

# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2024/25 | 30 August 2024

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## Message from The Principal



I want to start this weeks message with a little information about school and what we are doing to improve our systems and processes as we grow.

As you would expect our first priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our learners and we are always looking at ways to improve this across the school. This term we are introducing a new safeguarding online platform called CPOMS. This platform helps schools record incidents of harm and safeguarding concerns so that they can learn from past mistakes and prevent future occurrences. It also enables schools to identify trends and patterns, allowing them to intervene earlier and better support our learners.

As we celebrate Merdeka this weekend, I have reflect on the connection between this significant day and The Nexus Way. Merdeka symbolises freedom, independence, and the spirit of unity—a spirit that resonates deeply with The Nexus Way, which champions inclusion, relationships, innovation, and an international mindset. Just as Merdeka commemorates the empowerment and unity of diverse cultures within Malaysia, The Nexus Way embraces these values by fostering an environment where every learner is encouraged to explore their potential freely and innovatively, while respecting and learning from a tapestry of global perspectives. Selamat Hari Merdeka to all those celebrating.

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*David Griffiths*

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# Primary

This week Year 5/6 learners stepped back in time as they dive into the ancient world of Greece! In our epic Entry Point - the 'NEXUS' Olympic-style challenge.



Learners were split into fierce teams representing the legendary city-states of Athens, Sparta, Argos, Megara and Corinth. A thrilling Olympic Star competition where their skills were put to the test in events worthy of the gods. But this is just the beginning! Our learners will become historians, geographers, artists, and more, as they unravel the mysteries of ancient Greece, exploring its rich culture and legendary tales throughout the unit. Let the games—and the learning—begin!



In Y3, as part of their Brainwave unit in IPC, they were learning about the Personal Goals and this activity focused on being collaborative and a good communicator.

# Primary

## **Inclusion**

The Energy Source therapists have started this week and will be supporting our Primary learners who require Speech and Language or Occupational therapies.

Miss Jenny has been working with classes across the school on the Zones of Regulation; teaching learners how to regulate their emotions and get themselves back into the Green Zone and ready to learn!

## **Parent Workshops**

We are excited to offer a programme of Parent workshops across the year. These will cover a diverse range of topics, including the curriculum, wellbeing, behaviour management at school and at home and healthy eating. Please see the full programme in the link below and look out for sign ups.

[Parent Workshops](#)

# Secondary

I enjoyed meeting some Year 9 learners this week at break time to find out how the start of term has gone for them and what they would like us to improve around the school. So far the new timetable has been well received and the learners commented that they are enjoying shorter lessons.

I look forward to meeting some more Year 9s next week and other year groups later in the term. It was also lovely to meet a number of our Year 12 parents at the IB welcome meeting on Monday. We will be organising more year group coffee mornings for later this month, please do look out for the letter. I would like to congratulate our new team of Ambassadors for their excellent work on Open Days last week. All the Ambassadors applied for the role and were selected due to their commitment to supporting the school.

Applications for Year 12 are now open and there will be other leadership opportunities coming up soon with the STUCO elections, soon to be announced. It would be great to see as many learners as possible involving themselves in improving our school.

# Boarding

## Celebration of Leadership

In our House meeting, every Monday, we save our biggest cheers for our 'Celebration of Leadership' where we recognise the Boarder who has displayed leadership through an aspect of 'The Nexus Way'. This week we were delighted to celebrate the work of new Boarder, 'Cordy' Hoa Chen who has been with us only two weeks. Cordy has helped guide other new Boarders, assisted staff and excelled at building new relationships.



## Boarding Food Council

This week we held our first Boarding Food Council meeting for the year and we are looking forward to trying some new ideas and bringing more of our home culture into our food choices. We have a diverse group in the BFC and they have helped with feedback for our menus for September. It is clear that our Boarders want more choice, more fresh food and more opportunities to learn to cook for ourselves.

We also held our first BBQ and field games night, following our fire-drill exercise.



## Viracle cards for Boarders

Thank you to all families who have set-up Viracle accounts for their children in Boarding. This week we have encountered some small problems with the allocation of lunch credit for our Boarders. This will be rectified soon and any missing credits will be added to your balance. If you have had any problems with this, please contact us so we can help.

# Boarding

## Cultural excursions

Many of our new Boarders enjoyed an excursion to the wonderful Central Market in Kuala Lumpur at the weekend. A great day out with teachers where we can see the best of Malaysian culture, craft and activities. The iced-coffees were popular but tasting durian fruit was not so popular!



### Activities this weekend:

**Friday** - Extra English class for Boarders. Evening movie & games.

**Saturday** - Merdeka Day - On campus culture, cooking and crafts.

**Sunday** - iOi City Farm for juniors, shopping for seniors.

## Sport CCA's starting on Monday 2nd September 2024!

Sports CCAs will be starting on Monday 2nd September 2024.

A reminder that all of our sport and CCA programmes start this coming Monday!

Please bring a water bottle and sun cream if needed.  
If you are interested in taking part in the following sporting activities in term 1 then please see the information below:

Everybody is welcome - the Nexus Wolves need you!

Benchball boys u9 - Tuesday 3.40-4.40 (Sports Hall)  
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Basketball boys u11 - Monday 3.40-4.40 (Sports Hall)  
Basketball girls u11 - Monday 3.40-4.40 (Sports Hall)  
Football boys u13 - Tuesday 3.40-4.40 (Field)  
Football girls u13 - Tuesday 3.40-4.40 (Field)  
Football boys u15 - Tuesday 3.40-4.40 (Field)  
Football girls u15 - Tuesday 3.40-4.40 (Field)  
Football boys u18 - Wednesday 3.40-4.40 (Field)  
Football girls u18 - Wednesday 3.40-4.40 (Field)  
Volleyball girls u18 - Thursday 3.40-4.40 (Sports Hall)  
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