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Whole School

International Day on June 15

Dear Learners, Parents, and Nexus Staff,

For International Day on June 15, the PTA would like to invite all the learners, teachers and staff as well as parents/guardians who will be attending, to wear traditional clothing or colours from your home country or other country you have chosen to represent.

Parents are also welcome to join us for the Opening Ceremony at 9:00am and the Closing Ceremonies (Primary at 1:20pm and Secondary at 2:15pm). In addition, we would like to inform you that although there will be food sampling on this day, it will be a very small part of the event and therefore learners will still need to have snack and lunch as usual.

Finally, we have a full day of fun activities

prepared and we don't want anyone to miss out so we kindly ask that you do your best to arrive to school on time. Thank you in advance for helping to make this day special for the Nexus community.

We look forward to celebrating Nexus International Day with you!

On this International Day, there will be also an opportunity for learners to donate money to the ongoing relief efforts for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

We ask parents to send approx RM 10 with their children as our final appeal for Nepal victims.

Sincerely,
Nexus PTA

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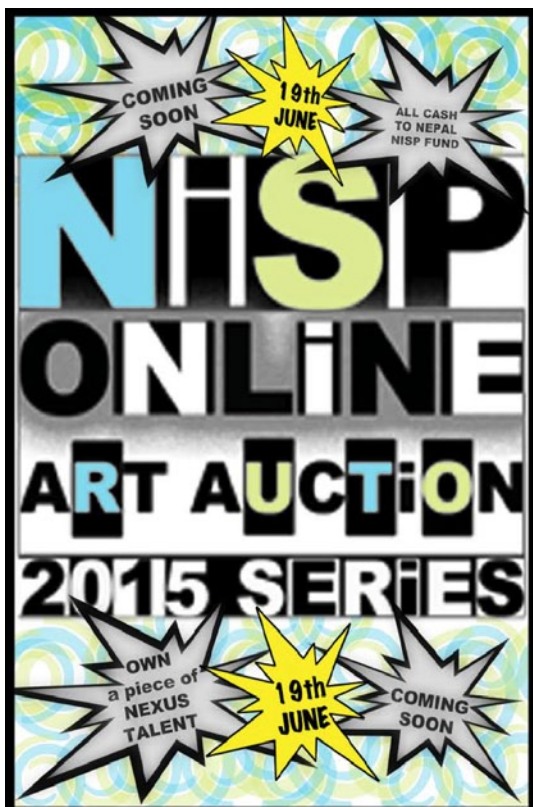
Nepal Earthquake Appeal Update!

Nexus International School, Putrajaya
The Global Citizens of Tomorrow

Following the two devastating Earthquakes to hit Nepal our Nexus community have been busy raising funds to support the families of our Nepalese community within school. So far we have raised in incredible RM28,000 from awareness campaigns, **Sponge The Teacher** and **A Giant Coin Snake**.

We would like to thank the whole community for contributing and for the secondary school council and Year 3 classes in Primary for sorting and counting RM2000 worth of coins!

Our target of the end of this term is RM40,000 and we have more fundraising events: **Run For Nepal** and **The Online Art Auction**, please continue to help us reach our target!



**Run for Nepal - Tuesday 16 June
8.45am - 10.20am**

THE NISP 'ONLINE' ART AUCTION IS HAPPENING SOON! GET READY TO BID!

Various memorable, recent and past artworks that have been exhibited about the school will be up for auction BEGINNING, the 19th of June 2015 and ending noon on Thursday the 25th of June 2015.

Instructions on how to bid will be relayed to you when the auction and bidding opens on the 19th.

The bidding will be open to secondary learners, all admin and staff and all parents of the Nexus community.

This is your chance to forever own a piece of Nexus talent and hang it up on your wall at home, reminding you of all those good times!

All proceeds will be donated to the NISP EARTHQUAKE APPEAL in NEPAL.

If you have any questions about this then please contact:

Mauro Brooks
Head of Visual Arts
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ICT News

Dear Parents,

Please be reminded to provide your Personal Gmail Account (PGA) so we can update the system and provide access to the following;

1. CCA Sign Up in the following academic year
2. View & Download Term 3 reports

The above are the essential for now and the list will expand once all families are on board.



1. This QR code will open a Google form to register your PGA.

URL: <https://goo.gl/2AD0Y7>



2. This QR code provides various documentation on how to setup a GMAIL account.

URL: <https://goo.gl/Nbhzhf>

Please note that there will be no alternatives for registration other than GMAIL.

