

# Weekly NEWSLETTER

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### Message from The Principal



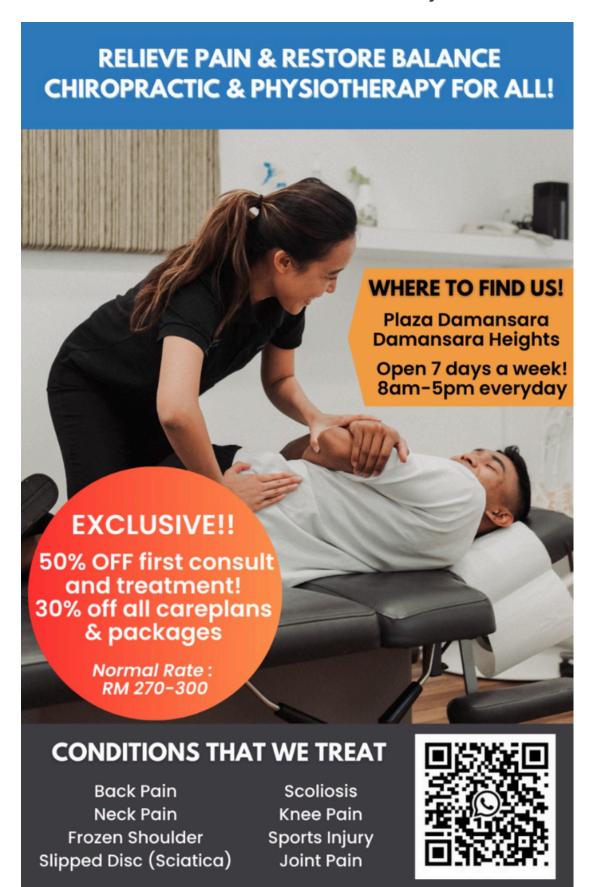
This week I was invited to the Bett Asia conference in KL focussing on the use of AI in education. Just before the conference I attended a round table with Ministers and leaders from around the Asean region. It was clear from all of the sessions that schools must focus on learning first and foremost and that tech has the potential to help make this learning more personalised and more powerful. Mr David Smith presented on how he uses AI to improve learning in Economics and our Director of Digital Learning and Entrepreneurship was on an expert panel discussing how we enable our learners to be change-makers through the use of tech. Nexus was well recognised as an Innovative school and I was also very pleased to see the article here showing how we also embrace nature and stewardship of the natural world. Our Nexus Way is something to be very proud of.

I am very much looking forward to seeing a big turn out for the Parents, Teachers and Friends AGM on Monday. Please remember to let us know if you are coming so that we can get the catering right.

Enjoy this newsletter and have a wonderful weekend.

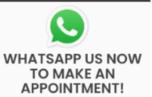
David Griffiths

We have recently been offered a great package with Healthworks and would like to extend the offer to our community.



SCHOOL STAFF
PARENTS &
STUDENTS ONLY





# Primary

Year 5/6 FEP are learning Multiplication and Division. As part of this unit of work, it is important to learn vocabulary and number concepts such as factors, multiples, even and odd numbers, products, quotient, divisor, dividend and prime numbers. We decided to make our learning visible with this beautiful display outside our classroom of factor flowers! None of these numbers are prime numbers. All of them are composite numbers because they have more than 2 factors. In fact, these numbers on our display board all have 4, 5 or 6 factors.





#### **Primary PE**

Please see links below for information about FOBISIA Invitationals; one for Golf, tennis and rock climbing and the other is the chance to train with 'Southampton Academy' Football coaches. Details on how to sign up are in the letters below.

Southanmption Academy Football coaching

FOBISIA Golf, rock climbing and tennis invitationals

# Primary

#### Nexus Wolves Inder 9 Bench ball

The U9 had a great experience at their first Benchball fixture of the year. For many, it was their first-ever match and they all did Nexus proud.

The boys showed great resilience and were extremely rigorous during their games against a strong opposition. They played well in their first game, passing and moving effectively and scoring many points to secure a win. Despite great teamwork and some super interceptions they just lost the second game, but everyone worked well as a team and gave 100% on the court.



The girls faced very tough opposition but they persevered and showed great resilience and collaboration on the court. Although they did not manage to secure a victory, their gameplay improved throughout and it was a great learning experience for them all. Well done to all of our U9 Nexus Wolves.

