 April 2014**

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Boarder Blog: “Putrajaya Hot Air Balloon Festival”

Our recent boarding trip took us not too far from our campus but it was still one of the most exciting trips we have had. On Saturday at around 2.00 pm we headed out in our school minivan and reached our location in a matter of minutes just outside the Putrajaya night market in Precinct 2. We were there to see the Putrajaya hot air balloon festival and the marketplace was booming. The hot air balloons hadn't been inflated yet as it was still too early in the day but there were still vendors selling all kinds of toys, food etc. But before we could enjoy the fun we had to find a parking space, but the place was entirely jam-packed. After driving around for a few minutes we came across an empty car park with no cars in it. So as anyone would, we parked right in the middle. No sooner had we left the van, a security guard came running over and said we couldn't park. Without much hesitation we got in the van and sped away as we soon realised that this was the area for the helicopter landing and the helicopter was almost right above our heads. After an exciting and thrilling start to our day we had some time to wind down and relax at the market but due to the rain, the balloons were delayed further. But when they did rise it was quite amazing, there were balloons shaped like an ice cream cone and Darth Vader. There was even one in the form a motorbike racer. The day had turned out to be a very interesting one and an overall fun experience. Mohamed Ali - Year 12

A Taste of Boarding

Again this year there will be a chance for learners from Year 6 to Year 11 to have a chance to experience the boarding lifestyle. Two dates have been set aside for this experience:

April Mon 7 - Wed 9

If you would like your child to experience living in boarding, please contact the Boarding Office to speak to Ms Lina or Ms Mun. You may also send an email to yusuf.m@nexus.edu.my to book your child in for one of the dates.



Music & Drama News

Spring Concert VIDEO - Now on School Website

The Spring Concert 2014 Video has been loaded onto the Music Department website for your to watch and download: <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/recordings-performances>

Dates For Your Diaries

9 & 10 April	Bugsy Malone - The Musical
7 May	Auditions for the Young Performers Concert
21 May	Young Performers Concert
4 June	Nexus' Got Talent
18 June	Dance in Action
19 June	Rock Concert

Why Study Music?

How to Learn to Play an Instrument

<http://musiced.nafme.org/files/2012/06/WhyStudyMusic.pdf>



'Bugsy Malone'

Find out what happens next by buying your tickets to see our musical show 'Bugsy Malone' on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th April!

As you are probably aware by now, next week we are putting on our very own version of the West End Musical, Bugsy Malone. The show will take place in the Theatre on 9th & 10th April 2014 at 7pm.

It is essential that all cast members and crew attend the remaining rehearsal with the 12 piece Bugsy orchestra on Saturday 5th April 10am till 5.30pm.

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

N.B. Tickets are now on sale from the payment counter in the school reception. Get them early as we are expecting a 'sell-out'.

It's an evening of family entertainment which is full of fun and... erm, foam! Come along and join us at Fat Sam's Speakeasy.

**Extra!
Extra!
Read all
about
it!**

NEXUS

9 April 1929 , Wednesday

Splurge Guns Attack !



Putrajaya / A longtime gangster was killed and another man wounded in a targeted shooting in Coal Harbour on Monday night. Dead is Tejinder Singh 'Cee' Malli, 29, who was once aligned with the Red Scorpion gang but went on to switch gang allegiances several times. He was charged in 2009 in the Vancouver police department's Project Rebellion, which targeted gang violence in south Vancouver. Those charges were later stayed. At the time of Project Rebellion, Malli was aligned with the Buttar group headed by Manny Buttar, but they later parted ways. He was believed to have had an ongoing dispute with someone linked to the United Nations gang. Vancouver Police Sgt. Kandy Fincham said the two victims were sitting in a parked vehicle at around 10:30 p.m. outside the Shaw Tower at 1067 West Cordova, when the suspects either walked up to the car or drove up and fired multiple rounds into the car. He said the wounded man, a 28-year-old man from North Vancouver, got out of the car and ran traffic. This is Vancouver's second homicide of 2014. A neighbour said she was in her apartment with her boyfriend when she heard what she thought was the blasts of six or seven fireworks. Her boyfriend ran to their apartment window and saw two men run west down Cordova and jump into the back seats of a waiting silver SUV, which then sped off southbound on Bute Street. "It's really alarming. I had just walked down Cordova 10 minutes prior," she said. "I never feel unsafe here at all. By : fat dam and Bandy Dan

There has been a series of nasty gang-related splurgings here at Nexus; the most recent victim was a young news reporter, who was targeted mid-broadcast by two individuals believed to be from Dandy Dan's gang.

(Photo: Christie, 5N, in the aftermath of the splurge attack)



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Our sponsors at the Marriott Hotel & Spa, Putrajaya, have kindly donated some vouchers which a few lucky people can win at the 'Bugsy Malone' performances. There are 5 prizes to be won:

**2 x 2 days 1 night stay
2 x Weekend Buffet Brunch for two**

Aromatherapy Massage: "Raffle tickets will be sold at both performances of 'Bugsy Malone', so don't miss out..."



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