

NEWSLETTER

Term 3 2023/24 | 24 May 2024

Message from The Principal



We received sad news about the passing of one of our EY learners, Adam Ali last Wednesday evening, after being diagnosed with a tumour earlier this academic year. Adam's father Syed is one of our teachers. Adam's absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him, and our heartfelt condolences go out to Syed and his family. The family have appreciated the support of our community throughout these difficult times and for any of the community affected by this news, our Counsellor and Pastoral Team are here to provide support. Please contact Maureen at alosious.m@nexus.edu.my if you require assistance or someone to talk to.

I extend huge congratulations to our IB learners who enjoyed their graduation ceremony and dinner this week. It always fills me with such pride to witness what amazing, talented and caring learners we send off into the world from Nexus.

It is also worth noting that our graduates continue to gain acceptance into the universities of their choice and so far this year, they have gained a new record of 1.5 million dollars worth of scholarships, demonstrating their desirability amongst some of the top universities in the world. Well done to you all.

As mentioned in the community message earlier in the week, there will be severe traffic disruption around Nexus on Saturday morning, from 6.30 until the afternoon due to the MOE school's cross Country event.

Finally, I really look forward to our Year 3 and Year 4 production of Snow White on Friday and our whole school SDG conference day on Tuesday of next week. There will be so much going on and details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

David Griffiths

Primary

Last Friday, the Year 5 learners had an amazing time exploring the Eye of the Gardens, the largest Ferris wheel in Malaysia, and thoroughly enjoyed the various rides at Funpark last week. They applied their knowledge of forces by identifying them and seeing them in action on the different rides.



Monday started for Y4 in the forest. A great way to start the week is to develop a love nature up in our Forest School. Year 4 got wild and learned how to light a fire safely. Some had a go at developing their resilience by sawing their own wood. Others made connections with the bugs as they witnessed them go about their daily routines. There was even a little bit of natural face painting and hanging out in the hammock! What a great way to start the week energized and full of smiles.

Primary

In MHL, for the IPC topic on "Growing Up/Puberty," learners were learning some Bahasa Melayu words to label the body parts.



Date for your diary

Years 3 and 4 will be putting on a production of "A Hint of Snow White" on Friday 31st May at 2:30 in the Theatre. Here they are rehearsing and developing their Communication, Collaboration and Rigorous Personal Goals. Please come along, support our learners and enjoy the show!



Secondary

The IB graduation is always a highlight of the school calendar and this year was no exception. It was a lovely afternoon of celebration of all of the successes of the year group as they came up on stage to receive their graduation certificates in front of proud family and friends. We enjoyed a number of performances by the year group as well as a fantastic speech by our valedictorians. Thanks to the IB team and learner organising committee for all their hard work to put this together. Well done and good luck!



The Personal and Social Development programme at Nexus aims to develop a range of life skills in our learners. Year 9 have been focussing on learning outside the classroom this term. One part of the programme has been linking with the primary Forest School programme. With the guidance of Mr Rob, our learners took themselves out of the traditional classroom, and learned a thing or two about the natural world that exists right on our doorstep!

Mr Rob showed them the wide range of plant and bug life in the forest, and taught them some useful skills to know when hiking/spending time outdoors.

In addition to The Forest School, year 9s also had the opportunity to learn about self defence with Coach Benjamin. During the lesson year 9s learned some basic techniques, and how to use them for self-defence.

