

CONNECT 26

18 March Issue, Term 2 (2015-2016)

- Film and Media Department Presents -

**THE 1ST ANNUAL 90 SECOND
FILMMAKING COMPETITION**

Calling All Learners!



PRODUCTION TEAMS OF 3 LEARNERS

DIFFERENT CATEGORIES (Y6-Y13)

SIGNATURE THEME: "CYCLE"

***PRIZES TO BE WON**

SUBMISSION DATE 27TH MAY 2016

Year 9 - Campaign For Change

In Term 2, the Year 9s have been working hard in the Campaign for Change unit, in order to present on a range of global issues. We had to collaborate, communicate and problem solve for this unit. Working in teams, we came up with outcomes that would best fit the aim of our campaigns. We created and designed websites to further explain our campaigns as well as developing other mediums to present information about our selected issues. We then presented our campaigns to fellow learners and teachers using our outcomes (presentations, posters, t-shirt designs etc) . Throughout this Campaigning for Change unit, we gained a lot of knowledge, as well as overcoming problems, including deciding on different ideas and possibilities. All in all, it was a great experience being able to get a feel for what campaigning is like.

Jing Hui Tan (9N) and Caylyn Pooler (9E)



Sri KDU Debating Competition

Seventy-two teams of eager debaters went head to head at KDU's debating competition last weekend.

Topics included, the current global refugee status, the Democratic delegate race in the US, ie: Sanders versus Clinton, and freedom of expression in the music industry.

Riana Adams, Shailinder Singh, and Jerrell Ong did extremely well in a competition where they had their first encounter of debating according to the British Parliamentary system but, with a unique Malaysia twist, and teams from the World School's Debating circuit, to finish 12th overall and make it through to the pre-semi finals.



Physics Olympiad @Nexus

Monday 25 April

Calling all Year 10 learners:

The 6th Annual installment of the KL Physics Olympiad returns in April with Nexus hosting teams of Year 10 learners from international schools across KL and the Klang valley.

If you are interested in representing the school in this exciting competition, please contact either your science teacher, or Mr Vincent, to register your interest.

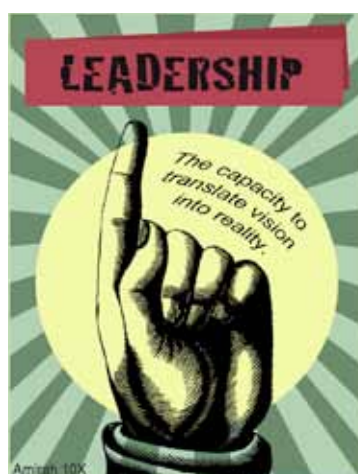


Enrichment Day

This Wednesday 16 March, our Years 7 and 8 learners welcomed their parents to the Learning Hubs for the Learner-Led Conversation sessions throughout the day. There was also a very tough learner-parent Maths Challenge to complete too. Some mums and dads had their brains added!

Throughout the rest of the secondary school, the collapsed timetable allowed for some fantastic enrichment learning opportunities.

Highlights of the day were many and varied; however, the Year 10 learners were given an excellent session on leadership from outside providers SEEDS. Part of their afternoon was spent reflecting on what they experienced through art, music, drama and media. Some designed leadership posters and here is a selection from the wonderful work done by our Year 10s.



CAS Reflection

Before this, I actually never really thought I would join a school production. I never joined a production before in my old school as I have no interest in it. It's cool watching it, but not so much on doing it. Being a new and fresh student at Nexus at the time, one of my newly-made friends suggested me to be in the production as they are in need of "rugged-looking teenagers" or some sort. I liked the sound of it, so I agreed to join it with my friends. To be honest, I felt nervous signing up to the production but at the same time, I'm excited as it is a whole new experience for me.

Being in the production requires a lot of commitment and perseverance. We had practice every Wednesday and Thursday as it is also part of our CCA. One of the first few things that we did was that we went over the songs such as "Grease Is The Word" and get the feel out of it. I wasn't too keen of singing at the time so I held back a bit and didn't really put my best effort. I also felt a little bit of regret joining Grease because I felt like I could've joined another CCA related to sports as I was more of an athlete than a performer. As time goes on, we learnt more songs and worked on more scenes from the play and I would say that it became more enjoyable. I found myself to be more involved in the singing activities and not caring about giving my best effort into it. We also had Sunday rehearsals due to haze days, which means that we spent 8 hours in school practicing the scenes and the dance moves. Out of 4 rehearsals, I went to 2 of them as I had to go and visit my grandparents from time to time.

