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Primary

Change To Summative Assessments

Please note that we have decided to change our annual Summative assessment for English. Instead of using past paper copies of the NC tests from the UK, all learners from Year 2 onwards will be taking the online Progress in English tests from GL assessment. This will then bring us in line with Maths and enable us to make a more accurate comparison to the predictions gained through the cognitive ability test that the learners took at the beginning of the year.

More details can be found at: <http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/progress-english>

Year	Prediction	Attainment		
	Cognitive Ability Tests	Maths	Writing	Reading comprehension
1		GL assessment on-line Progress in Maths	Moderated writing level	Not Applicable
2				GL assessment on-line Progress In English
3	CAT 4 – Level Pre - A			
4	CAT 4 - Level A			
5	CAT 4 - Level B			
6	CAT 4 - Level C			

From our resident Yoga enthusiasts Ms Andrea

This website may be of interest to both teachers and parents:

http://www.anxietybc.com/sites/default/files/calm_breathing.pdf

Robin Hood!

On the 15th of May 2014, Year 5 and 6 performed the play "Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies!". It was about Maid Marion (played by Karamina 6X), Robin (played by Arissa 5N) and his team of entertainers, Merry Men trying to take down the evil King John (played by Samantha 6X). In the end, King John was defeated and his brother, the kind hearted King Richard (played by Aqil 6X) came back to the town of Sherwood, where it all took place and gave Robin the most prestigious award of all.... an Oscar! The play was an amazing production, full of humour and fantastic musical numbers! By Sophie 6N



Cheok Ling Wins in the world of Guiding...

What a surprise was waiting for the 1st Putrajaya (Nexus) Brownies on their restart in May.

In term 2 the unit elected to take part in the BGIFC Big Brownie Wave competition – the competition was open to all Girlguiding UK BGIFC units around the world.....of which there are more than 50.

The task was for each unit that chose to take part to create a banner which read “Happy Birthday Brownies” in reference to the Brownie Section’s 100th birthday celebrations. Within the competition there were three prize-winning categories: Most unusual place to drape the bunting; Most creative way of decorating a flag and the Best Individual flag design. So it was that each Brownie at Nexus was tasked with decorating pennants (flags) using any method/medium they liked but it had to include a designated letter to complete the unit’s competition banner.

The fantastically decorated flags started to arrive back thick and fast with the unit leaders and the banner began to take shape. The Petronas Towers were chosen as the backdrop to drape the bunting at and the leaders (Pat, Jacquie & Julie) armed themselves with good humour, flat shoes and a camera as they hit the city to get that all important shot – which was sent to BGIFC HQ in London.

On April 1st the UK judging panel took control and set about identifying the winners for each category from 50 unit entries (between 500-1000 Brownies).....while at Nexus the Brownies continued to badger and better badger the leaders to find out who had won!! Finally in

early May the winners were announced on the BGIFC website and the leaders whooped with delight to see that the unit had a winner in its midst. However for two weeks it had to remain a secret until the unit restarted and the fabulous news could be shared.

At the end of the first unit meeting of term 3 all the parents were invited in and the winners were read out in order of category with the Best Individual Flag Design being last to be read out – why? – because Cheok Ling won against the world!! Congratulations to all the Brownies for their efforts but the biggest cheer of the day goes to Cheok Ling, what a fantastic achievement – Best Individual Flag Design Winner in the BGIFC Big Brownie Birthday Wave competition 2014.



Brownies @ Nexus Are 1

It's 2014 and it seems like it's birthdays all round within Girlguiding UK – there's the 100th birthday of Girlguiding UK's Brownie Section – and in a more local arena, and as part of Girlguiding UK's global section, BGIFC, 2014 brings the 1st birthday celebration for the 1st Putrajaya (Nexus) Brownie Unit. One year ago on April 24th eleven hesitant girls walked into our first ever meeting to find out exactly what they had signed-up for. By the end of that term there were eleven confident girls arriving weekly all armed with the knowledge and skills to make their Brownie Promise. Fast forwarding to 2014, yes it was a very quick year, while we have had a change of faces over the year we are no less lucky with the amazing girls who continue to sign-up. If you're not in yet, look us up, get in touch and give yourself the chance to make new friends, have fun, earn badges and challenge yourself with camps, sleepovers and fun days within our wider Guiding community in Malaysia and overseas. All in all it was a Happy 1st Birthday for the Brownies and Leaders of the 1st Putrajaya (Nexus) Unit – and cake was the order of the

day at our first term 3 meeting!!



