

# Weekly NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2024/25 | 22 November 2024

## Message from The Principal



Nexus PTF has been able to secure the services of two wonderful people to help teach English to some of our non-English speaking parents. Thank you to Krystyna and Mitchell for giving up their time to do this and all of the parents who have signed up for the lessons. Each parent has been asked to make a donation to our Myanmar refugee children fund to help support our Myanmar learners with transport and lunch. Nexus Cares!



*Mitchell – Volunteer English Teacher*



*Krystyna – Volunteer English Teacher*

If you would like to support the Myanmar learners, please make your donation to our school's account and include a note specifying that it is for the Myanmar learners.



### Donation Details

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I'd also like to say a big thanks to Nexus learners, Amni and Ammar for representing the school so well at the recent Sustainable Development event at the British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (BMCC).



Finally, excitement is brewing and the big countdown is on for the school production of Grease. Twelve more sleeps...

*David Griffiths*

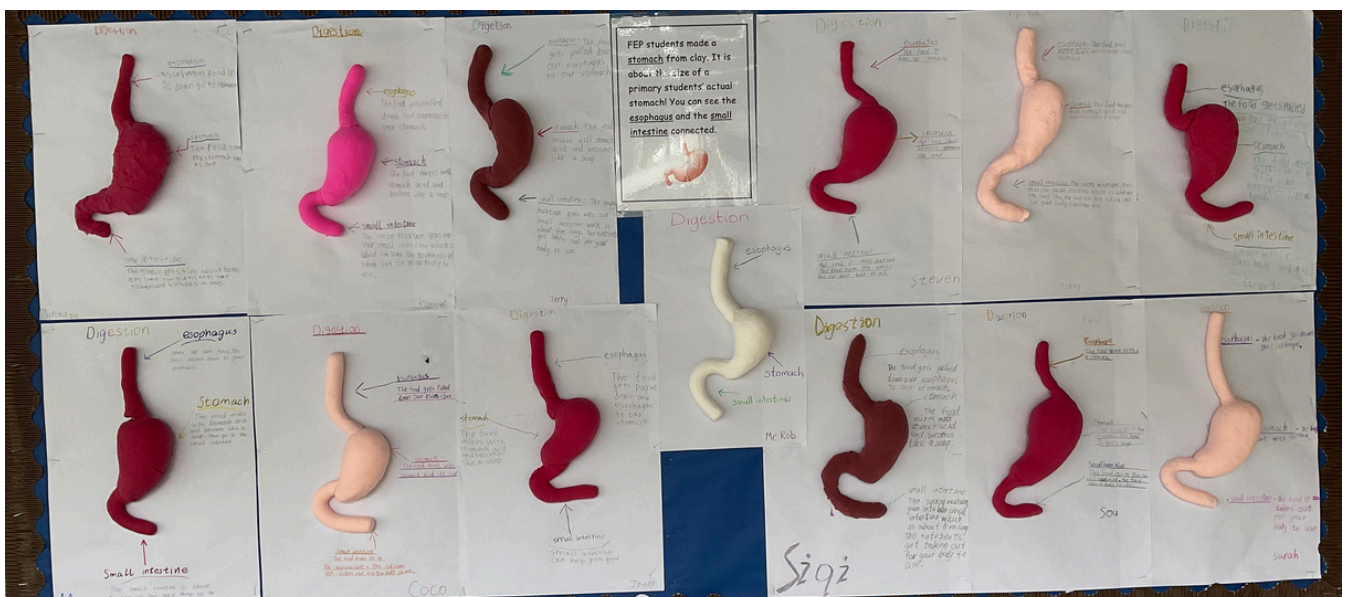


# Primary

Lots of fun and happy tummies after Y4's Big Cook out to celebrate the end of Forest School . It's been a great term of outdoor learner helping us to further develop our Personal Goals of being Adaptable, Collaborative and Critical thinkers.



As part of our unit on Being Healthy, Year 4/5/6 FEP learners have been learning about digestion. We already learned about different teeth and their function when learning about animals. Now learners understand what happens when we eat food. Learning was displayed using models, drawings and explanations. They also presented their work at the primary assembly on Thursday morning and should feel proud of themselves for bravely speaking in English to a large audience.





# Primary



Upper Phase have enjoyed learning about our place in the Solar System during our Science lessons. This week we explored how the Moon has phases due to its orbit of Earth, affecting how much sunlight it can reflect. We then created our own Moon phase diagrams using black paper and chalk.



## Challenge Week Meetings Y4-Y6

Next week, Y4-Y6 will hold online meetings to give some initial information about the residential trips being planned for those classes. Times and dates are below and invites will be sent to parents through Seesaw.

**Y4:** Monday 25th November at 3:45 pm

**Y5:** Friday 29th November at 8:40

**Y6:** Wednesday 27th November at 8:30am



# Secondary

This Thursday, our Year 8 learners had the wonderful opportunity to take part in service learning excursions.

Some of our Year 8 learners collaborated with Toy Libraries Malaysia (TLM), a non-profit association committed to fostering healthy communities through the shared belief in the value of play. Learners worked together to make Christmas decorations, clean donated toys, and assemble goody-bags for distribution to communities in need.



Meanwhile, another group of learners worked with MOAMI, a community based organization that empowers orang asli mothers to become independent and self-reliant, to improve their standard of living. Learners discovered more about the community, met some of the families, and rolled up their sleeves to help with planting.



Finally, some of our Year 8s had the opportunity to support TASK, an independent, all-volunteer organisation that serves the homeless and hungry in the Klang Valley. Learners prepped, peeled, and chopped vegetables that will be turned into hot, nutritious meals to those in need.



