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Parking

Thank you to all the parents and drivers who have acted to make our pick up time run quicker and safer by not parking in the marked areas. Our Security officers do a good job of making sure the parking and traffic runs smoothly and we would ask all drivers to please be courteous and respectful of the job that they do.



The Creations of NISP Learners

Primary

IPC Accreditation Visit

As many of you will know staff in the Primary school have been conducting a year long self-review into how we use the International Primary Curriculum.

This process involves looking at several criteria about the way in which children learn at Nexus through our use of the IPC. This rigorous process has enabled us to make great progress.

Next week (Tuesday to Thursday) the IPC will send a small team to the school next week to meet with learners, teachers, parents and board members to verify what we have done and verify our self-review.

The three members of the team are: **John Holmes, Mary van der Heijden** and **Paul Moffett**. They may ask you for your thoughts about our school.

We are hoping that we become an accredited IPC school after the visit.

Watch this space!



Entry Point in Year 6

“On Wednesday, Year 6 had their Entry Point for **‘Artist’s Impressions of the World’**. In the morning we met some abstract artists, Jonny and Jennifer, and they taught us to paint on canvas with oil paints in an **‘Art Jamming’** session. The subject of our paintings was the KL Skyline. We could use any colours we wanted, because in art there are no rules! In this topic, we will be finding out about lots of different types of art, such as **Impressionism, Cubism, PopArt, Installation Art, Music** and **Dance**. We are going to show all of our learning in our exit point at the end of the term, where we will be holding an art gallery!”

By Marc - 6E

Spotlight on IPC

We have been talking to **Katrina, Sinu, Kayla** and **Latisha** in **Year 1**

Learning Goals	
Science	ICT
Know about the senses Be able to describe similarities and differences between materials	Be able to work with text, tables, images and sound

What is your topic?

All- Senses

What are you learning about?

Katrina - How objects feel like smooth slimy rough.

Shinu/Kayla - We are learning about human and animal senses.

What knowledge have you learnt?

Katrina - I have learnt about objects having different textures using the sense of touch.

Kayla - Humans have 5 senses-sight, touch, smell, hear, taste.

Shinu - I learnt that sharks have a good sense of smell

Latisha - I learnt dolphins have special hands for feeling.

Have you developed any skills?

Kayla - Yes, drawing images with ICT

Shinu - I can draw animals now cheetahs, snakes and tigers.

Katrina/Latisha – identifying objects with the sense of touch like if they are smooth or rough or soft.

What do you think you might learn next?

Kayla - I want to find out if animal senses are the same as humans

Shinu - I want to learn about tigers, if they have similar senses with us.

Languages Other than English

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(Whole School News)

KLISS X-Country

**At Nexus
On Saturday 16th
November**

Nexus are proud to host the KLISS X-Country event here on **Saturday 16th November**. We will be welcoming **5 other International Schools** from around KL and **over 350 learners (Y3 to Y10)** will be running around the 1.5km course laid out in our school grounds. It should be an excellent event so please come along to show your support for all the boys and girls participating.

**Runners
should arrive no
later than 7.15am**

The first race is at 7.40am (U9s) and the final race is the U15s at 10.30am, followed by a short trophy presentation at 11.00am.



Drink Cartons Wanted

Year 4 have begun a school wide drinks carton recycling drive as their **Service Commitment** for the year following their IPC topic on **Homes and Habitat**.

Nexus is taking part in a project organised by **Tetrapak, Malaysia** called the **CAREton Project**. Drinks cartons are collected at school, sent to the recycling centre, then made into roofing tiles and paper. The roofing tiles are then donated to an organisation called Epic Homes who provide housing to Orang Asli families in need. So not only does recycling mean that less waste is sent to landfill but also we are helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We are urging everyone at Nexus to bring drinks cartons to school from home. There are collection bins placed at the Primary and Secondary Drop-off points. So all you need to do is drop them in there as you arrive at school.

Don't forget to rinse and "Flip, Flap, Flat".



For more information go to:

<http://www.tetrapak.com/my> (the CAREton Project)

<http://www.epichome.org/> (the people who build the homes for the Orang Asli)

Kerry Stansfield - Y4 Teacher

Secondary

Ministry of Education Science and Maths Visit

This week we had 40 delegates from the Malaysian Ministry of Education visit the school. They were specifically looking at how we teach Maths and Science at IB Diploma level, as well as looking at the school in general. They were very impressed with what they saw and congratulated the school on showing some great teaching and very confident and articulate learners.



