

Weekly NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2024/25 | 15 November 2024

Message from The Principal



Earlier this week we welcomed over a hundred Primary specialists to our school as we hosted the 2024 International Curriculum (IPC) conference. Teachers and educators from around the world enjoyed workshops, Key note speeches and sharing sessions and I received very many highly positive comments about our school and Primary programme.

As many of you will know, Nexus has supported learners who are refugees from Myanmar for many years now and this partnership has benefitted our own children immensely as they understand and learn more about global issues and Service. However, our fund to enable the Myanmar learners to travel to Nexus each week and eat lunch here is almost depleted. Our PTF and learners will be organising a number of fund raising events as the year progresses (See below for the parents English classes for example) and in the meantime, if any parents would like to make a donation to get the fund started again, please contact me by email or pop in to see me.

Finally, please see below the calendar for 2025/26 academic year. As usual we have prioritised what is best for learning as well as considering the cultural needs of all our community.

Finally, we have now shortlisted three very good candidates for our new Head of Secondary from August 2025 and thank you in advance to all of you who will be helping us in our interviews next week.

David Griffiths



Nexus International School Academic Calendar 2025-26

	Aug 25	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26			
Sat													1	New staff arrive	Sat	
Sun							1	Federal day / Thaipusam	1					2		Sun
Mon		1	Replacement			1					1	Agong's Birthday		3		Mon
Tue		2				2					2			4		Tue
Wed		3		1		3				1				5		Wed
Thu		4		2		4		1	New Year's Day				2	6		Thu
Fri	1	New staff arrive	P.Muhammed Biday	3		5		2		3	End of term	1	Labour Day	5		Fri
Sat	2			4		6		3		4				7		Sat
Sun	3			5		7		4		5				8		Sun
Mon	4			6		8		5	PL	6				9		Mon
Tue	5			7		9		6	Start of Term	7				10		Tue
Wed	6			8		10		7		8				11		Wed
Thu	7			9		11		8		9				12		Thu
Fri	8			10		12		9	End of term	10				13		Fri
Sat	9			11		13		10		11				14		Sat
Sun	10			12		14		11		12				15		Sun
Mon	11	Postholder TBC		13		15		12		13				16		Mon
Tue	12	Prep TBC	Malaysia Day	14		16		13	CNY	14				17		Tue
Wed	13	Prep TBC		15		17		14	CNY	15				18		Wed
Thu	14	New learner day		16		18		15		16				19		Thu
Fri	15	Start of Term		17		19		16		17				20		Fri
Sat	16			18		20		17		18				21		Sat
Sun	17			19		21		18		19				22		Sun
Mon	18			20	Deepavali	22		19		20	Start of Term			23		Mon
Tue	19			21		23		20		21				24		Tue
Wed	20			22		24		21		22				25		Wed
Thu	21			23		25		22		23				26		Thu
Fri	22			24		26		23		24				27		Fri
Sat	23			25		27		24		25				28		Sat
Sun	24			26		28		25		26				29		Sun
Mon	25			27		29		26		27				30		Mon
Tue	26			28		30		27		28				31	Merdeka	Tue
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Fri	29			31				30								Fri
Sat	30					31				30						Sat
Sun	31	Merdeka								31	Wesak Day					Sun
	11	19	18	20	10	19	14	20	12	19	18	0				

Term 1	-	78
Term 2	-	56
Term 3	-	46
TOTAL	-	180

Most Public holidays for 2026 will remain unconfirmed until June 2025, earliest

PL	Professional Learning Day - School closed for all learners
	NISM School Holiday
	Malaysian Government Gazetted Public Holiday - Unconfirmed
	Malaysian Government Gazetted Public Holiday - Confirmed

For
parents!

English Course



STARTS 22ND NOV 2024
11 AM-12:30 PM

- Sign-up, 20 places available
- Join us for a 4 week course
- Donate to our school charity to join

TELEPHONE



Register now!

Primary

ICA Conference 2024

Nexus Primary hosted a very successful conference for the International Curriculum Association this week. Over two days, our teachers showcased the IPC learning that goes on at Nexus. We are especially proud of our Y6 Primary Ambassadors who showed what confident communicators they are when they led Learning Walks for 100 teachers from all over the world.



We would also like to pay recognition to a group of our budding learner leaders. A few months ago, they decided that they would like to raise money for a number of good causes.

They started to make some bracelets both at home and in the Enterprise room at school. They made a number of successful sales and were later invited to join the Taylor's University Sustainability Festival 3.0 to host a collaborative stall with our community partners the Turtle Conservation Society and plastic upcycling Changemakers, HaraMakers.

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At this event, they were also interviewed a few times by the media! The following week was Global Goals Day 2024 and these amazing young learners took the lead on the Enterprise session and taught their entire year group how to make their products. Their bracelets, together with other learner made products, were taken by the secondary learners to be showcased at the British Malaysia Chamber of Commerce (BMCC). In a further step to develop their skills, Kyla, Patricia and Lydia gave a couple of short presentations to over 100



participants in total, at the International Curriculum Association annual conference, hosted at Nexus.

