

Weekly NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2024/25 | 7 March 2025

Message from The Principal



Parents continue to be a crucial part of our community and vital link between school and home. The PTF team have been working hard to bring the community together during this Ramadan season and are organising what will be a huge and successful Iftar later in the month. Watch this space.

This week's parent forum was one of the best attended for many years and the hybrid model helped boost numbers of over 100 attendees. During the forum, as well as answering your questions, we had a two workshops explaining our approaches to maths ICT / AI. Thanks to Ms Bridget (Head of Maths) and Mr Noah (Director of Digital Strategy and Entrepreneurship) for presenting.

Thanks also to our parents who attended the food tasting session with Cezars on Friday. We continue to work with Cezars to improve the quality of the food offerings.

Book week was fantastic and I really enjoyed attending the Primary assembly on Thursday - see details below. Another great event was the Tea and Scones musical extravaganza on Wednesday afternoon. thanks to Mervin and the team for organising this.

Next week look out for a whole host of STEAM activities as our learners celebrate all things science, maths, engineering, art and technology!

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David Griffiths

Parent Workshop



ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

Join David, Maureen and Khom for our parent workshop next week as we share insights from our recent two-day ASIST workshop on suicide intervention. Recent data from the World Health Organization (WHO, 2021) indicates that suicide remains a leading cause of death among young people worldwide, with approximately 700,000 lives lost each year. This session aims to relay what we learnt about the skills to recognise early warning signs and offer meaningful support in the moment, keeping people 'Safe for now'.

Nexus is a compassionate, caring community dedicated to protecting every individual and we hope what you can learn can spur you to find out more so that together, we can create an environment where every life is valued and intervention becomes second nature.

We invite you to join us for this important conversation at our parent workshop on **12th March at 8:30 AM** at Nexus Boarding House.

Please note that while we are not certified trainers, we are eager to share the valuable knowledge we've gained.

For more details and to sign up, [[click here](#)].

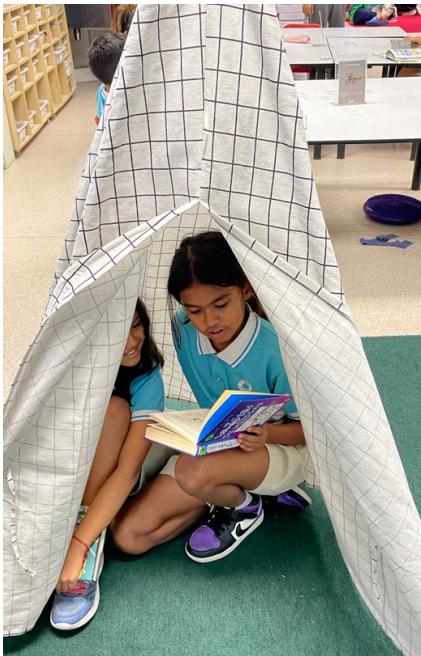
Primary

Book Week

We have had lots going on across classes for our book week. Here is a small selection from buddy reading, to author visits and a wonderful assembly.

Year 6 and Year 3/4 - Buddy Reading.

During our buddy reading session, the learners were highly engaged and brimming with excitement. From the moment they paired up, the room buzzed with enthusiasm as they eagerly selected their books and settled in to read together.



Primary

Book Week Assembly



Tea and Scones musical soiree

We were very proud of our Primary learners who showed off their musical talent in our Tea and Scones musical evening this week. Well done to all!



Secondary

I am delighted to announce that Nexus is now an accredited centre for the BTEC qualifications. For those unfamiliar with them, BTEC are UK based international qualifications with a more work based flavour which are excellent preparation for the study of such courses at university. From August, Nexus will therefore be offering BTEC Business level 3 in Years 12 and 13 . This is planned as part of our proposed IB Career Pathway . If you are interested to find out more about these exciting new courses, please do take a look at the websites:

[IBCP](#)

[BTEC Business](#)

Tea and Scones Soirée



This week we enjoyed some great performances from our talented Nexus musicians at the termly Tea and Scones Soirée. The diversity of instrumental and vocal performances are a great testament to the musical prowess of our learners. Thanks to all the music teachers for supporting our learners to develop their musicianship.

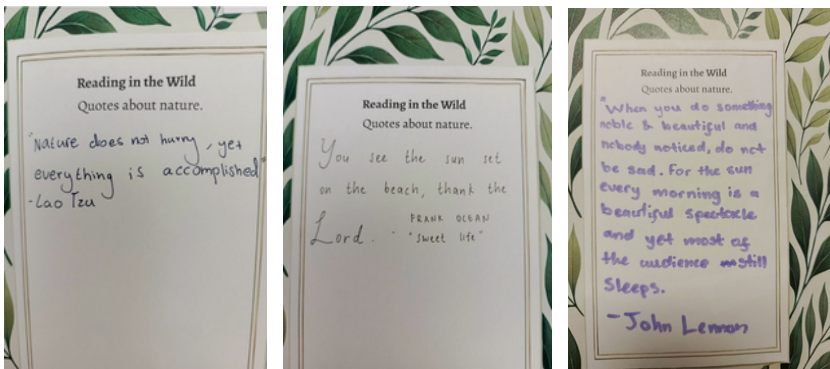


Secondary

BOOK WEEK 2025

Is Langton Matravers a Dickens Character or a village in England? What about Ham Peggotty? Ask a learner

This year's book week kicked off every morning with the now-traditional book week quiz in secondary tutor time. As well as the Dickens/Village questions above the students also had to identify famous book titles based on codes and pictures, to answer general literary knowledge questions and, a new round, to identify famous books from pictures made by AI based on their titles and a famous artist. This one was particularly enjoyable.



