

# Weekly NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2024/25 | 17 January 2025

## Message from The Principal



This week's big event is the FOBISIA Battle of the Bands hosted here at Nexus. On Thursday and Friday we welcomed over 31 International schools, 42 bands and 545 participants, from as far away as India and Jeju, South Korea, KL based schools such as GIS and ISP and our very own sister school Nexus Singapore.

On Friday a whole host of music and dance based workshops were enjoyed by all. Saturday is the main competition day for all the bands and we wish the very best of luck to the pride of Nexus and current FOBISIA champions, **Sound Cheque** in KS4 / 5 and **Jinalicious** in KS3. Huge thanks to our brilliant PTF too Full report in next week's newsletter. Huge thanks too to our brilliant PTF who prepared and gave out welcome gifts to each of our guests.

Not being ones to rest on our laurels we continue the excitement next week with our Lunar New Year celebrations - Watch this space.

*David Griffiths*

# FOBISIA

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# WELCOME BACK!

## TERM 2

# 24/25



## WHAT IS FOBISIA?

- FOBISIA started as a small group of Headteachers of schools in South East Asia 36 years ago
- Now a diverse and inclusive community of 103 Member Schools and growing
- Brings students together in engaging and interesting activities across a range of learning areas
- Connects teachers to share best practices and access leading educational thinkers
- Represents an important educational link between Asia and the United Kingdom
- Reaches across 20 countries and regions in Asia, from countries as far apart as Mongolia to Indonesia and Uzbekistan to Japan

## FOBISIA GOOD NEWS STORY

FOBISIA Representative Teams for Football and Rugby will be in action for the first time this term. Senior students were selected to play at FOBISIA representative team trials last term. Boys and girls teams will represent FOBISIA at the BISP 11's in Phuket and a boys rugby team will be in action at the Global School's 7's in Hong Kong.



## VIRTUAL RECRUITMENT FAIR

FOBISIA recently hosted a successful Virtual Recruitment Fair to support our Member Schools, with over 65 of our schools taking part. Another fair is planned this term, helping them continue to attract the very best teaching professionals.

## TERM 2 STUDENT EVENTS



FOBISIA JUNIOR DRAMA FESTIVAL



FOBISIA TENNIS 2025



2025 FOBISIA STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



2025 FOBISIA PRIMARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

- FOBISIA PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MATHS COMPETITIONS
- FOBISIA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
- FOBISIA BATTLE OF THE BANDS
- FOBISIA U13 FRIENDLY GAMES
- SHORT FILM CHALLENGE
- FOBISIA CLIMBING



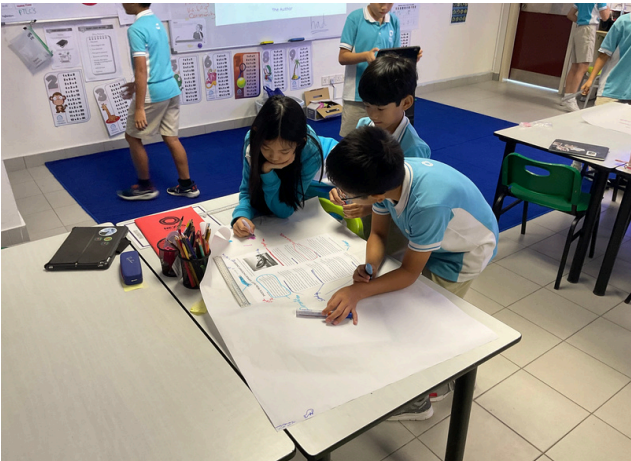
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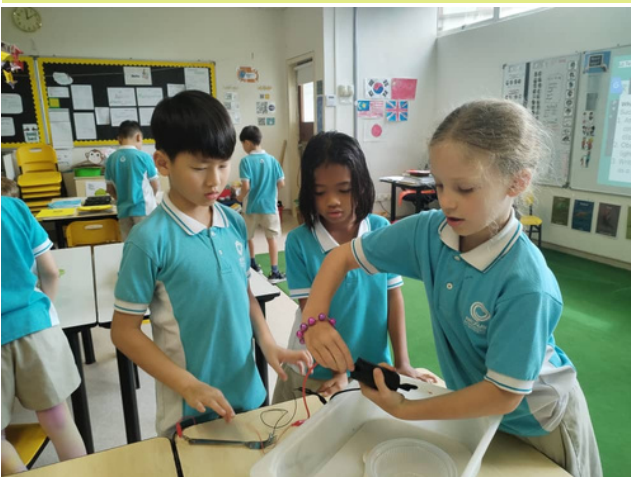


# Primary

In Year 5 this week, we have been studying Newspapers. We have looked carefully at different features including Headlines, orientations, direct and reported speech for quotations as well as the past perfect verb tense. On Wednesday we used this learning to help us identify features within a model text. Which we will now use to help us plan and write our own newspaper article next week.