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Young Performer's Concert - 21 May 2014

Bravo! to all our learners who performed in this week's second annual 'Young Performer's Concert'. What a night it was...just to name a few, we were treated to performances from Mr Mervin's violinists, our first ever saxophone and clarinet soloists Zack and Eric both from Year 6 and over 30 learners from Years 5 and 6 who performed a reprise of 'Singing All Over the World' from their milepost musical of last week. A big thank you goes to all the performers and those who came to support them in their musical journey, without which, these opportunities for our young musicians wouldn't exist. Congratulations, Ms Ann

Secondary

CIE Outstanding Student Award

The school would like to congratulate Ryan Boon Lee Wai on receiving a certificate from CIE for achieving the highest marks in Malaysia for his IGCSE International Mathematics examination, which he took in November. This is a fantastic achievement and we congratulate Ryan and his teachers.



CAS Reflection: “Sultan, Aizuddin”

During my last few weeks of Coaching Football to U13s and U18s I’ve had a whole lot of planning and initiating activities. Since I was around the same age as the ones I’m coaching I understood what was fun to do and what wasn’t. This gave me an opportunity to create

and plan activities that was both beneficial and fun to do so that my students would be able to develop their football skills as well as have fun. These activities included set pieces practices such as free kicks and corner kicks. We also do include the essentials such as fitness which is important.

As the weeks passed by the more respect we gained from the students and we understood how annoying we were when we weren’t the coaches. So i’ve learnt to show empathy towards our coaches from now on as I can see from their perspective. At times I didn’t enjoyed coaching because of how hard it was to organize the wild group however that made it a challenge and I was determined to organize them, in the end I did. I persevered and the end result was good.

The photo shows my self coaching and leading the warm up of fellow U18s players.





Nexus Triathlon 18/5/14

This years Triathlon was bigger and better than ever. Over 225 competitors ranging from 5yrs to 55yrs old swam, cycled and ran there way around the exciting Nexus triathlon course. It was fantastic to see so many Nexus staff and learners involved. The staff team of Ms Katrina (swim), Ms Kerry (Bike) and Ms Angela (Run) finished in 2nd place in the open age relay while our boarding team finished in 2nd place in the U18 category. Congratulations to all who took part on what was a very hot day.

U11 Football at KCLASS, Equine Park 18/05/2014

There were tears on Sunday as our U11 boys team confidently strode into the semi-final of the boys competition only to be knocked out on penalties. Memories of Italia 90' and Euro 96' came flooding back as our boys came unstuck in the cruelest of ways. So close and yet so far but it has been a fantastic season so far with a couple of fixtures still to play.

U11 Boys Badminton Singles - 07/05/2014

Rasmus Lund once again proved his prowess on the court as he overcome challengers from 4 KL international schools to be crowned U11 KLISS Badminton champion. Well done!

U15 Boys/Girls badminton Team - 17/05/2014

While the ISAC team event on Saturday 17th May turned out well for our U15 Girls team who placed 3rd in the overall competition. Thank you to Mr Matt Pim for filling Coach Williams shoes at the last minute.

Upcoming Fixtures

Unfortunately the Softball on Saturday at Tenby has been cancelled. Keep an eye on the sports calendar for the rearranged fixture.

Thurs 22nd May	U13 Boys Volleyball at Tenby Bus leaves at 3.05pm and return for 7pm
	U15 Girls Volleyball at ISP Bus leaves at 3.05pm and return for 7pm
Sat 24th May	U9/U11 Badminton at TISKL Bus leaves at 6.45am and returns at 3pm

University Application Information Evening

Date:
Thursday 29th May
Location:
Learning Hub 1 (Room 315)
Time:
5:00pm-6:00pm

Dear Parents,

Over the coming months you and your children will be starting the process of university applications, or planning life after Nexus. The tutor team and I would like to invite you to an information evening, introducing the application process for popular destinations such as the UK, USA, Canada and Australia. We will not have time to go into detail, but I hope it will give you an overview of the procedures, important deadlines and costs associated with these countries. I'm sure you will have lots of questions so a dedicated Q&A session has been scheduled after the presentations.

