

NEWSLETTER

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Message from The Principal



This week has seen the end of our exam season and some happy Year 11 and Year 13 learners. It has been so heartwarming to see the care and dedication of our teachers, as they gave some last words of advice and encouragement to the learners.

The new staff profiles from last week's newsletter have been causing a bit of excitement amongst our learners this week, as the newsletter is displayed in the cafeteria each week. We are all looking forward to welcoming them to our community in a few months time.

Next week is of course Challenge Week and Ms Morag and I have been busy meeting the trip leads to ensure all the required safety procedures are in place for a wonderful, engaging week of activities both in Malaysia and beyond.

You can be reassured that we have a team at school, working with the providers and travel specialists, on hand in the unlikely event that we need to deal with any issues that arise.

David Griffiths

Primary

Last Friday, the Terrific Three and Fantastic Four learners took to the stage in their show stopping performance of 'A Hint of Snow White'. For those lucky enough to experience their talents we can all agree that they did not just 'Take the Apple'; they truly took to the stage like professional actors! Well done to all our learners for all their hard work and thank you to their parents for all their support!



The Nexus Talent Show was a fantastic success with some wonderful entries from Primary. The Primary winner was Angelina Lu in Y6 who delighted the audience with a beautiful ballet performance. Well done Angelina!

Primary

The Year 2 students recently had their Exit Point for the IPC unit "The Stories People Tell." They had a great time creating puppets and sharing stories from different countries. Some learners even made props and costumes for their plays. Everyone was impressed by how well they did, showing their resilience and great acting skills.



International Mindedness is a fundamental part of our IPC curriculum and our Year 5 learners have recently connected with a school in Nepal, Sanskriti International school Kathmandu, to share IPC and Language Arts learning. Recently, we had an online GoogleMeet with the learners from Sanskriti school to showcase and exchange elements of our culture; such as, simple greetings, national dress and popular foods. We are now writing persuasive letters to the Nepalese learners during our Language Arts lessons.



The Early Autism project visited us at our Assembly last week as part of Autism Awareness month and discussed with our learners how 'Kindness Starts with Me'.

Secondary

Over the past week we have had a number of fantastic events showcasing the talents of our Nexus learners. The Music curriculum showcase involved a huge number of learners performing in bands and ensembles demonstrating the skills they have been developing in their music lessons. Many of the learners were performing on instruments they have only begun learning in the last 6 months.

This week our Year 7s performed the South East Asian Tales they have been learning about in their Drama lessons, followed by Year 8 performances of a Midsummer Night's Dream. This is the culmination of the Shakespeare project which has been met with great enthusiasm by the learners. Finally, a hug range of talent was on display at our annual talent show.



As always, it was a tough job to choose a winner! Thank you to the many parents who have come to support these events and the teachers who made it happen.

As Mr David mentioned, official exams are now over for this year and Year 11 enjoyed a celebratory barbecue on campus on Thursday evening, enjoying some well deserved relaxation at the end of their exams.

We wish everyone an enjoyable Challenge Week next week.

Boarding

Talented Boarders

The whole of the Boarding House were delighted to attend our Nexus Talent Show this week. We were so proud to cheer on so many of our Boarders showing their skills. Boarders' performances included music, dancing and drama. Huge congratulations from the whole Boarding family to **Wern Chien** and **Wafiah** for winning the Secondary prize for their dance - we look forward to you girls teaching us all the dance soon!



Challenge Week and up-coming activities

As the House is all busy in preparation for Challenge Week, we assure you that all Boarders' travel arrangements to and from airports is covered by Boarding Staff.

For Boarders staying with us during Challenge Week, we have planned a number of events to enjoy:

Monday : Evening excursion - Dinner at restaurant and park visit

Wednesday - BBQ 'Build a Burger' and games on the field

Thursday - Pizza and ice-cream movie evening

On return from Challenge Week, as we settle back into our final few weeks of Boarding for this year, we have the following events planned:

Saturday 8 June - Ampang Mall - Retro toy fair

Monday 17 June (Public Holiday) - KL Luge - SkyLineLuge.com

<https://kualalumpur.skylineluge.com/>



Boarding

Looking forward...

Naturally we are looking forward to returning to our families for Summer break, we also look further forward to August and new developments in Boarding.

Following feedback from Boarders and parents we will offer more Prep support and study skills.

- Our youngest Boarders will benefit from expert, age-appropriate support for home-working and developing personal skills.
- Our older and more independent Boarders will see an increase in academic study, library access and opportunities for service involvement.

As a whole House we look forward to expanding our home for our highest number of Boarders from many more countries. We will be happy to share our celebrations of so many different cultures and traditions as we become an even more diverse home.



