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Whole School

Message from The Principal

I am really excited to share with you all the potential opportunities that Nexus International School will provide your children as we develop as a school that embraces the diversity of our community and challenges the minds of our students.



Member of Taylor's Education Group

A member of Taylor's Education Group (TEG), NISP has the backing of a company that is well known for educational excellence over more than 60 years. NISP is the first international boarding school in Putrajaya, set in the heart of the diplomatic enclave. The second Nexus is located in Singapore.

Close to the city of Kuala Lumpur we are privileged to have a beautiful, spacious, secure campus that enables our children to experience learning both inside and outside of the classroom. Our highly qualified and experienced teachers have been carefully selected to deliver well-balanced curricula based on the best teaching standards and practices used around the world.

At Nexus International School, we offer practical, experiential learning for learners from early years all the way to pre-university levels.

Our promise is to treat everyone as gifted and talented individuals and to foster those talents and gifts through careful mentorship and

guidance that is based on respect for all by providing rich learning tasks and personalised feedback that will inform further learning. We do this in an environment that allows learners' talents to flourish; one that is innovative, progressive and grounded in trust, compassion and respect.



Information Communication Technology (ICT) is an integral part of the teaching and learning at Nexus International School. We use the latest ICT tools to teach learners to be independent learners and leaders in the global community. We

also provide a wide range of activities and experiences that will not only prepare our children for the future but also make their school life more enjoyable and rewarding.



We are recognised as a "Mastering" school for the International Primary Curriculum (IPC), authorised for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and

the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). We are also a member of the Council of International Schools (CIS), an approved Assessment and Qualification Alliance (AQA) and Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) Centre.

Regards,

Alison Hampshire
Principal

Learning About

Hari Raya Celebrations

On Wednesday this week, the whole of Nexus school community came together to learn about and take part in some wonderful Hari Raya celebrations. Many thanks to our PTA group and all our other hard working parents and staff who organised a fantastic day of celebration. The food was wonderful, with selections from each of the Malaysian States, the costumes were magnificent, as shown in our Hari Raya fashion show and learners took part in several activities designed to promote their learning and International Mindedness.



Primary

Meet and Greet Sessions

Next week we continue with our Meet and Greet coffee mornings, which given parents the opportunity to meet the class teachers of their children and to hear about all the exciting learning that their children will experience during the year ahead.

This is the schedule for next week:

Tuesday 2nd September (9am)	Year 1
Wednesday 3rd September (9am)	Early Years 2 (Reception)
Thursday 4th September (9am)	Early Years 1 (Nursery)
Friday 5th September (9am)	Year 2

Spotlight on Learning

This week we are talking to Hung and Faiq from 4E

What is your current IPC topic?

It is Homes and Habitats. We will be finding out about how houses have

changed in history and how they are built to suit different environments.

What are you learning?

We are learning how to weave with our hands. We have learned that many items are made out of weaving like furniture, baskets and clothes. Natural materials are used to weave like rattan. Natural materials are used because they are cheap and easy to find because they are almost everywhere.

Why are you learning this today?

It is a new skill that is fun to practice. It is linked to our topic on shelters because some shelters are made using the weaving technique.

Which of our personal goals are you focusing on?

We showed resilience because we didn't give up. It was very hard at first and we kept making mistakes. I also showed respect to my friends as I gathered materials for everyone to use, not just myself.

What are the next steps in your learning?

Our next steps will be to learn about other artistic techniques. We are going to find out how to use wax resist to represent habitats.





Year 2 Entry Point (From A to B)

This week for Year 2 has been a very busy one. It's only the start of term – and we have 'hit the ground running'.

After last week the learners took part in a Knowledge Harvest for our new IPC theme 'From A to B' and they reflected on what they already know about transport and travel, as well as considering the things they would like to find out throughout this theme.

This information will be used by Mr James and Ms Clare to plan for the coming weeks in Year 2!

The educreations Ipad app helped the learners to find things online that supported them in showing their current understanding of the theme. They used this to search for images, add voice and text to these images to explain their current understanding.



Secondary

IGCSE Results 2014

Congratulations to all our learners for their outstanding effort in the IGCSE examinations.

In total 698 IGCSE exams were taken and the percentage of students who scored A*- C was 70%, this is comparable to the UK GCSE A*- C percentage of 69%. The percentage of students who scored A*-A was 30%, 8 learners attained 7 A*/A's or more.

Ryan Lee Boon Wai and Ling Xue Jing attained excellent results with 10 A's in total (5 A*, 5 A's).