High Accolades

At the British High Commissioner's Residence

Last Thursday night **Bryan Chen** and **Nicole Lee (Y13)** were both invited to attend a presentation evening run by the Kingdom Education group. Over the summer break they both won scholarships to attend a university preparation course in the UK (Bryan for Economics and Nicole for Medicine). They made a huge impression on their professors, tutors and mentors and received some fantastic feedback. They were both rewarded for their hard work and determination. Nicole came runner up in the field of Medicine and Bryan won 'Best Male Participant' beating some of Malaysia's elite academic students from International Schools such as GIS, Alice Smith and Uplands School in Penang. Well Done Bryan and Nicole!

The Apprentice

Last Friday, the year 8s were in a state of frenzied excitement as they prepared to go on stage to present their product in the Nexus Apprentice Challenge. Based on the international show, The Apprentice, Year 8 learners were tasked with creating, branding and marketing a product over a period of six weeks working in teams. The work was stressful, demanding and pushed students to the limit, but all the students showed their mettle and performed admirably. The judges on the day were Alison Hampshire, our principal, Steven Pearce, head of Secondary and Dato Mydin the hugely successful entrepreneur behind the Mydin chain of shops. The students were bombarded with questions from the judges on aspects of research, marketing and finance. The knowledge and maturity shown by the learners was remarkable, as commented on by all who attended the event. Students from other year groups and parents were captivated by the event and we received extremely positive feedback.

The three products to make the finals were 'Frozie,' 'Era Macbook' and the winning entry Casa Domi.

Dato Mydin commented on the fantastic presentation that team Casa Domi delivered and how impressed he was with all the entrants.



This week our senior learners had a guest speaker from Kings College University, London. The learners were given advice on studying in the UK and how to make good university applications. There was a question and answer session where the learners enthusiastically asked questions about studying at Kings. Next week we have a visit and presentation from the London University of Arts.

International Award Expedition Reflections: Luanne Lai

As the sun rose, we embarked on our Silver Expedition which took place for 3 days and 2 nights. We began our first day of the Silver Expedition with a kayaking session, which had involved kayaking laps under the hot sun in Putrajaya Lake. It was fairly tiring but we endured the weather and continued to persevere on. After the kayaking session, we then bought our provisions for the trip and headed off to Kuala Kubu Bahru where we set up the camping site and turned in for the night. The second day was fairly relaxing as many of experienced white-water rafting for the first time and had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Then came the campfire building activity, which was also fairly relaxing where we learnt how to gut and fry fish, as well as build a fire hot enough to cook them. A blind trail was also organised for us where we had to use our senses while blindfolded and follow the trail the end. As relaxing as it may sound, the real challenge of the trip that truly made it worthy of the Silver Expedition was the 4.5 hour trek in the jungle with our rucksacks on. We had to endure a gushing river, slippery rocks, slimy leeches and a horrific incline at the end of the trek but we all managed to pull through in the end, really setting it apart for the Bronze Expedition that I had partook in the previous year. Overall, it was a pretty exciting and tiring trip, truly worthy to be called a Silver Expedition.

Zhermaine Wong

This trip is one the few trips that are really tiring, yet amazing that I've ever did in my life! On the first day, we did kayaking at Wetlands Park. It was really exhausting as we were kayaking non-stop for about 3 hours. Kayaking looks simple at first, but turned out it wasn't. The next day, we went to Kuala Kubu Bharu and we did water rafting. That was my first time I'm doing water rafting and turned out to be really fun! The guides purposely made our raft flipped and me and my other 3 friends ended up swimming in the river twice! Then, we cooked fish, using just wood to make the fire. It was disgusting at first as we have to cut the fish and take out the intestines and gills, but after we've cooked it, it was actually quite delicious! The final day of the trip, we had to trek in the forest and it was a challenge as there were a lot of steep slopes and we have to cross a river that was about the height of my waist, with our full camping bag (luckily we don't have to bring our tent and sleeping mats). This expedition was really tiring and yet, I've enjoyed it very much. It was a great experience and not everyone get to do this kind of activities.





CAS Reflections

Lee Yen Yi, Nicole

I started Yoga for this term as part of the action aspect of CAS. Previously I did Yoga but I did not continue the activity due to time constraints. Therefore, I decided to join Yoga this term so that I can learn the various poses and stances that makes up a full body workout. From this activity, I hope that in the future, I can devote at least an hour a week for Yoga as an outlet to relax and stretch those muscles! Having not done Yoga for quite a while, it was evident that I needed work in my flexibility and balance. After the first few sessions, I realised that as I got more focused, I found it easier to balance on one leg. On a fitness aspect, Yoga is also a great opportunity for me to build on my core strength. It was challenging at first because some of the poses were rather strenuous. Currently, I am still working on being able to lift myself off the ground using my hands in a seated position. I have learnt that consistency and perseverance is key to mastering these poses.

