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Year 5 Ambassadors

Gordon, Javier, Tara and Zhara from Year 5 have been chosen as the Nexus Year 5 ambassadors. As our Year 6 learners were at Gombak River on a school trip, the Year 5 Ambassadors showed some Japanese visitors around the school on Tuesday.

The learners did a superb job of explaining what life at Nexus was like and a representative from the visiting group commented that the tour was “amazing” and the “best (that they had) ever experienced.”

They were impressed that the learners were so confident in speaking and were able to conduct the tour without need for a script or teacher with them, demonstrating a good acquisition of their Personal skills of Adaptability, Effective Communication and International Mindedness.



Parents who attended the first growth mindset workshop have requested more information about how to promote a growth mindset at home.

Primary PE & Sport

Our Primary learners have been putting in lots of time and effort already this term, attending Bench ball, Basketball and X Country training. Our first matches and meets start next week, we have U11 Boys and Girls Basketball at Alice Smith, Primary Campus on Tuesday 29th September. U9 Boys and Girls Bench ball at Taylor's International School, KL on Wednesday 30th September and our first U9 & U11, Boys and Girls, X Country run at Taman Rimba on Friday 2nd October.

Please make sure that you keep up to date with all of what's going on in PE and Sport by checking out the Primary PE Website.

The link is <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/nexus-primary-pe/>



On Thursday 1st October, Nexus will hold a follow up workshop focussing on motivation - praise and reward. The session will begin at 8.45am in the boarding house and will finish at 9.30am.

All parents are welcome. If you missed the first workshop we will briefly recap some areas covered.



Recycling

On 22nd September a recycling truck came to Nexus at 4.30pm to collect our recycled objects. Our goal at Nexus is to try to do better than last year, this could be tricky as we sent 8 trucks last year!

Last year Ms Lisa helped us to monitor the boarding recycling, the primary school council and green council recycle paper and we also volunteered in the 24 Hour Run Race.

This year, we will try to be more organised. If you would like any more information on our recycled please talk to Tzu Chi, she has experience in this field for 20 years. Please keep up your hard work to take care of our environment. We are not just to shout out the slogan, but also do it with our own hands. Everyone can do it!

Just remember to think before you throw and wash before you put it inside the recycling bin.

Secondary

Selamat Hari Raya to all the Nexus community!



Year 8 Science Trip to the Aquaria KLCC

Last Friday, Year 8 had a science trip and a collaboration with humanities since we went there to learn about the behaviours and adaptations of the marine life and also coral reefs. We had an opportunity to go to the Aquaria KLCC. Before the trip, we prepared equipment and questions to be answered there. We arrived at our destination through a tough traffic jam which to the teachers perspective, was a time for us to “socialize”. The first activity for my group was a visit to the Seahorse Lab. We learnt interesting facts about the Seahorses; for example, how to determine males from females. Afterwards, we headed to the main area, where we were supposed to gather information from. Just from outside we could already see varieties of species and we could touch and interact with the harmless ones. The both of us were looking at animals with the behaviour of travelling/hunting in groups and camouflage. Our first finding was the Crocodile Fish. It’s advantage was camouflage because it looked exactly like sand. We captured pictures of these animals since we could later include into our project. The Aquarium was interactive; meaning there were things that we could feel and touch instead of reading off a board. Our favourite part of the Aquarium was a huge glass walled tunnel with an escalator going through and had so much marine life to see! We saw sharks and huge sting rays right above our heads just swimming serenely. After we collected all our information, we had a quick trip to the souvenir store. Pleasingly, we had our lunch and soon afterwards we went to our next activity. In conclusion, the trip was a blasting experience and we both highly recommend it. It’s an amusing place to relax your mind and at the same time learn about the marine life.

Article by Elysia Hew & Azmina Mohd. Azam (Year 8N)



A Visit from the Japanese Community (22 Sept)

On Monday, we had the pleasure of welcoming a group from the Japanese community who stepped foot at Nexus for the very first time. It was a visit organised in conjunction by one of our magazine partners, Senyum where 14 Japanese parents were invited to visit Nexus.

The visit started with a welcome by our heads of Primary and Secondary as they shared insights about Nexus. Thereafter, we carried out a tour around the school led by our very own learners. One particular secondary group was lucky enough to have a Year 9 Japanese learner, Keigo, who was able to interpret during the tour. The last part of the tour was a visit to the boarding house.

Here is a photo of our wonderful secondary tour guides.



The group left immensely impressed not just by our facilities but also the enthusiasm and passion shown by our learners. One of the mothers quoted, "It was a good chance to see the school and hear directly from the students about their life at Nexus".

Article by Selwyn Khoo (Head of Marketing)

BOARDERS PHOTO CHALLENGE

This week, the boarders took part in a photo challenge. They were divided into seven groups and asked to complete four challenges issued by Ms Hayley. The challenges included taking part in a wheelbarrow race, performing yoga poses, pulling funny faces, and recreating a movie poster. Each group was asked to take a photo of themselves doing each challenge, and to make the photos as funny as possible.

