

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

What a busy and wonderful week it has been. I've been extremely lucky to attend two Buka Puasa events over the past few days. Firstly, on Thursday the Nexus Management hosted colleagues from government departments that we work with, including Wisma Putra, at a restaurant in Cyberjaya. Then on Friday our PTF hosted almost 300 members of our community and beyond at a special event at our cafeteria. I'd like to reiterate my thanks to Ms Anita and the PTF team for organising the food and to all members of the community who contributed or donated. It is truly heartwarming to see the spirit of generosity, kindness and embracing diversity that is evident in our school.

Another treat for me this week was to spend a bit of time in our wonderful Year 1 class to read a story. I am also extremely impressed by the brilliantly decorated doors around the school as part of our celebration of Book Week.

On Thursday this week many of the Nexus staff wore burgundy to help raise awareness of Multiple Myeloma. As many of you will know, our well loved teacher, Sunitha, is battling Multiple Myeloma right now and we send her all our love and good wishes. There is more information below.



Finally, inside Nexus today visits Janine in Primary. Janine is our IPC expert and often speaks nationally and Internationally in conferences about the curriculum and how we at Nexus use it at a Mastering Level. [Here she is.](#)

Have a wonderful weekend and remember that Term 2 ends at 3.10pm on Friday 7th April.

Best Wishes,

*David Griffiths*



# Primary Learning

## Book week

It has been a fantastic Book week, with trips, author visits, book cover door competitions, dress up day, a book week assembly and of course lots of reading! Here's a look at some of the things we have been up to.....

## Author Visit

Mr Daryl Kho , author of Mist Bound, came to talk to our learners about his wonderful book and what it was like to be an author. We are sure he has inspired our learners to do some writing of their own! If you did not manage to buy a copy of the book, the library are happy to take orders. We also have a few copies in the library too.



## EY

Early Years' learners loved dress up day and bringing their favourite stories to school! They built a reading den to share their stories with their friends



## Y1

In Year 1, we have been reading about The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We had fun preparing decorative items for our Book Week Door Display.



## Y2

Year 2 have enjoyed taking part in Drop Everything And Read this week. Every day, when we heard a special alarm, we dropped all of our work and made our way to the carpet where there were a range of fiction and non-fiction texts for us to enjoy for the next ten minutes.



### Y3 Trip to library

Y3 went on a field trip to the Children's Book Museum. They had a wonderful time looking at books through the ages.

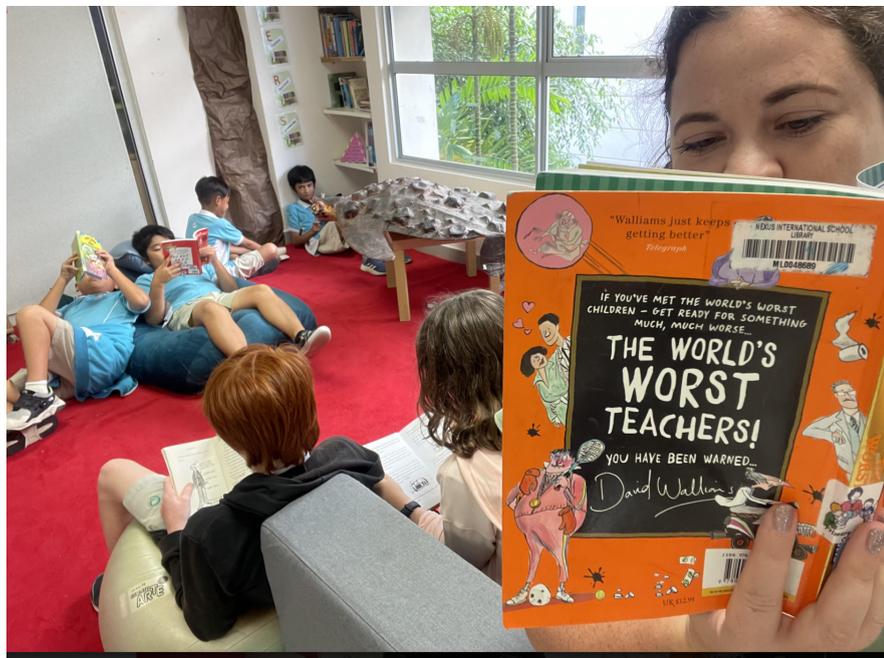
### Y4 and Y4/5

This week we achieved our collaborative personal goal by working as a team to decorate our doors for book week! Look what we achieved!



### Y5

Learners in Year 5 have been really enjoying the Drop Everything And Read challenge this week. Miss Liza has been the official bell ringer and every time we hear it, we all dive back into our books. Some learners have enjoyed making use of our reading corner and it has been great to hear learners requesting the extra reading time.