At the end of the production, I can honestly say that I enjoyed all of it. Receiving such an overwhelming reaction from the audience at the showing nights, seeing their faces smiling and laughing at the production that everyone on the cast worked on for over 6 months. I made new friends, not only from my year group, but also from the year above and under me. As for the people that I'm already friends with before coming into the production, I feel that from being in the production, it let me spend more time with them and get to know them more.

Ilham Mohd Ismail (Year 12)



Book Week 2016

It was out of this world!



A book is a device to ignite the imagination.

—Alan Bennett

From the 29th February to the 4th March the learners and teachers at Nexus celebrated our mutual love of reading by taking part in various book related activities throughout the week.

On Monday the whole of Secondary began the day by reading together for the first lesson and enjoyed sharing their books with others. Throughout the week competitions took place to guess the character, write a story and take photographs of Extreme Reading. The theme this year was Science Fiction and it was fabulous to see all the learners dressed as characters on the Friday.

A special mention has to go to the Year 7s who made some superb videos to promote Nexus' Favourite Book. Voting lasted all week and for the second year running Harry Potter came out as our favourite.

Book Week ended with the Big Book Quiz in assembly and despite a few technical hitches with the iPads Riang came out triumphant with the best score and a solid knowledge of books from the Science Fiction genre.

Overall it was a fun week of reading and we can't wait until next year when Book Week will return even bigger than ever.



Sparkle and Shine



So you've probably seen a bunch of teenagers running around the boarding parking lot with a bunch of buckets and sponges, and wondered, 'What on Earth are these people doing?' Well I'm here to help clear that thought for you.

For our Year 10 GP project, we had to find a problem in Malaysia or the world, and help do something about it. My group and I chose poverty to be our cause. We worked on poverty for about three months! Trying to find new ways to help and doing more and more research about this terrible problem. Along the way of all that research, we found a charity group called Shelter Home. This is an organisation located in Malaysia that gives a home to children living in Poverty. So after talking to this organisation and seeing what it is we could do to help, our group came up with a wonderful idea of doing a car wash.

We thought that it would be a fun way to raise money for this organisation and that it would get a lot of people involved. Which it did. A lot of amazing teachers and parents came on Monday and Thursday morning to help support our cause and raise money for this amazing organisation. In the end, we reached a total of RM 477! So thank you all for helping making this possible!

So thank you so much for everyone's support. I know Shelter Home would be extremely happy to receive their donation. Please visit their site if you want to help them even further!

<http://www.shelterhome.org/>

By: Parivash Ali

'Year 7 Guess who?'

Textures and Colour

Year 7 learners are currently finishing their Texture and Colour topics and have produced some interesting final responses. They were introduced to line, pattern, warm and cool colours, and using their painting tools to create texture and background to their final responses.

In the visual arts, texture is the perceived surface quality of a work of art. It is an element of two-dimensional and three-dimensional designs and is distinguished by its perceived visual and physical properties. Use of texture, along with other elements of design, can convey a variety of messages and emotions.

Below are some of the learners final responses and a reflection written by Emily from 7N:

In art this term, we have learnt about textures. We drew a profile of ourselves for our final responses. We started off by taking photos of ourselves from a side view - much like a mugshot. We then sketched the outline, the girls, had to leave out the line separating our hair from the shoulder. Then we made patterns made from only using line inside our body, while we used shapes - either circles, triangles, rectangles or squares of different sizes to make up our background. Afterwards, we used a black marker to go over our patterns then coloured in the background using either cool or warm colours.

I personally liked my final piece of work and I actually was able to finish it in the time set, which is an achievement itself as my time management skills are poor.

Artwork shared and created by Emily 7N, Marcus 7N, Shafiq 7E, and Jeffrey 7E.

Mauro Brooks and Saiful Ali Baki
Year 7



Film-Making Competition

We are launching the first annual **filmmaking competition** here at Nexus; please find details on the attached poster. This will also be advertised around school from tomorrow. The competition is also open to other International schools in Malaysia.

The competition is open to any learners from Year 6 - Year 13. There will be different categories for the competition. The films can be shot on any camera or phone in any style as long as they meet the THREE criteria:

1. The films must be **90 seconds** long (not including title and credits)
2. The film must incorporate the signature theme which is **CYCLE**. This means you can interpret this concept in any way you wish.
3. Production **teams of three** learners to be responsible for producing the film. (director, cinematographer, sound/editor etc)

