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Whole School

Urgent WANTED!! Your opinions.

Parent Survey

Please complete the parent survey this week end. Tell us what we do well Tell us how we can improve.

Here is the link: <http://portals.taylors.edu.my/opinio/s?s=23954>

Alison Hampshire
Principal

PE Notices

What a week for Nexus Sport and PE! 4 teams crowned champions of their respective leagues, excellent performances from the U11 boys and girls basketball teams at ISKL and Nexus play host to the KLISS X-country event on Sunday 9th November. We are expecting over 400 runners at the event and with the PTA providing the food it should be an enjoyable day...

Please come along to support the event! See below for details:

Kasper Lund - Man Utd Regional Skills Winner

In 2013 Kasper won the soccer skills test at a

Manchester United camp in Kuala Lumpur for his age



group. Saturday saw him compete in Singapore against other winners from Asia for a chance to win a trip for two persons to Manchester. The prize included tickets for the Man U match last weekend vs Man City and watch the first team train. Although he didn't win in Singapore, Kasper (instead he watched the game from the comfort of his own sofa) he said he enjoyed it very much.

U15 Boys Football



The U15 boys have had a remarkable week, finishing as champions in both the KLISS and iSAC leagues. The boys travelled to Tenby on

Thursday night to secure the title and then again on Saturday the boys travelled to AISM to play their second round matches vs KLASS, AISM. The boys played beautifully and fully deserved their success.

U11 Boys/Girls Basketball

The U11 Boys and Girls basketball teams were in action on Saturday at ISKL, Melawati. The boys played extremely well beating KLASS and GIS but unfortunately did not qualify through to the finals losing out on points difference. The girls did progress through to the final after beating ISKL 'B' and MKIS in the group stages but just missed out on a medal losing to ISKL 'A' in the final match. The girls, who played magnificently and the progression and develop from all of the girls has been excellent. The girls and boys are next in action on the 12th November where they will battle it out to be KLISS champions 2014.

U13 Boys and Girls Football

Both the boys and girls teams played in the ISAC tournament at ISKL on Sunday. After a series of impressive performances the girls made the final and went on to win on penalties after a close final match. Caylyn Pooler was the hero saving every penalty that ISKL took. Well done to the girls who were crowned ISAC U13 girls champions 2014!



The boys also won gold in their competition, blitzing the opposition with a series of excellent passing moves and an excellent team spirit. The boys finished top of their group and



went on to be crowned champions with an impressive victory in the final. Well done boys!

KLISS X-Country - 9th November at Nexus - First Race at 7.40am

Thank you for all your hard work completing your XC training in PE lessons over the last two weeks. The squads have now been selected. If you have received a letter from Miss Gemma or an email from Mr Andy the expectation is that you will be attending on Sunday morning. If for any reason you cannot attend then YOU MUST let a member of the PE Dept before Friday lunch.

U9 Girls Benchball

On Wednesday 5th November the U9 Girls Benchball team competed in their final tournament of the season at ISP. The girls played against four other teams, finishing 4th overall. The team has made huge improvements in their ability and performance in training and matches over the last two months. Well done to the following girls for their commitment and hard work this term.

Amelina Stiff, Andrea Hisham, Hajna Humaira Haniff, Amyra Nasharudin, Preeshna Kumar, Jordis Noecker, Aireen A'isyah

Fixtures And Events Coming-Up Next Week:

Sunday	9th	November
KLISS Whole school X-Country at Nexus - Runners need to be on the field for 7.00am		
Tuesday	11th	November
U18 Boys Basketball at ISKL, Ampang - Transport leaves at 3.15pm		
Wednesday	5th	November
U11 Boys Basketball at ISP - Transport leaves at 2.30pm		
U11 Girls Basketball at BSKL - Transport leaves at 2.30pm		
Thursday	13th	November
U18 Boys Football at Epsom College - Transport leaves at 2.30pm		
U18 Girls Football at Epsom College - Transport leaves at 2.30pm		
U15 Boys Football at Epsom College - Transport leaves at 2.30pm		
Saturday	15th	and Sunday 16th November
RuntoStoptheTraffik-24hrrun hosted at Nexus - Race starts at 9.00am on Saturday until 9am on Sunday.		

