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Novel Knockout!

On Wednesday the 11th of May 2016, Nexus International School, Putrajaya entered two teams into the Novel Knockout Competition.

Aleeya, Aqeel, Jeeahn, and Sena from Year 6 made up our Primary team, while Jachym, Jon, Max, and Samantha from Year 8 made up our Secondary team.

Mr Phil from ELL and Ms Ara from Early Years chaperoned as these two teams headed off to Epsom College where the competition took place.

Our learners had started their novel-devouring journey at the beginning of Term 2, and worked their way up to the very last minute before the competition!

First came the Elementary challenge for Primary. They had 8 envelopes with 10 questions to answer within 3 minutes or less.

If the questions were answered within the first 2 minutes, they were awarded a bonus 10% on the points they got for the right answers. If they did not turn in their papers within the allocated 3 minutes, no points were awarded.

As participants scrambled to answer 80 questions (10 questions from 8 books each) – they also had to answer 80 questions on the Socrative App on the iPad!

That's 160 questions that they had to answer!

The books that Primary had to read are as follows – Danger is Everywhere, The Astounding Broccoli Boy, Who is Steve Jobs, The Land of Stories, Matchbox Diary, Malala and Iqbal, The Adventures of a South Pole Pig, and Captain Coconut.

It was the same format for Secondary – and the books they had to read were – Magisterium : The Iron Trial, Through the Woods, My Life as an Alphabet, Run, The Boundless, The Boy on the Wooden Box, Itch, and Heap House.

After eight rounds – yes, eight – rounds each for Primary and Secondary, it was finally time for Pizza! Pizza and sodas for our hardworking novel crunchers!

There was some time to mill around and take pictures with new and familiar friends, before it was time for the Prizes.

Our teams may not have won this time, but we had a lot of fun in the process and on the day!

Our learners displayed the characteristics of being a 'Rigorous Learner' today – they challenged themselves, gave it their best – they were relaxed yet alert and they were fully engaged in this Novel Knockout experience!

Here is what our participants had to say about the Novel Knockout experience –

'I would do it again,' *Jonathan Chin, 8N*

'I enjoyed how it was structured, with rapid-fire questions,' *Jachym Jarkulisch, 8N*

'I liked how it wasn't just like the book week quizzes. There was strategy involved – either you did the Socrative questions on the iPad or the envelope questions,' *Maximiliaan Marichal, 8N*

'It was a fun experience,' *Samantha Guillouet, 8X*

'It was challenging,' *Jeeahn Hur, 6N*

'It was nerve-wrecking, tiring,' *Aqeel Md Khaldun Munip, 6N*

'I was amazed that there were so many learners. The questions were hard,' *Aleeya Nor Azhar, 6E*

'I was excited, confident that they had practiced,' *Rahaf Sherif Ibrahim Abdou Desouky, 6E*

'It was exhausting, quite fun...the limited time and the questions were kind of hard,' *Sena Jung, 6E*

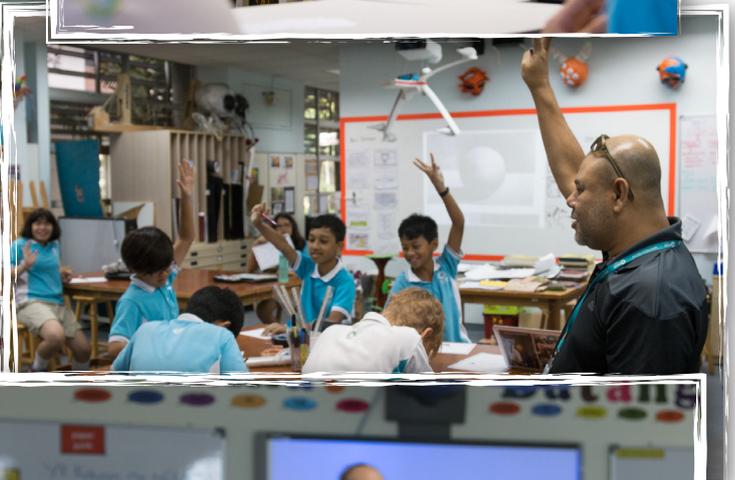
A big thank you to Mr Peter Rider for giving us constant support, encouragement, and use of the Main Library for our CCA!