Primary

Transition

On Thursday morning all Primary learners will be able to spend some time with their new class teachers and find out some information about next (academic) year. Those leaving and the Year 6 learners will take part in a research task in the big library. Parents will all be informed which class their child will be going into by email early next week.

Run for Nepal

On Tuesday of next week (16th June) the Early Years and Primary learners will be taking part in the Run for Nepal.

- Learners across the school, Early Years to Secondary, will be participating in a fundraising event for the recent earthquakes in Nepal.
- EY and Primary learners will run to the picnic park with their class teachers as well as several specialist teachers.
- The route is very simple and the children will really enjoy this fun event!
- The part they enjoy most is having a picnic after the run!

Many of you have already paid for T-shirts for the event and have been ordered these can be collected now from where you ordered them. Additionally, on the day learners are asked to bring a donation for Nepal that will be combined with all the other money collected so far and this will make a huge difference to the families of those Nepalese families affected.

After the run we have a bit of an 'afterparty' where the primary learners play and eat in the park – picnic style!

How Can You Help?

We ask parents to help learners by providing food / drinks to be shared with their peers during the picnic (try to avoid candy please). This food should all be halal. Please bring the food in on the morning of the event where it will be placed in a class basket and transported to the picnic area to be shared out with your child's classmates.

If you as a parent can help by walking / running with us to the picnic area - please get in touch with your child's class teacher! We would love you to join in this fantastic event!

If you can help transport food to the picnic area please inform David Griffiths or be at the Primary entrance on Tuesday morning at around 8am.

Also, please ensure your child brings along their hat in case it is sunny on the day - and a picnic mat if they have one! (If they don't please don't worry we will share the ones we do have).

Learners are asked to wear their PE sports kit on Monday for the run with sensible shoes for sports. If they have the Nepal Run t-shirt this can also be worn (it may be an idea to pack a spare to change in to and freshen up after the event!).

Parents are encouraged to come along to the picnic and share in this end of term celebration, it always proves to be a fabulous event with much fun, laughter and of course eating!!! The primary learners will most likely start arriving at the picnic area at around 10am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Secondary

NISPMUN

MUN isn't just for geeky seniors in suits who have nothing to do on weekends. That was what the NISPMUN team tried to show last Friday, with everyone dressed in school uniform, taking part in all sorts of activities, and a lot of learning.



The second annual Junior-NISPMUN Conference for younger learners changed the typical MUN format of debate, by introducing a workshop in the first half of the day designed to walk newbies through what MUN is all about. A total of around 70 participants made the event- learners from Alice Smith, Garden and Tanarata International School were welcomed, as well as a smattering of enthusiastic last-minute signups from Years 5-8. Having had no prior preparation, participants who stayed for the entire day surprised the organisers with their eagerness, deftly understanding concepts and skills some take months to grasp.

There were also many lessons learnt for the team of Y11s and Y12s behind the conference. We'd like to thank all the teachers and staff, and learners who showed their support and provided feedback- we promise to come back better for the larger, full-fledged annual NISPMUN next year!

University and Careers News

Y12 Parents and Learners

Reminder: University Information Evening, Tuesday June 16th, 4.30pm-6.30pm, in Learning Hub 1.

There will be presentations relating to the following:

- **Family Connection Learner career pathway portfolio**
- **UK application process**
- **USA application process**
- **Canadian application process**
- **Q and A session**

**I hope to see you there,
Mr Joel**

Year 10 Trip to Sabah



To say how mind boggling Sabah was would be an understatement, from the very first trek (which people called the 'Death March') all the way to our last trek, Sabah was an experience I'm sure no one in Year 10 could forget. The amount of hard work and dedication that was being put into this trip by Mr Martyn and the Borneo Dream Team along with the staff was prodigious. Not once during the five days were we bored. With the river cruises at the early crack of dawn to see wildlife to the late night trek to see rare species of animals and insects, it was almost life - changing, this trip was out of everyone's comfort zone whether it'd be getting over phobias of insects or trekking for a lot of hours but that didn't stop people from pursuing the adventures that came with it. We learned a lot about the ecosystem of the jungle and what was happening to the world right now as we breathe which helped a lot with the relation of Biology and Geography in our studies. We learned to conquer our fears and push through things that were out of our limits and we especially learned to have fun without our electronics or any technology. This trip has definitely improved our social skills as a year group considering we needed each

other to help motivate, climb and walk through struggles that were in our way. Even using the word 'fun' would be an understatement to describe the trip, there were way too many memorable moments to reminisce on, from the joke to the puns and stuff that came out of people's mouths that just didn't make sense.

