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# Whole School

## Deepavali Celebration

Dear parents/guardians,

Nexus will embrace diversity once again through our whole school Deepavali celebration on **Friday 17th October 2014**. We would appreciate parents' participation to extend the celebration to a wider community.

If you wish to help or contribute please contact:

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### Programme for the Day:

1. Whole school dress-up in traditional Indian costumes
2. Deepavali Curriculum Day – Learning displays to showcase learners Internationally Minded learning (outside the main library)
3. Food Tasting – Indian food and delicacies!
4. Primary assembly



### CCA Notice

CCA sessions resume this week, beginning **Monday 13th October**. Please note; full PE kit or sports wear is required if learners are taking part in active or sporting CCA sessions. Learners should not attend such classes in their normal school uniform.



### Our Internationally Minded

#### Definition:

*International mindedness is an understanding of ourselves as part of a global community and a respect for, and celebration of, diversity within that community.*

*At Nexus, this means that we:*

- ☀ Celebrate festivals of cultures in Malaysia.
- ☀ Are part of a global community.
- ☀ Try to understand and respect each other.
- ☀ Are open to learning about each other, including our similarities and differences.

# PE Notices

Another very busy weekend for our learners saw the U18 Girls Football team win Bronze medal in the Div 1 ISAC competition. The girls beat GIS twice and lost narrowly to ISKL with Adzatul Abu Bakar scoring a hat-trick. Well done to all the girls who performed so brilliantly over the both weekends of competition.



The boys were also in action in the Div 2 U18 ISAC competition. After finishing top of the group last week, the team went on to win the Silver medal after beating AISM 7-6 in the semi-final with 6 goals coming from the right boot of Brenon Johnstone. In the final they were up against a tough ISKL side who narrowly beat us to the Gold medal position with a 5-3 win.

The U15 and U18 badminton sides were in action at KTJ on Saturday. 28 learners travelled to the venue at 6.30am and the sun was setting by the time the last shuttle had been hit. Our tired learners returning to Nexus at 7.45pm. Well done to all the everyone who played. It was an excellent showing and a fantastic opportunity to get

some vital warm-up games in before the ISAC and KLISS leagues begin in January.

## Isac X-Country This Weekend, Saturday 11th October

Thank you to those learners who have signed-up to run in the ISAC X-Country this weekend at Taman Rimba Komonwel. We have 31 runners representing the school from Y3 up to Y13. It should be a fantastic event... Watch this space for news of our results.

### Upcoming Fixtures

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>October</b>	
ISAC X-Country at Taman Rimba Komonwel - Bus leaves at			6.00am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>October</b>	
U15 Boys Football - Bus leaves at			6.45am
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>October</b>	
U13 Boys Football - Bus leaves at			3.20pm
U15 Boys Football - Bus leaves at			3.20pm
U15 Girls Football - Bus leaves at			3.20pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>October</b>	
U11 Boys Basketball - Bus leaves at			2.30pm
U11 Girls Basketball - Bus leaves at			2.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>October</b>	
U18 Girls Volleyball - Bus leaves at			3.20pm
U13 Boys Football at Nexus Vs AISM/ISKL			
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# Primary

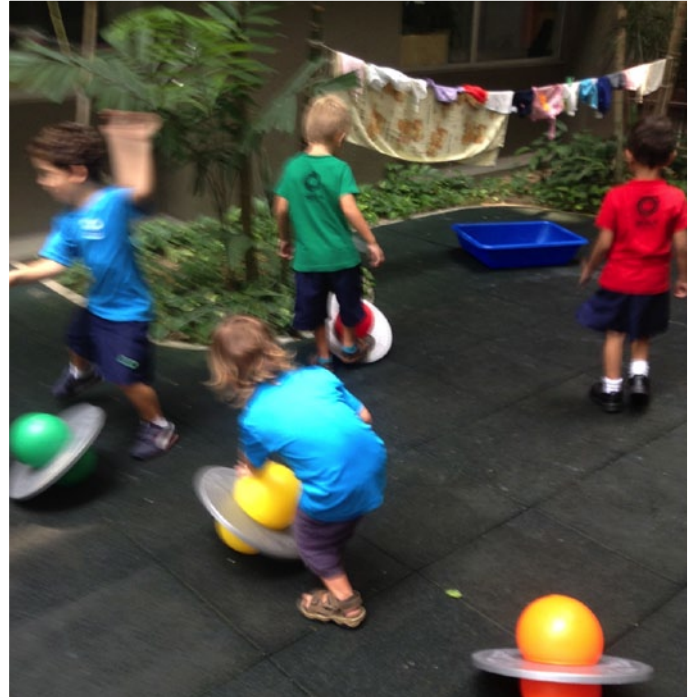
Early Years:

