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Y5 Language Day

On Tuesday all of our year 5 learners together with a hundred learners from the Alice Smith School took part in a collaborative learning day at Nexus International School, Putrajaya. After a short introduction and briefing in the theatre, our learners were put in teams with their Alice Smith counterparts to participate in the three activities that ran simultaneously throughout the day.

For the Amazing Race, learners in their teams raced around the school to find the 10 locations following clues hidden in QR codes in all 4 languages, French, Spanish, Chinese and Malay. Learners showed sportsmanship and caring for one another during the entire event.

For the Languages and Arts activity, learners had to read statements in 4 languages which they then combined to create a creature and then chose different art materials to present their masterpiece. Their languages skills and abilities were fully stimulated.

For the Socrative quiz and “I Love Languages” project, learners needed to answer the quiz in 4 languages in the shortest time. After having finished the quiz they worked on a languages project by researching online the facts of a designated language assigned to their team. Learners found this interesting and the activities boosted their confidence in the languages they are learning.

Next up was a Mini Assembly, where both sets of learners performed chorus speaking, dances, sang songs, directed a film in Bahasa Malaysia, Mandarin, French and Spanish.

The day was a tremendous success and all of the learners thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all learned some new language skills in not only their own chosen language but also in the other 3 languages offered. They also worked collaboratively with other learners which they excelled in and we are looking forward to building on all these skills in our LOTE lessons.



KLISS Primary Swim Gala @ Nexus

Friday 13th May 2016

Nexus hosted the Primary KLISS Swim Gala last week where they got to showcase their skills, team work and demonstrate sheer determination to do their best!

There were 67 Personal Best times on Friday across almost all of the events and also medals won.

A huge well done and thank you to all of the learners and parents that have given up so much of their time over the last year to train and develop as a swimmer!



Primary Music News

See Young Performers' Concert photos below - A BIG THANK YOU and well done to Ms Ann for organising and producing the concert!

YOUNG PERFORMERS' CONCERT - PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE - Well done again to all the learners who took part!

The Video can be found [HERE](#)

ALL 100 of the WONDERFUL photographs can be found [HERE](#)

A big Thank You to Mr Tom for taking the photographs and videos as well as doing all of the editing! It really is appreciated by everyone.

Here are some of the photos available for you to download:



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.



Community News & Musical Support



Dear Kpop Lovers,

My name is Chew Yew Chee and I'm an MBA graduate of Taylor's University Malaysia and also a music researcher. I'm currently writing a journal about Kpop music and I hope Kpop lovers would participate in this short survey on why Kpop fans love Kpop music. I need as many participants as possible so hope you can help me to do this survey. Thank you!

Link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WVE14ypxsKOB7zmr13iLdt1EPB-1gUuvQrdT4C8zpgl/viewform>

Dates For Your Diaries

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

Rock Concert
Trinity School of Music
Early Years Showcase

Why Study Music?

Scientists Discovered Something Amazing About Musicians' Brains



<http://mic.com/articles/104586/science-just-showed-something-amazing-about-musicians-brains#.p44SPvrEf>

Year 7 complete their Theory of Knowledge entry point

Learning and Teaching, Teaching and Learning.

Over the last few weeks the Year 7 learners have been completing their entry point activity for the Theory of Knowledge Unit as a part of the Personal Development Programme. During the entry point the learners were asked to plan a lesson about something they know well or are passionate about in order to teach another learner in the class. The Year 7 tutors were very impressed with the range of skills being taught from knitting to psychology to animation. The learners were well-prepared and taught each other with enthusiasm as you can see in the photographs.

After teaching their lesson the learners were asked to reflect on three questions:

- What made a good teacher?
- What made a good learner?
- What would you differently if you were to do this again?

Surprisingly, many of the learners hadn't realised how difficult it would be to break down a skill that they had in order to teach it to someone else. They reflected that they might have prepared their resources differently if they were to teach the topic again.

Overall, the learners enjoyed this experience and are excited to be learning about this topic over the coming weeks.

Next, this unit will revisit and expand upon the knowledge and understanding that the learners gained at the beginning of Year 7 when they studied The Brain Unit in English and Humanities. This time Year 7 will be learning all about neuromyths and how we can capitalise on the learning process by applying different learning skills in the classroom.

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