Join us next year for the Novel Knockout CCA and competition!

Ms Ara



Year 6 Transition



New Plastic, Lightweight Trumpets Offered at Nexus:

Mr Tim gave a demonstration on the new coloured plastic, lightweight trumpets in the Music Department. They look like toys but they play and sound just like a metal trumpet, amazing! If you would like to try one, then sign up for trumpet lessons, choose your colour and the Music Department will provide you with a plastic trumpet for your lessons. Sign up for lessons [HERE](#)



Primary Music News

A BIG THANK YOU to all the primary learners that played the Gamelan at the relaunch of THE NEXUS WAY this week:



Young Performers' Concert

Well done to all the learners who took part!

The Young Performers' Concert was held at 6.30pm on 12th May in the Theatre. The concert was a great success with lots of our younger learners having the chance to perform in public for the first time.

Congratulations to all of learners who took part, you all played fantastically well and did yourselves and Nexus proud!

The video and photographs will be available shortly.

Photographs from the rehearsals during the day:



Rock Concert '16

The annual Nexus Rock Concert will be held on:

Thursday 26th May 2016
7pm in the Nexus Theatre

Tickets are on sale now from Student Services priced:

Adult - RM15

Child - RM10

Family Ticket (2 Adults & 3 Children) - RM50.

The Programme Will Include Number By:

Shawn Mendez

Yuna

Alicia Keys

Ella Henderson

Foo Fighters

Maroon 5

Red Hot Chili Peppers

Neyo

Lenka

Ed Sheeran

Twenty One Pilots

Paramore

Justin Bieber

Adele

Plus Many Others - INCLUDING A PERFORMANCE BY THE 'STAFF BAND' - Which staff members will be performing for you this year?!?!



Trinity College of Music Practical Exams

Nexus International School Putrajaya has now been accredited as one of the official International examination centres for the Trinity College of Music.

On Monday 6th June Nexus will be holding its first Trinity of Music Exams for 15 learners with exams ranging from Grade 1 to Grade 8. We wish all the learners success in their examinations and look forward to hosting more Trinity of Music Examinations in the future.



Dates For Your Diaries

Wednesday 18th May
Thursday 26th May
Monday 6th June
Wednesday 8th June
Monday 27th June

Y1 Primary Showcase
Rock Concert
Trinity School of Music
Early Years Showcase
Very Young Performers' Concert

Why Study Music?

Because it is not **ALL** about the **NOTES!**



Year 12 Ceramic sculpture

Processes involved when Sculpting with Clay by Jinn

Recently Y12 learners have been working on sculptures using a material that starts as compliant, but finishes as a resistant material. This material is a material we are all fond of and that we use everyday as ceramic plates and cups, as well as it being in ower laptops as components for electronic motherboards.

In this weeks issue of connect, Jing Qing Chew of Year 12, explains the process of creating a head from clay.

Mauro Brooks and Jing Qing Chew



Here is what I used to build an armature for sculpting a head from clay:

- ☒ Wooden board (with a hole in the middle)
- ☒ Wire net
- ☒ Newspaper
- ☒ Packing Tape
- ☒ Scissors



First, I inserted the wire net through the hole in the wooden board. In order to secure the wire net, I bent its ends against the bottom of the wooden board and stapled them into position with a staple gun.



Second, I started wrapping newspaper around the top of the wire net in the shape of a sphere to later support the clay head.



Third, I wrapped the newspaper with packing tape. This step was to prevent newspaper from absorbing water from clay.



This was what it looked like after it was completely wrapped by the packing tape.



Next, I rolled out a piece of terracotta clay. I layed it flat on top of my armature. Then, I started making my sculpture on it by dragging layers of clay around the sphere on top of the armature.



After my sculpture was done, I cut it open on the sides to remove it from the armature, piece by piece so as to assemble it later for firing.



Then, I removed it carefully from the armature. To attach the broken pieces, I first scouring some grooves on the area I intended to attach by using a point needle (satay sticks), then I applied some water on them before attaching them together.



