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Whole School

Myanmar Learners



the end of the school day.

Every Thursday we welcome in a group of Myanmar learners. They participate in lessons, join the Nexus Community CCA and enjoy our sports facilities at



Nexus Community, along with the entire school, are now raising funds and buying Christmas presents for these children. Each class will buy presents for

one or two Myanmar learners. We would also like to invite everyone involved in the school community to donate extra to go towards the presents. There is a donation box in the office. Any amount, no matter how small (or large) will be very welcome.



24 Hour Run @ Nexus 15-16th November

From 9am on the 15th November to 9am on 16th November our school is hosting the first KL 24 Hour Run to Stop The Traffik. This is a growing movement involving thousands of activists around the globe who give their time and energy to fight human trafficking by creating change and awareness in their community and beyond. In conjunction with the 24 Hour Race, RTST KL will be hosting a carnival on the November 15th from 10am to 6pm at Nexus International School. Please note, tickets will not be on sale at the entry gate.

Year 4 Assembly - Homes and Habitats





KLISS X-Country at Nexus

Nexus were host to the KLISS whole school X-country event last Sunday. Almost 500 runners spanning 6 age groups from Yr3 up to Yr10

took part in what was a fantastic event, well supported by over 250 parents from the various competing schools. Nexus had 72 runners taking part, all competing over a distance of either 1.5km for primary or 3km for secondary. A big thank you to to all involved, including the PTA for providing food and drinks to all the hungry guests to out school.



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/tedx youthday>

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

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Korky Paul's Visit to Nexus

Korky Paul's visit was a great success at the Nexus Library. Children thoroughly enjoyed his interactive and engaging workshops. Korky Paul, is a renowned Illustrator who has won "Children's Book Award" for "Winnie the Witch" picture books and "European MultiMedia Award" for the adaptation of his book - "The Fish, who could Wish". We are pretty sure, that his visit has inspired many of our Nexus Learners.



On Monday the 10th of November, the Year 12 and Year 13 IB Visual Arts learners were lucky to have a visiting illustrator talk to them about his work.



Mr. Korky Paul, the famous illustrator of the 'Winnie the Witch' children's books, came to Nexus to share his techniques with the whole school, and one of his sessions was with the IB Visual Art learners. The Visual Arts learners were fascinated by the talk, and when they

were asked what they liked and learnt about it,

they responded with the following answers.

"We thought it was cool because it was really nice to see how he plans his work, from his rough sketches to his final water colour paintings."

"It was great to see an illustrator working with traditional materials in an industry that has become dominated by so much computer aided design. When you get up close you can see the texture and opacity of the paint."

"I liked the fact that with the water colour painting, Mr. Paul said that chance happenings, or mistakes sometimes occur, and that it may often improve his work. These are known in art as, happy mistakes!"

"Looking at the whole process of what an illustrator does, from scratch to finish, is eye opening. I want to be an illustrator!"



Korky Paul proved to be a very popular visiting speaker and has hopefully spurred our learners on to perhaps think about art and illustration as a future occupation. He certainly gave them many tips on how to create an illustration from a piece of text. I know that the IB learners have benefited from his visit and they will be using his talk to illustrate how illustration works in their sketchbooks.

By Mauro Brooks, Head of Art

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Primary

Flowers and Insects



In IPC the Year 2 learners have been actively engaged in their learning in Art and then Science both within the theme of

Flowers and Insects. The

learners were developing their art techniques – pointillism, creating tone and shade as well as blending and mixing colours with different art media. The children learned about impressionist artists, Van Gogh and Claude Monet who often used flowers as a stimulus for their art. The children recreated art in the style of Monet and they practiced techniques they had learned using oil pastels by creating observational drawings of insects. Finally learners brought in their own plants and flowers for observational sketches using watercolour pencils.



Towards the end of the week the learners started to look at this theme through the lens of science – in a quest to answer the big question ‘Do we need flowers and insects?’

The learners simply relished the opportunity to be enquirers and explore the parts of plants and flowers using microscopes and magnifying glasses – the whole while trying to figure out, what the purpose is of each part.

Next week we are going to be taking a visit to the science labs in secondary to continue to find out the answers to our questions!





Year 6 Entry Point, A Learner Reflection

Tuesday arrived and boy were we excited! Our Entry Point for our new IPC topic - Artists's Impressions of the world. There were 4 activities in total for each class to enjoy. These were done on a carousel system throughout the day.

Mr Graeme came to each class to teach a Photography lesson – Stories through the Lens. We learnt that photography could be used to make stories. Mr.Graeme taught us the different types of photo shots. The most important photo is the establishing one. This shows the setting and should be the first shot of the story.

