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Primary Music News

Year 5 have begun using scratch computer coding to create an online musical instrument which they will then use to compose music for a game they will be creating for their IPC topic of Fairgrounds.

Miss Ann



Run for Shelter

Friday June 3rd - 9am until 11am

This year's charity run is in aid of Shelterbox and will take place on Friday June 3rd with the first age group setting-off from the field at 9:00am.

All parents are invited to run and take a full active part in the charity event. If you would like to be involved but take a more leisurly approach then please join us in Taman Canseri between 9.15am and 11.00am for some games and a picnic.

As always T-Shirts are on sale and will be available from Student services for Rm25 from Monday 30th May.

For more information regarding Shelterbox please go to their [website](#) or visit their [Youtube channel](#) to see some of the amazing work they do.

For more information on the timings of the Run for Shelter then please click [here](#)



Nexus Triathlon

May 14th and 15th

Nexus hosted their 6th annual Triathlon. 400 athletes took part this year, which is a new record. It started on Saturday with the little ones, from U6 up to U12, where Sophia Lazell won the U8 Female category and Felix Waller won his U8 Boys heat.

On Sunday it was the turn of the U15, U18 and Open categories. Lewis Sweeney, Max Waller, Hamidah, Aiman Fikri and Zack Azlin all competed and finished the course in good time but it was the Nexus staff who were the stars of the Sunday schedule. Laura Mallin finished 3rd in the Womens Novice cat while Chris Wright completed his race way ahead of his nearest rival to take the 1st place trophy in the Male Experienced cat.

And last but not least a big thanks to everyone who gave up their free time to help out over the weekend. There were lots of happy parents from across KL and beyond who definitely witnessed Nexus in the very best light.

U13 and U15 Badminton - KLISS

The U13 team finished 3rd overall in an 8 team competition. Individual medal winners were Rasmus finishing 2nd in the boys singles and Samantha and Chelsea winning gold for the girls doubles while Jonathan also finished in the medal positions for the boys singles. The U15 team unfortunately never got finished. Their competition started to run past 6pm on Saturday so they will have to reschedule and complete their games on the 8th June at Taylors, KL.



Language Perfect World Championships

The last 10 days has seen Nexus learners in years 5,6,7,8 and 9 take part in the Language Perfect World Championships. The aim is for them to both revise previously learned vocabulary and grammar as well as learn new language of their choice in the languages of their choice.


The learners have made a fantastic effort and out of close to 1300 schools competing, with only 4 hours left to go in the competition, Nexus is placed 11th in the world. This is a fantastic achievement and the learners should be very proud of themselves.


Special praise needs to go to Isabelle Yap who has amassed an incredible 56000 points which has placed her 2nd in the world in the individual learner table!!


Below is a summary of the impressive achievement made by our learners in furthering their LOTE learning.


Results Summary


Total questions answered:	1,295,531
Total points earned:	492,701 pts
Total hours spent learning:	6,667 hrs
Global ranking:	11th
Category ranking: (251-500 students)	3rd

6  Elite Awards (10000 pts)

61  Gold Awards (3000 pts)

20  Silver Awards (2000 pts)

55  Bronze Awards (1000 pts)

41  Credit Awards (500 pts)

CAS Reflection



I joined the student council's fundraising department since the start of the year. During term 1, the fundraising council held a haunted house on behalf of Halloween. Beside celebrating Halloween, the main purpose of the haunted house is too raise funds for the upcoming 24 Hour Race, which was held to raise awareness and fight human trafficking. This haunted house event was held from 7:30pm to 10:00pm, in the school's multipurpose room, alongside with a Halloween Dance which was held by the events council of our school.

A week before that, we had several meetings, where we discussed about the decorations and props that could be used, as well as our roles for the event. We spent two afternoons crafting the appropriate props for the haunted house, in this case were spiderwebs, heads and hands, where my friends and I did the cutting, painting and pasting in the school's arts room.