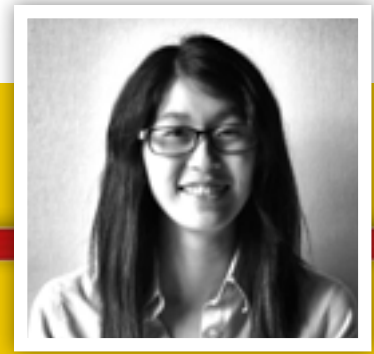
The overall pass rate for A* to G was 99.7%. In this cohort, the students performed as expected with the value added percentage slightly improving from last year.

CCA Sign-Up

Our CCA sign up system has been opened this week for term one. If you did not receive email confirmation of your login details or have been unable to access the site please contact cca.enquiry@nexus.edu.my for assistance

Please use this link: <http://www.nexus.edu.my/Enrichment/Co-Curricula-Activities.aspx> to access the sign up portal. The registration will finish at 9:00pm on Sunday 31st August

Many Thanks,
Jim Harrison - CCA Coordinator



University Scholarship Awarded to Wen Wen Teh

Congratulations to our IB Diploma Learner Wen Wen Teh, who has just been awarded a full scholarship by the Malaysian Public Service Department to study Neuroscience at John Hopkins University in the USA. We wish her every success in her future studies and for this fantastic achievement!

TED-Ed, Lessons Worth Sharing

Hari Raya Celebration Day

The Hari Raya Celebration at Nexus International School yesterday was an excellent way to share the joys of Hari Raya. On Wednesday, August 28th, the parents of students were putting up the final touches on the Hari Raya decorations in the Primary canteen, and it looked great. The highlight of the whole day was definitely the food from all 14 states of Malaysia. Everyone's stomach was filled with lemong, rendang and ayam masak merah. Another interesting event was the Lemang demonstration shown by the lemong sellers. The primary students were taught how to weave ketupat, and also entertained the rest of the school by performing

a fashion show, exhibiting the traditional costumes of Malay. Even our school leaders, Ms. Alison, Mr. David and Mr. Steven joined in with the demonstration of what Muslims do on the morning of Raya - by Maryam and Fadhli Year 13

The annual Hari Raya Celebration has come again! When I stepped into school, I saw a lot of decorations, like ketupat hanging from the top of the ceiling. Besides that, there were also the decorations by the roadside, which emitted some lights. Most of the teachers (and students) were wearing Malay traditional clothes like baju kurung. During lunch period, I was going to go downstairs to get my usual lunch, a sandwich, but then I saw a lot of stalls providing food on a long table. What's more, they also put out our state flags to show each state's speciality. So altogether, there were 14 different types of food. There was also some kind of Malay Music playing in the canteen, and there was a fashion show run by the Primary students to show the many types of clothes that the Malay people wear. It was a great experience overall. I look forward to have another celebration like this next year - by Samson Lai 8N

On Wednesday, we came to school and dressed up in traditional Malay clothes. Everywhere you looked, you could see red, yellow, and more. There were decorations hung up on the ceiling. It made everything look very festive. At lunchtime, we lined up for some Malay/Hari Raya food. They served lemang, rendang, ketupat, and so much more! I took almost every type of food I could. There were also displays of information on Hari Raya. I think Hari Raya is one of my favorite celebrations - by Najla 8E

NISPMUNC 2014



Dear Parents, we're happy to announce that the second annual Nexus Model United Nations Conference (NISPMUNC 2014) will be held from **October 10-12, 2014** at Nexus International School, with the theme "**Bridging Borders, Surpassing Rifts**".

As our second annual conference, NISPMUNC 2014 aims to unite over 150 high school, college and university students alike who share a common passion for delving into world affairs, problem-solving and debate!

And in order to make our conference a success, we would like to **welcome your kind contributions!** If you're interested in chipping in or would like to know more about how you can contribute towards our efforts, please do contact Arissa (arissa.james.15@nexus.edu.my) or Raveena (raveena.dhadli.15@nexus.edu.my), and they'll be more than happy to help you!

For further information regarding our conference, please do have a look at our website <http://nispmun.weebly.com/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Nispmun2013?fref=nf>

Warm regards,
The NISPMUNC 2014 Secretariat

CAS Reflection

by **Brenon Johnstone**

At my football club, we recently prepared for a football tournament for the whole of South East Asia to participate in. This allowed me to increase awareness of my strengths and areas of growth, allowing me to become more active during training sessions as the whole team was working collaboratively and we all went through new challenges together.