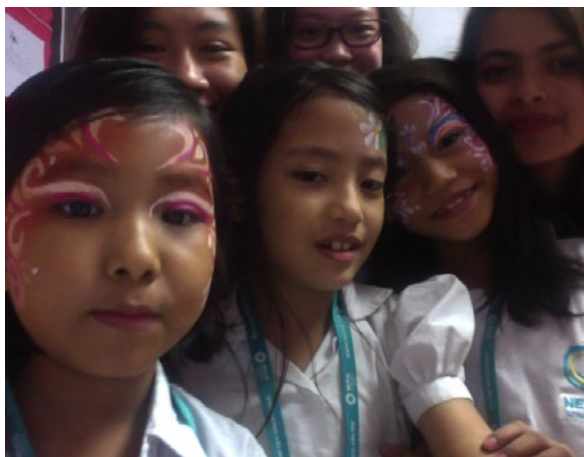


Overall, the trip was something Year 10 will probably never ever forget as we believed that by us doing these things, it could be entitled as one of our biggest achievements and for that we applaud Mr Martyn, Ms Audra, Mr Vincent, Ms Sarah and of course the Borneo Dream Team for giving us the opportunity to experience the culture, delicacies and life of Sabah and letting it become one of the best moments of our lives.

Thanks, Intan



CAS Reflection



By Jia Miao Lee

Being part of nexus community for term 1 and 2 has taught me the importance of working collaboratively with others and communication within a group. Communication is important within a group when it comes to planning an activity for the Myanmar learners or when a plan does not work out and we are required to improvise on the spot. Working with little children instead of the teenagers have taught me how to communicate with children (because different skills are needed when it comes to communicating with children) and to consider what I want to say and the words I use before speaking. Being part of nexus community has given me a taste of what it's like being responsible for others (that is not your siblings) and being a figure of authority. Apart from that, nexus community has been great fun knowing that i've helped and given the opportunity of Myanmar learners to learn and have fun at the same time.

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PE Notices



Run for Nepal - Tuesday 16th June - 8.45am - 10.20am

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order for a T-shirt. We have sold 275 and have contributed much needed funds in our attempt to raise a total of Rm40000.

T-shirts can no longer be ordered as they are being printed this week.

They are available to collect

on **Friday 12th June** from Student services and all payments should be made to the payment counter on or before this date.

Race Information

Timing:

- 8.35am - All learners should attend their P1 lesson to register with their normal P1 teachers
- 8.40am - All secondary learners to be seated the grandstand
- 8.55am - Secondary race begins
- 9.00am - MP2/3 race begins
- 9.05am - EY/MP1 race begins
- 9.30am - Primary picnic in Taman Cansari
- 10.20am - All secondary learners to attend P3 lessons

- Primary Picnic end time is at the the PLT's discretion.

Routes:

All age groups start on the school field. Primary will finish in Taman Cansari while Secondary learners will finish back on the school field.

- EY/MP1 - Same route as last year (1km)
- MP2/3 - Shortened route (2km)
- Secondary - same route with additional jungle loop (5km)

Sports Fixtures

Saturday June 13th - U18 Boys Softball competition at Tenby, Setia Eco Park

Please contact Mr Paul if you are able to play



MUSIC NEWS

Rocky Monster Show - Y7 Whole Class Musical on 3rd June by Class 7N

Congratulations to all the learners in 7N, your musical was fantastic and every one pulled together in the end to make an impressive performance.

A big thank you must also go to the learners from 7E who supported the 7N team by doing an amazing job operating the light and sound, working as stage crew and the front of house staff. Congratulations to you all for the amazing job and I hope your learning was enriched by the process.



Final Musical of the 3 - Next Wednesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm (new timing due to Ramadan) - 'Ye-Ha! The Musical':

As you already know, our Year 7 learners have been working hard over the last few months in their Drama and Music lessons preparing for their upcoming performance of their class Musical.

Each of the 3 classes in Year 7 have been working on producing their own Musical. They have learnt their lines, decided on staging, learnt their songs and words, helped with lighting/sound/back-stage (for other classes). All of their work comes to a close next week. Tickets are on sale NOW from Student Services for Ye-Ha! Tickets will also be available on the door.

