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BOOK COVERING BLITZ! 17th March 2015

Thanks to all the Wonderful Parent Volunteers for their incredible efforts in covering 352 Library Books in just a few hours! Nexus Library highly appreciates your dedication and service towards the Nexus Community.



CCA News

Dear Parents, we intend to open the CCA portal for term 3 on Monday March 23rd at 9 am.

Please follow the link below to navigate to the home page and select CCA T3 2014/15 from the list of options:

https://go.nexus.edu.my/fmi/iwp/res/iwp_home.html

If you are unsure of your login details or encounter difficulties logging in to the portal please contact the CCA coordinator by email providing details of your issue, your child's name and year group: cca.enquiry@nexus.edu.my

As normal there is a wide selection of activities and we have introduced a number of new sessions such as PADI Seals Team, a scuba diving course for 8 to 10 year olds, CSI science investigation and Golf sessions at the Cyberjaya driving range

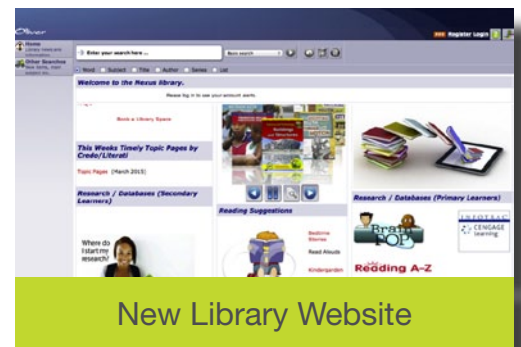
Due to the introduction of GST in Malaysia all activities are now subject to tax, this will be represented in your invoice which will be issued mid term for settlement before the end of the academic year.

LIBRARY NEWS

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Old Library Website



New Library Website

Dear All,

Nexus Library Declares the “Oliver” as the **“Nexus Library Website”** and available via the **Nexus Intranet**.

We are putting in our best efforts to make this site to be a single place for all the available resources. We request you to encourage your learners to use this link to:

- Look for the titles in your library
- Use Databases for Research (separate sections for **Primary and Secondary** - For now only Literati and Questia are password free, very soon all the other databases will be made password free)
- Read E Books (**Nexus Library has introduced E Books** - we have just started building up our collection)
- Develop Research Skills (various links for developing Research Skills are provided)
- Reading Suggestions (Reading lists)
- What should I read next ?
- Links to online Dictionaries and Thesaurus and various Links to Primary Sources of information.
- There is a section “About us” it includes FAQ’s about library procedures and expectations and a link to the **“Library Booking Calendar”** to **“Book a space in the library”**. (we hope this section answers all your questions about Nexus library).

Most of these Resources were made available through the Intranet since May 2014 and they will continue to be on the Intranet. In case you need help, you can write to us at library@nexus.edu.my

We welcome your feedback.

Nexus Library

NEXUS LIBRARY INTRODUCES E-BOOKS FROM WHEELERS!

Accessible via the RE-IMAGED **“LIBRARY WEBSITE on OLIVER”**.
Please Bookmark this link.

First, login to your nexus Gmail accounts, to access the library website, then, go to **Intranet>Library>Oliver** once you reach this website, you can find the E-Books column on the right hand side of the page. Click on the image and it will take you to the Wheelers E-Book Platform. Choose a title and click on the tabs that will appear in this sequence -

“Download the title” >
“Login with open access ID” >
“Accept” > **“Read Now”**

You may wish to download the App for E-books - this will allow you to read them on to your mobile devices. For your convenience, a video is provided on how to download an app.

This is just the beginning to our E-Book collection. We welcome your Recommendations, and Feedback.

Primary

Year 2 Time Detectives

Last week the learners in Year 2 became archeologists for the day as part of the Entry Point for the theme Time Detectives.



