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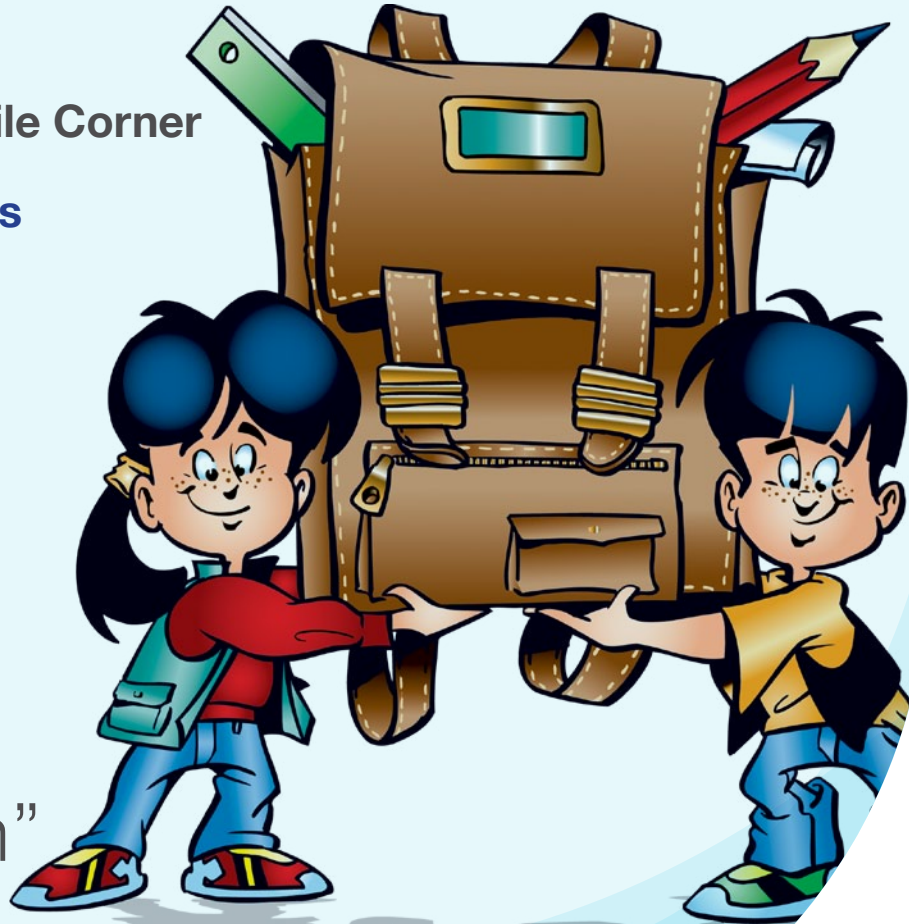
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Whole School

Parent Survey

Taylor's will launch their **Annual Parent Survey** on **Monday 6th October** – all parents will receive an invitation to participate in the survey and instructions on how to log on and complete. The survey will be open for a month. Please take this opportunity to share your feedback as it is very valuable to us.

The Learners will also complete a survey after the half term.



Class Reps

The PTA has had many parent volunteers to be class reps. Class Reps provide a very useful aid in terms of communication and in order to facilitate this the school is planning to provide each rep with email groups for each class/form. If you would like us to withhold your email details from the parent email group for any reason please contact Premila to inform her of your request.



CCA Notice

Please be aware that there will be no CCA sessions in the week beginning Monday 6th October due to the public holiday. CCA will resume in the week beginning Monday 13th October.



Teacher Profile Corner:

Marie Ng

Bahasa Malaysia & Host Country Studies Teacher

“It was through being a teaching assistant for 3 years that Marie discovered her passion to work with and educate children...”

To know more about Marie, please visit: <http://www.nexus.edu.my/About-Nexus/Our-People/Early-Years-Primary.aspx?page=4>



Morning Coffee 30/9/14

On Tuesday, the PTA hosted its first 'Parent Meet Parent Morning Coffee'. It was an opportunity for new and existing parents to meet and share coffee, food, and conversation. If you missed this one, there will be another Morning Coffee during Term 2. Hope to see you there!