Primary Challenge Week

Nexus Primary have taken on the feedback of our learners to develop our Challenge Week programme this year. Learners in our older year groups have said that they would like to have a trip together. Our EY- Y3 programme will remain the same as usual, with day trips and a Year 3 school sleepover (always popular!). However, each of Year 4, 5 and Y6 will have a Year Group residential trip this year. An online information session for those year groups will follow in the next few weeks. Watch this space!



Miss Sunitha - fundraising for Home of Hope

We are a month away from Sunitha's birthday, and we wanted to do something in her honour this year. So we've set up a fundraiser in her name, and we are going to start raising money today. The fundraiser is in collaboration with the National Cancer Society Malaysia, and all funds raised will be going to the Children's Home of Hope. Thank you Our fundraiser : <https://www.simplygiving.com/sunus-hope-for-healing?>

Secondary



Y6- Y7 Transition Day

The secondary team were delighted to host Year 6 this week for their first transition day. The learners took part in a range of lessons including Maths, Science and PSHE to give them a taste of life in the secondary school (including moving classrooms!).

The learners really enjoyed the day and the staff were very impressed with their hard work and positive attitude to learning. We are looking forward to welcoming them all to Year 7 next year.



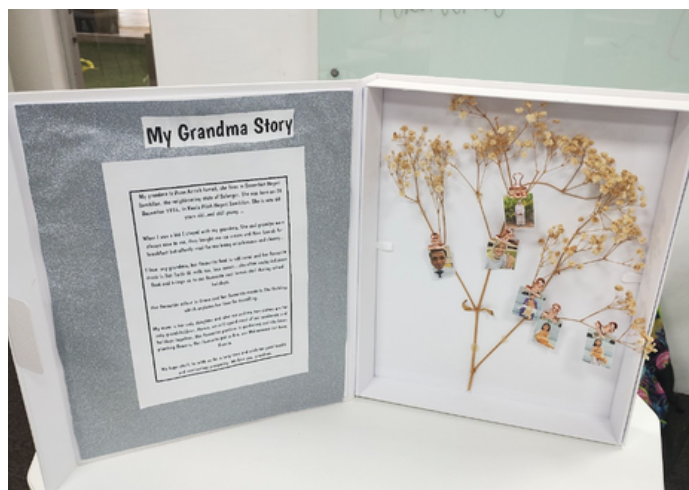
The Granny Project

Last week saw the return of the always popular and successful Y8 biography project. In this unit, officially called “Rewriting the Generations” but referred to by everyone as the “Granny Project“, the learners spend a few weeks looking at the structures and purposes of biographical writing.



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They learn a lot about the grammar and techniques of formal non-fiction, and about researching and collating information from sources. These are all skills which will assist them in the exams to come, and in life. The culmination of this project is The Granny Project Exhibition, where all learners, having researched the life story of a family member (not always a granny) use a variety of media to present their research. We get all the mainstream classes together and present the work to each other, and to parents who are invited to attend.



It's a celebration of family and a good final assessment of the skills the students have learned. This year's exhibition was a beautiful display of hard work and passion by our brilliant Y8 learners!



Challenge Week 2025

Preparations for Challenge Week 2025 are now complete and the website will be launched early next week. We look forward to welcoming parents and learners also to the Fair from 2.40-3.30 next week. This will take place in both the Sports Hall and the MPR.

Boarding

Baking Day with RKK Orphanage Visitors This Saturday

This week we used some time at the end of prep to begin our arrangements for our visitors from RKK Orphanage. This Saturday, a group of friends will visit us and spend a day of baking and friendship. Our caterers, Cezars Kitchen, are kindly giving their time and expertise to hold a baking day. We will send our friends away with beautiful jars, decorated by us, filled with the cookies they will bake.



Good Luck to Our Boarders in Sports This Weekend!

We all joined our football friends in support this week. It is great to see so many of our Boarders are active members of the school teams. Good luck to all of our sport stars this weekend, we will be pitch-side on Saturday to see you play on the NISM fields.

Boarding

Saturday -

- *Visit from RKK Orphanage for a day of baking and friendship.
- *Boarders out at football fixtures.
- *Seniors out at MUN at Alice Smith School.

Sunday -

- *Seniors out at MUN at Alice Smith School.
- *Excursion to Chinatown and Petaling Street markets.



December break - Travel information

As we will soon look forward to planning our December break, we will send out travel information this week.

As a change and improvement to our usual plans for airport assistance, we are pleased to announce that we will build on the success of October break and work in partnership with HTT Travel to offer airport transport and check-in assistance for our families. HTT Travel will be supplying travel assistance for all of our Boarders who require airport services as well as more dedicated services for greater supervision than can be booked on an individual basis.



Sports



AIMS Secondary Swimming Competition

We are incredibly proud of our Secondary Swimming Team, the Nexus Wolves, who competed at the AIMS Secondary Swimming Competition held at IGBIS. Our swimmers demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship. Their hard work and dedication were rewarded with several medal positions. Congratulations to all our swimmers on their outstanding achievements!



Primary Swimming

Our Primary Swimmers had a fantastic time competing in a friendly swimming meet at Tenby SEP. This was a valuable experience for our young athletes as they gained exposure to competitive swimming and learned to swim outside of their comfort zone. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing them continue to grow and develop as swimmers. Congratulations to all our swimmers on their achievements!