# Secondary

We are immensely honoured that the British Malaysia Chamber of Commerce (BMCC) invited us to their ESG Horizons Conference, 'Towards A Better Tomorrow: Malaysia's Sustainability Agenda in Driving Economic Development'. This was a fantastic opportunity for our learners to showcase the sustainability activities at school, sell learner enterprise products to raise funds for the Nexus charitable causes, and for our outstanding musicians, Amni and Ammar to perform their self-written song, 'Turning the Tide.'



We were very privileged that YB Liew Chin Tong, Deputy Minister of Industry Trade and Investment (MITI), also visited our booth and supported our learners with their sales.

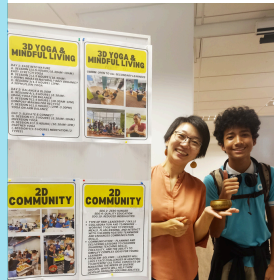


SDG17: Partnership for the Goals in action yet...

## Challenge Week

We had a very busy Challenge Week Fair on Wednesday and around half of secondary learners have already signed up for their preferred activities. Could I remind all parents to ensure that you make your selection by Wednesday 27th November so we can get to work on the allocations.

Just to clarify also that our Duke of Edinburgh International Award Adventurous Journeys are not part of Challenge Week but are run separately. If you are interested in your child participating in the Duke of Edinburgh International Award, please do look at the letters sent regarding the Bronze award (Y9, Y10) and the Silver award (Y12). Please also look at the information on the [school website](#). Separate letters and information will be sent out for learners who are signed up for the awards. The Adventurous Journey for the Bronze Award will be happening in term 2, in February and March.



The Adventurous Journey for the Silver Award will be happening in term 3. All Duke of Edinburgh International Award trips involve 2 separate trips (Practice and Qualifying).

If you would like any more information, have questions or need the link to sign your child up for the International Award, please email Ms Irene at: [obalim.i@nexus.edu.my](mailto:obalim.i@nexus.edu.my)





# Boarding

## Welcome to Mr Chris and Ms Natalie

We are delighted to welcome new residents to the Boarding House this week. Mr Chris joins as a new Houseparent and his wife, Ms Natalie, can't wait to be involved in afternoon craft and fun activities.

Chris and Natalie join us with huge Boarding experience and enthusiasm. Mr Chris will offer specialty support for our IB learners in his specialty area of History and Politics while Natalie is excited to support our Prep EAL reading program.



**Welcome to our House and our lovely, Nexus home!**

## Food update for parents

Boarders' feedback is very positive for our improved meals and we continue to work with our Food Council to give meal ideas and menu planning to our caterers, Cezar's Kitchen. It was great to see Boarding parent involvement in recent sharing sessions with Cezar's Kitchen.



We have spoken with our Boarders this week to remind them that we allow the following times for the ordering of food deliveries on weekends:

*\*Friday - 7.00 - 9.00pm*

*\*Saturday - 7.00 - 9.00pm*

*\*Sunday 12.00 - 3.00pm extra order time for drinks*

To ensure fairness to all of our Boarders and to encourage healthy eating, we ask that you do not order any foods for delivery outside these times.

The popular additions to our afternoon tea activity and kitchen supplies give our Boarders more chance to prepare and eat their own snacks and food - a skill which is much appreciated by you all!

What do you want your child to learn to cook for themselves?

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## RKK Orphanage friendships

We were thrilled to welcome back some of our friends from RKK Orphanage at the weekend. Ms Aishah brought a group of girls to work with us and bake cookies and make craft items to take home for the rest of the children. It was a lovely day of sharing friendship and we got busy planning our biggest event of the year when all of the RKK children will join us for a Christmas Party on Saturday 7th December.





# Sports



## U11 FOBISIA Games

We are thrilled to announce that Nexus, for the first time ever, has been invited to attend the prestigious U11 Primary FOBISIA Friendly Games. This wonderful opportunity is open to learners in Year 5 and 6 and will take place in Thailand on April 26th - April 30th 2025. We are looking to select 20 - 24 Nexus athletes for our U11 team. Trials will take place on 2nd and 3rd December and training will commence next term. This is a wonderful opportunity not only to



compete in an exciting sporting event but also to make friends with students from all over Asia. If you are interested in taking part, please fill in the form on the letter that Year 5 and 6 parents will receive via Seesaw and email.

## AIMS Football success

Last weekend, our U13 and U15 girls' football teams competed in the AIMS Football Tournament, hosted right here at Nexus International School. Both teams displayed exceptional sportsmanship and skill throughout the competition. The U13 girls finished in a commendable 5th place, while the U15 girls narrowly missed out on a medal position due to goal difference.

Our U13 and U15 boys' teams traveled to HELP International School to participate in their respective tournaments. The U13 boys fought hard but were unlucky not to progress from their group stage. The U15 boys, however, secured a well-deserved third-place finish, bringing home a bronze medal.



We are incredibly proud of all our players for their dedication, hard work, and positive attitude. Thank you to all the coaches, parents, and supporters who made these events possible.

## U18 Badminton



Our U18 Badminton team recently faced off against Tenby SEP in a friendly match. It was a great encounter, with both the boys' and girls' teams showcasing their skills and determination before the start of their season.

The boys' team fought well in a closely contested match, narrowly missing out on a victory. Despite the loss, the team gained valuable experience and valuable insights that will undoubtedly benefit them as they prepare for the upcoming season.

The girls' team, on the other hand, dominated their matches, securing a comfortable win. Their impressive performance is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

We are incredibly proud of all our U18 badminton players for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship. We wish them all the best as they gear up for a successful season ahead.