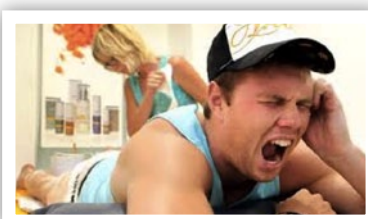


24 Hour Run @ Nexus 15-16th November

Here is a link to the charities website
<http://www.24hourrace.org/>

Please try to drop in and support your colleagues as they raise money and awareness to help put an end to human trafficking.

Fundraising



Brenon and his team will be fundraising in the school canteens at lunchtime from Monday. Rm 5 will enter you into

a draw for the opportunity to rip a wax strip from Brenon's leg during assembly. The more you spend the greater chance you have!

Reminder

Thank you to those learners who have returned their playing kit already but if you still have any kit belonging to Nexus at home please can you return it ASAP. There are still many items missing, despite numerous emails.



First Aid Training

Throughout November many staff at Nexus are giving up their Saturday to undertake First Aid training in association with The American Heart Association.

Trainers based in Singapore have been in Nexus to provide our staff with the very best First Aid training for real life emergencies. The course covers all topics of first aid as well as training in CPR and using an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). Undertaking this training will help further ensure the safety of the learners and staff when on field trips, residential trips as well as within the school environment.

TEDxYouth@NISP

x = independently organized TED event

We're really happy to announce that the tickets for TEDxYouth@NISP are now on sale at the Student Services for RM 10 each! The event will take place on **November 16 (Sunday)** from **12:30 pm to 5 pm** at the Nexus Theatre with two snack breaks provided. It is only open to learners that are **Year 9 and above**.

A TEDx event is an independently organised TED event and ours is specifically a Youth event which is a part of the TEDxYouth Day. Our event will be including five fabulous speakers including Kiran Kreer, Dr Susie Hardie, Alina Amir, Christopher Ling, and Sasha Kasthuriarachchi. You can check out our Facebook page and our website for more detailed information on the speakers.

There are only **100 tickets available**, so be quick to avoid disappointment.

<http://ted.com/>

<https://www.ted.com/about/programs-initiatives/tedx-program/tedxyouthday>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/TEDxYouth-at-NISP/385694131584416>

<http://tedxyouthnisp.wix.com/tedxyouthnisp>

Primary

Learning in the Early Years



There is lots of fun learning going on in Early years this week! Our learners are thoroughly excited and actively involved in our very own Nexus shop that includes a bakery and fruit/vegetable market. Cash and credit cards are accepted. The EY Nexus ATM is located just next door for convenience.



Lots of new language and vocabulary is developing in this real-life role-play situation. Children extend their learning by taking on different roles, such as shopkeepers, customers, bank officers, waiters and chefs in our EY restaurant.

International mindedness is embedded in this week's learning as we find out where various food comes from, with a focus on the food that grows in our host country. We will also be learning about different currencies and matching them to learner's home countries. We will continue to find out how certain foods can change and where food comes from. Interesting learner conversations this week includes: "Pizza comes from the delivery", "pizza comes from the pizza box", "food comes from the fridge", we look to develop these ideas over the week.

Baking has proven popular this week with EY2 learners making healthy pizzas from scratch and omelets. EY1 also joined in making yummy friendship cookies.

In art and craft we have introduced pastels that were used to draw relationship pictures. Learners thought carefully about their relationships with other and tried their very best to in this challenging activity.



Nexus Girl Guides

The 9 Nexus Girl Guides are busy fulfilling the requirements for their cooking badge and they are making some great food also.





History Topic in Year 4

On Wednesday, three famous explorers, Marco Polo, Ferdinand Magellan and James Cook, visited Year 4 to recruit volunteers for their expedition for our history topic.

Next, we had to choose a group, Marco Polo, Ferdinand Magellan or James Cook. Then we went on to learn about different sources of historical information with help from an expert Ms Suzy Pugh. In our research we will be finding out about: The dates and main events of the times when the explorers travelled. What life was like in the times of different explorers. Also we'll practice the skill of asking and answering questions about explorers.

Once we have lots of knowledge about the explorer, then, we will create a children's board game about that explorer.

Anne Marie Lim, 4X



Swimming Gala

The Primary swim galas will take place on Thursday and Friday next week.

MP1 on Thu 13 Nov
(11am-12.20pm)

MP2 on Thu 13 Nov
(8.45am-10am)

MP3 on Fri 14 Nov
(1pm-2.30pm)

The learners have been working hard in PE lessons with our professional swim coaches this year and are eager to show off their progress. All parents are encouraged to come along, what should be an exciting couple of days.