After he taught us the types of pictures, he asked us to take a maximum of 8 pictures to tell a story using the Rule of Thirds. The Rule of Thirds mean that the subject of the picture should either be in the middle, on the left side or the right. It was really goo fun! The story could be about anything. It could be funny, serious, boring, entertaining or a little bit of everything! After this, it was time for Tinkercad.

Tinkercad, which is a Computer Aided Design programme allowed us to try out creating our own 3D designs. The best design will be printed out on the new 3D Printer. This turns our design into the object we created. There are a lot of things to learn and most of us just got through the basics. When you are making the shapes, it shows you the measurements so you can be exact. We could make anything our hearts desired. A cable holder, pencil organizer, a stand for your phone, anything!

We also had Art Jamming. Artists came into school from Kuala Lumpur to work with us.

We made amazing paintings about the KLCC twin towers. First we did a rough sketch to have an idea of what it will look like. Then we drew our sketch with more detail on the canvas so we

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had a guide. We made the buildings wonky to make it unique.

We had to put a Malaysian element to it by putting the flag somewhere. Most people worked it into a background and put the nexus symbol next to it. It took 1 hour and a half (90 minutes), but it felt like 20 minutes! They turned out great and are very colourful. “One of the best pieces of art I have ever made” claims Arissa.

Finally, we created Collages based on anything! We brought in lots of magazines to create our Collage. We drew a template of an item or a person that we wanted to make a collage of. Most of us copied one of the templates which Miss Kath printed for us. Collages are all about cutting, tearing and gluing so we snipped pages from magazines and shaped them and glue them in our collage. The pieces of paper have to be small so it looks fantastic. This meant sticking everything down and it takes quite a long time.

It was such a great and busy day! We had tremendous fun and learned a lot. To quote Hazwani, “I have a feeling that this will be a great IPC topic!”

Arissa and Hazwani

PE

U11 Basketball

Both the U11 Boys and Girls teams played their final league matches of the season on Wednesday night with fantastic results.

Miss Grace took the girls team and here is her report:

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, Hajna Humaira Haniff, Amyra Nasharudin, Preeshna Kumar, Jordis Noecker, Aireen A'isyah

The Boys were coached by Miss Gemma and this is her report:



The boys played outstandingly throughout the tournament this afternoon. Their first match was against Tenby, winning 11-6, there was some awesome shooting from all of the boys! The second game against Taylors, Nexus won 15-6, again with some great Basketball! Their next game was against BSKL, it was a tough game and one that they needed to win in order to stand a chance of winning gold against ISP in their last match.

Fortunately, they played as they always do, working hard, making great passes, defending tightly and 'finally' going in for every rebound! Another win!! 12-



6! In their last game they were up against the toughest team in the tournament, ISP! With 3 wins under their belts, they needed a win or a draw! It was a close game throughout, 2-2, 4-4, 6-6.... But that is where it ended! A 6-6 draw against ISP!

A huge well done to all of the boys that took part in the tournament!! Gold medals and a trophy on the way back to Nexus!!



Swim Galas

A big thank you to all the learners for making this year's swim gala such a success. It was impressive to see so many of you push yourselves out of your comfort zone and try races that you have never tried before. The 25m races for MP1 learners and the 50M freestyle for the MP2s were real endurance events that took a lot of courage to enter and resilience and perseverance to complete. Well done to all involved!



Secondary

Language Perfect Northern Championships

It has been a fantastic week so far for Nexus Malaysia at the Language Perfect Northern Championships. The learners have showed off their language learning skills and competed against 120 other schools worldwide. At the time of writing, Nexus is 3rd overall having answered over 815000 questions, which is an amazing achievement.

3 of our learners have earned themselves the Elite certificate for scoring over 10000 points.

Jun Wei Hew and Anmol Anoop have both scored just over 10000 points each but Isabelle Lee-e Yap has scored a staggering 30800, which puts her second in the entire competition.

Congratulations to all the learners who are taking part and with 3 days to go let's see how much more language learning our learners can do.

WELL DONE NEXUS!

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.



ALAN GIBBONS



The award winning
children's author

**Visits Nexus on
18th November 2014**

Alan Gibbons has been writing children's books for 23 years. He is the winner of the Blue Peter Book Award 2000 "The book I couldn't put down" for his best-selling book *Shadow of the Minotaur*. He has also been shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal in 2001 and 2003 and is on the current Carnegie longlist for 2014 for his latest book "Hate." He has won the Booktrust Teenage Prize twice, the Catalyst Award, the Leicester Book of the Year and many more.

Alan was a teacher for 16 years, working with KS1, KS2 and KS3 and now uses his experience as a writer to inspire the next generation of writers.