## *I Am Special!*



It has been another interesting week as our learners engaged in a variety of learning opportunities presented to them through various activities. The learners looked at their own photographs and shared their knowledge and understanding of how they have changed. They later sequenced these photographs according to different periods in their lives- as a baby – as a toddler – today. This is part of our ongoing unit 'All about me'.

Some of the highlights of the week have been: Watching a baby being bathed, planting seeds, trying our new balancing toys, painting using pattern rollers, making self photo mobiles with numbers and listening to stories linked to our unit. We are happy to say there has been a good show of creativity and individual expression of thoughts in a variety of activities!



## U9 Bench Ball, Friendly @ ISP

On Wednesday some of the Year 3&4 learners went over to ISP to play in a friendly match. All of the learners had a great afternoon and worked well, showing continuing improvement. Thank you to all parents that came to support our learners. It was a great afternoon and we look forward to our next tournament on November 5th, boys @ BSKL and girls @ ISP.

A big well done to all of the learners that represented Nexus!



Zahra, Preeshna, Ms Grace,  
Amyra, Aireen, Amelina



Aydine, Isaac, Azmer,  
Fayez, Amjad, Haikal

## Teacher Profile Corner:

### *Gemma Craker*

“Grew up in Warwickshire, UK and went to University of Bedfordshire to study Physical Education (BA) with Qualified Teacher Status...”



To know more about Gemma, please visit:

<http://www.nexus.edu.my/About-Nexus/Our-People/Early-Years-Primary.aspx?page=4>

# Secondary

## Academic Reports Notice

We have moved the published dates of the academic reports to the end of Term 1 as we are currently improving the reporting procedures for all our learners, to ensure the information that parents receive will be more detailed and informative.

In order to improve the reports we have spent a lot of time with our specialist teachers designing a new format. The dates we have published in the Parent Handbook for the Parent Teacher Conference for Term 1 will remain the same. This will provide the parents in Year 7 and Year 10 with the additional opportunity to discuss the progress of their child/ren during Term 1 and receive a report at the end of Term 1.



## CAS Reflection by Mohd Noor Azhab, Shahrul Zhakwan

I have decided to join filmmaking CCA for both term 1 and 2 in Year 12 because I'm very much interested in doing short video animation. A few of my colleagues have also joined filmmaking, we thought it would be fun working collaboratively as a group and have learnt something new during the process.

During term 1, I learnt the core fundamentals of how to make a film and what is required in order to produce a decent film. Getting the basics down took the whole class about half the term. The rest of the term, we finished making our first storyboard for a short video clip; the objective was to incorporate several techniques that we have learnt during class into our video. Making storyboard was the hardest part because it's like a blueprint for the video; this will set a guideline for us to work with when shooting the film.

During term 2, we finished our first short video and were assigned to make another short film with the theme 'Lost and Found'. We both got better at using the equipment and adding techniques were like second nature because we know what to do. The teacher watched the short video and was amused. He gave us positive feedback and highlighted the strengths and weaknesses in the film.

All in all, it has been a memorable experience making films with my friends and learning something new.

## Parent Information Presentation, Thursday 16th October, from 8.40 to 10.00 am in Multipurpose Room for Parents in Y10, 11 & 12

Choosing the right university course or IB subjects is a very difficult and time consuming decision and in order to support your child, and you, to the best of our ability, myself and our team of tutors and advisors need to have a comprehensive picture of your child's strengths, weaknesses, likes and dislikes.

To help identify these traits, many schools use psychometric testing to acquire a profile of an individual, which can help steer a learner down the right career pathway.

The 'Morrisby Profile' is one such test that we would be able to facilitate here at Nexus if you wish your son or daughter to participate for a small fee.

Mr John Broadbent and his wife, Catherine, will administer the test, and follow up interviews. Both have over 20 years experience as Careers Consultants.

