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# Whole School

## *Deepavali Curriculum Day*

We would like to thank all the parents, staff and learners for their incredible work in making this event another great success. We hope to have a report soon.

### The day involved:

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

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### Annual Parent Survey

Taylor's has launched their Annual Parent Survey on **Monday 6th October** – all parents have received an invitation to participate in the survey and instructions on how to log on and complete. Please take this opportunity to share your feedback as it is very valuable to us.

### ID Tag: The One Card System

All old ID tags are void from 1 October 2014. Parents who need to come in to our school premises are required to apply for the new card. And for those who have already applied, please come and collect your cards as soon as possible at Admin Office.



### *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

This week saw another lot of sports events cancelled due to the weather.

Primary swimming Vs MKIS held at Nexus on Monday was cancelled after only 5 races due to lightning and has now been postponed until November (TBC). While the U15 girls and boys footballers travelled all the way to MKIS only to play 20mins (see pictures below).



learners. Ages ranged from Yr4 learners right up to our Yr13s. A very early start meant lots of sleeping on bus on the way there followed by an interesting run around the tough XC course. Everyone did extremely well with Jack Lee winning a medal in the 5km O15 Boys race. Well done to all involved.

The next XC will be hosted here at Nexus on Sunday 9th November. Everyone is invited to take part.



## ISAC XC

On Saturday 11th October, 21 of our learners took part in the ISAC X-Country at Taman Rimba Komonwel, north of Batu Caves. It was a great opportunity for our young learners to be able to compete in the same event as some of our more senior

## Sports Fixtures Calendar

Please remember to check the sports fixtures calendar for any information regarding sporting events. It is the most up-to-date information available. If you are unsure of any information contained with the calendar, then please come and see a member of the PE team for clarification.

Here is the link the calendar: <https://www.google.com/calendar/feeds/smith.a%40nexus.edu.my/public/basic>

Sports Fixtures start straight away on our return from half-term so please make sure you are aware of the timings/venues etc.

Monday	27th	October
U13 Boys/Girls Football at MKIS - Bus leaves at 3.20pm		
U15 Boys Football at MKIS - Bus leaves at 3.20pm		
Tuesday	28th	October
U13 Boys/Girls Football at Nexus - Kick off at 4pm		
U18 Boys and Girls Football at KTJ - Bus leaves at 3.20pm		
Wednesday	29th	October
U18 Girls Volleyball Final at ISKL - Bus leaves at 3.20pm		
U11 Boys/Girls Basketball at ISP - Bus leaves at 2pm		
Thursday	30th	October
U15 Boys Football at Tenby - Bus leaves at 3.20pm		
U15 Girls Football at Nexus - Kick off at 4pm		
Saturday	1st	November
U11 Girls Basketball at ISKL, Melawati Campus - Bus leaves at 6.30am		
U11 Boys Basketball at ISKL, Melawati Campus - Bus leaves at 10.30am		
U15 Boys Football at AISM - Bus leaves at 7am		
Sunday	2nd	November
U13 Boys and Girls Football at ISKL - Bus leaves at 6.30am		

## New Primary Staff

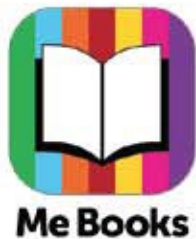
There are a few changes to our teaching staff for Term 2 (Starting in January).

Year 3X: Heather Lin will be following her husband who has been relocated to Hong Kong. We thank her for her hard work in her short time here and wish her well. Her replacement will be an experienced International teacher, currently working in Japan. More details soon, once contacts are completed and fully signed.

Year 5N: Whilst Victoria Fisher takes some time off school to have her second baby, her class will be replaced by David Edwards, a qualified teacher from the UK. David is the husband of our Early Years leader, Amy. Rob Holmes will take over Victoria's Milepost Leader duties.

Early Years: We will be adding Catherine Cathal to our Early Years teaching staff. Catherine, a teacher from the Philippines is currently working in Year 1 as a Teaching Assistant. Jenny Chu will take over the TA role in 1N.





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# Primary

## The IPC in Year 3



### Learning Intention: To design and make a 3D Dinosaur Junk Modeling

As part of our IPC topic this half term on Footprints from the past – Before people. We in Year 3 have been learning all about dinosaurs.

Through our Art scope we have been creating Dinosaur Junk Modelling.

