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# Primary

## Assessments

These will start next week for all learners from Year 1 to Year 6. Learners will take online tests in Maths and English and will be assessed, as every term on an extended piece of writing. All results will be reported to parents later in the term. When your child has a test the following day please ensure that they have had enough sleep the night before and an appropriate breakfast before coming to school.

## Year 1 Trip to the Taman Wetlands

On Tuesday Year One went to the Taman Wetlands as part of their learning to find out more about Our World. Learners enjoyed a tram ride with a guide and learned about the importance of the area. They saw a variety of plants and trees as well as some of the wild life. Here is what some of the learners said about their trip.

Sonny - "It was the first time I saw a flamingo."

Anna - "I liked going on the leaf hunt."

Christian - "I learned about an elephant apple."

Dong Yang - "We learned about snail eggs. They are pink and were on the rocks so that they don't get wet."



## A Message from Mrs Kerry

Calling all citizen scientists!

7 & 8 June 2014 is the weekend of the annual bird survey. Join us in counting the birds in your garden on these dates! The online submission form will be open from 7 to 22 June. The count sheet can be downloaded and printed off here:

[http://www.mygardenbirdwatch.com/?cur=page/page&id=5&title=COUNT\\_SHEET](http://www.mygardenbirdwatch.com/?cur=page/page&id=5&title=COUNT_SHEET)

New to MYGB? Find out how you can contribute, here:

[http://www.mygardenbirdwatch.com/?cur=page/page&id=2&title=HOW\\_TO](http://www.mygardenbirdwatch.com/?cur=page/page&id=2&title=HOW_TO)

Or watch MYGB101:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbWLzMvA2s8>

It takes just 30 minutes to take stock of the bird life in your area.

Practise by observing the birds around you, ahead of the count dates!

(From <http://www.mygardenbirdwatch.com/>)

## OPEN FOR TERM 1 REGISTRATION!

# BROWNIES

- If you are a girl aged between 7 and 10 then Brownies is for you.....
- 1<sup>st</sup> Putrajaya (Nexus) Brownies are now accepting registrations for term 1 starts (September)
- Closing date for registration: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014

## WHAT WE DO?

- We have fun
- We challenge ourselves to try new things & learn new skills
- We make new friends
- We earn badges
- We encourage you to learn more about yourself, your community, your world
- We camp, have sleepovers & mix with our Guiding family in & around Kuala Lumpur

## WHO ARE WE?

- Part of BGIFC (British Guides in Foreign Countries); which is part of Girlguiding UK
- Part of one of the world's biggest female youth organisations, WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts)

## DONT MISS OUT!

To join us, contact Julie Findlay: [1stnexusbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stnexusbrownies@gmail.com)  
for more information



# Spotlight on IPC

This week we are talking to learners in Year 1.

Kayla, what is your IPC theme this half-term?  
“We are learning about our world”

What are you learning about Our World Kayla?  
“We are learning about plants and other things. We went to the Wetlands this week. We saw lots of different plants and we saw animals like Pink Flamingos and Ducks”

“We have been learning a lot of science. We have plants in coloured water and we’re trying to see if the plants change colour. We also planted beans, we put some of the plants in the light and some in the dark to see if they both grow the same. We also have grapes and we want to see if we leave them to dry will they turn in to raisins”

“ We are learning about the things that plants might need to grow and have planted different seeds”

“One of my seeds didn’t start to grow – I think it’s because I put too much water in it.”



## Why Study Music?

The Benefits of Music Education

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/music-arts/the-benefits-of-music-education/>





# Year 4 Chocolate!

CLICK  
HERE  
FOR  
VIDEO

## From Tree to Treat

The Year 4 learners had a very unusual learning experience this week during their IPC topic 'Chocolate'. Over three lessons the learners got the chance to experience the working conditions of people at different stages of the process of turning cacao beans into chocolate (from Tree to Treat): the cacao farmer; the chocolate factory worker and the advertising executive. The fourth lesson of the week was spent reflecting on their feelings during the activities. This was to enable them greater empathy for the people, such as cacao farmers, in preparation for the introduction of the concept of Fair Trade.