## Y6

Year 6 Mandarin learners collaborated to finish the door decoration for book week. The book we chose is "Journey to the West".

Here are Year 6 learners feedback:

Aryan: I feel excited because we can be collaborative with drawing and colors.

Xander: I feel good working together with different people.

Alicia: Collaborative is the learning goal to the work that we work. We collaborate together and trace out the character of "The Journey to the West" then we use crayon to colour the characters.

Yu Yuan: I feel happy that we can use a bit more than half the lesson to complete. We all collaborate to finish the door fast.

Millian: Collaboration is happening here because learners are working to outline and colour.



In conjunction with Book Week, on 27th March, year 6 had the privilege of meeting and working with UK/World Grand Slam Poetry Champion - **Sara Hirsch**. Learners unleashed their creativity, and imagination through wordplay, rhyming games, the chance to speak, whisper or shout at the top of their voice and most of all discover their inner poet!



## **Bouldering**

Yesterday, the Nexus Primary Bouldering Team took part in another InterSchools competition held at Camp5 Eco City. Once again, the learners showed resilience and rigour by coming 6th in the overall standing. A magnificent achievement as many had never competed before.



## **Message from Primary PE**

### **Swimming in Term 3**

Year 5 and 6 will be swimming in term 3 for a 7 week block. Suitable swim attire should be worn for all swim lessons (no bikinis) learners must have a towel, goggles and long hair must be tied up.

Year 6 swimming day is Tuesday. It will run from 25th April to 6th June.

Year 5 swimming day is Friday. It will run from 28th April to 9th June.

EY, year 1 and year 2 will continue to swim on a Monday. Swimming will run from 8th May to 29th May.

## **Swimming and Illness**

If learners are well enough to come to school, then the expectation is that they take part in the whole of the school curriculum, which includes swimming. If they are too ill to swim, then they should remain at home until they are well. As teachers will be in the pool with learners, there is no additional supervision for learners who are ill and cannot take part. For health and safety reasons this means that if too ill to swim, parents may be asked to take their child home. This will always be the case with Early Years learners, who need constant supervision during swimming. Exceptionally, for injury, where a child cannot take part in swimming, we will make every attempt to accommodate on a case by case basis.

**There will be no primary swimming in the last week of term 3.**

# Secondary Learning

## **Drama**

The last two weeks have been very busy for the drama department at Nexus. We have had performances from years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13.

Last Thursday we had our Drama showcase in the Drama studio, where we were able to share exam pieces from our IGCSE and IB learners as they prepare for the final submission of their assessments this year. We wish them all the best and are very proud of what they achieved. We were lucky enough to have a large and supportive audience, and they did very well despite their nerves and excitement.

This week on Wednesday we celebrated our year 7 learners when they shared the final performances of The Southeast Asian Tales, a performance full of colour and fun that showcased traditional stories from countries including Indonesia, Malaysia and Korea. Parents were invited and everyone agreed that the year 7 learners did a wonderful job. Year 8 have shared their Theatre in Education performances during PSD time this week and last week, and everyone enjoyed seeing how each group was able to devise their own scripts based on issues that are relevant to year 8 learners, and that link closely to our PSD curriculum in secondary.

Finally, our year 9 learners have celebrated World Book Week at Nexus this week and will continue to do so next week by bringing a number of traditional fairy tales to life for our primary learners in Early years, year 1, 2, 3 and 6. We hope that they enjoyed the plays as much as year 9 enjoyed performing them! We look forward to next term and to be able to celebrate more performances from our secondary Drama learners.



# Social Enterprise @ Nexus

The Nexus terprise CCA have been running a paper collection and recycling project this term. Their final session culminated in a trip to Cyberjaya Recycling Centre to deliver their paper and have a tour of the facility. The learners were able to prevent 78 kg of waste entering landfill sites through their environmental initiative. They also acquired lots of new ideas of how to turn household waste into different products and will be putting some into action next term.



As part of our Book Week, aspiring learner leaders set up a book swap outside the library and it was then enjoyed by many who swapped their books from home or used their vouchers to acquire preloved books. This is yet another initiative where our learners have taken care action under Sustainable Development Goal 12 (SDG 12), Responsible Consumption and Production.



 WEAR BURGUNDY ON  
30TH MARCH 2023  
TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



At Nexus we pride ourselves for being community minded. This week we had a great turnout of support, for one of our own, Ms Sunitha, by members of staff wearing burgundy on the Multiple Myeloma Awareness Day. As Ms Sunitha is still undergoing treatment, she was not able to attend school in person, but did send her deepest thanks to everyone who has supported her during this time. She will be creating a collage of photos of members of the Nexus Community, as well as her friends and family wearing burgundy on 30th March 2023.