We hope that you will all come along and enjoy our final musical show, it is no fun performing to an empty theatre - It only last for an hour and is very, very funny indeed!

N.B. It starts at 5.30pm due to Ramadan!

'YeHa! The Musical' squeezes all the fun and adventure of the old west into a wonderfully wild musical comedy. Something stinks in Splodge City - and it ain't the drains! Mad Dog McNut and his gang are running wild and Wilbur Hubbard, cowardly cook at the Fordoor Saloon lands the job no-one wants - Sheriff of Splodge. Luckily for Wilbur, Billie-Jo Brisket and her faithful steed Lightning roll into town to lend a hand, and suddenly the race is on to save the town. It's a rootin'- tootin' tale of crazy cowboys, barmy baddies, masked heroes and hidden gold! "Ye-Ha!" mixes comical characters, a side-splitting script and sparkling songs in a musical that will make you go wild in a western way!



**Music Practical
Exam @ Nexus**

Wednesday 24th June

Nexus will be hosting its first ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal School of Music) exams on 24th June. The exams will take place in the Theatre with the warm-up room in the Music Department. We wish all the candidates from Nexus and the other external candidates all the best of luck!

Rock Concert 2015 - Thursday 25th June - 7pm in the Theatre

Preparations are well underway for the Music Department's end of year celebrations at the Rock Concert. More details nearer the time and tickets will be on sale in a couple of weeks time - buy them early as this concert always sells out.

More information nearer the time but put the date in your diary now!

Lunchtime Music Clubs - ALL WELCOME! No Invitation Needed! Just Come Along and have FUN!

Primary	
Mon	Recorder Group with Miss Ann
	String Group (Violins, Cellos) with Mr Mervin
	Guitar Group with Mr Afiq & Mr Hafiz
Tue	Brass Group with Mr Gerold
	Drumming Group with Mr Mr Faez & Ms Ann - STARTING IN AUGUST
Wed	Flute Group with Miss Yem Voon
	Ukulele Group with Ms Ann
	Clarinet Group for ALL Learners - with Miss Kit
Thu	String Group (Violins and Cellos) with Mr Mervin
Fri	Singing Group with Miss Ann & Miss Audrey

Secondary	
Mon	Drumming Group with Mr Faez & Mr Tim - STARTING IN AUGUST
Tue	Guitar Group with Mr Afiq
	Jazz Band with Mr Tim & Mr Steve
Wed	Flute Group with Miss Yem Voon
	Senior Choir (Acapella/ accompanied singing, 3/4 part singing) with Mr Steve & Mr Tim & Miss Audrey
	Guitar Groups with Mr Hafiz
	Clarinet Group for ALL Learners with Miss Kit
Thu	Senior String Group (Violins, Cellos) with Mr Mervin
Fri	String Orchestra with Mr Steve & Mr Mervin

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Dates For Your Diaries

Wed 17 Jun	YE-HA! Y7 Whole Class Musical 5.30pm in the Theatre Class TBC
Wed 24 Jun	ABRSM Music Practical Exam @ Nexus
Thu 25 Jun	Rock Concert 7pm in the Theatre



Accessing Learning Through Digital Environment with Nexus International School



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Angela and Tam are the Head of Extended Language and Learning, and Alternative Pathway Coordinator of Nexus International School respectively. Nexus International School support learners with moderate to mild learning differences both in the primary and secondary schools. Through integration of ICT they produce and promote engaging and imaginative lessons, creating opportunities for Nexus Learners to access the curriculum in new and innovative ways.

Both teachers advocate a strong belief that education is as important in the home as it is in school and welcome you to join them to share their knowledge of how to use technology to promote learning. They will demonstrate and describe some tools and APPs that they use in the classroom which you may find useful in the home environment. You will then get the opportunity to try using the APPs and share your experiences and ideas with others.



20th June 2015 (Saturday)
RM150 per pax
8.30am – 12.00pm
Oasis Place, Kuala Lumpur

PAYMENT METHOD

To register, please deposit the fee to Oasis Place Sdn. Bhd. with the account number of CIMB, No. 8007113565. Please email the proof of payment, full name, and contact number to events@oasisplace.com.my. For any enquiries on this workshop, please contact us at +603 2276 9111 or events@oasisplace.com.my.

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