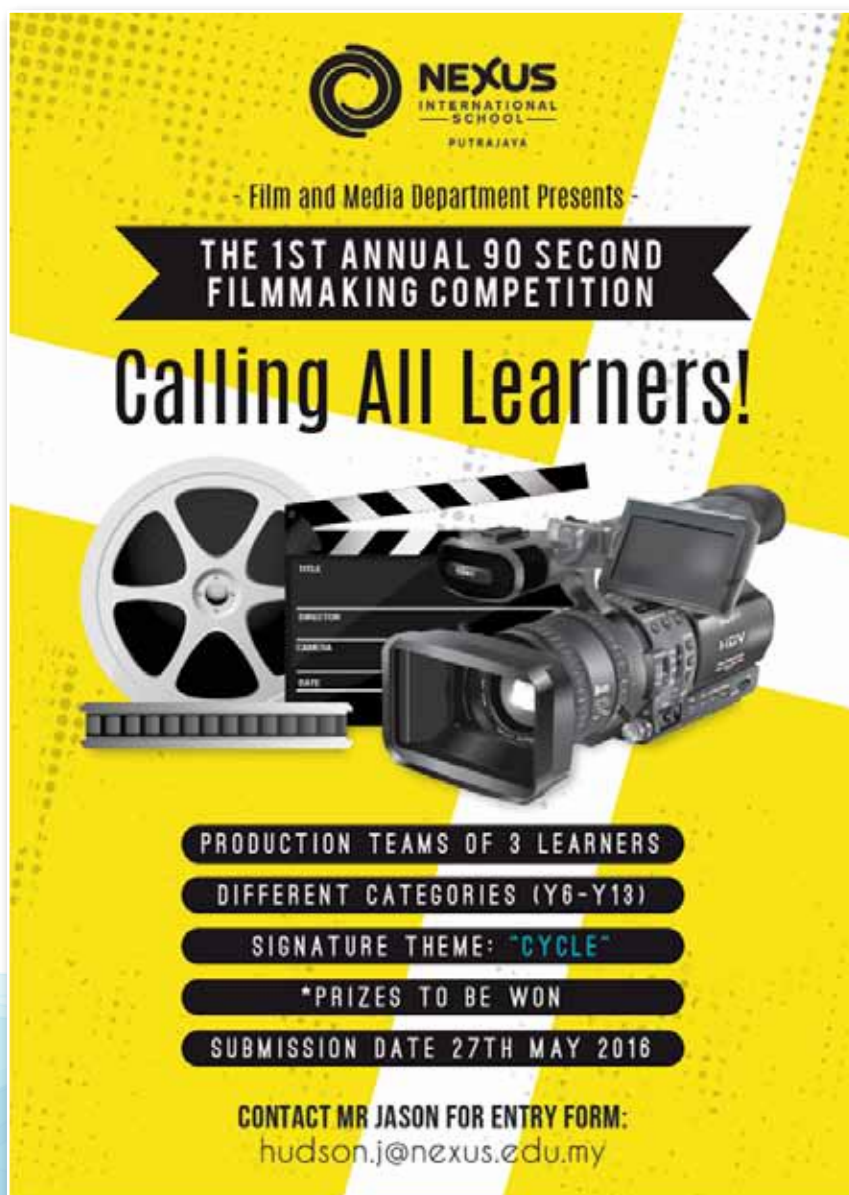
The deadline for submitting your film is **27th May 2016**. There will be a screening of the winning films in June (date to be confirmed) There will also be prizes awarded in each category.

What to do next?

If you are thinking of making a film you will need to email me for an entry form and then you can start getting creative.

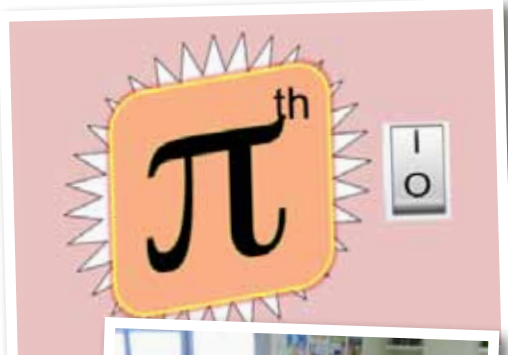
Any other questions please contact me

Mr Jason
Head of Film and Media



Pi Day and Maths Week

Learners enjoy a week of puzzles and challenges



March 14th is a date that every self-respecting mathematician awaits eagerly each year because it is when we celebrate Pi Day. Being keen mathematicians themselves, Nexus learners were no different and threw themselves into a variety of activities to celebrate the most fabulous of numbers.

Upon arriving in school, learners contributed by adding to a Pi-Chain, with each new link a digit in the famously never-ending number. There was many a furrowed brow as Pi-Dingbats fever took over the school. Can you work out the puzzle below? Luanne (Year 13), Zhariff (Year 11) and Faizal (Year 6) scooped prizes for their impressive scores, whilst Miss Hayley proved unbeatable amongst the staff.