The learners were fully engaged in exploring the sand area in the field and digging for artefacts. They were so excited to see the grid references on the sand and were asking lots of questions about it's

purpose. There were a huge variety of objects from pottery, to old shoes, jewellery and even some ornaments and old coins!



Additionally, the learners were exploring the field

to find metal objects – and many of them learned about the differences between different materials and how the metal detector is able to detect metal.

Many of the questions the learners raised are now being used to shape the learning that is going on within the Year 2 classrooms – and beyond!

This learning has been linked to their learning in maths where they have been using co-ordinates to find out about position and

movement. Learning about grid references, and actually using them, has helped them with this!

In English the learners have been finding out about the features of newspaper reports and using this to help them (next week) write reports on an archeological find that is 'breaking news'. They have had a wonderful time learning about how reporters ask and answer questions, and when they report they do not give their opinion – they have been using their ipads to record themselves and develop their reporting and oral 'storytelling' skills! Please check out the Year 2 blog where the videos will be posted!

They have enjoyed the connectedness in their learning and are now being real enquirers throughout this theme to answer the big question – 'Did Hung Tuah really exist?' .



KEEPING OUR LEARNERS SAFE & HEALTHY

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Nexus takes great pride in providing a safe and stimulating environment for our learners - helping them to develop as individuals inside and outside of the classroom environment. We continually seek to improve the provisions we make for morning exercise, break and lunch time play.

At the start of this year, new play equipment was purchased for our learners, enabling them to be more active at break and lunchtimes. In the EY/Year 1 play area the learners are being encouraged to ride the bikes and scooters and to also make use of this new equipment – which they are really enjoying!

In light of the growing number of learners in Primary and the purchase of new equipment, we have reviewed the practices we have for supervision in the various areas of the school. We place high priority in ensuring our children are able to have fun, learn, explore and exercise in a safe and supervised environment.

There are now more adults on duty in the field in the mornings to support morning exercise for 'Wake Up shake Up'.

In the EY/Year 1 play area there are now 2 adults on duty when learners are playing – to ensure that our youngest learners are more closely supervised. We ask that learners also play their part in being safe by always bringing and wearing a hat which they can wear outside and be sun-safe!

Parents can help out too!

Parents of learners in Years 2-6 can help by encouraging learners to take part in morning exercise. Some parents have even started taking part in the morning exercise on the field and this is encouraged.

If you are a parent of our younger learners then bringing them to the Early Years and Year 1 play area and then moving to the outside of this area will help give them the freedom they need to exercise safely. It is lovely to see all the parents chatting with each other in the mornings and watching their children and as we grow the space is becoming too crowded if parents stay in there. Please continue to watch from the tiled area outside of the play area.

We thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Learner Led Conference

On April 4th we will be holding our learner led conferences again. For those parents that are not sure what to expect, here are some details:

Learner-led conferences:

- Communicate not only how a learner is doing in school but also give learners an opportunity to explain their progress.
- Are an opportunity for learners to be responsible for their own learning achievements.
- Give learners ownership. The learner is in charge and the teacher serves as a facilitator
- Allow learners to demonstrate how they can share their learning in a meaningful, purposeful fashion.
- Are another way to promote independent lifelong learning.

Please note that school will be CLOSED on this day for all Primary learners – except for the time when they are in school with their parent(s).

For more information and a Q & A session with Mr Griffiths, please call in to the MPR on Friday 27th March at 9am.

Please inform Griffiths.d@nexus.edu.my if you intend to be there.

U11 Girls Football March 11th 2015



Top Left to Right : Thirah, Stella, Emily, Xuen.
Bottom Left to Right : Eshal, Aminah, Rinka,
Ariane, Humayra

The Girls Football season has come to close, with a great afternoon of football being held at ISP, Desa Park.