We collected recyclable materials and assembled them using rolls of masking tapes! We were able to choose materials and techniques appropriate for our task.

We worked collaboratively in our groups to construct a dinosaur body, including its main features (e.g. long neck, plates/spines/armoured/four/two legged)

Next we covered with the dinosaur model with paper mache and finally painted in a realistic manner.



We displayed our resilience personal goals by sticking with a task until it is completed!



## Independent Learners

We have noticed a few helpers remaining in school at lunchtimes and breaktimes to 'look after' some of the children. In order to help us with developing learner's independence could we ask that helpers do not attempt to feed the children and that they do allow them to play independently with their friends. **No helpers should have any interactions with other learners.**

Children should also not rely on anyone else to clean up after them or carry bags that they are capable of carrying themselves whilst in school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



## Sporting Endeavours

Our Year 5 & 6 boys basketball team played 4 matches against BSKL, ISP, Taylor’s and Tenby this week. Each game they were improving more and more, their team play, movement into space, communication and in their final game against ISP their defending skills were awesome.

There was some great shooting from Nabil and David, Adam’s defence under the basket was spot on and Farid’s free shot against Tenby was a super shot! Dickson’s pressure when defending and attacking had him getting into some great space to use his lay up skills. Sonny and Muhammad’s defending was putting pressure onto the opposition making them panic and throw the ball away without thought. Immanuel’s movement on court was excellent! Overall an awesome afternoon!!

The final scores for the first part of the tournament are:

Nexus	6	-	4	Taylor’s
Nexus	10	-	8	Tenby
Nexus	11	-	6	BSKL
Nexus	12	-	15	ISP



## Training Schedule - Monday 27th October 2014

	Snack Time 10:00-10:20	Lunch Time 12:30-1:00pm
Mon	Year 3&4 Benchball Team Sports Hall	Year 5&6 Basketball Team Sports Hall
Tue		Year 5&6 Basketball Team Sports Hall
Wed	Year 3&4 Benchball Team Sports Hall	Year 5&6 Basketball Team Sports Hall
		Year 3&4 Football Sports Field
Thu		Year 5&6 Basketball Team Sports Hall
		Year 3&4 Football Sports Field
Fri	Year 3&4 Benchball Team Sports Hall	

# Secondary

## NISPMUNC 2014 (Model United Nations Conference)

Over the weekend, Nexus hosted its second annual Model United Nations Conference, NISPMUNC 2014. Bringing together over 200 high school, college and university students across Malaysia, NISPMUNC 2014 has almost tripled in size from our inaugural conference last July! With seven diverse committees discussing global issues ranging from Security Council reform, climate refugees to managing the spread of infectious diseases, our delegates were engaged in academically stimulating debate and were able to practice their skills of negotiation and diplomacy over the three days! Our Secretariat team, ranging from Year 11s to Year 13s, have been hard at work since January planning and organising the event, and we would like to extend a warm, hearty thank you to all the teachers, parents and learners who have supported our efforts and contributed to making NISPMUNC 2014 one of the biggest Malaysian conferences of the year! NISPMUNC 2014 was a team effort and we thank everybody who has been involved.

For more interesting stories from the conference, do have a look at the pieces our Press Team put together here: <http://nispmun.weebly.com/blog>



## University and Careers

Canadian University Fair: This Monday a consortium of 5 Canadian universities visited Nexus; Concordia University, University of Saskatchewan, University of Guelph, University of New Brunswick and Memorial University. Although these are less well known than UBC and McGill, they offer some fantastic scholarship opportunities for IB students. They all left lots of brochures, which you can find in the library.





## CAS Reflection by Sehgaran, Benjamin Naidu

Throughout these sessions I noticed a bigger improvement in comparison to the previous reflections. Fortunately for me, it was not just me noticing the improvements. The various adjudicators and my fellow debaters have noticed it too. Through these sessions, I believe that I managed to achieve my goals successfully, now that I know the structure of a debate, how to give a proper speech and have the general gist of debating and being a somewhat mannerly debater. I've learnt how to work with my teammates in order to avoid confusion and produce strong points, be it for my team or rebuttals for the opposing team. Additionally, I've also learnt how skills such as impromptu speaking may be helpful in debates. I aim to utilize the skills in situations such as presentations. For now, I have decided to close this activity with a proper understanding on the processes of debating.