The children showed how resilient they could be and used their flexible thinking skills when they put themselves in other people's shoes.

Here are some quotes from the learners:

## Cacao Farmer Experience

Xuen "We had to pretend we were cacao farmers. First, we had to get cacao seeds from the trees using a long stick. Next we had to crack the seeds using a bat. Finally we had to separate the beans. I felt very tired because we had to work so hard. Nothing was easy. I think that the cacao farmers would be more tired than us because they have to do this all day every day. Now I know what it feels like to be a cacao farmer."

## Factory Worker Experience

Zen "In the factory we had to make chocolate packages and sort colours and numbers. I felt frustrated being bossed around by the boss. I was worried that I would lose my job or be demoted because I was not working as fast as some of the other people in the group. It became boring after a while. I think real life factory workers would feel tired and bored."

## Advertising Executive Experience

Samara "We had to create an advert for Milky Way chocolate so that sales would rise. We had to taste the chocolate, brainstorm adjectives and then create a campaign. I enjoyed it because it was fun tasting the chocolate and using our imaginations to make the advert. Many people came up with fun ideas. I imagine that being an advertising executive would be fun and tiring."

1Advertising Executives 2Factory Workers 3Cacao Farmers,











# *Congratulation*

TO OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> 23 IB LEARNERS' GRADUATION

We wish them all the best of luck and hope that the qualification gained will take them wherever they want to go in life.



# Secondary

## CAS Reflection: “Jasmine Tew”



We had our first J-NISPMUN conference on the 24th of January, after much preparation carried out through a long span of time. This time, I did not get involved in this activity as a delegate. Instead, I worked as a secretariat: an advisor for the creative team, providing guidance and advice to the younger learners.

We started off with a hectic morning, due to minor technical issues. However, everyone was extremely adaptable to change, we were able to carry out all the tasks as we planned. Helping out with the creative team, I took plenty of pictures of the conference. There were quite a few pictures that I was satisfied with, as they were candid and the younger delegates from both

NISP and ISP looked like they enjoyed the moment wholeheartedly! Some delegates struggled to warm up to the workshop sessions; therefore I tried to approach them individually in a friendly manner. I feel that I did a good job encouraging the kids to get involved with the discussions, and I think that they grew more comfortable with us as the sessions went on. The capturing of photographs brought me such compelling pleasure, as the smiles on their faces were so genuine and filled with joy. I was surprised to know that I am moderately skilled at taking candid photographs!

As a conclusion, this activity meant a lot to me, for it is a product of what the J-NISPMUN team has been working on for a long time. Lots of effort was injected into this project and I am overjoyed that it turned out to be a wonderful conference. The process of planning for this conference gave the MUN team of Nexus yet another opportunity to bond.



Uniting Youths,  
Brightening the Future.



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## PE Notices

Nexus played host to AISM, GIS and Taylor's International School for the Yr5 Taylor's Games on Tuesday 27th May. Over 200 learners participated in a range of different activities including Swimming, Maths, Zumba, Art and Orienteering. It was a fantastic opportunity for our young learners to collaborate, make new friendships and generally have fun with our family of international schools. Thank you to all the learners and staff involved, for making the day a huge success.

The U11 badminton Boys and Girls we're in action at TISKL on Saturday. It was another excellent performance from our young learners with the team taking Gold medal in the overall competition. Notable performances are as follows:

Chelsea and Samantha won gold in the girls doubles while Rasmus and Jonathan got silver in the boys singles, Kasper and Nicholas won silver in the boys doubles and finally Samantha managed silver in the girls singles. Well done to all involved.

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### Reminder for PE Uniform

All Secondary learners are expected to wear Nexus PE gear during PE class. Learners are only allowed to wear their PE kit to school when they have PE first period. If they do not have PE first period they are expected to arrive at school in their school uniform and change at school prior to PE class.