#### **Wolves In The Wild Forest School**

For Years 1 and 2 this week, it was all about rain, snails and mudslides. Experiential learning is all about being part of the experience and trying new things. Yesterday, the rain added an extra element of excitement to the session. The rain brings out all the moisture-loving creatures so snails were the popular discovery of the day. Of course, mud pies, mud mixtures and muddy clothes were also very common. The learners began to notice how the environment changes and adapts to the changing weather, how the shape of the leaves allows the rain to drip to the floor and how spending time with friends in the mud makes you feel good.





# Secondary

### **Attendance Matters: Keep Us Informed!**

#### **Absences**

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic success. If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please notify us promptly by emailing:



absence@nexus.edu.my

This email address helps us:

- Maintain accurate attendance records.
- Ensure your child's teacher is aware of their absence.
- Allow us to follow up on any unexplained absences.

By letting us know, we can support your child's learning journey and ensure a smooth return to class.

#### Leaving school early

If you need to take your child from school during the school day, please ensure you complete a 'leave of absence form' which can be collected from the SLO Office on level 1.

# Secondary

#### **Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival in Chinese Lessons**

The Mid-Autumn Festival was celebrated last week in our Chinese lessons. Students explored the legend, traditional foods, and customs of the festival, along with the history behind mooncakes. To enhance their cultural understanding, the students participated in mooncake tasting and class celebrations. A big thank you to everyone who brought in different foods. The students thoroughly enjoyed these cultural lessons and the festive atmosphere in class!







# Secondary

### **Geography Field Trip**









Our recent geography field trip to Kuala Lumpur (KL) City Centre, involved in an exploration of urban stress across several locations, including Chinatown, KLCC, Brickfields, and Kampung Baru.

Students collaborated to gather data on various urban stress indicators such as traffic congestion, pollution levels, and pedestrian activity. This research provided a practical application of learning and also equipped them with valuable data that will contribute to their IGCSE urban fieldwork and IBDP Internal Assessments.

The trip allowed students to witness the complexities of urban life in KL They discussed the challenges faced by local communities, particularly in areas like Kampung Baru, highlighting the tension between urban growth and cultural heritage.

We look forward to seeing how the data collected will enhance their understanding of urban stress and contribute to their success!

# Boarding

#### **Malaysian Cooking experience**

Last weekend our Boarders had a wonderful opportunity to experience authentic Malaysian cooking and dining at *Goreng Goreng* restaurant. We are all fans of roti so it was great to try and make our own - we can now appreciate how much work goes into our favourite dish. Our immersive experience allowed us to spend time with Boarders from all age groups and to get to know Ms Sahmalah and Ms Harriet from Primary. Thank you for our wonderful day and great food!













# Boarding

#### **Boarders are active!**

We also enjoyed a trial of a new sport on Sunday when our junior Boarders joined our Mr Oisin to try Gaelic Football. This was very new for us and we loved meeting new people and trying this exciting, cultural game.





#### Our Boarding Council are working hard for 'The House"

Nexus Boarding is a great opportunity to learn some leadership skills. This week we handed-over our weekly house Meeting to our **Boarding Council** representatives to develop a 'wish-list' for each floor. It is clear that each floor wants their own identity and have different ideas about decorating their space. Watch out for updates later in the term as we work with the Boarding Council to make our floors our own.





#### **Activities this weekend:**

Friday - Autumn Bash. On-campus fun activities with StuCo
Saturday - Petrosains, The Discovery Centre
Sunday - Movie excursion and iOi Mall trip
Then packing and getting ready for mid-term holidays!

## Sports



### Southampton FC Academy Malaysia



For all primary and secondary learners please refer to the information above. There is a google form sign up to attend each session. Please speak with your class teacher (primary), form tutors (secondary).

Deadline to sign up is Monday 14th October.



### **FOBISIA Sport**

We are excited to announce a variety of sporting events and opportunities available to our learners this academic year in the FOBISIA network of schools. These events offer a fantastic platform to showcase our school's athletic talent and enhance our school's profile in the sporting community in Malaysia and further a field across South East Asia.

Please refer to the events below and if you are interested to take part then please complete the sign up form attached. It is important to note that these events have deadlines for sign up so as soon as you have completed the sign up you can also contact me so I can provide you with more information about the specific event.

Sign ups available through your class teachers or form tutors. Any more information then please come and speak to one of the PE team.