Lunchtime saw the inaugural Inter-House Pi Relay Race. Traditional batons were replaced by custard pies for the runners as they teamed up for the 314.16m course. In a closely fought contest, Cemerlang house were victorious, although they ended up with precious little cream left on their plate!

There were some seriously impressive recall skills demonstrated by our learners throughout the week in the Pi Memory Challenge. Suleiman (Year 10) and Adam (Year 7) managed 100 and 136 digits respectively whilst Sophie (Year 11) wowed everyone by memorising 158 digits. However, Tini (Year 7) reeled off a staggering 180 digits to a breathless audience. Amazing!

Monday proved to be a worthy appetizer for Maths Week. Years 6 and 8 joined forces on Tuesday morning to take part in a Maths trail around school. After a lot of head scratching and running back and forth, the team of Andy, Sena and Eason (Year 6) and Keisho, Nick and Marc (Year 8) slayed the competition. Congratulations guys!

The whole school got involved with searching for the mathematical symbols that were scattered around the campus during Tuesday breaktime. Once retrieved from obscure locations such as under plant pots, they were returned to Maths teachers to earn a tasty treat.

Puzzles welcomed learners in the entrance each morning, with Mr John Paul's gameshow proving particularly popular with our primary learners on Thursday. Based on the infamous Monty Hall problem, it taught a valuable lesson in risk taking.

Finally, on Friday, learners paired up to take part in the Brain Drain Challenge on the field, which tested both their speed of thought and fleet of foot.

It was wonderful to see so many of our learners testing their mental mettle with these mathematical challenges. I for one am already counting down the days until Pi Day rolls around again.

(The answer to the Dingbat puzzle was PYTHON for those of you still stumped)

Mr Chris Wright

MUSIC NEWS

SPRING CONCERT - Wednesday 23rd March - 7pm in the Theatre - Tickets are now on sale from Student Services



Final preparations and rehearsals are happening for the Music Department's annual Spring Concert. The Spring Concert is the Music Department's 'Showcase' Concert featuring our most advanced musicians and featuring all of our music ensembles including some very special items this year:

- Y7 & Y8 Mass Choir
- Y8 Samba Ensemble
- String Orchestra
- Y9 Mass Choir
- Double Violin Concerto with Orchestra
- Wind Band
- Sax Ensemble
- Lots of other high quality items

All the Year 7, 8 and 9 learners will be taking part and parents need to sign the confirmation slip and return to the Music Department as soon as possible. If you have not received the Information and Permission letter yet then you can find a copy [HERE](#)

Please buy your tickets from Student Services, we have 200 learners involved in the concert so tickets will be going very quickly (ticket details on the poster). Food and refreshment will be available from 6pm and during the interval.

Wonderful Concert Opportunity - Carl Orff's 'Carmina Burana' - It is an amazing piece of music!

Tenby Schools Setia Eco Park (KL) is staging the biggest and most ambitious concert in its history. 200 students and staff from all five Tenby Schools in Malaysia (KL, Ipoh, Penang, Johor and Miri) are coming together to perform 'Carmina Burana' which requires a large orchestra, vocal soloists, choir and dancers. The 70 minute piece is a collection of 13th century lyrics set to a dynamic, percussive score by Carl Orff in the 1930's.

Date: Sunday 8th May, 2016

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS, Kuala Lumpur City Centre

Please may we warmly invite you to witness this performance with your friends and family. Tickets are on sale now, please call 03-3342 1535 for reservation with Ms. Mandy Cheong.

MUSIC NEWS

Dates For Your Diaries

Wednesday 23rd March
Wednesday 27th April
Thursday 12th May
Wednesday 18th May
Thursday 26th May
Wednesday 8th June
Monday 27th June

Senior Spring Concert - 7pm in the Theatre
Y2 Primary Showcase
Young Performers' Concert - 7pm in the Theatre
Y1 Primary Showcase
Rock Concert
Early Years Showcase
Very Young Performers' Concert

Why Study Music?

Music is a powerful source of thought. Without musical education full mental development is impossible



Sports Fixtures coming-up

With only 4 days until the end of Term 2 our sports fixtures are also coming to an end.

The final fixtures of Term 2 will be:

Tuesday 22nd March - After securing a Boys silver medal and a gold for the girls at the recent ISAC event in Setia Badminton academy the the entire Secondary Badminton team under the expert eye of Coach William will aim to sharpen their skills and continue to learn and have fun as they play the Junior Varsity ISKL team in a friendly tournament.