We had some fantastic entries, but the best of all came in the category where they had to recreate a movie poster. Entries included 'Chennai Express', 'Titanic' - complete with iceberg, and 'Jaws', with Amirul Ayman replacing the shark! Although all entries were of a high standard, only one team could win the challenge (and the pizza prize!), and that accolade went to Group 1.

It was great to see all the boarders working together to create the photos and the other houseparents and I certainly had fun judging the entries!

Article by Ms Hayley





From the Mathematics Department

The Year 10 Core Mathematics class were tasked with making revision tools to help learners to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. This excellent piece of work by Selma and Camelia demonstrates a great blend of infographics and creative design whilst retaining all the relevant mathematical information so that it can be used as revision for Core Maths and to help learners in the Middle School as well.

Article by Mr Jared



HOW TO CHANGE PERCENTAGES TO FRACTIONS and simplify them.

By Selma and Camelia

75/100 ~~**75/100**~~ $\frac{75}{100} = \frac{15}{20}$

Say you have 75%. When you divide it into a total of 100, it becomes 75/100.

Of course, you know how to simplify this.

75 is a multiple of 5. So you divide that number and the denominator by 5. (Note, you're not giving it 5.)

62.5% $\frac{3}{5}$ $\frac{15}{20} = \frac{3}{5}$

Next up, try a decimal. Yeah, that does look a little weird.

Wait! Your simplified fraction. But we're not done! (Buddy, I don't know, honey.)

Since the denominator and the numerator can be divided here. Do exactly that to get the simplified fraction.

62.5%

No fear! You already know how to simplify a whole number. Using a decimal should be a cinch.

Oh right. You can't have more 10 as the unit. Whoooo!

But, here, I got this.

Say that your percentage is 62.5. I can hear you grunting. Stop it.

$\frac{625}{1000}$ $\frac{100}{1000} \times 10$ $\frac{62.5}{625} \times 10$

Never mind that, though. (Says nothing.) Next, if you see a decimal.

You have to do the same for the 100, though. Which gives you a huge number.

All you need to do is multiply 62.5 by 100 then get a whole number: 625.

$\frac{625}{1000} = \frac{25}{40}$ $\frac{25}{40} = \frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{5}{8}$

Next, you gotta divide it. 625 is a multiple of 25, so divide the numerator and denominator by that number!

The fraction we now have is 5/8. It is too big a number to divide the numerator by, so use the number 5 instead.

YOU'RE DONE! Here's a medal!

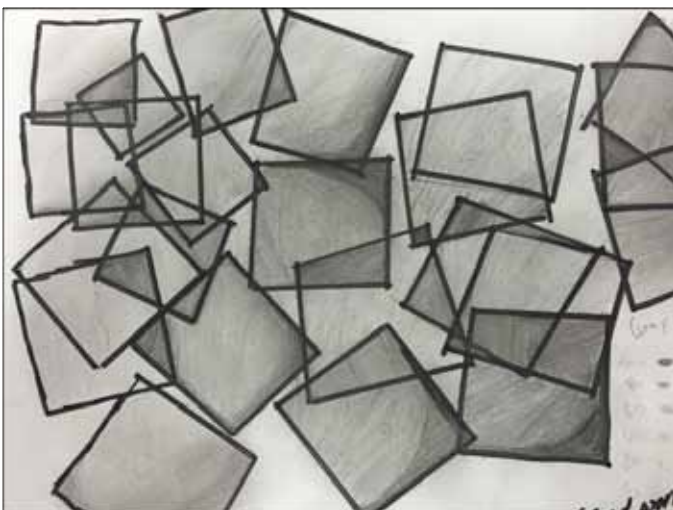
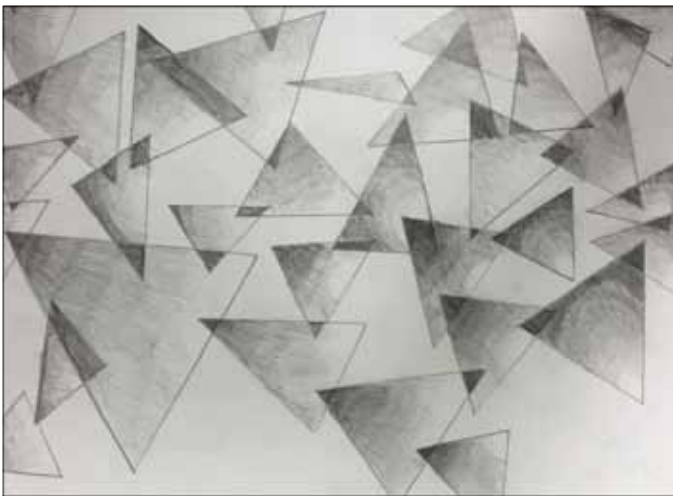
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This Week In The Art Department...