European Day of Languages

Last Friday saw Nexus celebrate the European Day of Languages, which proved to be a great success with the learners.

Throughout the school learners clothed themselves in the colours of a multitude of European flags and most classes added a European theme to the learning.

In PE, learners played French boules, in Music learners listened to European songs, in the Primary School; learners did a variety of European themed quizzes. Other subjects had their Learning Intentions written in a European language or the teacher introduced the class in a different language which all heightened the learners understanding of all things European. And probably the highlight of the day was the cheese tasting where learners sampled a variety of European cheeses from mild Edam to a very strong Danish blue.



PE Notices

Despite the majority of fixtures ending in a washout last week the U15 and U18 boys Football teams managed to squeeze in a game Vs KLASS. The U15s played magnificently to record a 5-1 scoreline at half-time as did the the U18s who were leading 4-0, but once again the storms blew in and bought a premature end to both games. The U18 boys Volleyball team also had trouble with the weather, despite playing indoors at ISKL. The rain was so heavy the roof leaked and ended any hope of getting the tournament finished. Well done to the boys who travelled all that way and didn't let the wet weather dampen their spirits.

The U9 Boys and Girls Benchball teams played their first competitive matches this week at BSKL and ISP respectively. Thanks to Miss Gemma for all the hard work during lunchtime practices. It seemed to have really paid off, as coaches from other schools heaped praise on our young learners regarding their style of play.

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| Next week is jam-packed full of fixtures | Saturday | 4th | October |
| | U18 Girls Football at ISKL - 6.30am to 1pm | | |
| | U18 Boys Football at Nexus - 8.00am to 12pm | | |
| | U15 & U19 Badminton at KTJ - 6.30am to 5pm | | |
| | Wednesday | 8th | October |
| | U18 Boys Volleyball Final at ISKL - 3.20pm to 7pm | | |
| | U9 Girls Benchball at ISP - 2.30pm to 7pm | | |
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| | Thursday | 9th | October |
| | U13 Girls Football at ISP - 3.20pm to 7pm | | |
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| | U15 Girls Football at ISP - 3.20pm to 7pm | | |
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| | U18 Girls Volleyball at ISKL - 3.20pm to 7pm | | |
| | Saturday | 11th | October |
| | Whole school - ISAC X-Country at Taman Rimba Komonwel - 6.15am to 1pm | | |
| | Sunday | 12th | October |
| U15 Boys Football at AISM - 7am to 1pm | | | |

Swimming Uniform

There has been some rumours this week that the PE dept are enforcing a blue or black swim uniform for PE swim lessons. Please note:

Swim Lessons During PE:

Learners should wear appropriate swimwear eg No bikinis. no board shorts. Learners can wear appropriate swimwear of any colour. Learners are advised to wear swim caps. This is not compulsory but is preferable due to health and safety reasons eg hair becoming trapped in pool filters. Swim caps are available from the school shop for Rm15 and can also be purchased from your local sports shops.

Competitive Swim Team:

A letter offering competitive swim team members the chance to buy a Nexus branded swim uniform will be handed out next week during Wednesdays CCA. The uniform is made by Speedo and is part of their Endurance+ range. At the moment we are awaiting samples form the supplier. More details to follow.

Primary

Year 6 Trip:

Gombak River



Last week Year 6 travelled to the Gombak River to carry out a river investigation as part of their “Go with the Flow” IPC Unit. Over the last few weeks we have been learning a lot about the geography of rivers, especially the different parts and how a river changes as it flows from source to mouth. It was exciting to visit a real river and see, and get into, different parts of it.

We visited the upper and middle courses of the Gombak River to the north-east of Batu Caves and it took us over an hour to get there.