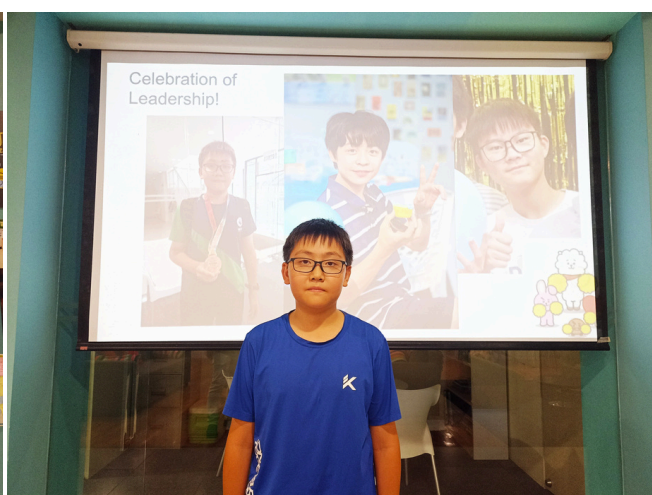


Boarding

Celebration of Leadership

Each week in our Monday 'House Meeting' we celebrate the achievements of our Boarders as they show leadership potential. These celebrations have included individual involvement with sports, giving their time for others, participating in events that represent Nexus or even overcoming a difficult time and showing resilience and motivation to others.

This week we celebrated the dedication of three of our Boarders who proudly represented Nexus playing Badminton in the AIMS finals at the weekend. Well done to Enze, Jonathan and Mason. We are sorry you missed the presentation, Enze, but we all cheered for you!



Boarders' Activity Plans

We all look forward to our weekends in Nexus Boarding. Our Saturday and Sunday brunch is the favourite meals of the week. Extra study sessions on Saturday mornings help us keep learning, outside excursions allow more quality time with our teachers and friends and help us appreciate Malaysia. In the next few weeks we have so much to look forward to:

- *Batu Caves - community clean-up*
- *ICT - Shah Alam - Evening visit*
- *My Town Mall - Craft Activity Day*
- *Eco crafts - making terrariums*
- *Retro games trade day at Ampang Mall*

This weekend:

Saturday:

*Maths and English workshop
Watching national cross country event
Evening - Senior Prom event*

Sunday:

*Morning crafts and study catch-up
Sport session & pool games*



Boarding

Life skills in Boarding - learning to cook

Life in Nexus Boarding means you are always learning and one of the most important life skills we can learn is how to cook for ourselves. We recently worked together for chopping, peeling and baking our way to afternoon snack favourite, bread pies.



Sports



On Saturday 18th May our U15 and U13 boys and girls badminton teams travelled to IGB and TISKL to take part in the AIMS finals. Congratulations to all learners who took part. Some really close sets and lots of our Nexus Wolves walking away with medals.



SDG CONFERENCE Tuesday, May 28th



Tuesday, May 28th marks our annual Nexus Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Conference. All learners will follow special SDG-related workshops, presentations, and activities. Personalized timetables for each year group are available on the [website](#), including details on what to bring.

We pride ourselves on our community connections. This year, we have more than 25 partnerships to share with our learners. Here are some of the highlights:

- **Healthy Food Sessions:** With Masterchef Malaysia winner, Dr. Ezani Monoto
- **Interviews:** Learner-led interviews with journalist Martin Vengadesan
- **Drone Football:** By Cybersphere
- **Assembly Presentations:** By biodiversity advocate Peter Ong and nature guide Steven Wong
- **Authors/Illustrators Sessions:** Joanne Lew-Vrieff, Tun 'Alia Nadirah, and Eugene Foo
- MareCet's Ocean Maze on display outside Student Services on Level 2

Year 9 Activities:

Year 9 learners will serve the community with organizations such as The Assembly Soup Kitchen (TASK), Making Orang Asli Mothers Independent (MOAMI), Toy Libraries and Re:Play Unlimited, and Community Action Nexus (CAN). Details are on the [Year 9 timetable page](#).

Parents, teachers, and friends are welcome to join. The schedule is on the [website](#).

We seek your assistance in donating the items below for our community partners and SDG activities. Thank you in advance!

PRELOVED TOY DRIVE

Collection point: Secondary drop off

Donate your books and toys to bring a smile to others

Collection will end on Monday 27th May 2024 at 3.30pm



WE WANT YOUR...