## 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.



# YEAR 7 TRIP TO JERUM BASU

## Day 3 (Written by Vittal 7E)

Today in Jerum Basu, I was so excited to play paint ball. I was in group 2 (out of 7) and in total for target shooting I shot 50 pellets. My group won with 270 pellets. Although the day was tiring, I couldn't have enjoyed it more than I did.



## Boarder Blog

### Melaka Trip

Melaka is always a fun experience, I went last year and was looking forward to going this year. The day started at 9:00 am where we got onto the bus and headed off to Melaka, we arrived at the rotating tower, and when we got to the top the view was spectacular.

After that, we would usually go on the Duck tours, however other schools booked it out that day, so instead we went down Jonkers Walk for some fun shopping. They have all kinds of cheap and fun things to buy and the street goes on for ages. Afterwards we took a long walk to the restaurant where we enjoyed some good food. Then we set off on our way back to boarding after a tiring and fun day.

Georgia Stephen - Year 10



# Music & Drama News

**Lunchtime Music Clubs - All Welcome - No Invitation Needed - 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>	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 2014-15

### Auditions 2 Weeks After The Holiday

Learners only have 2 school weeks (plus the holiday) left to practise their items ready for the auditions on 10th November.

A u d i t i o n application forms will be going out straight after the holiday.

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.

Ideas: Magic Act, Juggling, Gymnastics, Dance, Comedy Act, Mime, Instrumental Ensembles / Duets, Instrument Solos, ..... Get practising!

## School Dance

The Student Council has organised the Fall Dance for all the secondary learners to enjoy (Year 7 - Year 13). It will be on the 31st of October (Friday) at 6:00pm till 9:30pm in the gym of our school (MPH). Learners are all encouraged to wear costumes as it is a costume party, but can opt out to wear casual clothing too. It will cost RM15 which includes dinner and tickets can be bought from the admin office. Learners are encouraged to buy their tickets as soon as possible. If learners have any questions or enquiries, feel free to contact aris.zainul.16@nexus.edu.my

## Why Study Music?

New research further confirms that music training benefits kids' brains:

<http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/new-research-confirms-music-training-benefits-kids-brains-article-1.1836426>

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## Dates For Your Diaries

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



## Drama Trip to Pattaya

Y6 - 9 learners who would like to join this trip must bring in their reply slip plus payment as soon as we return from the Half Term break; we need to book our places on the Festival very soon if the trip is to run.

## What's On

Back by popular demand, KLPAC's 'Short & Sweet' Festival (<http://www.klpac.org/?p=13005>) incorporates many evenings of performance in Theatre, Dance, Music and Stand-up Comedy.

Ms Rach will be running a trip to see the Gala Evening of the Theatre performances which win the audience's vote on November 2nd; why not take a look on the KLPAC website to see what else interests you?

Happy holidays!





## Y11 & 13 Drama Showcase

“Refreshing”, “Complex”, “Jovial”, “Emotional” - these were just some of the comments from audience members after the wonderful evening of learner-led IB Theatre and IGCSE Drama performances on Thursday night.

Our IB Fab Four took risk-taking to the limit, with Fadhli’s adaptation of Harold Pinter’s ‘The Birthday Party’ set in a small, claustrophobic space behind the curtains and the audience on the stage too.

Marcus wrote his own Absurdist script, ‘A Day in Life’, and the onstage audience didn’t know what they’d let themselves in for! Cue ridiculous observations and enjoyable silliness which reflected the absurd nature of life.

The tone shifted dramatically during Maryam & Nabilah’s self-scripted piece ‘The Tragedy’,

a moving tribute to the lives lost in the MH370 and MH17 incidents. Powerful technical elements combined with physical theatre and dance to leave some audience members (including Ms Rach) in tears.

Our IGCSE learners are becoming something of a Fab Four themselves, and their performances in an adaptation of Amanda Whittington’s ‘Be My Baby’, set in a 1960s UK mother and baby home, were fresh and vibrant, mixing comedy with sudden twists of drama.

A big “Thankyou!” to all the hardworking performers who helped our learners to achieve their visions, to the learners who assisted with the box office and filming work, and to Mr Tom and Mr Syahir for helping all the technical elements to run smoothly. Thanks too to the audience for being so cooperative when moving around to different seats. Jolly good show, chaps!



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