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# Whole School

## Girl Guides



The Nexus Girl Guides are busy completing their Chocolate Badge. One of the requirements is to learn about FAIRTRADE chocolate and how it benefits cocoa farmers in developing countries and their families. The Guides are creating a two sided display board with the information they have learned. Watch for the board at school in the near future.

## THE NISP 'ONLINE' ART AUCTION 2015 SERIES

Hello Nexus Community,

The NISP 'ONLINE' ART AUCTION is happening THIS FRIDAY the 19th to WEDNESDAY the 25th - get ready to bid!

Various memorable, recent and past artworks that

## Sincerest Thanks from Nexus PTA

The Nexus PTA would like to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to all Nexus parent volunteers, teachers, staff, and learners for their help and support in making our International Day 2015 such a success. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

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:

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# Primary

## Run for Nepal/Picnic



Well done to everyone who took part in the run for Nepal this week and thanks to all the parents who helped out at our annual Nexus Primary Picnic. It's a lovely way for the whole community to get together, share some great food and drink and have fun.

## Leaving Teachers

This year we will be saying farewell to three of our Primary teachers and wish them all the very best for their futures. Although James Birchall and Nicola Benson have been with us for only a short time their contributions to Nexus have been plentiful and both will be missed by staff and learners alike.

Heather Dyte has been with Nexus for and has been a popular and effective member of our team. She has taken on leadership roles in the school for IPC and Looking for Learning. Her caring personality and pastoral skills will be greatly missed by learners and we wish her the best of luck in her new position at Britannica International School in Budapest.

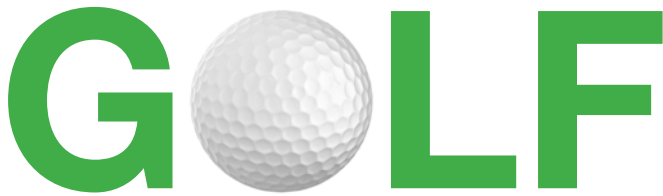
## Medal for Malaysia!

Congratulations to Adam Rohizam from 4X for his success in the Enjoy Jakarta World Junior Golf Championship 2015. He did Malaysia proud and came third in the U12 Division, a fantastic achievement since it was his first tournament at this level and he is only nine. Conditions were very challenging with wind and a faster green like the professionals play on. We are very proud of Adam's determination, rigour and resilience and wish him many further successes in the future.





## More From Our Resident Golfer – Adam (4X)



Golf seems like an easy game but it is not as easy as you think. If you want to play golf you need special skills to hit the ball and controlling the distance and there are so many rules in golf. There are many professional golfers from Malaysia that are male and female.

### Playing Golf:

If you want to play golf you would have to have the skill to hit the ball solid and how to control your distances and direction to get the ball next to the hole. Some of the skills in golf are mathematics, estimation, calculation and feel. The objective of the games is to hit the ball into the hole with the least strokes you can get.

### Scoring:

If you want to play golf you need to learn how to score. If you see on a scorecard there are distances to the hole, number of holes and par 3's, par 4's and par 5's.

For the par 3's some of the scores are 1 which is a hole in one, 2 is a birdie, 3 is a par, 4 is a bogey, 5 is a double bogey and 6 is a triple bogey.

For the par 4's some of the scores are 1 hole in one, 2 eagle, 3 birdie, 4 par, 5 bogey, 6 double bogey and 7 triple bogey. For the par 5's some of the scores are 1 hole in one, 2 albatross, 3 eagle, 4 birdie, 5 par, 6 bogey, 7 double bogey and 8 triple bogey. So count how many shots

you hit and refer to these guides.

Golf is a very fair game because there is a handicap from 0 for the good players and the way to 45 handicap for beginners. There are many format of the games such as stableford, strokeplay and matchplay. In stableford the champion with the least gross score wins. In strokeplay you have to play the least score to win. In matchplay who ever wins the most holes wins.

### Rules of Golf:

Golf rules are complicated. In golf there are rules every time before you hit the ball. Before you start, you are only allowed to have 14 clubs maximum in your bag. Each hole is start from a Tee-box, where two markers are placed as the starting point. These are colored in Black are for professionals or good players, Blue for mens, white for senior and red for ladies., but it is also depends on the handicap.