N.B. Could all MP2 learners come to school wearing their swimsuits/shorts under their uniform please. This will ensure that we start the gala on time.

Please email me directly for any further information regarding the swim gala. smith.a@nexus.edu.my

Next Monday!

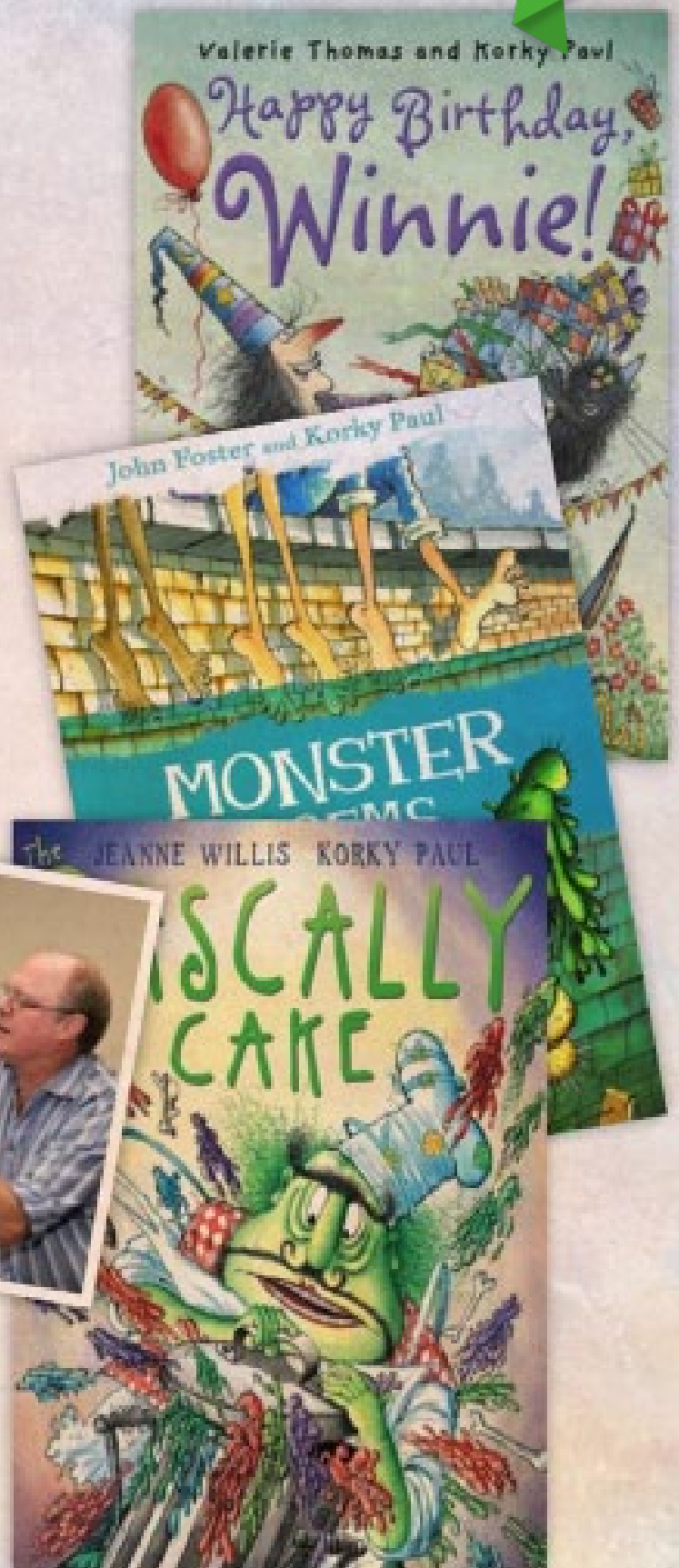
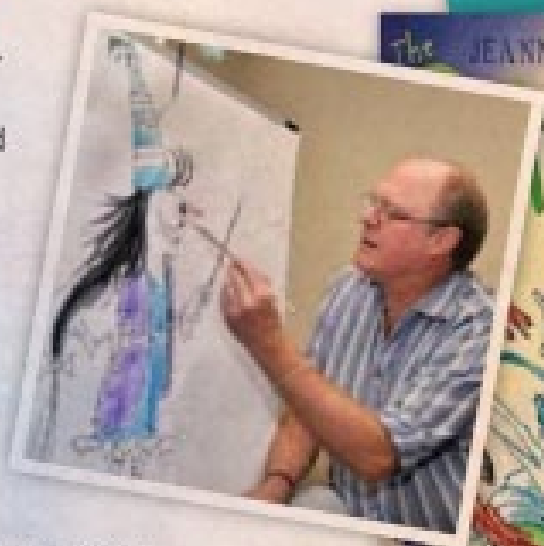