The outcome was to make it to the finals of the tournament, this turned out as a success. Proving that we had worked hard to make it where we wanted to. Unfortunately in the final although we were winning 1-0, we conceded in the last minute of the game by an own goal. Meaning that we had to go on to extra time then penalties, in which we lost due to a lack of practice in this area of our game.

This activity definitely made me realize that no matter how hard you try, there will always be a time in which luck will turn against you, yet even if this does happen you still need to come back stronger in order to win the game. It also helped others learn that as a team, we need to focus even when hit by something unexpected towards the end of the match.

This activity had changed me greatly, as following the tournament we played in another friendly game vs the Malaysia U18 squad, leading to an incredible turn around in the last 20 minutes of the game, from 1-0 down to win 3-2 in the end.

Overall I feel as though I am progressing with this action extremely quickly and I am still improving as a player every single day of the week, as I keep on training whenever I get the chance.





Please let the Music Department know if you would like to secure one of these instruments.

Rock Concert 2014

The Rock Concert Video is finally uploaded and can be found here

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/recordings-performances>

Why Study Music?

If you watch this video you will want your son/daughter to be signed up for instrumental lessons

<http://ed.ted.com/lessons/how-playing-an-instrument-benefits-your-brain-anita-collins>

Dates For Your Diaries

Monday 10th November	Nexus' Got Talent Auditions
Thursday 20th November	Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Friday 21st November	Young Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Wednesday 10th December	Production - TBC
Thursday 11th December	Production - TBC

Music News

Music Lesson 2014-15

The Instrumental Demonstration went very well with over 50 learners signing up for instrumental lessons.

If you could not make the meeting or have not signed up yet you can now do so on the new Online Sign-Up Form here

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/sign-up-for-instrumental-lessons>

We still have a couple of instruments to loan FREE to learners: Fife, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet.

Drama News

ISTA Theatre Festival May 7th-10th 2015

This is an exciting opportunity for learners from Y6 - 9 to join peers from other international schools in creating performances and learning new Drama skills.

We have been invited to take a group of learners to the **Middle School Festival** hosted by Regents School, Pattaya, Thailand. They will prepare a short piece of Drama to perform at the Festival, and will participate in specialist workshops, ensemble work and guided tours exploring the local area. Learners will be hosted by families from Regents School, fostering a sense of involvement and community.

The International Schools Theatre Association (ISTA) is a highly regarded international organisation which brings together learners, teachers and performing arts professionals from around the world. Having attended their festivals and training events in Asia, Africa and Europe, I can guarantee that our learners will have a fun-packed, thought-provoking experience which boosts their confidence and skillset. The Festivals promote learning through Theatre, as opposed to just learning about Theatre.

A letter will be sent out next week with further details and costings, but please ask your child to speak to Ms Rach or Mr Jason as soon as possible if they would like to attend.



School Production CCAs

We have planned something truly unique for this year's School Production.

We've taken different stories from South East Asia and scripted them into a series of short plays, and we're now looking for talented learners to put on a great performance! They involve lots of different performance styles including acting, physical theatre, movement, masks and puppetry.

Learners can sign up for the School Production CCAs on Tuesdays or Thursdays; they have all received an email which explains how the rehearsals and backstage work will be done.

Please look out for lists of props/costumes etc which we need over the coming weeks.

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13 & 14 SEP 2014 @ 10AM - 8PM

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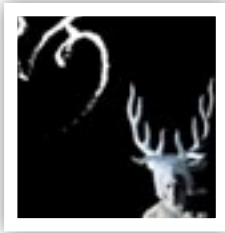
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What's On

KLPAC (<http://www.klpac.org/>)

A whole festival of Performing Arts is coming to KLPAC from 10am - 8pm on September 13th and 14th, and the best news is IT'S FREE!

Our very own Aaron Sim (Y11) will play with the KLPAC Symphonic Band; don't miss out!



DPAC (<http://www.dpac.com.my/>)

Damansara Performing Arts Centre tap into a startling fusion of Music, Dance and Film this weekend with their production of 'The Rhapsody of River Wisdom'.

Dates for Your Diary

October 16th	Y11 & 13 Drama Showcase
December 11th	School Production





Boarder Blog

Trip to the Bird Park

Last Saturday was a blast! We went to the Bird Park in Kuala Lumpur. The most fun part that I had during the trip was that I got to feed some ostriches.

At first I was really scared because those birds were huge but a few minutes later I got the hang of it.

I saw some birds that I had never heard of before, and they were really pretty and cute. I saw my favourite bird too, which is the parrot. It was really beautiful.

Also, I've got a selfie with a bird and I'm really proud.

Maziah Barek - Year 9