The afternoon started with our first game against BSKL, the girls were excited and nervous to play against BSKL as we had lost 5-0 to them in the previous round. They all knew what they had to do and focused on communicating with each and defending tightly to try and stop BSKL from gaining an opportunity to score. Unfortunately, they broke through the defence and scored 3 goals in the first half. At half time the girls discussed what they needed to do, Emily stayed back in defence and worked with Aminah in goal, communicating lots and telling each other where to go. Thirah, Stella and Ariane were also in defence and they kept tight on a player and made sure that they had very little chance to shoot. Xuen, Humayra, Eshal and Rinka played well in mid-field and managed to get the ball up towards BSKLs goal, but they just couldn't get a shot. BSKL didn't score in the second half and the girls finished on a high.

Their second game was against ISP and the girls were ready to play more of an attacking game. With Emily back in mid-field, she was communicating well with the girls and linking the strikers and defence. Xuen had a few great attempts at goal, but just couldn't get it on target. Stella also took a great shot from half way, very nearly going in, but just skimming past the goal posts. Humayra and Rinka were playing well in mid-field, making some great passes down the side line. The game finished 0-0 against ISP.

As this was the second round of the tournament, we weren't sure what position we would finish in. But after a very short wait, the girls were awarded with bronze medals!!! A massive well done to all of the girls involved for giving up their lunch times to train and a also a big thank you to the parents for their continued support!!

Thank You,
Miss Gemma

Congratulations to Nicola Benson (LA in Year 5) who has recently been assessed as 'Outstanding' by her teacher training tutor. Nicola is currently completing her PGCE with Sunderland University, under the guidance of Rob Holmes, whilst being a Learning Assistant here at Nexus.

The tutor also commented that, '...the ways in which the children at Nexus were able to articulate their learning and incorporate understanding of the Personal Goals (Nexus Neuron) was the best that he had seen in Asia.'

Secondary

Testakers On-Campus Prep Course for the SAT, April 13th-17th, 2015

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please fill in the registration form and hand it, with payment, into the administration office before March 20th.

University Visits and Events

- March 19th - University of Exeter (UK) will be visiting Nexus during lunch.
- March 23rd - A Professor of Astrophysics from University of Sheffield (UK) will be giving Y10 science learners a talk on renewable energy.
- April 2nd - 'University Applications Day' Y12 will be off timetable to attend various workshops related to applications. Parents are also invited to attend these sessions. Details will follow.

Year 11 English Workshop

This Saturday 21st March, from 9am until 1pm, there is an AQA English workshop for all learners in Y11 who wish to attend to get individual help with completing all elements of their English Coursework.

The workshop will take place in Learning Hub One, dress is casual and learners can bring snacks.

English News

Grammarly is an automated grammar tutor and revision support tool. Grammarly helps the students to improve their writing, develop

essential writing skills, and prevent plagiarism. Students upload drafts of their writing assignments to Grammarly to receive immediate instructional feedback on over 250 points of grammar. It's fast, easy-to-use, and there are multiple studies that show improved grades for college students who use it.

Nexus International School Putrajaya learners and faculty receive a 75% discount. Click below to use Grammarly.

The link to the discount is <https://ed.grammarly.com/register/signup/features/?newv=1&source=AAAAB5Y11dLx9SpW8YXv> (bit.ly/1p1D10Z)



CIS Accreditation Visit

This week 23rd to 27th March the school has a team of accrediting visitors from the Council of International School.

They are here to evaluate the school to become full members of CIS and to assist us on our journey of continuous improvement. If you see them around school, please say hello.

CAS Reflection by Mohamad Aniq Fahmi Md Jaafar

Today was the first session for the new term (2), I attended football session a bit late, as usual, because I had a few things to take care of. However, I was able to show up. Strangely, we weren't asked to do 2 laps around the field, maybe because the coach forgot, anyway it didn't matter much. During this football session, I learnt a few things about how to play the position of right defence.

