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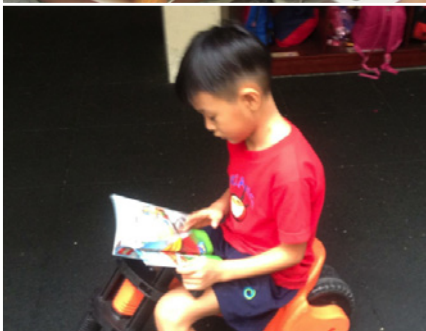
PUTRAJAYA

Primary

Book Week

The learners had a wonderful time during book week, really engaging in the Hero and Villain theme and spending time enjoying stories.

The week kicked off with everyone in school reading - including the teachers. This was a very relaxing and enjoyable start to a busy week!



Throughout the week there were various 'reading' related activities around the theme of Hero and Villain - one of the favourites was Hero and Villain of the day - there was a real 'buzz' about the cafeteria of learners discussing the clues and trying to work out which book character it could be! There were many many entries and it was wonderful to see the learners collaborate and get excited over reading!

Many of the Secondary school teachers kindly volunteered to come to Primary classrooms to share their favourite stories - there was lots of discussion and excitement during these sessions and children learnt more about stories from other countries.



In addition to all of these wonderful learning experiences many of the learners took part in the Extreme Reading competition...



The finale for the week was the book week assembly where the learners took part in a house-team quiz - they loved the competitive edge to the quiz and using the electronic buzzer system to buzz in team answers. The dress up day was a huge success with many staff and learners dressing as their favourite Hero or Villain!





Maths in Year 6 and 7

This Wednesday Year 6 and 7 learners collaborated and showed off their Maths Skills with an exciting World Maths Day Challenge. The mixed groups of Year 6 and 7 learners participated in a range of Maths challenges set up around the school, aimed at encouraging Flexible Thinking with different problem solving and thinking skills activities. Cooperation and Communication was key in working effectively as group and sharing their ideas. Great fun was had by all! A big well done to all learners for their enthusiastic participation, and a particular well done to: Team 12 - Isabel, Ju Young, Collin and Keely - 2nd Place! Team 24 - Jason, Marc, Azim and Siraj - WINNERS!

Spotlight on the IPC in Early Years

EYs are coming to the end of topic Let's Pretend.

What topic have you been learning about this term?

Sofia - Let's pretend

What have you enjoyed learning?

Sofia- Drop drop song and big and small
 Nandika - We are learning about big and small like giants and fairy godmothers
 Eyrfan - Witches - making a spell
 Nandika - We had stories about princesses
 Rahil - Lego building lego spaceships
 Irfan - Building castles in the sand
 Charlie - The dress up day
 Maurice - Using puppets on ipad
 Adien - Building spaceships
 Kira - The witches Den
 Sara - Being a princess

What was your favorite story?

Lucia - Red riding hood
 Fynn - Room on the broom
 Sina - Horses, Princes and Horses
 Kathir - Prince goes around the big house (Rapunzel)

Football Champions

'U9s Boys played well at at ISP. They competed with great spirit and narrowly missed out on a bronze medal. Well done to all the Boys who have competed this year and to Mr Paul who has coached them with enthusiasm and vigour.'

'On Wednesday evening the U9s Girls team played the 2nd round of their KLISS Football tournament. Having been defeated in the 1st match by a strong BSKL it didn't look great. However, after a quick team talk to redirect their ideas the girls then won the next two games against Tenby & ELC. In the final match against ISP our girls needed to win to be champions. After a goal by Yi Xuen and amazing defending and goalkeeping by all the girls they managed to pull it off! I was so proud of all their efforts both in the tournament and giving up their lunch breaks to practice! In all my years in education I've never been more excited to witness a team grow and then become successful.'

Thank you to all the parents for allowing our girls to play and for supporting us during the event! GO NEXUS!'



Athletics Day

It was a disappointing day on Monday as an API reading of over 100 meant that the MP2/3 Athletics day had to be postponed. However, it has now been rescheduled for Monday 17th. As always parents/guardians are all encouraged to come and support our young learners as they run, jump and throw in their respective events.

Luckily for our youngest learners, the EY/MP1 Athletics day on Tuesday went ahead with no such haze problems. IT was a fun-packed morning with out little ones taking pat in events such as the 50m dash, egg and spoon race and the standing long jump. A big thanks to all of the parents and staff who supported the event by either cheering on or officiating an event.







Secondary

Year 11 PTC

The Year 11 Parent Teacher conference will take place in the MPR from 3:30pm to 5:00pm on Wednesday 19th March. All Year 11 learners have been asked to sign-up appointments with teachers and inform parents of the times.

CAS Reflection - Aminuddin, Amir

For over four months, the Nexus TV Production team has been producing a documentary on Nexus boarding, which will be put on the school's website. We have learned different techniques and roles in nexus TV productions before the production of the documentary, and we are confident in creating good quality videos for the school. Being part of this project has really taught me a lot about filmmaking, and it requires a lot of collaboration between other members of TV production. For this documentary I have the opportunity to be the cinematographer and the editor. I have definitely become more confident behind the camera and I feel more independent in my framework since other people have trust in my camera work.