“We had a great time, we did a river investigation by measuring the width, depth, velocity (speed) and gradient. To measure these things we had to use different instruments, metre-stick, measuring tape, clinometer, ping-pong ball and a stopwatch. The thing that went well for me was the teamwork and

communication in my team. While we were measuring the upper course I slipped and fell in the water! I used lots of different personal goals but I think the main one was cooperation as we really had to work together to measure and accurately record our results. I had lots of fun and I would love to go there again.” **David**

“My new learning from the trip was that I learnt about the gradient of a river. The thing that I enjoyed best was relaxing in the middle river - we had an awesome and a fun time at this trip!” **Eunice**

“The personal goal that I used most on the trip was being resilient. I had to keep going when I fell in the water to make sure that my team got accurate measurements. It was a tiring but fun day indeed!” **Yong Sheng**

We would like to thank all the adults who helped us on our trip but especially Miss Suzy from Secondary who made our great trip a fantastic one - she came with us and shared her Humanities knowledge as well as the measuring equipment! “Miss Suzy was very kind, helpful and laughed a lot when we fell in the river. Thank you for sharing your knowledge Miss Suzy!” **Ken**



Secondary

Art Expo Malaysia 2014

A trip to the 8th International Malaysian Art Expo 2014 proved a wonderful experience for GCSE and IB Visual Arts learners. The learners gathered useful research about local artists. This will help to increase the knowledge and content of their coursework portfolios.

There was also some obscure work from artists representing Embassies from around the world. The learners managed to converse with some of the artists giving them a stronger insight into the creative processes and contextual reasons involved in making artworks.

The learners commented that some of the work was expensive, and that having an International Art Expo is good for Malaysian tourism. That it is a great opportunity for Malaysian artists to enter and to be recognized in the world art market, and that hopefully one



day, their work may get exhibited in a future expo.

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Art and Design Learners with Year 12 and 13 IB Visual Arts Learners in front of the 8th International Malaysian Art Expo 2014.



(Music News)**Nexus' Got Talent**

Learners only have 4 weeks to practise their items ready for the auditions on 10th November. Audition sheets will be going out at the start of November and we are looking for a variety of acts not just singers, so get your thinking cap on and talk to your friends to see what you could do together. Get practising!

(Drama News)**KLPAC**

The Short & Sweet festival makes a welcome return to KLPAC! Between now and November 2nd, they will be hosting some great evenings of entertainment featuring talent from around Malaysia. There will be performances in Theatre, Dance, Music and Stand-up Comedy.

DPAC

Damansara Performing Arts Centre have lots of Drama and Music performances coming up, including the comedy 'L'elisir D'amour' - "Love potion meets love triangle. Results in complication. Hilarity ensues."




Secondary Art "Newspaper Appeal"

Secondary Art would like to appeal for newspapers, as we are going to start our **Papier-mâché** project with Year 9 learners and to cover the table while painting. We also recycle the Newspapers for paper making and printing activities.

Please send the newspapers to the Secondary Art room (122 or 123) anytime during school hours. All contributions are highly appreciated.



CAS Reflection

**Mohd Azam,
Siti Anis Salimah (Anis)**



Last year throughout the three terms I joined the Buggy Malone Production, Red Cross Society, and took dance classes with Sabrina Saw. During those weeks it has been hectic and fun. I have learned so much from these activities. For Buggy Malone, I thought I'd try out theatre and see how much I am capable of. I got casted as one of the dancers named Loretta. I sang a few songs backing up one of the main characters Tallulah. I think choreographing and remembering the script was already a tough creative task. I'm committed to go to the rehearsals and got to collaborate with a lot of people through the cast and crew. It was a really nice experience. From Red Cross Society I learned how to properly provide first aid with bandaging, procedures for bruises, fractures, burns and shocks. I also learned CPR. Other than this I have gone out of school to provide my services by teaching to a local school, becoming a first aider helper through a local cricket tournament that lasted for two days. For dance I have



made my body become fitter than before and it amazes me because I started out with no knowledge for things like ballet terms, spins, lifts, jumps, even the name of certain workouts to becoming flexible in a month. I have performed once and have provided a service to work backstage for an event known as the Pet Project.

This term I have decided to join the Red Cross Society again because the service we do can actually be really fun. I've also decided to start a new activity to volunteer at Zoo Negara and help out an IB drama student's production by being a part of the cast. The production is also based on quite a lot of choreography, I'd say there are some pretty tough stunts to do but with practice hopefully it'll turn out well.