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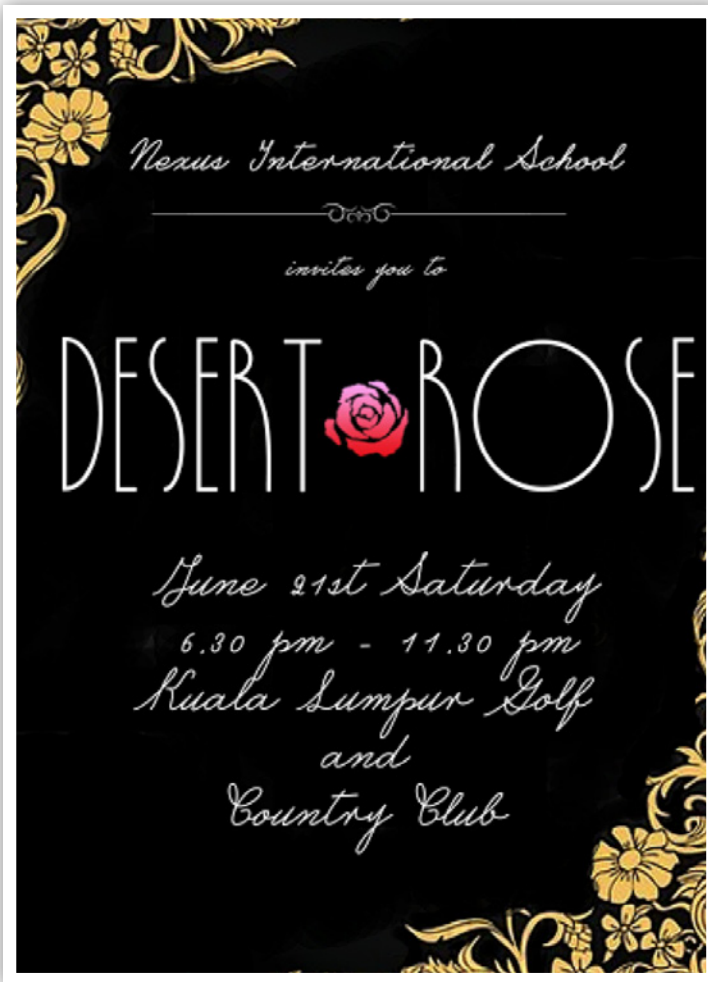
## Language Day Visit to Alice Smith School



We went to Alice Smith International School on a Friday morning. It was really fun. We meet new people, made new friends and did interesting activities. Firstly, we were placed in groups. Then we got our schedules and followed it according to our group. We had grammar, salsa and kite making! In grammar, we learnt about nouns, adjectives etc. I learnt a few new words in different languages. We had to translate our answers and tell them to our teammates, so yeah. Salsa was awesome. We learnt new moves in salsa, and then had to dance it with a partner. My partner was pretty good actually. Kite making!!!!!!! We learnt what kites are made for. It is made to make your troubles go away. They say that your troubles with stay on your kite and when you cut the string to let the kite fly, it would fly away too. We had to make a kite, sticking the paper on to the thingy (don't know what it's called). We didn't use glue instead we used hair gel. After that, we had to design our kite and the first and second best would have a gift. And guess what? I was second. Yay! I had a Toblerone chocolate bar. When everyone was done cleaning up the room, clearing the mess, we went outside to fly our kites. Sadly, we didn't have any time left and we had to leave. It was a good experience though. I really appreciate languages now. Its not just words. I wish I could go visit this again.