Here is the sculpture still in its drying phase before a Bisque firing.



Here is the sculpture having survived its first firing in the Kiln (oven). This is called a Bisque firing, and the clay is now hard, ready to add the ceramic colour, known as a slip. I have still to add finishing touches, and you can see the finished result in next year's IB Visual Arts exhibition in 2017.

Art workshop@Nexus

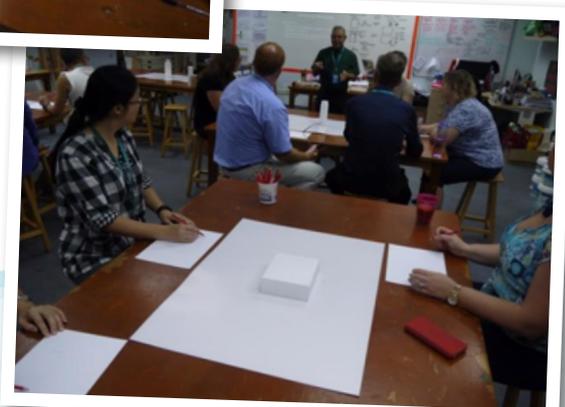
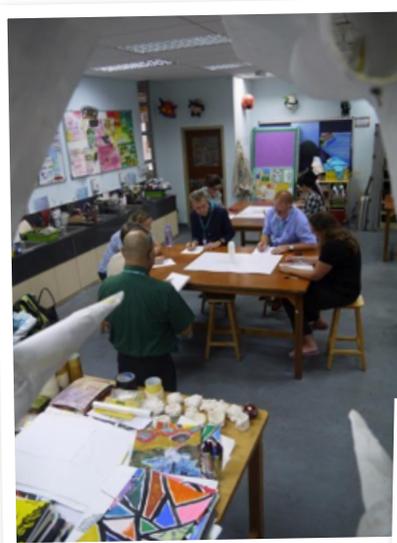
All about Outlines

The Nexus International School Putrajaya Art Department, has currently started their first sessions of art workshops for Teaching Assistants (TA's), Primary Teachers and for English Language-Learner support staff (ELL). The starting topic was about Outline, and both Mauro and Saiful shared their expertise, resources, tips and basic knowledge during the session, which had an excellent participation.

In the visual arts, outline is a line or set of lines enclosing or indicating the shape of an object in a sketch or a diagram. Also it is a general description or plan that gives the essential feature of an object, but not the detail.

The art department hopes that the participants will gain more knowledge of these basic skills, and develop them using some of the shared techniques. It will also give the participants an opportunity to incorporate these skills and techniques into the IPC program delivering them directly to the learners.

There will be a further 5 sessions offered by the Art department before the end of the academic year, and we would very much like to have more participants sign up if possible. The next session is on the morning of Wednesday the 18th of May, 2016. Below are some photos of the session with participants drawing a familiar geometric shape.



CAS reflection

For the past two terms I've been taking guitar lessons as a part of the creativity for CAS. It's been almost about a year since I've started taking up the guitar and although it's been hard to fit in time for extra activities especially with other commitments to stick to, I've really enjoyed the experience and learning process throughout the way.

One of the learning outcomes I've managed to work on throughout the 2 terms so far would be commitment and perseverance. Learning a new instrument isn't easy, and the transition from a woodwind instrument to a string instrument made it difficult to learn certain techniques used for playing the guitar. Sometimes, when I found it just too tough by not being able to do something properly, for example, attempting to learn power chords or bar chords, I'd just feel like giving up and wanting to try something else, instead of actually sticking to the one technique and keep on practising until I could do it. I learnt that no matter what, you just need to keep trying and trying over again and it'll be such a rewarding feeling filled with satisfaction and achievement.

Another learning outcome I've targeted in this CAS experience was 'challenge and skills', and as you can see from above I've challenged myself by practising techniques that I found difficult in order to develop and improve on my skills. Sometimes, I'd feel hesitant to go attend a guitar lesson, convincing myself that I can just replace it, but I'd force myself to go anyways because it made me realise what's the point of committing myself to something. If I'm not going to be serious or determined about it. Overall, I'm really glad to have chosen this particular activity for the creativity part in CAS as in general, I find music a really important element in life as it's a really good way to do something different other than focusing on the academic aspect of school.