Basically what I have to do is to not let the forward get past me. At first, it was tough, but as the training progresses, I got the grip of it. Compared to the first time I played football, I remember I suffered from minor cramps, but now I don't, maybe it's because my legs were used to running long distances, which is a good thing, it tells me I've improved. This session has taught me a very important life lesson, "when in doubt, Just do It". Basically, when I don't have a clue about the consequences, just do it, because what's the worse that could happen? And it turns out to be good, 99.9% of the time. The learning outcome that can be derived from this my increased awareness in my strengths and weaknesses

IB DP VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

On Monday, the 30th of March 2015, the Year 13 Visual Arts learners would like to invite you to their diploma art exhibition.

The exhibition will be on from 08:30am in the morning, to 5:00pm in the late afternoon. This

year's exhibitors are Anis, Angely, Lawrence and Zhakwan. For two years, they have been working on individual themes and concepts and are now ready to share their ideas with you in their exhibition. There will be a number of IB questions displayed at the entrance for you to ask our budding talented artists. These questions are IB questions and will help them with their videoed interview, which will be filmed the following day, where they must talk about their work hopefully answering all of these IB example questions.

It has been a hard two years for the learners, where they have struggled with discovering new techniques and processes in creating art works as well as finding, researching and understanding local and international contemporary artists.

To sum up the two years in art, I asked the learners to contribute a sentence, and this is what they had to say:

"IB Visual Arts gave me a lot of opportunities to explore the world of art and architecture whilst motivating me to improve my personal skills and artist knowledge." **Lawrence**

"I think VA is a love and hate relationship that requires a lot of commitment, it can be so frustrating because you want to get it done, but once it is done, there is a great sense of accomplishment." **Anis**

"Visual Arts has allowed me to explore different types of cultures around the world, giving me an open mind about how diverse cultures are, and now I want to visit them all!" **Angely**

In Visual Arts, I have gained experience and am much more comfortable and confident with different techniques and processes in various art making practices." **Zhakwan**

A YEAR 13 I B VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION



ALL OF THE NEXUS
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WELCOME.



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.
LOCATION: MPR, NEXUS.
DATE: MONDAY 30TH OF MARCH 2015
TIME: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



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Secondary Sports Day

Congratulations to **KREATIF** who were crowned Sports day Champions 2015!!!!

It was a very closely fought competition with the lead changing hands many times throughout the day. In the end though there can only be one winner. This year it was the turn of Kreatif who beat Cermerlang into first place and pushed last year's champions down into third position.



Final standings were as follows:

Kreatif - 527 points

Cermerlang - 489

Riang - 441

Cergas - 412

Well done to all the learners who made the day a great success. The level of sportsmanship, the colour and noise levels helped create a really great atmosphere.

Here is a short video of the day. Look out for the full version at the end of term assembly
<https://youtu.be/4HeoYD8An3w>

Sports Fixtures Coming-up:

Weds 25th March

U9 Boys Football
at Nexus 4pm - 6pm
U9 Girls Football
at BSKL 2.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 26th March

U13 Girls Basketball
at Tenby 3pm - 7pm

Saturday 28th March

Primary KLISS Track and Field
at Nexus 7am - 1pm

Boarder Blog

My Very Busy Week In The Nexus Boarding House

Many events unfolded during the span of this week. On Wednesday the 12th of March, a few of the boarders (me included) went to an organ recital at the Dewan Filharmonik Petronas KLCC. It was a marvelous night filled with amazing renditions of classical songs. Personally I felt that the highlight of the night was when Andrew Blackburn played Bach's Toccata & Fugue in D minor.

Later on during Saturday, some boarders went to the annual Putrajaya hot air balloon festival, it was an amazing day filled with loud music, fun games, and amazing vendor foods. We managed to see some of the hot air balloons but unfortunately due to the fact that it was too windy, we couldn't see them too high up in the air.

Lastly, on Sunday morning, the boarding house recycling group "The Change" and some helpful volunteers went to the Tzu Chi foundation to help with the recycling. There was an large amount of things to be recycled and we managed to help out as much as we could.