End of Term Travel plans

All Boarder parents and guardians should not have received our confirmed travel days for 'End of Term' and 'Start of Term' travel. Please see the dates below for confirmation and remember to contact us to confirm your child's travel plans.

- **Travel Out** : Thursday 27 June - Between 12.30pm and 17.00pm
- **Travel In** : Wednesday 14 August - Between 3.00pm and 20.00pm

New Boarders: In addition to this information, we have also written to parents of all new Boarders to advise of an additional '**Induction Day**' which will take place on Wednesday 14 August - we invite new Boarders to arrive at Boarding on Tuesday 13 August from 15.00pm for dedicated induction and welcome.

Sports



What a fantastic and busy week of sports for our Nexus Wolves. Our U9 boys and girls badminton teams set off from Nexus at 6:45am on Tuesday to IGBIS for their AIMS badminton finals. Our Wolves experienced some wins and some close losses, but throughout the day they all gained valuable playing experience.

On Tuesday afternoon both of our U11 netball teams travelled to GIS to compete in their first ever netball match. Narrowly missing out on the win and losing by 2 goals.

Our U13 netball team also travelled to GIS to play ISP and GIS in a triangular tournament. Nexus won against GIS by 1 goal and lost to ISP. Amazing learning experience for the girls having been so successful this season in AIMS.



And to wrap up the year of sports our U11 badminton teams finished the year on Thursday at TISKL competing in their AIMS finals. All of our Nexus Wolves had a great day, some wins and again some close losses.



Well done to all of our Nexus Wolves who have competed this year in our various sporting competitions, it has been an amazing, busy and competitive year!! Keep up the hard work at training next year and continue to make the PE department and Nexus proud.

The Language AIMS Competition



The Language AIMS Competition at Garden International School on 25th May 2024 was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible talent of our learners. We are proud to announce that Aliya Zamani from Year 8X won a bronze medal in the KS3 Malay Foreign Language category, demonstrating exceptional skill and dedication. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents for their unwavering support, which played a crucial role in the learners' achievements in this prestigious event.



Challenge Week 2024 (CW24) is almost upon us! Our senior dive trip learners are departing on Saturday morning and the rest of the trip and activities begin on Monday 10th June 2024.

Please refer to the [CW24 website](#) for further details and itineraries for the Year 5-13 activities and trips. Please ensure you have joined the respective parent/guardian WhatsApp groups for off-site activities and trips. The QR code for these can be found on the website.

Thank you in advance to all the parents and guardians for ensuring your child is prepared and has all the necessary items for their trips and activities.

For overseas trips, we would just like to reiterate that it is the responsibility of the parents/guardians that the learners have the necessary visa for their Challenge Week option.

The learners appear to be extremely excited about their upcoming Challenge Week trips and activities. We wish them well in engaging in new experiences, venturing beyond their comfort zones and embracing their learning journeys.

Should you have any questions about the trips or activities, please contact the respective trip leader or challenge_week@nexus.edu.my.

SDG Conference

Newsletter

Our Nexus Sustainable Development Goals Conference was held at school on Tuesday 28th May. It was another successful event which was closely linked to our School Priorities of raising our learners to be Relevant, Responsible and Resilient.

We had just under 30 Community Partners who joined us for the day to inspire our learners to be Changemakers and to enhance their learning through the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals.

All of the Year 9 learners went on service trips to give back to the community. The learners who attended Toy Libraries became toy doctors for the day, repairing and cleaning toys that had been donated to the underprivileged communities.

For more details, please check [here](#).

Register

Party In the Park

We will be celebrating 15 years of innovation and excellence at Nexus on **Wednesday, 26 June 2024 from 10am to 3pm**. Below are the hours allocated for Primary and Secondary respectively. Please ensure that you choose activities within the time below for your child:

Primary School : 10 am to 1 pm

Secondary School : 12 pm to 3 pm

Please take note that there are paid and free activities during the day. For paid activities, please take note of the charges for each activity. Your child will also require cash for food/other items, if he/she would like to make to purchase from food trucks and vendors. The cafeteria will be selling food as well.

Important! Registration Deadlines:

The deadline to pre-register for limited [Party in the Park](#) activities ends **18 June 2024!** However, there are some activities with earlier deadlines:

1. Make Your Own Kimchi (**register by June 10**)
2. Kite Making Workshop (**register by June 10**)
3. Create Your Own Perfume with ARK Lifestyle (**register by 12 June**)

Register for your activities at: <https://form.jotform.com/241327967916468>

There will be food, games, and performances galore! Invite your family along because there's something for everyone!