Kamilia Broderick Y12



I was very nervous for the start of Nexus Community, as I have never been involved in the activity in any way shape or form. What I do know is that Nexus Community was to be plan activities for the Myanmar refugee kids for them to enjoy themselves. While I felt nervous, I had also felt excited at the same time as I was looking forward to playing with the kids. In the first session, we had to choose what age groups of Myanmar kids we were to affiliate with and I had chosen the age group right in the middle, not too old and not too young either. Then, I had met the other team members and got to know them as well as plan what activities we were to execute for the kids to enjoy. Whilst I and the few other teammates of the same age had missed the next sessions with the kids due to our CAS trip, we still met them the week after. The week after we had planned to cook burgers with the kids and whilst small problem rise, we had quickly solved it by splitting the job. My job then - was to distract the kids while the others get the equipment prepared and I got to know them one by one by playing a game as we sit in a circle.

Later on, when things were done, we had then moved them downstairs into the kitchen and started cooking for them. We had switched once a while for who would be in charge of cooking and who would be in charge of amusing the kids. It was fun to chat with each of them and find their likes and dislikes; how it was they liked their burgers and shared my dislike with a few of them for not liking tomatoes.

Sadly, the next 2 weeks, the kids had caught tuberculosis and so could not attend the next two sessions as well as the haze having cut our sessions short. In the times that there were no hazes, however, when there were still sessions, time was not wasted. We had discussed fundraising for the Myanmar school kids for their bus fares and had come up with many creative ideas. Whilst our group's ideas were not chosen for the fundraising idea, it was interesting to see what the end outcome would be as we would officially run Teacher TRANSformation, Hair to Dye For which would be teachers swapping genders and them dyeing their hair.

Nina Mohd Shukor



Volleyball

The U13 Boys Volleyball team visited Tenby International School to take part in a tournament against four other schools from around KL. Having not taken part in volleyball before the team started well, improving throughout each set they played. As the games went on the point for Nexus increased, with the final game of one set against BSKL finishing 23-25 to BSKL. Incredibly close with Nexus in the lead for half of the game.

Well done to the team which was included the following learners from Year 7 and Year 8;

Adam Rozaimi

Maxi Marichal

Vittal Narasingarao

Dening Koh

Luke Grover

Michael Evans

We will be starting Volleyball practice for U13 boys and girls from Friday 29th May at lunch time. Please come along to the sports hall at 1.15pm on this day if you are interested in being part of the team and representing Nexus next academic year.

Thank you,

Miss Grace



Fixtures coming-up

Term 3 is time for striking and fielding sports in Primary and a little more Volleyball for our Secondary learners. Here are the confirmed fixtures for May:

Wednesday 11th May

Yr 4 Tee ball finals at HELP

Y6 Tee ball finals at Nexus

Thursday 12th May

U13 Boys Volleyball finals at ISP

U13 Girls Volleyball finals at Taylors

Friday 13th May

KLISS Primary Swim Gala at Nexus

Saturday 14th May

U13 Team Badminton at IGBIS

U15 Team Badminton at IGBIS

Nexus 6th Annual Triathlon

Sunday 15th May

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Tuesday 17th May

KLISS Secondary Swim Gala at KTJ

Saturday 28th May

U15 Girls Badminton at Sunway

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As always please check the sports fixtures calendar for up to date information.

6th annual Nexus Triathlon

Saturday 14th May and Sunday 15th May

The Nexus Triathlon is back!

Livemore Events are once again organising this year's Nexus Triathlon. Sign-ups have exceeded all expectations and we now have over 380 entrants across the multiple categories.

Here is the schedule for the two days.