Thursday 24th March - The U15 Girls will finally the chance to play their Basketball Plate final at IGB. The qualified through the first round of matches many weeks ago and have patiently waited for the finals after a series of cancellations.

Good luck to all teams and individuals in their respective competitions

GO WOLVES!



Nexus Triathlon - Date Confirmed!!!



The 6th annual Nexus Triathlon will be held on the weekend of May 15th/16th.

The format of the races and registration details will be released early in Term 3.

I can tell you that there will be categories for all ages and also a relay race so that we can encourage those of you who would prefer to form a team of 3 and only compete in one discipline.

I would love to see as many people from Nexus (staff and parents included) competing in this one. It is a great community event and is the perfect opportunity to take part as a family.

If you are interested in competing in this event please contact me by email or drop into the PE office for a chat.

More details to follow shortly



Boarding



District 21

At the weekend a group of boarders signed up to venture into the wonderland of thrill seeking activities at the distinguished District 21, an indoor adventure park in IOI City Mall.

Our visit started with an introduction, safety brief and allocation of bright yellow socks to be worn during our time there. Our group started with a mass assault of the olympic swimming pool sized room of trampolines. Michael showed off his impressive skills of being able to bounce with nearly all parts of his body and still (almost always) landing on his feet. Hafiz and Terence showed us what they can do when you add a basketball hoop and ball into the mix.

Fathi and Danish discovered the climbing obstacles and after donning harness and helmets, they made light work of nearly all challenges that were set for them. Fathi narrowly won the race up the suspended spiders web and Danish won the race up the ladders.

All in all, the boarders resolve and team work shone throughout the day, there was a lot of encouragement for each other when they participated in the activities, and it was great to see different groups of boarders working together to complete the challenges.

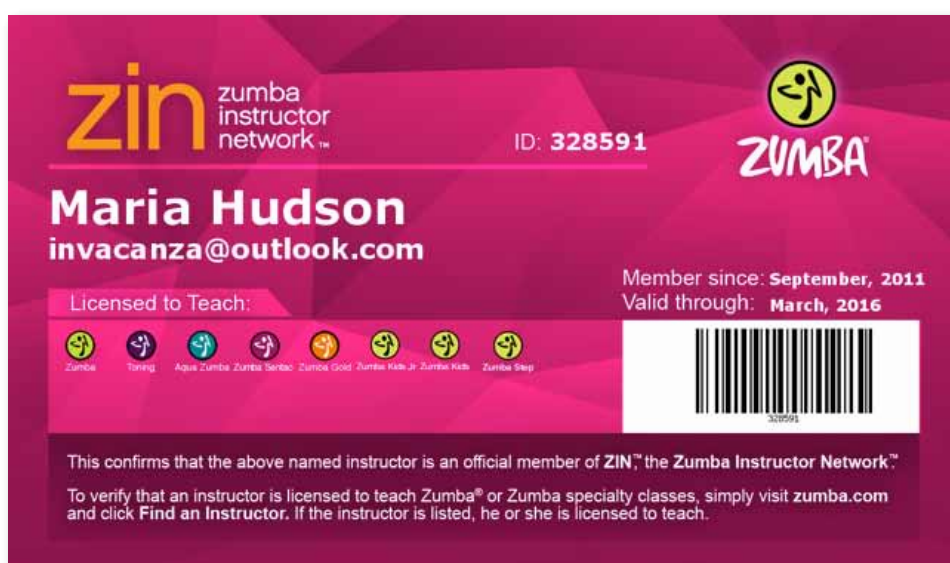


Amazing Race

Last Sunday, Liam, Jeff, Mahalia, Sue Yen and Luanne participated in the Completion Party - Amazing Race at Windows on the Park, Cheras. Nexus who entered two teams performed well against over thirty other sides from various schools. The aim of the race was to complete in the quickest time, eight tasks ranging from relay races added with different challenges to counting the exact amount of rubber ducks and ribbons in a big garden. The most exciting for all was the swimming pool relay which Liam in particular enjoyed after an exhausting few hours running in the hot and humid conditions.

Parents Fitness Classes at Nexus

Day	Time/Workout	Time/Workout	Instructor/ location
Monday	Tabata (Japanese interval training) 8:45-9:45		Maria Dance studio 4th floor (DS)
Tuesday	Yoga 9:00-10:00	Circuit Training 9:00-10:00	Carrin boarding house/ Scheherozade DS
Wednesday	Zumba@Fitness 8:45-9:45		Maria DS
Thursday		Circuit Training 9:00-10:00	Scheherozade DS
Friday	VeraFlow® 8:45-9:45		Maria DS



Links:
www.veraflow.com
www.zumba.com

Instructors:



Carrin



Scheherozade



Maria