**They would like to invite you to a presentation,** which will outline how the Morrisby Profile works, and the associated benefits that go with the test.

For more information visit the website <http://www.morrisby.com/>

## 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.



# JERUM BASU

## YEAR 7 TRIP TO

### Day 1 (By Conor 7E)

We set off on our epic adventure at 8:30am. It was a noisy journey which took about 3.5 hours. When we arrived we had some cake and juice, then it was time for our team-building activity; in which we were split into 7 teams with elected captains. We had to do stuff like pass elastic bands with straws that were in our mouths. We also had one bucket of water and we had to transport the water using spoons into an empty bucket that had holes in it, as a competition to see who could block off the most holes. We then had to make team names and logos.

After a quick shower, it was time for our cooking competition. We had to make either chicken tortilla wraps or vegetarian spaghetti

bolognese. I really enjoyed this. We then had to eat what we had prepared. It was fun. Tonight was a treasure hunt then we all went to bed. I am looking forward to tomorrow. Very tired though...

### Day 2 (By Brook, Elysia, Azmina 7N & Deanna 7X)

Today we split into our two bus groups. Group A did abseiling and flying fox, Group B did water confidence and rafting. We were in group A. At first abseiling seemed scary because of the height of the ladder and the equipment they used. It looked so professional and high-tech! Initially our legs turned to jelly but we overcame our fears and when we actually did it, it was really fun. We wanted to have lots of attempts. The flying fox was a zip-wire over the river. We expected it to be much higher and longer and to have an elevator! The wobbly ladder was quite scary! At first there were

butterflies in our stomachs for like 5 seconds, but then the guy pushed along the ones who wouldn't move and then it was like "weeeeeeee"- so much fun. The wind was blowing through our hair and we wished it lasted longer.

Then we had lunch. After lunch we swapped our activities and it was our turn to do the water rafting. Really good. The water took our breath away- so cold! The current was quite strong and Nabil nearly disappeared down the stream, but we were in very safe hands. We did rapid jumping and boat racing, then we had some relaxing free time before dinner. We enjoyed our day and relaxed with ice-creams, before bed.

Mixed feelings about paint-balling tomorrow; we hope it doesn't hurt!

### Day 3 (Continued on Next Issue)





To see more photos, please visit our Facebook page



# Music News

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

Primary @ Lunchtime	
<b>Mon</b>	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
<b>Tue</b>	Primary Drumming Group for Primary Learners with Mr Jared
<b>Wed</b>	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
<b>Fri</b>	Primary Singing Group for Primary Learners with Miss Ann & Miss Audrey
	Primary String Group (Violins, Cellos) for Primary Learners with Mr Mervin

Secondary @ Lunchtime	
<b>Mon</b>	Music Technology Club with Mr Tim
	Secondary Drumming Group with Mr Jared
<b>Tue</b>	Guitar Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Afiq
	Brass Group for Secondary Learners with Mr Gerold
<b>Wed</b>	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
<b>Fri</b>	Jazz Band/Group with Mr Tim & Mr Steve

## 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!



## Why Study Music?

How to Practice an Instrument Effectively: <http://www.wikihow.com/Practice-an-Instrument-Effectively>



## Drama News

### Drama Showcase October 16th

Tickets for the Drama Showcase will be on sale from Monday. Please come to support our Drama and Theatre learners from Y11 and Y13.

### Drama Trip to Thailand May 2015

Letters went out last 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!



### Dates For Your Diaries

Thur 16th Oct	Drama Showcase, Only suitable for Year 9 (13 years old) learners and above, due to the nature of the material
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

[ Whole School News ]

## Cashless Cafeteria System

**Please note that from the 13th October the Cafeteria's will no longer accept cash payments. Please ensure your child's card is topped up with money at the main school office. If a student forgets their card for the day, they can go to office to ask for assistance.**

*A great lifestyle is waiting you!*

We are inviting Nexus learners (Year 6 onwards) for a **FREE**

## TASTE OF BOARDING

Have you ever thought of coming into **NEXUS** Boarding?  
Come and experience a great lifestyle from :  
29th October - 31st October (3D 2N)



Contact **NEXUS** Boarding office at 03 8890 2533 or email Ms. Lina at [yusuf.m@nexus.edu.my](mailto:yusuf.m@nexus.edu.my) for further details