It has been a very stressful four months getting everything done, but in the end we are able to produce a professional looking documentary to represent Nexus Boarding. I'm very proud of my team and everyone else involved in Nexus TV Production.



Year 13 Art Exhibition

On Thursday, March the 27th, Nexus IB Visual Arts learners from Year 13, will be exhibiting their art work for the first time.

This exhibition is part of their diploma examination, and they will need your help and support by visiting the exhibition and talking to them about their artwork.

The exhibition will run throughout the day from 10am to 5pm in the MPR. There will be light refreshments, and there will be a **box full of questions** that you may ask the artists to answer!

Please see the poster in Connect, designed by the learners, for information or contact Mr. Brooks on brooks.m@nexus.edu.my



JIA-AN LEE

PHOEBE FAULKER

LAILA JAMIL



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IB VISUAL ARTS
EXHIBITION



Multi-Purpose Room

27th March 2014

10am to 5pm

ASK US QUESTIONS OR EMAIL US QUESTIONS
ABOUT OUR ART

Reaching New Heights-KLMUN

An article by Farah Zakri



At 2:15pm precisely on the 7th of March, the wheels of a bus rolled away from the pavement in Nexus and took with it 20 learners clad in fancy dresses and suits with ties. After an hour of bus riding, the learners arrived at Garden International School with excitement and anxious nerves tingling in the air as they steeled themselves for KLMUN VI (2014). After that the conference was a blur as delegates lobbied, wrote resolutions and debated the various topics of their respective committees. Whooshing in and out of their committees, the 20 Nexus delegates only met briefly during break time between debates and discussing the details and information of their committees until everything came to a seemingly really abrupt end on Sunday.

Needless to say the conference was definitely an amazing one with old-timers and first-timers giving out absolutely positive feedback. Arissa Rachel James, chair of HRC (Human Rights Council) said "As chair of KLMUN 2014's

HRC committee, I had the honour of watching 38 delegates (23 of whom were newcomers) grow and flourish, achieving new heights and letting their voices be heard!" whilst first-timer Raveena Dhadli said "Although I've been quite interested in MUN for awhile, KLMUN was the first conference I've ever attended as a delegate. I believe it was an amazing experience because in my committee, there was a mix between old timers and newbies - which allowed all of us to learn some things from one another. I also met many great people throughout the conference and I am sure that MUN is something I'd like to be doing for a long time."

Special mention goes to Ng Wi Kiat, Nurfarah Zakri and Mikail Ranjit bringing home an award each for performing extra well in their committees. This second conference of the year really got the NISPMUN group buzzing and looking forward to more conferences to come!





Boarder Blog “My Weekend” by Hallie-10X

I had a very busy weekend. On Friday I took a trip to the Putrajaya night market where I hung out with some friends. We tried different foods and got some drinks. On Saturday we went to the i-City Water World water park. There Georgia and I had fun with lots of our friends on the Tornado. It was fantastic.

On Sunday Georgia, Permata and I took a trip to Alamanda. We did some shopping and spent time at a cafe. When we got back we were met with the amazing aroma made by Mr. Mark at the grill cooking up a delicious meal. We had corn on the cob, potatoes, chicken satays and lots of fruit and veggies. I really enjoyed this weekend and can't wait to go to the firefly park next weekend.



PE Notices

The U18 Badminton team were in action at ISKL on Saturday and after beating GIS (3-2) and then MKIS (3-2) narrowly lost out in the Gold medal match against Tenby. Well done to all the players and special thanks to Coach William for all his hard work and dedication.

The U13 Boys and U15 Girls Basketball teams are in action this Thursday in the final rounds of their respective tournaments. The boys team are a new team and as such struggled to make headway in what was a tough first round while the girls missed Round 1 due to the Year trip to Langkawi. Despite this round 2 should be an excellent opportunity to hone their match fitness and skills. Good luck to all involved.

Fixtures coming-up:

Saturday 15
@ KLASS, Pri. Campus
U11 Boys & Girls Football

Wednesday 19/3
@ Nexus
U11 Boys & Girls Football

Saturday 22/3
@ Nexus
KLISS Primary
Track & Field (Y3-Y6)

Saturday 29/3
@ ISP
KLISS Secondary
Track & Field (Y6-Y10)

ELL Information

Book Week's Over But The Reading Must Go On!

Children who read for pleasure do significantly better at school (IOE 2013).

Reading builds vocabulary, boosts writing skills, improves general knowledge and fosters creativity. It develops memory, concentration, an empathy for others, and an understanding of the world. Reading is a great habit and if you can encourage a love of reading in your child you'll build a skill for life.

- Whilst some children fall in love with reading easily, others take more persuading and teenage boys in particular sometimes lose the reading habit. Here are some ideas about how to keep your children reading.
- Let them see you enjoying reading. It doesn't matter if you're reading in English or in another language.
- Make reading a part of daily life. Leave all sorts of reading materials (books, magazines, newspapers and catalogue) around your house.
- Read aloud to your children. When they finally decide they are too old for a bedtime story (which will probably be a long time after they can read themselves) encourage them to read aloud to their siblings.
- Let children choose their own books. Almost anything your youngsters read—including comics—helps build reading skills.