Korky Paul

Is visiting Nexus on 10th
November 2014

He is a British Illustrator of Children's Books. It's likely that you have read his famous "Winnie the Witch" series. You can find his books in the library at Nexus. Come read his books and get ready to ask questions for an interesting interactive session. He would be conducting a workshop for Nexus learners (10th November) and sharing his experiences about his journey as an illustrator.

Born: 1951, Harare, Zimbabwe
Education: California Institute of the Arts
His real name is Harnish Vigne Christie Paul.



Secondary

Language Perfect Northern Championships



Tuesday saw the start of the Language Perfect Northern Championships. After our outstanding performance

in the World Championships last May, where Nexus finished 7th out of 1100 schools, hopes are high that we will once again perform strongly.

At the time of going to press, Nexus were in an excellent 4th position and learners from years 5-9 inclusive were continuing to gain more points for their language learning. Well done so far to all our learners.

Parent Forum IGCSE & IB DP Exam Preparation

The Secondary School would like to invite parents to a forum that will provide information on how our teachers are preparing our learners for their forth-coming external exams. The Heads of Department will be able to answer questions and provide general information.

The event will take place on **Tuesday 25th November at 8:30am to 9:15am in the MPR**. The forum is open to any parents in the school.

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.



Embracing Diversity. Challenging Minds.

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Forget about fear. Worry about addiction. These words rang true on November 1 as I participated in the Viper Challenge, a 20.4km obstacle course with over 20 different, gruelling obstacles in its path and was held at Sepang International Circuit. Also dubbed as Asia's largest obstacle course, it had attracted over 5000 people across Malaysia and overseas to participate in it; be it a veteran or a first-timer like myself running through the course.

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Viper Challenge

I had joined the Viper Challenge with a team of 4 which had included Ryan, Farahin, Weng Kin and myself. We started off the course at 7 am in our wave of runners where we met our first obstacle, the Tyre Trail, within the first kilometre. Although it may have seemed easy at first, we started encountering more and more obstacles along the track, each more gruelling and difficult than the others. Despite the

amount of difficulties and challenges we faced, we continued to stick together as a team and helped each other to overcome the various obstacles standing in our way.

Although the Viper Challenge was equally taxing on everyone, we saw many amazing feats such as participants helping an acrophobic man climb down from the rope wall, participants helping each other out throughout the obstacles and even a one-armed man managing to scale 50-foot tall curved wall with some help. If we ever had doubts or lose faith in humankind, the Viper Challenge thoroughly exemplifies the very best in us and shows us our willingness to help each other should we meet any difficulties.

After 5 long, exhaustive hours, we finally completed the arduous course. As the youngest team in the challenge, this was no mean feat to us as we had managed to accomplish what many of our peers have not and have overcome our weaknesses (mine being scaling walls). We had been through literal hell and back and had survived which really made me tremendously proud of our little team. It was truly an indescribable experience and I sincerely look forward to joining the next Viper Challenge to be held next year. By Luanne





CAS Reflections

by Zainal, Fadhli

During the summer, I signed up to FairMUN, the conference and Fairview International School in KL. I was assigned to a specialized committee called Arab League. It was the first time I have been assigned to a specialized committee. What was even more challenging is that I had to do it in the HarvardMUN rules of procedure which was a very different system from the THIMUN-Style MUN that I was so used to. In the Arab League, I took on the role of Egypt, representing that country when talking about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, post-conflict economic stability in the Middle East, and the ISIS threat to the Middle East. Being one of the founding members of Arab League meant that a significant amount of pressure was put upon me. I had more of a

say in things than most countries in the Arab League, as my country has a direct relationship with those involved in the issues introduced.