Kami berjumpa dengan orang baru, membuat kawan baru dan melakukan aktiviti-aktiviti yang menarik. Pertama, kita diletakkan dalam kumpulan. Kemudian kami mendapat jadual kami dan mengikutinya mengikut kami kumpulan. Kami mempunyai tatabahasa, salsa dan membuat layang-layang! Dalam tatabahasa, kita belajar tentang kata namq, kata sifat dan lain-lain saya belajar beberapa perkataan baru dalam bahasa yang berbeza. Kami terpaksa menterjemahkan kami jawapan dan memberitahu mereka untuk rakan sepasukan kami, jadi yeah. Membuat layang-layang! Kami mempelajari apa layang-layang dibuat untuk. La dibuat untuk membuat anda masalah pergi. Mereka mengatakan bahawa masalah anda menginap di layang-layang anda dan apabila anda memotong tali untuk membiarkan layang-layang terbang bebas, ia akan terbang juga. Kami telan disediakan rangka layang-layang dan kami kena lekatkan sejenis kertas di atasnya. Kami tidak menggunakan gam kami menggunakan kanji. Selepas itu, kami terpaksa untuk mereka bentuk layang-layang kami dan yang pertama dan kedua terbaik akan dapat hadiah. Apabila semua orang telah dilakukan membersihkan bilik, penjelasan keadaan kucar-kacir, kami pergi di luar untuk terbang layang-layang kami. Malangnya, kami tidak mempunyai apa-apa masa yang ditinggalkan dan kami terpaksa meninggalkan. Ia adalah baik yang mengalami walaupun. Saya benar-benar menghargai bahasa sekarang. Tidak sekadar kata-kata itu. Saya harap sayaboleh pergi melawat ini lagi.





## 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!



### Book Covering Blitz Inviting Parent Volunteers

**When:** Anytime from 8.45am to 5pm on Wednesday 4th June 2014

**Where:** Library 2nd Floor

**Mission:** To help cover books

Yet another book covering blitz on 4th of June has been organized by the Parent Volunteers from 8.45 am to 5.00 pm. More parents are encouraged to participate in the event and help us make this a success. You can come any time during the afore-mentioned times. It does not matter if you have half an hour or the whole day to spare, any help at all will be most appreciated. No experience is required as training will be provided.

Organized by Active Parent  
Volunteers of the Library!

# ELL Information

## Parent - Teacher Communication - Making That Link Between Home And School.



As a learner, I remember dreading my parents coming in to school. The only time they came into school (with the exception of school productions) was when I was in trouble.

As a teacher now, I know that it is important to build positive relationships between parents and teachers to fully cultivate the teaching and learning process. Establishing that link between home and school gives the learners consistency and security in their learning.

A learner who has a clear understanding of the expectation of his teachers and parents and

knows that there is regular communication between them is likely to make more effort.

Teachers and parents will agree that a good relationship between them is invaluable. The cooperative trust that is built between the two ensures a common goal that is more easily achieved.

As a parent, you may have questions and concerns about the learning, homework or curriculum. We are always learning and the developments in education may sometimes be a source of contention. It is important that you check with your child's teacher to clear any misunderstanding or misconceptions.

Last and certainly not least, get involved in what your child's learning. I've learnt a great deal through mine! For some, homework time may not be the best way to bond though and if it's interfering with your relationship, it's not worth the pain.

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**"My teacher noticed you weren't at 'Parent-Teacher' interviews. She wanted to ask you why I never take interest in anything."**

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LET'S GO AND HELP THE CUDDLY PANDAS!



## Multi Day: Giant Pandas

\*ALL DONATIONS ARE GOING TO WWF

Date: 6/6/14

Price: RM2

Dress Code: Black and White

# Music News

## Video of Young Performers' Concert - 21st May 2014

The Video and recording of the concert is on the music Department's Website here: <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/recordings-performances>

Once again, 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!

## Video of Buggy Malone

The Buggy Malone Video is also up on the Music Department Website here: <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/recordings-performances>

## Nexus' Got Talent 2014

Well done to all the learners who auditioned for "Nexus' Got Talent 2014". We only had limited spaces in the show and over 50 acts auditions - Those acts that did not get into the show did not perform badly, in fact the judges were very impressed by the standard of all of the acts, but we had to limit the number of acts so the show is not too long and also ensure variety for the audience.

**Nexus' Got Talent 2014** will include this year: **Solo/Duet and Trio Vocalists, Dancers, Instrumental Solos, Drama, Ballet and lots more.....**

Tickets for Nexus' Got Talent 2014 are now on sale from Student Services priced RM15 for Adults, RM10 for Learners/Concessions, RM40

for a Family Ticket.

Teachers will get free tickets from Student Services to support the learners in your form groups/classes.