Music News

Lunchtime Music Clubs - All Welcome - Early Lunch Passes Are Available To All Attendees - Come Along & Have Fun!

| Primary @ Lunchtime | |
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| Mon | Recorder Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann |
| | Primary String Group (Violins, Cellos) for Primary Learners with Mr Mervin |
| | Primary Guitar Group for Primary Learners with Mr Afiq & Mr Hafiz |
| Tue | Primary Drumming Group for Primary Learners with Mr Jared |
| Wed | Flute Group for Primary Learners with Miss Yem Voon |
| | Xylophone and Glockenspiel Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann |
| | (After School) Clarinet Group for ALL Learners with Miss Kit |
| Fri | Primary Singing Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann & Miss Audrey |
| | Primary String Group (Violins, Cellos) for Primary Learners with Mr Mervin |

| Secondary @ Lunchtime | |
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| Mon | Music Technology Club with Mr Tim |
| | Secondary Drumming Group with Mr Jared |
| Tue | Guitar Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Afiq |
| | Brass Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Gerold |
| Wed | Flute Group for Secondary Learners with Miss Yem Voon |
| | Senior String Group (Violins and Cellos) for Secondary Learners with Mr Mervin |
| | Fun Secondary Vocal Group (Acapella singing, 4 part singing) with Mr Tim & Mr Steve |
| | Guitar Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Hafiz |
| | (After School) Clarinet Group for ALL Learners with Miss Kit |
| Fri | Jazz Band/Group with Mr Tim & Mr Steve |

Dates For Your Diaries

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| Mon 10th Nov | Nexus' Got Talent Auditions |
| Thur 20th Nov | Nexus' Got Talent FINAL |
| Fri 21st Nov | Young Nexus' Got Talent FINAL |
| Wed 10th Dec | Production - TBC |
| Thu 11th Dec | Production - TBC |



Why Study Music?

Singing as part of a choir has the same calming

health benefits as yoga, study finds: <http://life.nationalpost.com/2013/07/10/singing-has-the-same-calming-health-benefits-as-yoga-study-finds/?federated=1>

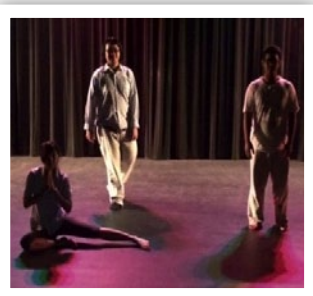
Drama News

Drama Showcase October 16th



You are warmly invited to join us for our first Drama Showcase of this year, featuring Drama and Theatre learners from Y11 and Y13.

Y11 will be presenting 'Be My Baby', a bittersweet snapshot of life in 1960s England, whilst the Y13 learners will be showing how they've risen to the challenge of writing and adapting their own scripts and directing other learners in their short Independent Project pieces.



It promises to be an evening where our learners demonstrate a range of skills, from collaboration and communication to critical thinking and risk-taking.

Please note that due to the mature content of some of the performances, only learners from Y9 upwards will be admitted.

HELP NEEDED!

Please does anyone have a sewing machine which we could borrow for the next few weeks to make costumes for the Drama Showcase and School Production?



We have great ideas for costumes, but need

the sewing machine (and, if you have the time and skills, costume-makers!)

ISTA Theatre Festival May 7-10 2015



Letters are being sent out this week for Y6-9 learners who would like to participate in the ISTA Festival in Pattaya, Thailand.

Places will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, so please bring completed forms to Ms Rach ASAP!

Why Study Drama?

Drama is the preferred qualification for entry onto the Law course at some of the prestigious "Russell Group" universities in the UK. Not only this, but Drama (along with Economics) rates as the preferred validating subject for any essay-based degree course at these universities in a study conducted last year by LKMco policy research group.

School Production, Can You Help?

Scripts and ideas for props and staging have been shared with our School Production cast and crew, and they're busily starting to learn lines and make props. We're on the lookout for the following items, please let us know if you can help: Large cloth sheets, Newspapers, Large, wide bamboo canes, Cardboard boxes Traditional costumes from Malaysia (Ulek Mayang), Indonesia & Vietnam (Crystal Heart)

Dates For Your Diaries

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| Oct 16th | Y11 & 13 Drama Showcase |
| Dec 11th | School Production |