This term, Year 7 are currently working on a Shape into Forms topic. They are learning how 2-D shapes are transformed into 3-D forms with the use of shading. Basic geometric shapes, such as circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles can become spheres, cubes, pyramids, and cylinders by correct shading. They were also introduced to Chiaroscuro (shading) techniques and gradation (grey scale) to create the awareness of space and depth.

Article by Mr Mauro and Mr Saiful

Artwork by Year 7



News from our Nexus Sports Teams

U15 Girls Volleyball @ MKIS

22 September 2015

We had a great evening of Volleyball at Mont Kiara International School (MKIS). We have been working well together and helping each other develop so far this season.

Our first game was against ISP, it was very close and we demonstrated some excellent skills and movement on court, particularly Farhah, as she was communicating with us to ensure that we were ready at all times. We played best of three against ISP and unfortunately lost out in the first game 26-24. Our second game against ISP we had the lead. Intan's serving was powerful and kept the points coming in. But, in the end the pressure got to us and we lost out again at 26-24.

Next we played MKIS and we started off on a low, our defending and movement had been lost a little, we changed the team around and got some feedback from the coaches. We lost the first game 25-15, but we knew what we had to do better for the next game. After listening to the help from our coaches we won 25-22 and tried really hard to move to the ball and communicate more with each other. Unfortunately, our final game we lost 15-12 to MKIS, but we know what we need to do to improve together as a team.

U15 Girls Volleyball Team



NEWS from the ELL department



The Extended Language and Learning department with the help of the Nexus community is celebrating Sunshine September - Autism Awareness month. In our true spirit of celebrating diversity and challenging minds, look out for exciting upcoming events including a whole-school quiz and a primary disco!

The money we raise, through the disco and other related activities, will be donated to NASOM. The National Autism Society of Malaysia (<http://www.nasom.org.my>) is a national charitable organisation that 'strives to provide a range of support services to assist people living with autism, especially children and their immediate family members'.

"My autism is part of who I am, not all of who I am. I rely on you. Be my guide, my champion, love me for who I am, and we'll see how far I can go."

LOTE NEWS

European Day of Languages

Friday 25th September was when the European Day of Languages was celebrated at Nexus. Learners doing PE played traditional French games and in Music learners looked at European influences. During lunch break there was a Salsa dancing lesson in the Dance Studio and in room 224 Mr Najman hosted a French karaoke. A video of European festivals was screened in the Primary Canteen and age appropriate European films were played in various classrooms throughout the school. All other lessons added a European theme to their teaching. And the most popular aspect was the cheese-tasting!



This array of events will have helped our learners better understand European culture and enjoy themselves whilst learning at the same time!

Language Clubs

Starting next week the Languages department will be offering Language support in 4 languages during lunch times. This is open to all learners. These sessions will be run by our Year 12 and 13 learners who will make them fun and worthwhile sessions. Things covered might include:

- If you need help learning some vocabulary
- If you don't understand some grammar point and need it explaining
- If you are really stuck with a piece of homework and need help with it
- If you simply want to speak in that language
- If you want to watch an age appropriate film in that language
- If you need to catch up some languages work

but learners can request anything else too; Mr Najman and his team will try to arrange it for you.

The sessions will be as follows:

Tuesdays from 13.00 - 13.45

- French in room 226
- Spanish in room 225

Wednesdays from 13.00 - 13.35

- Mandarin Chinese in room 227

Fridays from 13.00 - 13.35

- Bahasa Malaysia in room 223

News from the ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY programme

This week the Yr9 "Science for Life" learners completed their exit point at the National Planetarium. They have been looking at how technology adapted for space travel is used on Earth for many other practical applications today. The learners enjoyed experiencing the antigravity module and looking at all of the replica space instruments. It was also very interesting to learn how Malaysia has been a part of space exploration over time.



Upcoming University Visits

Learners and Parents are welcome

University	Date	Time	Location
Arizona State University	29th September	1-1.50pm	Senior canteen
Northern Kentucky University	30th September	1-1.50pm	Senior canteen
Essec Business School (France)	5th October	1-1.50pm	Senior canteen
University of Birmingham (Biosciences focus)	6th October	1-1.50pm	Library (upstairs)

Last Friday during Personal Development, Year 7 learners had some ice-breaker team-building activities, to improve their working together skills.

Here are some photos from the Marshmallow Challenge:



PTA-AGM 2015
Mad Hatter Party



{Save the *date*. Don't be *late*.

For a long *ImpORtanT* date! }

You are invited to a rather *CURIOUS*
Nexus PTA-AGM 2015.

Meet you on the *frabious Thursday*,
1st October

at *8.45* in the morning
down into the rabbit hole @ MPR Room.

First of its kind
AGM will be more *fun!*

Hear about our year! Elect our new board!
Put on your hat and let's celebrate!

And that's not all!
We will kick off the AGM with a short
workshop, "Praise and Reward" by the experts
in NISP, table top sales by parents, cakes coffee&tea
and *LUCKY DRAW!*

{you *must not* be *late!*}