The Audience will be voting via SMS (one vote only per audience member), for the Best Act in Primary and the Best Act in Secondary so get your tickets soon as we will sell out quickly - All the seats will be numbered, so the best seats will go quickly.

## Nexus' Got Talent 2014 for EYs to Year 3/4

Due to the lateness of the main **Nexus' Got Talent 2014** show, we will be putting on a special Early Years to Year 4 **Nexus' Got Talent 2014**. This will be held at 2pm on Thursday 5th June in the Theatre

## 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.

"Final Call" for any dancers who would like to perform a solo or group piece - Please sign up here: <https://docs.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/document/d/1gDfH9J2KIBze7acJmfuGLIQ5C4Xt4Rzo1ryLvj3npxQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Auditions will be held on 5th of June for Dance in Action '14

## Dates For Your Diaries

4 June	Nexus' Got Talent
18 June	Dance in Action
25 June	Rock Concert



# Drama News

**'Shakespeare Rocks'**  
June 11th at 10.30am & 6.30pm,

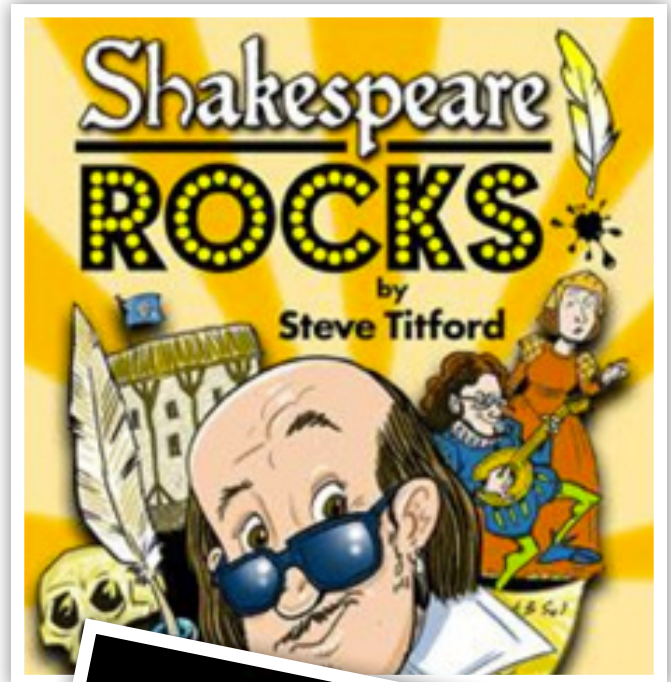
**'The Time Lord'**  
June 19th at 10.30am & 6.30pm

Tickets for the **Y7 Drama productions** **'Shakespeare Rocks'** on June 11th 10.30am & 6.30pm, and **'The Time Lord'** on June 19th at 10.30am & 6.30pm are on sale from next week - get yours from Student Services!

Learners from Y9 and above are welcome to join the Drama and Theatre Arts learners on a **theatre trip to see 'Entropy'** at KLPAC on Friday June 20th at 8.30pm (see poster below). The minibus will be leaving Nexus at 6.30pm, we only have a few seats so please see Ms Rach ASAP if you would like to join us. The show lasts around one hour.

Finally, in the spirit of Drama - having fun, and living life to the limits - take a look at the inspirational story of **Stephen Sutton**, a teenager who raised more than 4 million pounds by carrying out all sorts of charity events. Stephen died last week, but his smile and determination to get the most out of life just go to show what can be done if you have a positive attitude!

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/10832258/Stephen-Sutton-zest-for-life-that-inspired-a-nation-to-give.html>



**Tickets on Sale from Next Week from Student Services!**

# FINAL!

## NEXUS' GOT

# TALENT

**Wednesday**  
**4th June**

**7PM**  
**in the Theatre**

RM 15 - ADULT  
RM 10 - CHILD/  
CONCESSIONS  
RM 40 - FAMILY  
(2 Adults, 3 Concessions)

TICKETS  
AVAILABLE  
from  
STUDENT  
SERVICES