Beyond that, we have been engaging with the theme of "Reading in the Wild" by asking the learners to choose their favourite quote about nature from novels, poems, plays, songs, films or really anywhere that they've found some wisdom or inspiration about the natural world. They've produced some wonderful answers which are being displayed as part of a developing display on the fourth floor. This is what it looks like now, but it will keep expanding as more learners add their thoughts. We hope parents will come and see it!

Our Y7 and Y8 learners were treated to a talk by Malcolm Meijin, author of the successful Diary of a Rich Kid series, about the process of writing and creating a novel. The talk was entertaining and informative. Our learners had the chance to ask questions and they responded in an engaged and insightful way, really probing some of the writer's observations.



The speaker we had lined up for upper secondary students had, unfortunately, to pull out at the last minute, but we will be looking to arrange another visiting speaker for those older learners later in the year.

*Langton Matravers is a village in Dorset; Ham Peggotty is a character from David Copperfield.

Boarding

Celebrating Leadership

We had so many great examples of leadership this week in Boarding. Leadership can be displayed in many ways like service, kindness to others, volunteering for routine chores for the benefit of everyone. This week we celebrated the on-going commitment we see in volunteering to cook for our House and a group who gave their Sunday to volunteering at the Toy Library - our team worked as 'Toy Doctors' sorting, fixing and up-cycling toys for children who will appreciate them.



Activities this weekend

Friday evening - Village trip and food trucks

Saturday - Beryl's Chocolate Factory and afternoon baking

Sunday - iOi City Farm and shopping

Food focus - Afternoon Tea

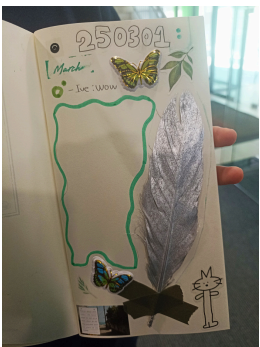
One of the happiest and chattiest times of the day is returning home to the House after school and finding afternoon tea waiting. Snacks after school give us an important time to chat, refuel and talk over our day with Houseparents. Our favourite snacks are fresh breads with jam or honey, chips and dips, fruit platters or milk with biscuits. What would you like?



Swim update

We are halfway through our 6 week trial of swimming during Prep time for our junior Boarders. We are enjoying a mix of learning swim techniques and overall fitness - all more fun as we work with our friends. We feel fitter, more confident and we are having fun!

Boarding



Well-being Weekend

We feel relaxed, happy and more focussed after a weekend of well-being in the Boarding House. We were introduced to mindful journalling to keep track of our important events and experiences as well as a thoughtful yoga session with a master teacher.



Sports



U11 Football Highlights: Building Towards FOBISIA!

This week saw our U11 football teams in action against Epsom, gaining valuable experience as we prepare for the upcoming FOBISIA Games.

U11 FOBISIA Boys: A Hard-Earned Draw!

Our U11 boys team played a thrilling match, ending in a 1-1 draw. This was a fantastic opportunity for all members of the squad to get valuable playing time and practice crucial skills. The team showed great determination and teamwork, a positive sign as we head nearer to the FOBISIA Games.

U11 Girls: Learning and Growing!

While the U11 girls team faced a loss, the experience was invaluable. The team showed great spirit and resilience, and we still have time to develop and refine our skills before we head to Thailand. This is a crucial learning curve, and we are confident in the team's ability to improve.

U11 Boys: Opportunity Knocks!

The U11 CCA boys also took to the field, and despite a 2-4 loss, the match provided a fantastic opportunity for everyone to participate. The emphasis was on participation and development, and it was great to see everyone getting involved.

Overall, this week's matches were a great learning experience for all our U11 teams. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing their progress as we approach the FOBISIA Games!

Ramadan Kareem



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Potluck Iftar Gathering

Date: 19 March 2025

Time: 7:00 PM – End

Venue: Sport Hall



Join us for a special evening of togetherness, gratitude, and community spirit! This Iftar & Potluck Gathering is open to all –Muslim and non-Muslim families—as we share a warm meal, meaningful conversations, and a sense of unity.

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Ramadan Kareem



Last collection date 14 March 2025



Ramadan Kareem Charity Donation for Hampers

As we welcome the blessed month of Ramadan, let's come together in the spirit of kindness and gratitude. This social initiative aims to provide Ramadan Hampers for our janitors & guards.

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As a gesture of appreciation for their dedication and hard work—both directly and indirectly—in supporting our community. Open to anyone, suggested between RM10-R30 or as you pleased.