My favourite part of the Yoga workout is the "Savasana", done at the end of our sessions. It not only calms me but also allows me to fully relax after a long day of school.

Old Newspapers Collection

The Secondary Art department would like to appeal for Newspapers as we are starting a paper mache project with the Year 9's, and to cover the table while painting. We also recycle the Newspapers for paper making and printing activities. Please send them to the Secondary **Art room (122 or 123)** anytime during school hours. All contributions are highly appreciated.

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Boarding House and Boarding Dining Area

Parents are welcome to use either the Boarding House or the Boarding Dining Area to wait for their learners after school, especially during thunder and lightning storms.

PE Notices

Well done to all the learners who have represented Nexus this week. It is an extremely busy time for our Basketball teams up until Christmas with plenty of matches scheduled. The Senior Girls and Boys Basketball teams opened up their season with an away fixture at ISKL on Tuesday. The teams found themselves on the losing side in both matches but for the girls especially the scoreline of 21-11 did not reflect the balance of the match. Both teams will have chance to pit their wits against ISKL again in 2 weeks time for the return fixture.

The U13 Boys and Girls Footballers were in action on Thursday night to fulfil the first round of matches which were called off due to thunder storms last month. The boys travelled to Tenby, while the girls played here at Nexus. Both teams made an excellent start to their league campaigns. The second and final round of matches are due to be played on Thursday 21st November. Good luck to both teams.

The U15 Boys football team finished off their league campaign in style by winning a bronze medal in the KLISS football league last week, while the Girls almost managed to do the same, despite having to field players from Yr7 and 8, but defeat in their final game meant they could only take fourth spot. A brave performance from a young team.

Nexus' brand new swim team also took to the water for their first competitive swim meet, producing some confidence boosting performances. All the team managed to push their pre-race nerves aside to perform very well on the day. Special mention must go to Randy Chin who won Gold Medal in the 100m Backstroke having never swam this race before in competition while Yi Jun from Year 7 scooped 2 Bronze and 1 Silver medal and not forgetting Kirsty Tay who picked up a Bronze in the 50m freestyle. Well done everyone.



Secondary Swim Gala on Monday 18th November

Thank you to all the learners that have signed-up to swim in the secondary swim gala on Monday. The plan for the day is as follows:

8.35am - 10.00am	Learners in timetabled lessons
10.00am - 10.20am	Change into swimwear and head to the pool
10.20am - 1.00pm	Swim gala
1.00pm - 1.55pm	Lunch
1.55pm - 3.15pm	Learners in timetabled lessons

Please check the notice board outside the PE changing rooms for further race details/timings etc and as always you can find lots of information regarding the Nexus sporting calendar on the PE Website.

Drama and Theatre Arts - Performance Events



Y9-13 learners are invited to a performance of Harold Pinter's short play 'The Dumb Waiter' at **KLPAC** on **Friday November 29th**. Please contact Ms Rachel by November 18th if you would like to go.

Further details and tickets are available at <http://www.dpac.com.my/>

Both of these productions promise to entertain their audiences in very different ways!



'Into the Flood', a family show for all ages involving masks, puppets and physical theatre, and exploring an environmental theme, is being performed at **Damansara Arts Centre** on **November 22nd – 24th**.

ELL Information

Dear Parents,

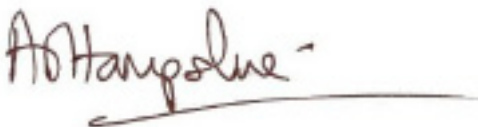
The ELL department is looking at setting up an online parent support group for parents of children with various learning needs. The aim of this support group is to provide an opportunity for you to interact with other parents who have similar aspirations, experiences and challenges. Members of this online forum will have opportunities to ask, comment and discuss issues anonymously.

Below is a link to an online survey. If you think you would benefit from being part of an online support group, please follow the link and complete the short survey.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SNtgO_h24-2G9Ucdh0CEAr2c49TOpn5r0xMW5Hrir_s/viewform

Thank you
ELL department

Regards,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Alison Hampshire". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Alison Hampshire
Principal