The Arab League was a great place to be, as it was filled with very skilled delegates, and capable chairs. We had splendid debate on the various issues, but found that we all pretty much had the same views. All except Jordan, who decided to be the devil's advocate in this conference. Often going against many of the solutions proposed in the committee. I found that I was not very active in the role of resolution writing, and is something I should work on in the future. But I feel that I did very well in terms of speaking passionately and clearly to my fellow delegates in order to push forward my ideas. The delegates and I had a great time together, and we came through with a resolution that I had a majority vote and passed.

University Application

Dear Learners and Parents

This weekend (Saturday and Sunday) Is the Education UK Exhibition at KLCC. see the link:

<http://www.britishcouncil.my/events/education-uk-exhibition-2014>

This is a fantastic opportunity to talk to university admissions tutors, attend seminars and workshops and to gather information on potential universities.

As a result Nexus is hosting four university representatives this week and next. See the schedule below:

Institution	Date	Time	Location
Herriot Watt University	Fri 7/11	13.00-13.50	Library (L2)
University of Glasgow	Mon 10/11		
University Birmingham	Tue 11/11		
University of West Scotland	Wed 12/11		

Please make every effort to come along and ask questions.

Boarder Blog

The Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra



On the 29th of October 10 well-dressed boarders, me included, travelled to central KL to watch an organ recital in the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra by Margaret Chen.

Chen, a revered organist in Asia, Europe and North America, hails from Singapore and is no foreigner to the Malaysian crowd.

She introduced herself, a diminutive figure, hair kept short and dressed simply in an elegant blue blouse and white knee-length skirt, smiling before placing herself before the organ. Like an artist with an empty canvas, she wooed us all with classic favourites such as pieces from Mendelssohn, Schumann and Vierne.

Mr Mark, Ms Maureen and boarders were left in a tranquil state as Chen's fingers (and toes) commanded the percussions, notes and articulation to recreate the popular masterpieces passed through the ages. Jokingly, she returned after her final bow and insisted that 'any recital for any instrument is never complete without Bach!' And that's just how our evening ended.

Ryan Year 12

Music News

Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15



Auditions: Monday 17 November The Show: Tuesday 25 November at 7pm

Due to the Y8 residential trip being on the same week as Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15 we have decided to move the date of the show to **Tuesday 25th November at 7pm** to enable Y8 learners to take part. The Young Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15 will be held on Wednesday 26th November at 9am for learners from Early Years to Year 3.

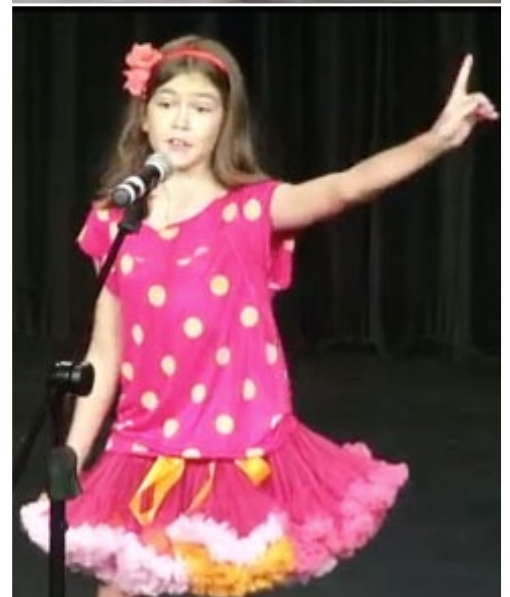
The **Auditions will now be held on Monday 17th November** to enable Year 8 learners to rehearse and sign up. The sign-up for will be open for another week to allow Year 8s and other learners to sign up. he

The Audition Sign-Up Sheet is now open until Wednesday 12th November @ 5pm. It can be accessed with the link below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NTBgHJi_7LX7OVVY5L1IB6mTU-CGUmr3tuzC2s9b24/edit?usp=sharing

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!



Lunchtime Music Clubs - All Welcome - No Invitation Needed - Come Along & Have Fun!

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

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



Why Study Music?

The important of Music

<http://musicempowersfoundation.com/why-music/the-importance-of-music>

Dates For Your Diaries

Mon 17th Nov	Nexus' Got Talent Auditions
Thur 20th Nov	Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Fri 21st Nov	Young Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Wed 10th Dec	Production, 'East Side Story'
Thu 11th Dec	Production, 'East Side Story'