If your child is an EAL learner don't worry if they prefer to read in their mother tongue. Similarly, if you're not confident reading in English, then share stories and read aloud in your home language. The skills built in one language transfer to the second language.

(Krashen,2004). It's the process of reading together, sharing books and building a reading habit which is important and one of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child.

阅读週结束了,阅读的习惯仍然要保持!

喜爱阅读的孩子,在求学过程中佔着极大的优势。

阅读不但可以建立孩子对辞彙的认识,还可以增强写作能力,拓展常识与蕴育创意思考能力。透过阅读,孩子们可以集中精神,并透过对书中角色的瞭解培养怜悯心。基本上,鼓励孩子阅读绝对是一项有利无弊的抉择。

即使有些孩子懂得自动自发地接触书籍,仍然有些孩子需要父母三催四请才肯阅读。这种情况经常发生在正值青春期的男孩身上。以下提供的是鼓励孩子保持阅读习惯的小技巧:

- 让他们看见您沉浸于书籍,笃志好学的模样。书籍的选择并不局限于英文,任何语言都可以激励孩子们效仿。
- 在家中的个个角落摆放读物(报章、杂志、小说……任何格式皆可),使阅读彻底融入孩子们的日常生活。
- 为孩子们朗读故事,当他们长大,有能力自行阅读时,也可以鼓励他们为弟弟妹妹说睡前故事。
- 给孩子们自行选择读物的空间以有效建立阅读能力。

假如英文并非你孩子的第一语言,您也可以鼓励他们阅读母语的书籍。相对的,如果您的英语阅读能力并不突出,您也可以以母语向孩子们分享故事并朗读睡前故事。一起阅读的过程中所得到的喜悦绝对是父母亲们可以给孩子的一份大礼。

Institute of Education London (2013). Reading for Pleasure Puts Children Ahead in the Classroom, Study Finds.. web 06 Mar. 2014.

Krashen, S. (2004) The Power of Reading: Insights from the Research. Heinemann. Portsmouth.



Music & Drama News

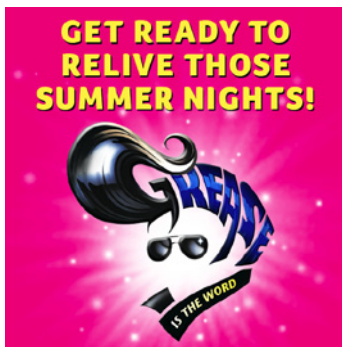
Spring Concert

The Spring Concert last Wednesday 12th March was a wonderful success with some amazing performance. Well done to all of the 184 performers involved in making the concert so memorable, you all did fantastically well. The video for the Spring Concert will be placed on the Music Department Web Site in the next week or so, I will email you all to let you know where and when it is uploaded.

Why Study Music?

5 Reasons Why Music Lessons Benefit Learning & 8 Benefits to the Brain! <http://www.vh1savethemusic.org/why-music/benefits-to-the-brain>

Performing Arts trip to Singapore May 9th-11th



We're delighted to offer Y9, 10 and 12 learners the opportunity to experience a trip to Singapore on May 9th - 11th. **Please return the reply slip from the letter to the Payment Counter as**

soon as possible to secure your child's place on this trip.

We'll be seeing an open-air performance of Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice', including a backstage tour and talk with the actors & director, taking a behind-the-scenes tour of film sets at 'Universal Studios', and

watching the West End musical hit 'Grease' This is a brilliant opportunity for learners to see English Literature in action and experience live performance and filming.

Dates For Your Diaries

9 & 10 April	Bugsy Malone - The Musical
21 May	Young Performers Concert
4 June	Nexus' Got Talent
18 June	Dance in Action
19 June	Rock Concert

'Bugsy Malone'

As you are probably aware by now, in 4 weeks' time we are putting on our very own version of the West End Musical, Bugsy Malone. The show will take place in the Theatre on 9th & 10th April 2014 at 7pm. It is essential that all cast members and crew attend the remaining 8 rehearsals. The 12 piece Bugsy orchestra will start rehearsing next weekend and the tickets will go on sale in a two weeks' time. Get them early as we are expecting a 'sell-out'.

Please take a look at the props/costume list to see if you can help with this: https://docs.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/document/d/14nyvwO0-OJoBGvGiahqQhwIJLobbbAqCCKjdbDP_A/edit

Grey or black trousers, and black shoes, would be especially welcome. We still need help with sourcing props or making costumes, please contact Ms Rach if you can spare a little time to assist us!



NEXUS PRESENTS



BUCKY MALONE

9TH & 10TH APRIL
7:00 PM

TICKETS **SOON** AVAILABLE FROM PAYMENT COUNTER

ADULT
RM 30

CONCESSION
RM 20

FAMILY
RM 100
2 ADULTS
3 CHILDREN