For rooming purposes I would like to have an idea of numbers, so if you would like to attend please email me (conner.j@nexus.edu.my) with your name, the learners name and total number wanting to attend

Mr Joel Conner
University and Careers Coordinator



LanguagePerfect World Championships 2014

This week has seen the start of the Language Perfect World Championships which Nexus is taking part in. Learners from years 5,6,7,8,9,10 and 12 have been taking part in a fun way to revise their current vocabulary and learn more in a variety of languages taught in the LOTE department. Learners can also experiment with other languages, which pique their interest such as Arabic, Japanese and Maori to name but a few.

1052 schools take part in the competition from around the world and at the time of writing this I am proud to say that Nexus are in 4th position. This is a remarkable achievement given the size of our school compared to the other participants.

The competition runs till Friday 30th May, so congratulations for the huge effort displayed so far and keep up the good work.

Mr Martyn

End of Year Dance

The Student Council is proud to announce the details for this year's End Of Year Dance! The dance this year will be open to learners from Year 10, 11, 12 & 13. The theme we have chosen to go with this year is Desert Rose - in hopes that it will be a mix of formal and fun. The details are as follows:

Date:

Saturday
21st June 2014

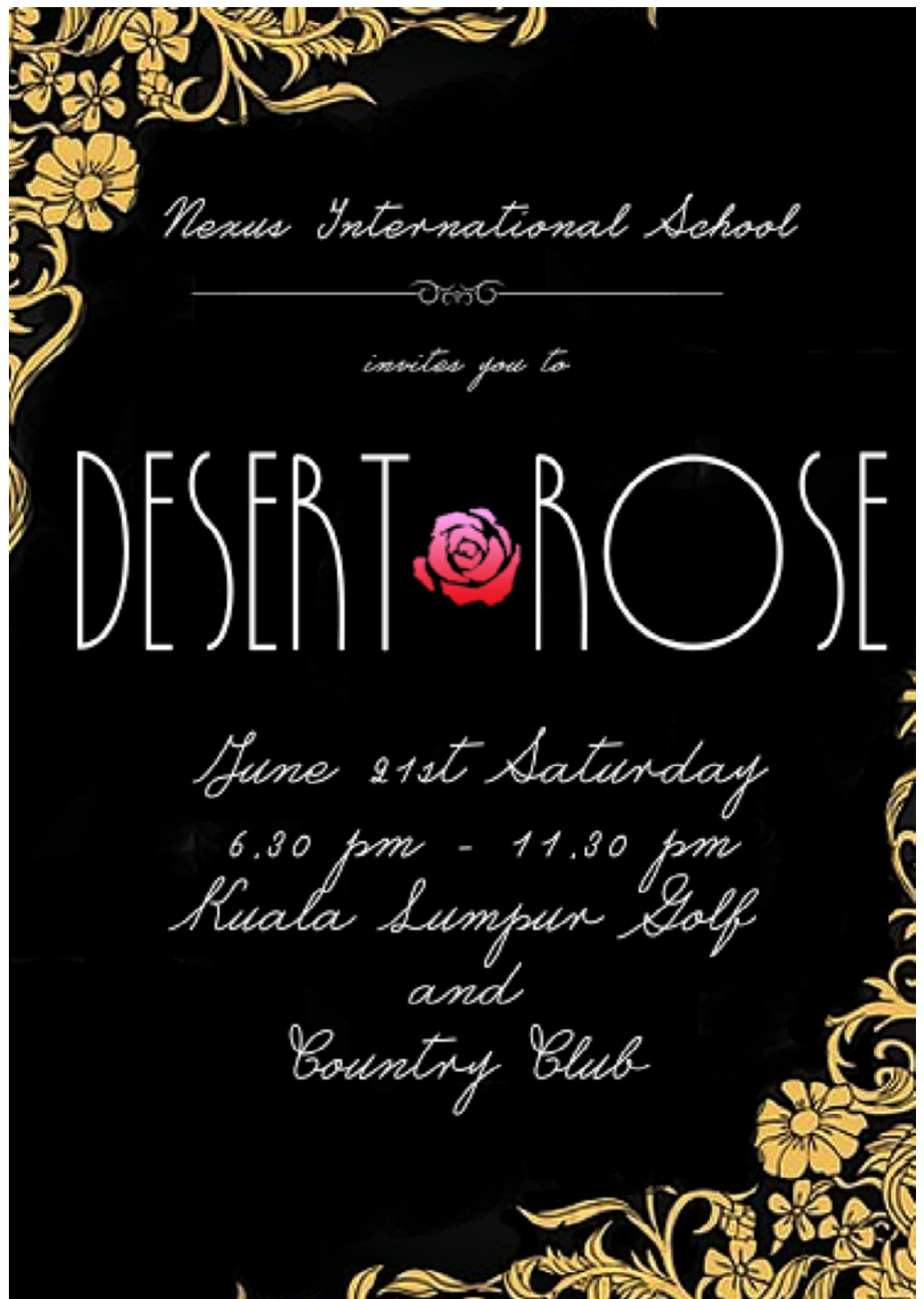
Time:

6.30 pm to 11.30 pm

Venue:

Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club

Tickets are priced at RM 160 each until the 30th of June, after which they will be raised to RM 180. Ticket sales will stop on the 11th of June.



The Student Council thanks you for all your support, and looks forward to seeing all Key Stage 4 learners there!

Music News

Young Performers' Concert 21 May 2014

A huge congratulations to all the 'Young Performers' in the concert! All of you played wonderfully and the standard of the concert was really amazing. You did yourselves and Nexus very proud!

Going on stage in front of hundreds of people and playing music so well is a very hard thing to do and the memories will stick with you for a lifetime, they have for me.

The Video and recording of the concert will be on the music Department's Website this week.

A big Thank You for all the parents and teachers who attended and also the PTA for providing the wonderful refreshments.

Bugsy Malone - The Musical

The Bugsy Malone Video is up on the Music Department Website.

Nexus' Got Talent 2014

Calling all Jugglers, Dancers, Comedians, Fire Eaters, Sword Swallowers, Magicians, Musicians etc.

The "Nexus' Got Talent 2014" Auditions will be held NEXT week, on 27th May. Get practising your acts ready for the Auditions. Please sign up here if you would like to take part: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NTBgHJi_7LX7OVVVY5L1IB6mTU-CGUmr3tuzC2s9b24/edit?usp=sharing

Like last year the audience on the night will

vote via SMS for the Best Primary Act and the Best Secondary Act.

Dance In Action 2014

This year's Dance in Action will be held on 18th June. Sabrin Saw, our Dance CCA, teacher will be coordinating the dancers, so if you are a dancer and would like to perform a solo or group piece then please let Mr Tim know ASAP (by 26th May) and we will give you a quick audition.

Instrumental Lessons

The invoices for this term have gone out already, can you please pay them as soon as possible as this term is very short. It is not too late to start lessons so if you would like to learn an instrument then parents please fill in the form here: <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/sign-up-for-instrumental-lessons>

We can loan you Free of Charge the following instrument which will loaned on a first-come-first serve basis: 2 'cellos, 2 violins, 4 clarinets, 2 trumpets, 3 trombones, 4 saxophones and 1 flute.

Invoices for this terms lessons will be sent out next week. Can I ask you to please pay them promptly as this is a short term.

Dates For Your Diaries

27 May	Auditions for NGT
4 June	Nexus' Got Talent
18 June	Dance in Action
25 June	Rock Concert

Why Study Music?

Early music lessons boost brain development!

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/02/130212112017.htm>

Nexus Gamelan Ensemble

Here is the progress on our new, hand made Nexus Gamelan Ensemble from a village in Indonesia.



Drama News

'Shakespeare Rocks' & 'The Time Lord'

Look out for the Y7 Drama productions 'Shakespeare Rocks' on June 12th 10.30am & 6.30pm, and 'The Time Lord' on June 19th at 10.30am & 6.30pm. Tickets will be available soon – watch this space!

The musical 'Merrily We Roll Along' is on at KLPAC until May 25th – well worth going to see.

There are lots of other Drama and Music performances on at the moment at KLPAC.

Check out the KLPAC link <http://www.klpac.org/?cat=3> or contact them on 03 4047 9000

Boarders Blog:

“Karaoke & Pizza Night”

Last Saturday it was karaoke night. We sang a few tunes and even Mr Trevor sang. Of course he was obviously the best. Ms Lisa and Ms Rachel also got up to sing. We had a wide variety of songs.

It was a great night with lots of laughs and some good and bad singing. We had the pizza for supper. We were all so tired that as soon as our heads touched the pillow, we fell asleep

Alex O’Shea - Year 9