14th May, Saturday

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6.30 am	Registration – U6, U8, U10, U12, Senior Mixed Relay Team
8.00 am	Under 6 Briefing
8.10 am	Under 6 Girls Start
8.20 am	Under 6 Boys Start
8.30 am	Under 8 Briefing
8.40 am	Under 8 Girls Start
8.55 am	Under 8 Boys Start
9.10 am	Under 10 Briefing
9.20 am	Under 10 Girls Start
9.40 am	Under 10 Boys Start
10.00 am	Under 12 Briefing
10.10 am	Under 12 Girls Start
10.30 am	Under 12 Boys Start
10.50 am	Senior Mixed Relay Team Briefing
11.00 am	Senior Mixed Relay Team Start
11.30 am	Awards Presentation
12.00 am	Event Finish

15th May, Sunday

Time	Event
6.30 am	Registration – U15, U18, Open, Junior Mixed Relay Team
8.00 am	Under 15 Briefing
8.15 am	Under 15 Girls Start
8.55 am	Under 15 Boys Start
9.35 am	Under 18 & Open Briefing
9.45 am	Under 18 & Open Female Start
10.25 am	Under 18 & Open Male Start
10.50 am	Junior Mixed Relay Team Briefing
11.00 am	Junior Mixed Relay Team Start
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If you would like to volunteer then please get in touch with Andy Smith at smith.a@nexus.edu.my

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Badminton Club

Lunchtime practice with Coach William

Coach William will be coming into Nexus on Monday lunchtimes from next week to run badminton sessions for our secondary learners.

Please come along if you are interested in representing Nexus in the upcoming KLISS and ISAC tournaments.

This is a great opportunity to improve your technique, fitness and tactical awareness under the expert eye of Coach William.

Here are a mix of secondary learners winning silver in this year's season warm-up hosted by ISKL.



U13 Girls Volleyball

Thursday 21st April 2016

On Thursday 21st April the Nexus Girls Under 13 Volleyball team competed in a volleyball tournament hosted by Taylor's International School KL. The first game was against Taylor's. This was, for most of the team, their first ever competitive volleyball game. Unfortunately, the girls lost against Taylor's, but with close scores of 15-10 and 15-12.

The second game was against Tenby. The team had definitely improved in confidence from the first game and with some fantastic serves, especially from Stella, they won against Tenby with a final score of 15-2 and 17-15. The team will go on to play in the Plate Final in May.

Well done to Stella, Ayla, Aaliyah, Nisa, Azmina, Dayana, Suraya, Aishah, and Arifah. Thank you to all the girls for playing and representing Nexus!

Arifah Zainal



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Term 3 Week 3

Due to Labour Weekend the boarders had a few days away from the boarding house. We did, however, host the Stingray Swimming Club who based themselves at Nexus for a two-day swim camp for forty members.

Our Year 13 boarders arrived on Sunday evening in preparation for their long-awaited first IB Diploma examination the following day.

An inter-floor boys' basketball match was arranged after prep last Thursday evening and in a tight and enthralling game Level Two won by a solitary point 34-33!

Skateboarding, swimming and exercising in the fitness suite after CCA continue to be popular for a lot of boarders during the week as well as early morning circuit training and the running club.



Term 3 Week 4

We visited Taman Tasik Titiwangsa on Saturday to Water Orb inside inflatable balls as well as cycle around the extremely busy and picturesque park. Most of the boarders chose to water orb together and to 'walk on water' together required good coordination and teamwork. Some more than others found the task relatively easy.

Following the water orbing, some of the boarders cycled around the park alone or on tandem bicycles. As the miniature sized roadways of the park had proper road markings, everybody had to adhere to the road rules at stop and give way signs as well as mini-roundabouts. This proved to be an educating and enjoyable experience for all. Yvonne and Sally had fun roller skating on the rink while staff enjoyed a relaxing horse and cart ride.

On Sunday evening we were all treated to pizza and cake courtesy of Michael who was celebrating his birthday with us all.

Congratulations to Georgia who recorded a personal best time for the two-mile time-trial at Thursday morning's Running Club.

A reminder for parents and guardians that we have mid-term break from after school Wednesday 18th May until Monday 23rd May. Year 11 and 13 boarders may stay in the boarding house until after their last exam on Friday 20th May. Please make suitable arrangements for your child.

