

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from The Principal



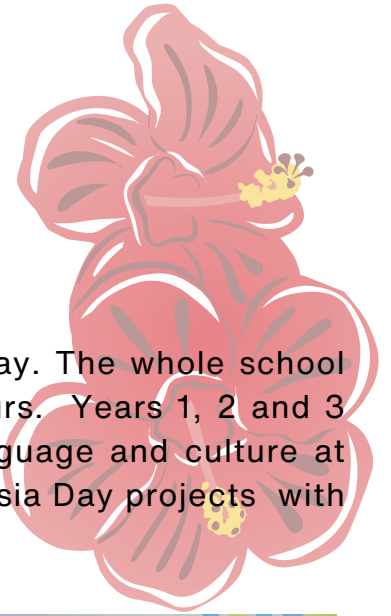
I hope all our Nexus families had a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend in celebration of Malaysia Day, Mid Autumn Festival and The Prophet's Birthday. It was great to see our learners and staff dressed up in their traditional costumes and colours when we celebrated Malaysia's fantastic culture at school on Thursday.

By now you will have all received the news that the Board of governors has chosen Ms Morag McCrorie to be our new Principal after June 2025, when I will be moving on after 18 years here at Nexus. I am delighted for Morag and confident that the Nexus Way will continue to be a force for helping our learners to make excellent progress and go on to make a positive difference in our World. In the meantime, I will be ensuring a smooth and successful handover.

Please note that the AGM for our Parent-Teacher-Friends group is approaching and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible. We would like to ensure representation from all areas of the Nexus community and all Nationalities, to help with a sense of belonging for all. The date of the AGM is October 7th.

Finally, good luck to all of our Nexus Wolves at the start of the sporting season and thank you for representing the school so well.

# Primary



## Malaysia Day Celebrations

We had lots going on to celebrate Malaysia Day on Thursday. The whole school dressed in Malaysian national dress or Malaysian flag colours. Years 1, 2 and 3 shared some of their learning about Malaysian history, language and culture at our Spotlight Assembly. Y6 learners shared their MHL Malaysia Day projects with Y1 and Y2.



# Primary

This week in Upper Phase in Science we have enjoyed practical investigations about Forces. In Year 5 we started by exploring how friction can affect the speed and distance an object travels, while Year 6 created brilliant Knowledge Harvest posters. We have then looked at how Archimedes discovered displacement while in the bathtub, by testing the buoyancy of items and then using our learning to make and test foil boats.



After this we looked at Leonardo Da Vinci's work on air resistance and how his designs led to the development of air travel 500 years later. We then made and tested paper helicopters. What will we learn about next?

Last week, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their first session up in our jungle. They enjoyed hunting for insects, studying fungus and mixing magic potions. Our friends from Myanmar also enjoyed the session. They found the rope bridge and marvelled at our beautiful rainforest. We look forward to more learning next week.



EY had a breakfast party this week. In their 'IEYC Healthy Habits' session, EY learners enjoyed breakfast together to celebrate their learning.

# Secondary

This week we were delighted to welcome the 'Paper Birds' theatre practitioners to Nexus for a workshop with your Year 10, 11 and 12 Drama and Theatre learners. The workshop focussed on devising and movement and was well received by the learners. Lead facilitator Gaby was impressed by the talent on display in the classes as well as the engagement and hard work of the learners. We look forward to more workshops in the future.



# Secondary



This week we also celebrated Malaysia Day with a special assembly, lead by learners. As well as enjoying some fantastic dance performances, we enjoyed some Malaysian history, learning in particular about the difference between Malaysia Day and Merdeka celebrations. It was great to see how our Malaysian learners take pride in their culture and share it with their friends.



# Boarding

We had a wonderful weekend in Boarding this week as we celebrated a long-weekend for Malaysia Day. We provided a great mixture of activities and experiences for our Boarders over the four-day school break. We welcomed a team of batik artists to campus who taught us this wonderful Malaysia art, we joined together as an international team for 'Boarding Olympics', we enjoyed dinner at a local restaurant and we improved our English with the 'Cookie Challenge' recipes. Teamwork makes the dream work!



# Boarding

## Activities this weekend

We are looking forward to another exciting weekend of activities within Boarding. We encourage all Boarders who remain on campus each weekend to be involved in a wide-range of activities. This weekend we have a good choice to give everyone a chance to take part.

**Saturday** - Excursion to Genting Highland Premium Outlet for lunch and shopping

**Sunday** - Excursion to Gamuda Land Discovery Park for 'Goosebumps Rope Course' and animal discovery

Due to study needs of our senior Boarders, we will have dedicated options available in our IB Hub, art rooms and library over the weekend for private study.



## Travel dates for October break and Deepavali

As we all look forward to two upcoming breaks for Boarders, I have emailed you all today with details of travel dates for our mid-term break and Deepavali closures in October. Please note that the Boarding House will be closed for each of these breaks and you will need to arrange travel home or guardian supervision for your child.

Please email us at [admin\\_boarding@nexus.edu.my](mailto:admin_boarding@nexus.edu.my) and complete Orah request.

**Mid-term 1 holiday** : Friday 11 October - Sun 20 October

**Deepavali celebrations long-weekend** : Wednesday 30 October - Sun 3 November

# Sports



## Good luck to our Nexus Wolves as our season's begin!

We are excited to announce that our school sports fixtures are kicking off next week! This is a fantastic opportunity for our young athletes to showcase their skills and compete against other schools.

Good luck to our U18 Boys and Girls Volleyball teams who are both playing at KLASS, as well as our U15 boys Football who are also playing away at KLASS.

To ensure our learners are well-prepared and at their best, we encourage all learners to attend training sessions throughout the week. Regular practice is essential for improving performance and building teamwork.

Important Reminder: Please check your emails for the consent forms that have been sent out regarding your child's participation in the upcoming fixtures. It's crucial that these forms are completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

We look forward to cheering on our young Wolves and celebrating their achievements.