After you tee off, you want to be on the fairway. There are three different kinds of sticks or markers during the game. There are red, white and yellow sticks. Beyond all the markers is called hazard. Generally you have to take one penalty stroke if you are in the hazard. If you mistakenly hit or touch your ball and the ball move, you will get a penalty too. If you hit somebody else's ball you will get a 2 stroke penalty. You will get a penalty if you ground your club on a hazard to.

### Etiquettes:

Golf teach good etiquette through clothing, playing, attitude and respecting rules and playing partners.

## PE News

On Wednesday 17th June the Year 5 Tee Ball team played in their final tournament of the season at ISP. The team has shown huge improvements in their performance and understanding of the game since their first tournament at Nexus a few weeks ago.

The first game was incredibly close with a score of 4-3 to ISP. The next game was a win for Nexus with 7-3 and an excellent strike by Kasper at the end of the game. The final game was won by BSKL 8-3. Over two tournaments the team came third overall. Congratulations to the following learners for their hard work and commitment to the team and training;



Kasper, Nashveen, Muhammad, Aidil, Aqeel, Alex, Jeahn, Tirah, Xuen, Arianne, Yaya, Humayra.

Year 6 learners played their final ever Primary fixture this week on Wednesday away at ISP, Desa Park City. Tee Ball against Tenby, BSKL, Taylors and ISP. This was their second and final round of the Tee Ball tournament this year. With a rocky start to their tournament which was played at Nexus, they lost three game and drew one. But, lots of new rules were learned, by both the learners and teachers and this ensured that we were able to develop our tactical play for both batting and fielding.

The Year 6 team made a great improvement in the second tournament, they demonstrated their clear understanding of how to field effectively, with some great decisions being made by Sonny and Adam in particular.

Great catches were made in the field, one specifically from Emily, which ended up getting three batters out in one go and an awesome atmosphere from all of the learners who clearly enjoyed their final fixture of the year.

At the end of the tournament, before the results were read out, the ISP coach wanted to double check if the results from the first tournament were correct as Nexus had made most improvement out of all of the teams, they had come 5th last time and had come in 2nd place this time. Losing only one of their games and winning the other 3 with some great results!

8 Nexus – Tenby 1  
2 Nexus – BSKL 8  
7 Nexus – Taylors 4  
8 Nexus – ISP 3

An amazing way to finish off their year!!! Well done to all of the learners that took part in both tournaments and dedicated their time to training during their lunchtimes, it obviously paid off!!



Sonny, Adrianna, Stella, Emily, Adam, Dickson, David, Eunice, Andrea, Cheok Ling, Nabil, Rafiq.

# Secondary

## Maths Competition at International School at Desa Park City



On the 13th of June, 6 exceptional maths geniuses (3 from Year 8 and 3 from Year 7) went to the International School at Desa Park City for a maths competition against 10 other schools.

Accompanied by Mr John Paul, Head of Maths, we competed with maths geniuses from other schools. We did many activities, from individual events to team events.

Our first event, after the opening presentation, was the Ice Breaker Challenge! The Ice Breaker Challenge was challenging. We had to find a method to get a marble from one side of the hall to the other in teams of 4. Each of us were given half pipes to move it across. Without dropping the marble, we moved the marbles to the other end of the room.

After the ice breaker challenge, we went

straight to the individual event. We had to do a timed test, the questions are projected on the screen and we had to answer the questions in the time limit. IT WAS SO DIFFICULT!

Later, we competed in the team events. We used maths in creative ways in the Dragon Boat Race and the Carousel.

After the team events, we played some Manga High. The Year 8 team won in the overalls and silver in the teams. Samson won gold in the individual rounds. Throughout the entire day, we had lots of fun. We got to experience what it felt like competing with other.

By Jing Hui Tan and Bridget Pang





# CAS Reflection

By Amirah Adriana Ammar



I joined Gentle Cycling at the beginning of Term 2 and I am still continuing this activity this term as it is a very enjoyable activity and I think I have benefited a lot from it.

Gentle cycling is an activity that is challenging yet amazing and it's also full of challenges because we would use a different route to cycle every week so by the end of a term, we would have already explored both Precint 14 and Presint 15.

It has definitely given me the chance to be aware of my strengths, weaknesses and areas for growth for example one of my weaknesses is that I get tired easily while doing these types of activities but then I realised that the only way to get better at this is to do more of these activities and now after joining cycling for 10 weeks, cycling has helped me to stay fit and builds my stamina as well as helping me focus on my breathing.

I think one of my strengths is that I always push myself not to give up when I am cycling although sometimes I have the tendency to stop pedalling and request for the group to take a very long break but cycling has taught me to always keep going and moving forward.