Overall, this week has been a very busy week in the Nexus Boarding house. There are lots of activities that people want to be involved in and personally I think that's the whole point of being in a boarding house, to experience things you'd never thought you'd experience.

Permata - Year 11



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MUSIC NEWS

Spring Concert Review

The Spring Concert last Thursday 12th March was a wonderful evening and a great success, with some stunning and amazing performance. Well done to all of the 200+ senior performers involved in making the concert so memorable, you all did fantastically well. Special mention must go to the Y7s performing their Whole Class Gamelan Compositions, the String Orchestra, Jazz Band, String Groups and the Senior Choir. You guys in the ensembles have put in so much work and commitment to rehearsals in your own time which was rewarded by some stunning performance, well done and thank you to all of you involved. Well done also to all the soloist/duets etc. for being so courageous and special thanks also to Mr Yew Chee for his fantastic accompaniment work, it is very, very much appreciated by all.

The video for the Spring Concert can my found [HERE](#). (Big thanks to Mr Jason, Mr Tom and their team of camera-men/women).

Instrumental Lessons

Mr Gerold has kindly offered any learner who wishes to try to play a Trumpet or Trombone FREE LESSONS for one term. The Music Department will also provide you with a FREE INSTRUMENT.

So, if you fancy trying to play Mr Tim's main instrument, the Trumpet, or Mr Gerold's main instrument, the Trombone, then please fill in the form below for a terms FREE TRIAL LESSONS.

I had so much fun this week teaching the whole of Year 4 their Entry Point for Sound. If any of you guys would like to start playing an

instrument then please also get your parents to fill in the form below and we will try to provide you with an instrument.

If you are new to the school or have been here for a while and just want to try out playing an instrument, then please ask your parents to fill in the application form here:

Sign Up for Instrumental Lessons Here:
<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/sign-up-for-instrumental-lessons>

Why Study Music?

“Because you will have FUN and make new friends!”

Quote: Mr Steve, Miss Ann and Mr Tim

Dates For Your Diaries - N.B. Some Changes/Additions*

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| Mon 11 May | Trial for the Suitability of Pieces for the Young Performers' Concert |
| Thu 21 May | Young Performers' Concert - 7pm in the Theatre |
| * Wed 3 Jun | First Y7 Whole Class Musical - 7pm in the Theatre - Class TBC |
| * Wed 10 Jun | Second Y7 Whole Class Musical- 7pm in the Theatre - Class TBC |
| * Wed 17 Jun | Third Y7 Whole Class Musical - 7pm in the Theatre - Class TBC |
| Wed 24 Jun | Rock Concert 7pm in the Theatre |

DRAMA NEWS

Year 9 Drama Workshop

Our Year 9 learners all participated in half-day workshops led by staff from KLPAC recently, looking at ways in to devising Drama to prepare them for creating their own group devised pieces. Writer / director Mark Beau de Silva and his team took them through their paces, from a very physical warm-up to using emotion memory to explore characters' intentions. Here are some pictures of them in action!



KLPAC (<http://www.klpac.org/?p=14265>)

are also running workshops in all areas of Performing Arts over the next few weeks:

WORKSHOPS

SHORT SWEET MALAYSIA 2015 + **THE BIGGEST LITTLE FESTIVAL IN THE WORLD!**

SHORT SWEET THEATRE MALAYSIA

6 Mar @ 7 - 10pm Writing

7 Mar @ 2 - 5pm Acting + Directing

8 Mar @ 2 - 5pm Combined + Presentation

SHORT SWEET DANCE MALAYSIA

21 Mar @ 10am - 1pm Choreography

22 Mar @ 10am - 1pm Choreography

participants can choose either one day

SHORT SWEET MUSICAL MALAYSIA

20 Mar @ 7 - 10pm

Idea Generation + Sharing: How to write a 10 minute Musical

21 Mar @ 2 - 6pm

Composing for your 10 minute Musical

22 Mar @ 2 - 6pm

Putting it Together + Performing

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