

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from The Principal



As we approach the long weekend, I'd like to wish Selamat Hari Malaysia to the whole Nexus Community. Malaysia Day commemorates the formation of Malaysia through the joining of the federation of Malaya, North Borneo (Sabah), Sarawak and Singapore to become a new country called Malaysia in 1963 (Of course Singapore became independent a few years later). Nexus will be celebrating Malaysia day with a Malaysia curriculum day on September 19th. See this newsletter for details.

On the subject of school holidays please be aware of the following:

- Nuzul Al-Quran has been changed to Tuesday 18th March and not Monday 17th March.
- Hari Raya Haji is now on Saturday 7th June but Nexus will still remain closed on Friday 6th June and retain the 180 school opening days.

I will shortly be calling for the AGM of our Parent-Teacher-friends group. It Would be wonderful to see the PTF go from strength to strength as our school population grows. Please watch this space and contact me if you have any further comments or would like to get involved.

As you may be aware, Nexus is moving to a new portal called iSAMS, which we are using to manage our learner information. The parent portal version of iSAMS is under development and will be launched to you before your son/ daughter's first report.

The current Engage system will be closed down on September 30th.

We therefore strongly advise all parents to download any documents such as your child's reports before the shutdown on September 30th. These will not be available after that date. Have a fantastic short break everyone and again "Selamat Hari Malaysia!"

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*David Griffiths*

# Primary

Last week saw the start of the Wolves in the Wild Forest School sessions. Year 1, 2 and 4 had their first experiences of being out in the wild this term. It was all about making connections this week; connections with themselves, their friends and of course, the natural world. This was done through exploration, collaboration and plenty of smiles.



## Y6 - The Great, The Bold and the Brave

Year 6 have been learning about the ancient Greeks and the importance of some of the buildings which are still standing today. They have created models of The Parthenon and researched its history and architectural features.



## Year 2 focus

Year 2 have been busy this week! In Maths, Year 2 had a blast exploring number lines! To extend our learning, we explored and found creative ways to spot and display number lines around the school.

# Primary

In Science in Year 2 , we have been learning about bones and using that information to explore and sort animals into categories.



## Malaysia Day

On 19th September, Nexus will be celebrating Malaysia Day. Y1, Y2 and Y3 learners will be sharing information about their home and host countries at Assembly. All learners across the school can come to school in Malaysian or their home country traditional dress or in any of the four colours of the Malaysian flag.

## Parent Workshops

Please sign up for the upcoming Primary Parent workshops using this link:

[Parent Workshop](#)

23.9.24: *Meet the EAL Team* - your chance to find out a bit more about how we teach English as an Additional Language at Nexus and the team who support our learners.

3.10.24: *Restorative Practice at Nexus* - How we deal with conflicts between learners, build emotional resilience and develop problem solving skills - and how you can continue this at home to support behaviour issues.

## Parent Volunteers!

Primary are looking for parent volunteers. If you would like to contribute some of your time or have any particular interests or skills to share , please complete this form. Thank you!:

[Parent Volunteer Form \(Primary\)](#)

# Secondary

Our CCA programme is now well underway with a range of sports, crafts and other activities for learners. This year I am delighted to see that we have a total of 15 learner led CCAs ranging from Dungeon and Dragons to Eco Club via Cricket, Photography and the Maths Olympiad to name but a few. These CCAs offer great leadership opportunities to our older learners.



We have now also started planning for Challenge Week 2025. For parents new to the school, from June 9th-13th, all normal lessons will be suspended and learners take part in a range of activities including sport challenges, community service challenges and residential trips. We do review the programme every year to make sure it is meeting needs and would be grateful if parents who were here last year could take a few minutes to complete [this survey](#) to give us their feedback.

Have a wonderful long weekend and Happy Malaysia Day! We will be celebrating on Thursday 19th when all learners are invited to come to school wearing traditional Malaysian dress or the colours of the Malaysian flag.

# Boarding

## Teamwork Wednesdays

We love to get the whole House once a week for 'Teamwork Wednesday', an evening where we mix with people from all year groups, nationalities and backgrounds. This week we enjoyed a lively knock-out of dodgeball followed by a BBQ cooked by volunteers and field games for fun.



# Boarding

## Weekend plans

We are pleased to be able to support our Boarders and families by keeping Boarding open during this long, four-day weekend. We know from your comments that this is very much appreciated.

We have a full activity plan in place to make sure all Boarders have time to study, exercise and have a fun weekend. As noted in our Boarding Manual, some activities on long weekends and public holidays are 'Whole House Activities' which require the involvement of everyone on campus - this weekend we look forward to full involvement in our Boarding Olympics and evening out at a local restaurant on Monday.

### Weekend Plans:

#### Friday

Evening games on sports field

#### Saturday

iOi Mall Trip - shopping and free time

Evening movie night

#### Sunday

Batik workshop with local artists

#### Monday

Boarding Olympics and pool party  
Dinner out to a local village restaurant

#### Tuesday

Baking class 'Cookie Challenge'  
Games afternoon & picnic in local park



# Sports



Dear parents,

Our sports programme is well underway and the participation across all sporting areas has been extremely positive and the enthusiasm shown from all learners has been paramount.

We will be starting our friendly fixtures and AIMS sports programme in the coming weeks and in order to streamline this process and establish transparency in our communications we will need all parents/guardians of our learners to complete the consent form sent out for those involved in their respected squads. This is a compulsory requirement, so I appreciate your support with this in advance.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement towards all of our learners. I wish you all a pleasant holiday ahead.

Mr Josh