I have also undertaken a few new challenges such as cycling on unfamiliar path and cycling on very steep incline and because I am not a big fan of heights, cycling down a steep slope is not the easiest thing to do. Hopefully I will get rid of my fear of heights and enjoy when we have to cycle down a steep path instead of screaming and crying internally.

Cycling uphill is also a challenge as well as it requires a lot of energy, patience and effort and when I get too tired I often push my bicycle instead of cycling it uphill. I could not cycle uphill without stopping at all during the first few sessions but after a while I could occasionally cycle uphill without stopping which is a great improvement for me.

In conclusion, I have had a lot of fun doing this activity despite having muscle pain the next day. I also became friends with people from different year groups who I rarely see during school hours and cycling gives us an opportunity to do something that we enjoy and are interested in together.



# PE Notice

## Run for Nepal



Many thanks to everyone involved with the Run for Nepal on Tuesday. It provided a fantastic opportunity for the Nexus community to work together and undertake a little exercise for a worthwhile cause.

The T-shirts sales alone raised over Rm3000 and pushed us closer towards our target of Rm40,000.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## Sports Fixtures

Sadly we have come to the end of our sports fixtures calendar for this year. Please look



out for the Sports Fixtures 2015/16 calendar coming soon.

Thanks Mr Andy

Amazing Race Results!

YEAR 7 & 8 RACE	
TOP SCORES	
1st	Group 13
2nd	Group 6
3rd	Group 5
WINNING TEAM	
Group 13	Andrew, Michael, Lillian, Bridget, Muqri, Najla, Xin Huey, Qayyum

YEAR 9 & 10 RACE	
TOP SCORES	
1st	Group 9
2nd	Group 13
3rd	Group 7
WINNING TEAM	
Group 9	Dhruvi, Isabelle, Priti, Johan, Syed Hassan, Insyirah, Camelia

Well done to everyone that took part in the event and congratulations to the winning teams.

Thank you - Miss Grace and Miss Rachel

# MUSIC NEWS

## YeHa! - Y7 Whole Class Musical on 17th June by Class 7X

Congratulations to all the learners in 7X, your musical was great fun and a fantastic show! All of your class pulled together as a great team to make a very impressive performance.

A big thank you must also go to the learners from 7N who supported the 7X 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 we know that your learning was full enriched by the whole process. Video information below.



## Videos of Young Performers' Concert and the 3 Year 7 Musicals: What a Knight, Rocky Monster Show and YeHa!

Videos of the Young Performers' Concert, What a Knight, Rocky Monster Show and YeHa! can be found [HERE](https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/recordings-performances):

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A BIG thank you to Mr Tom for editing and producing the videos for all the learners and their families to enjoy and keep for prosperity.

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

The programme for the Rock Concert 2015 is going to be fantastic! We will be having a performance by the Staff Band; who will be your star performer?

Other items will include covers of Coldplay, Bruno Mars, Bea Miller, Guns 'n' Roses, Paramore, Imagine Dragons, Sam Smith and lots of other wonderful items.

Tickets will be on sale on Friday 19th June and will sell out quickly - Get yours from Student Services priced RM15 for Adults; RM10 Learners and children; RM50 Family Ticket (2 Adults and 3 Learners/Children).

It will be a fantastic night and end of the year celebration.

**Due to Ramadan we will be having at 30 minute interval to enable learners and their families to break their fasting with lots of meals, snacks and refreshments on sale.**





# ABRSM

## Music Practical Exam @ Nexus

### Wednesday 24th June

The Music Department had an inspection for the exams by the Ministry of Education on Wednesday who were very impressed with what they saw. As such Nexus has the full authorisation and accreditation to host its first ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal School of Music) exams next Wednesday 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!

## Why Study Music?

*Please reflect on this over the holidays!*

## Dates For Your Diaries

Wed 24 Jun	ABRSM Music Practical Exam @ Nexus
Thu 25 Jun	Rock Concert 7pm in the Theatre
Tue 24 Aug	Instrumental Demonstration to learners
Thu 26 Aug	Sign-up for Instrumental Lessons (for learners who want to start lessons - previous lessons will continue automatically unless advised before the end of term)
Thu 24 Sep	SEA Jazz Festival 2015
Fri 25 Sep	SEA Jazz Festival 2015
Sat 26 Sep	SEA Jazz Festival 2015