We started operating the haunted house around 7:40pm, because some touch ups were needed to be done. At the start of our operation, we received a surprisingly overwhelming response, which was very unexpected. A noticeably long queue was in front of our haunted house, waiting to enter. The visitors of the haunted house were let in by groups of 3 to 5, where they trek along the route created. We, the fundraising council members, did our part as monsters and ghosts, which was to scare the visitors. In fact, we did it with flying colours. The feedback was great that night and everyone seemed to enjoy it (well, some did not as they were terrified by us—the ghosts).

At the end of the day, we raised quite a satisfying amount of money. An estimated number of 70 people came into our haunted house. Overall, the event was very successful. Although I lost my voice the next day, due to over screaming, I enjoyed the whole experience.

Wei Young Tan

Year 8 Commedia dell'arte mask

Papier Mâché Masks

Year 8 learners are currently working on their sculpture project this term, designing and making Commedia dell'arte masks for a cross-curricular activity with drama. The learners have produced some interesting research about the characters used in this style of drama, and are now making the masks using papier mâché to create some interesting final responses.

In the visual arts, Commedia dell'arte is a form of theatre characterized by masked "types" which began in Italy in the 16th century and was responsible for the advent of improvised performances based on sketches or scenarios.

Below are some of the learners research notes and planning for their current project, written by Sabila Khairul Shahril 8N:

Commedia Dell'arte was a popular form of rehearsed improvised comedy. It began in the mid 16th Century in Italy, spreading to other parts of Europe. Commedia Dell'arte characters belong in a certain category of three- The Masters, The Lovers and The servants.

To construct our mask, we used several layers of papier mâché (news paper dipped in glue) to cover a balloon, so as to create a strong base on which to work upon. Once dried, we moved into sketching the details of our chosen Commedia Dell'arte character onto the hardened surface, and then constructing those details with more 'pop out' structures, e.g. the nose, eye brows etc. Once that is finally completed, we will paint on top of our mask for the finishing step.

We find this activity really fun and interesting.

The learners are still at their production stages, and below are some examples of their process and progress:



Join Our Trial Session!

Brownies

Guides

Wednesday June 1st

3.15pm - 4.20pm

At the Year 7 Learning Hub

We are trying to restart Brownies and Guides at Nexus International School Putrajaya.



Brownies for girls age 7-10, and Guides for girls age 10-14, have loads of fun, do badges, play games, do community projects and go on camps and trips.

Nexus Guides and Brownies will be joining a large community of girls in several international schools around KL.

Groups are run by volunteers with the support and guidance of the BGIFC Malaysia Division team. You do not need to be a teacher or have experience in running units.

Guiding is a huge amount of fun and very rewarding – even for the leaders!

If you would like more details, please don't hesitate to give us a call or email for more information



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Rock Concert '16

Congratulations to all the learners who took part in the Rock Concert '16, your performances were fantastic and you did yourselves, Nexus and the Music Department proud.

A big thank you must also go to Mr Afiq, Mr Hafiz, Mr Faez for pulling ball the music together and also Mr Syahir for operating and managing the Theatre. Congratulations to you all for the amazing job and we know that your learning was full enriched by the whole process. Here are some photos of the concert, mote to follow along with the Video.



CHINESE DRUMS! 30 Chinese Drums Have Arrived From China - Specially Hand Made For Nexus Music Department!

The Music Department has just taken possession of 30 traditional Chinese Drums which were specially handmade in China for Nexus School. From September we will be running Chinese Drum Troupe CCA ready for a big Chinese New Year 24 Drum Performance.



Community News & Musical Support

LAST SHOUT OUT FOR HELP AND SUPPORT:



Dear K-Pop 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/1WVE14ypxsKOB7zml3iLdt1EPB-1gUuvQrdT4C8zpgl/viewform>

Dates For Your Diaries

Monday 6th June
Wednesday 8th June

Trinity School of Music
Early Years Showcase

WARNING! Please Be Careful - you only get one pair of ears. There is no such thing as an 'ear transplant' - once your hearing is gone, it is gone for ever!