#MyelomaAwareness #MyelomaACTION



Ms Sunitha wrote this explanation for us:

*"Multiple myeloma is a cancer that forms in a type of white blood cell called a plasma cell. A cancerous or malignant plasma cell is called a myeloma cell. Myeloma is called "multiple" because there are frequently multiple patches or areas in bone where it grows. It can appear as both a tumour and/or an area of bone loss, and it affects the places where bone marrow is active in an adult: the hollow area within the bones of the spine, skull, pelvis, rib cage, and the areas around the shoulders and hips. Multiple Myeloma Awareness Day is declared on the last Thursday of March, which is the Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month. It is to raise awareness of the disease, to advocate for early detection of multiple myeloma, to ensure treatment options are available worldwide, and to seek further research to find a cure for the second most prevalent blood cancer in the world. Although Myeloma was once only detected in elderly patients, it is now increasing, and it is becoming a more common diagnosis in younger patients. However, because it is a relatively unknown cancer, myeloma can go undiagnosed until the disease begins to seriously damage health. With more treatment options available than ever, an early diagnosis is vital for achieving the best outcomes. Hence raising awareness of this disease is crucial."*

The Year 2 learners have been proactive the last few weeks with their own entrepreneurial activities. They made beautiful promotional posters and bead keyrings to fundraise for the WWF. Their personal goals were put into action by being great communicators in order to sell their handmade products. The learners also met WWF Malaysia representative, Ms Suan, who shared about the activities the organisation is involved with.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Nexus Change4Good month challenge. We had in excess of 230 sign ups and we hope that some of the changes made will now become a habit.



There is a Malaysian proverb, '*Sikit sikit, lama lama, jadi bukit.*' In literal translation, it means, "Bit by bit, over time, it will accumulate into a mountain. In this sense: from nothing, if everyone does lots of little things, over time, we can see a difference.



Zero Waste



Eat Less Meat



No New Clothes or Toys



Save Water

# Boarding



Greenpeace visit on-board 'The Rainbow Warrior'



Our Boarders were delighted and inspired by an educational excursion to visit Greenpeace on-board their ship, 'The Rainbow Warrior' this weekend.

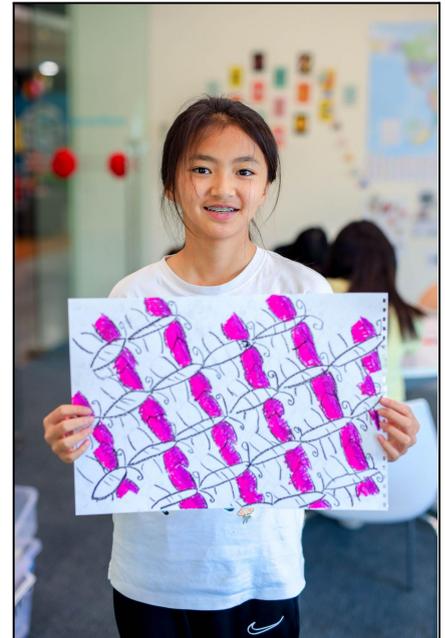
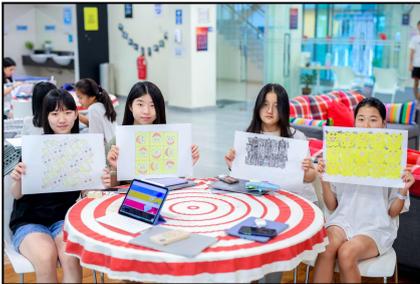
Greenpeace team members shared their work in conservation and bringing attention to world issues like climate change, deforestation and plastic waste pollution. Ramisa and Kotaro interviewed Greenpeace about climate change which helped their TedEx presentations to their class this week.





### **Art and ice-cream day**

Thank you to Mr Tom and Ms Kirsty who joined us for a day on Saturday. Boarders loved their art lesson with Mr Tom and a shopping and ice-cream visit with Ms Kirsty in our local village.



# Social Media Highlights

Click on the icons below to be directed to our respective social media channels.

Don't forget to click follow, like, share and drop a comment!



## Year 7 learners bring the beauty of Malaysia to the classroom



Exploring the wonders of Malaysia through creativity and collaboration, our Year 7 learners have truly embraced the Nexus way for their "My Malaysia" miniature museum exhibition! 🏛️ From sculpting intricate pottery works to crafting delicious traditional foods, they showcased their innovative skills and passion for learning. With interactive models of Malaysian clothing and exhibits featuring iconic landmarks like the Petronas Twin Towers and natural wonders like... [Click here](#) to read more.