**Alan will be
conducting workshops
on writing with
our learners
in Years 6, 7 and 9.**



CAS Reflection

by Stephen, Leighia Jo-Ann



This term I've had the pleasure of working with another cello and viola student and two violin students in an ensemble to hopefully perform next year. We have been working diligently on the Totoro theme and Sonata I. I have learnt that though I have good rhythm when I play solo, I need to focus to get my rhythm in time with the other instruments or else the song will sound messy. I have also noticed that though my solo rhythm is good, I need to be more careful about my pitch (where I am placing my fingers) and my tone (where, how hard, and how long I play the bow against the stings).

I have also been more conscientious of how much time I am practicing and have put more hours in the week towards my cello practice in order to be working at the level I need to be for my classes. Though this extra work, my skills have greatly improved (including my staccato notes, tone and pitch, and my solo rhythm).

Music News

Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15 AUDITIONS, Monday 17th November

The timetable for the NGT '14-15 Auditions can be found below:

https://docs.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/document/d/1iaMZc_te9Y9OgxRKdTW1V7d_ydff2yfn9yvMNzeklNk/edit

Learners are asked to arrive 5 minutes before their allocated time with their instrument/music/props etc. Please can you email Mr Tim your backing tracks before the auditions.

Only 10 Secondary learner places and 10 Primary learner places are available for the NQT FINAL out of 44 auditions.

Good luck to all performers, the judges are very excited to watch your performances.

EY to Y3 learners auditions will be held later in the week, time to be confirmed to allow all performers a chance to join in.

Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15 FINAL, Tuesday 25th November at 7pm in the Theatre

Tickets will be available next week from the Payment Desk. The audience will vote for the winner of both Primary and Secondary via mobile phone in a live streamed internet poll.

Young Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15 FINAL, Wednesday 26th November at 9am in the Theatre

No tickets are needed for this performance and all EY to Y3 parents are welcome to attend along with the learners.



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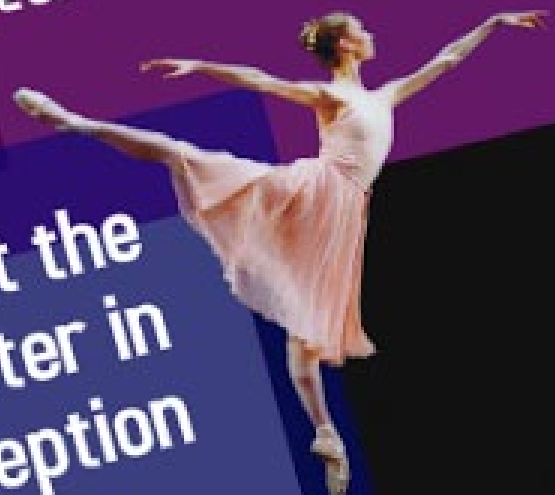
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Lunchtime Music Clubs - All Welcome - No Invitation Needed - Come Along & Have Fun!

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



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<http://www.britannica.com/blogs/2013/04/the-value-of-music-that-tickles-the-brain/>

Dates For Your Diaries

Mon 17 Nov	Nexus' Got Talent Auditions
Tue 25 Nov	Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Wed 26 Nov	Young Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Wed 10 Dec	Production, 'East Side Story'
Thu 11 Dec	Production, 'East Side Story'

Drama News

School Production 'East Side Stories' December 10th & 11th at 7pm

That's right, folks - Nexus Performing & Visual Arts departments, in collaboration with Ms Grace in PE, are preparing a very special production for next month.

Suitable for the whole family, 'East Side Stories' is a collection of 3 plays set in Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam: 'Ulek Mayang', 'The Woodcarver's Love' and 'The Crystal Heart'. The tales all have elements of adventure, love and loss, and of course magic!



This colourful production will be accompanied by music from our very own Nexus Gamelan in its first public performance.

Tickets will be on sale soon - watch this space for details.

Learners interested in helping making props for the show can come to the Tuesday or Thursday CCA in the Art Rooms, please see Mr Mauro or Mr Saiful for details.

What's On

KLPAC (<http://www.klpac.org/>)



Nov 15 - 16 : **'Musical Mad-ley'** is a jukebox musical set in a Malaysian secondary school. Featuring tunes from every era, it's guaranteed to set toes tapping.



Nov 27 - 30 : **'Raj and the End of Tragedy'** is an "epic, charming and poignant tale about two Malaysian dreamers, brought to tragi-comic heights."

DPAC (<http://www.dpac.com.my/>)



Nov 13 - 23 : **'Crazy Little Thing Called Love'** is a critically acclaimed play, which explores the themes of love, courtship, marriage and family in a collection of comedic and dramatic sketches about relationships.