As Part of their IPC Unit “Material World”, Y3 have been conducting Science experiments. They have investigated been trying to find out which materials are electrical conductors or insulators.



# Primary



**HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR**

**2025**

**8:30-9:20: PRIMARY LNY ASSEMBLY  
(THEATRE)**

**10:00 LION DANCE (EY AREA)**

**10:30 PTF CURRICULUM DAY ACTIVITIES  
(MPR)**

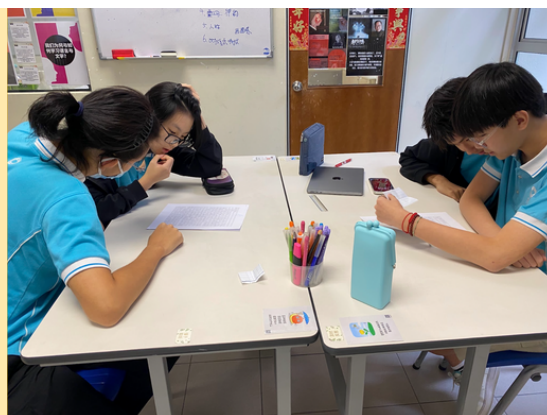


# Secondary

Before the break, to celebrate the Winter Solstice Festival, students explored the rich traditions, legends, and cultural significance associated with this special occasion. During their Chinese lessons, they learned about festive foods like tangyuan (rice balls) and dumplings, including the fascinating origin story of dumplings as a warming dish during the coldest days of winter. Some students took on the role of presenting their findings to the class, while others enjoyed the hands-on experience of cooking rice balls, fostering both cultural appreciation and teamwork. This engaging activity allowed students to connect with Chinese culture in a meaningful and enjoyable way.



Our Chinese Pen Pal Programme has brought an exciting opportunity for cultural exchange and language practice! Recently, our secondary learners received letters from their pen pals at Bromsgrove International School Thailand, through collaboration with our former colleague, Ms. Jane. They were thrilled to read the messages and eagerly wrote thoughtful replies. This programme has been an enjoyable and engaging way for our learners to practice their Mandarin writing skills while connecting with peers from another international community. Everyone is now looking forward to hearing back from their pen pals and continuing this meaningful exchange!






# LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS



23 JANUARY  
2025

**THURSDAY**

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| <b>10:00 - 10:30</b> | Lion Dance<br>Primary Area    |
| <b>12:10 - 13:00</b> | Secondary Assembly<br>Theatre |
| <b>13:00 - 13:50</b> | PTF Food Tasting<br>MPR       |
| <b>13:15 - 13:30</b> | Lousang<br>Canteen            |
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# Boarding

## Science and art

Last weekend we were joined by in Boarding Dr Anna, our wonderful Chemistry teacher, and her family to spend day of educational fun in the school labs, creating art for our rooms.

Dr Anna taught us the art of **cyanotype** to make wonderful works using chemical washes and natural sunlight.

We know that one of the biggest benefits of being a Boarder is getting to spend extra time with our teachers and we really appreciate our extra learning experiences on a weekend.



## Boarders are leaders

This week in our House Meeting we celebrated the leadership qualities of a group of 4 friends.

Johanna, Sowntrya, Harini and Chia showed care and patience while welcoming new Boarders and roommates. The girls have exemplified the spirit of 'Kindness' that we value in the House. Each week Boarders are excited to see who will receive this recognition. The drumroll on our knees and celebration cheering is always the happiest, and loudest, part of our week. Well done to all of our leaders!



# Boarding

## Boarders are active

Our Boarders enjoy a range of great activities to give them the best balance of study, sleep and extra interests. This week we have seen a wonderful mix of events that help keep us active, fit and learning new skills.

**Golf** - a new weekly trip to the driving range is very popular amongst our senior Boarders.

**Teamwork Wednesdays** - everyone active, all at once. Weekly teamwork lets us get to know everyone in the House and work on mentoring our younger brothers and sisters.

**Boarders in teams** - extra practise time with other boarders and Houseparents give Boarders the advantage when competing for places in school teams.

**Swimming is coming!** - we will soon add evening swimming lessons to our routine for Boarders in years 6 - 8. The lessons will focus on water confidence and strengthening skills.



## Lunar New Year Travel details

The House is getting ready for the Lunar New Year holiday next week and we remind all parents and carers of our travel and closure dates for this important holiday. Please confirm the travel arrangements for your child on Orah or at [admin\\_boarding@nexus.edu.my](mailto:admin_boarding@nexus.edu.my) and complete the [Lunar New Year Google Form](#).

**Friday 24 January - Boarding closes at 5.00pm**

**Sunday 2 February - Boarding opens at 3.00pm**