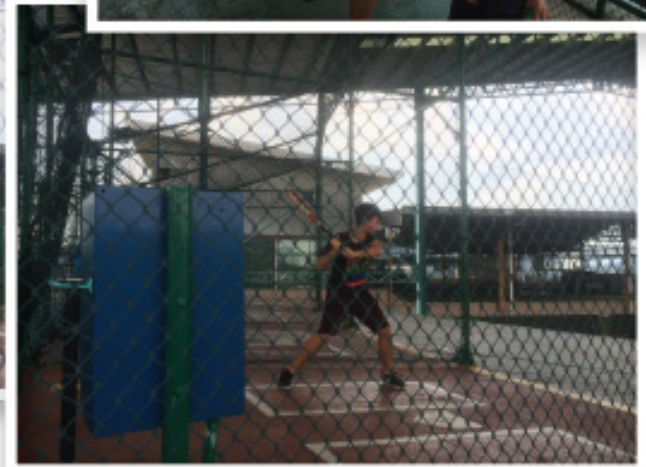
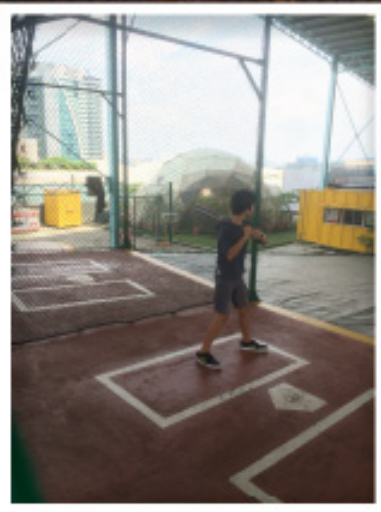
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Boarding Blog

Term 3 Week 5 & 6

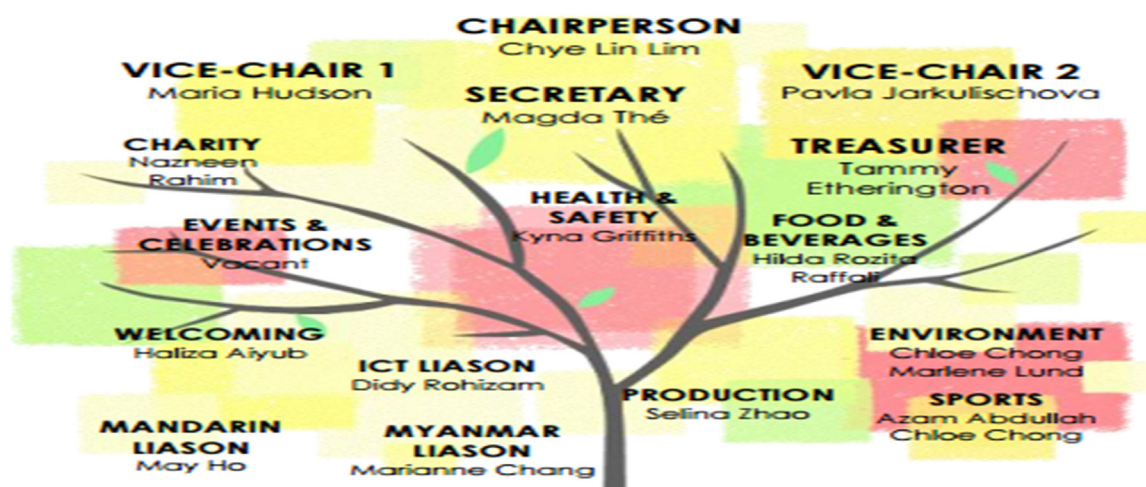
Our most recent weekend activity has been to 1 Utama Mall where the boarders tried their hand at softball in the batting cages. On the roof of the mall were seven cages, all with an automatic ball shooter. The boarders selected the speed and the height of balls being pitched towards them with the aim of hitting the ball back into the cage. While the boys got stuck in with the batting, the girls all decided that shopping was more their thing, so they went to the mall with Ms Xin to get their fix.

The older boys tried out the baseball cages and were getting some impressive hits in on the smaller and faster balls, whereas the younger boys enjoyed hitting the bigger softballs as far as they could. Kim Minsoung proved to be a natural at the sport by connecting bat and ball on most occasions.





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