- Plastic bottle lids
- Preloved clothing
- Newspapers
- Plastic spoons
- Used but clean yoghurt pots
- Clean used / ripped plastic bags
- Beads for jewelry making
- Unwanted rubber bands
- Used but clean takeaway containers with lids

These items will be used during our SDG Conference on Tuesday 28th May

Place inside our collection boxes: Secondary drop off
Collection ends: Monday 27th May at 8.30am



T
H
A
N
K

Y
O
U

If you have any questions about the day, please feel free to email Ms Maddy at proud.m@nexus.edu.my

Party IN THE Park

Nexus International
School Malaysia, Putrajaya

26th June | 10am
2024 | - 3pm

Fun with
Nexus
Outdoor
Learning
Partners

Bring
your picnic
mat!

WORKSHOPS

CARNIVAL GAMES

FOOD & DRINKS

PERFORMANCES

Come celebrate with the
learners, staff, parents
and alumni of Nexus!

POPCORN

FREE
popcorn, face
painting, milk
& yogurt
drinks

Exciting
food
trucks

Party in the Park is Back!

Come party with us on **Wednesday, 26th June 2024** as we celebrate 15 years of innovation and excellence at Nexus.

After the Nexus Park Run in the morning, we will continue **from 10 am to 3 pm** to celebrate our 15th anniversary Party in the Park, which would be a great way to end the term. Bring a picnic mat and have a picnic out on the field with the host of delicious offerings and a myriad of activities! You're also highly encouraged to bring reusable bags, cutleries and your own water bottles.

All learners, parents, staff and alumni are invited to join in the celebrations held at the school grounds, with a day filled with free popcorn, milk and yogurt drinks, free and paid engaging workshops, and activities like wall climbing, archery and drone soccer.

There will also be Messy Play stations with fun sensory activities, exciting band performances, fun carnival games, outdoor learning with Nexus Co-curricular Activities (CCA) provider - Morph Outdoors, storytelling by local authors, delicious food, drinks and more.

Head on [here](#) to pre-register for your preferred activities to secure your spot. There are also plenty of activities that welcome walk-ins and that do not require registration and fun-filled activities for parents, staff and kids of all ages (there's something for everyone in the family)!

Good to Know

Proceeds from Party in the Park will go toward the Autism Cafe Project, based in Petaling Jaya and established in 2016 with the prime objective of securing the future independence of youth with autism.

What You Can Expect

Food and Beverages

There will be food trucks offering a range of bites and meals for the kids and adults. Choose from delicious pizzas, Tex-Mex cuisine, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, pastries, healthy Superbowls and also Asian fare like Char Kway Teow, yummy fried rice and more. Cool down with some gelato, fresh cold-pressed juices, fruit juices and coffee (you're welcome!).

P/S: Don't forget to get your FREE yogurt drinks and milk from Farm Fresh Milk Malaysia's trucks as well.

Some food items at the carnival may contain nuts but will be clearly labelled throughout.

For the Young and Young at Heart!

From fun physical activities like The Little Gym Malaysia's serious fun adventures, exciting wall climbing sessions and archery, to play options for kids of all ages, including inflatables such as bouncy castles, football and slamdunk, and free face painting, visitors will definitely be entertained!

Outdoor Learning

Join Nexus CCA provider, Morph Outdoors as they share basic survival skills out on the field like knife handling and fire building.

Activities and Workshops

Get the active ones to check out the free Capoeira Cordão de Ouro sessions, pilot a drone to play soccer, get crafty with a decopatch project by CzipLee, learn to make a smoothie bowl, batik painting or bracelet making.

Fun for the Grown-ups

Parents and staff can enjoy many of the activities for all-ages, such as archery, outdoor learning by Morph Outdoors, cupcake decorating, keychain making and Capoeira, to name a few. You can also make your own ARK Lifestyle perfume or kites, bake cookies, or even satisfy your inner foodie by making and bringing back your own delicious jar of kimchi.

Special alert! The perfume-making, kite-making and kimchi-making activities (for parents and staff) will only proceed if all spots are filled, so be sure to [pre-register](#) for this quickly. Kindly register by 10th June 2024 for the kimchi-making and kite-making workshop and by 12th June 2024 for the perfume-making workshop.

Save the date - and see you there!