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Whole School

Christmas Celebrations

Monday 15th December: will be our main celebration day, we will be looking for the following:

Parents to bake or share their favourite Christmas themed dishes. A sign up sheet can be found [HERE](#). Please hand these in as early as possible to the Parents office.

Learners to wear party clothes or festive colours - let's bring some colour and sparkle to the event. Get your Santa hats at the ready!

Parents are invited to come along to school, join in the festivities, eat, chat and relax! You can listen to the live Christmas music throughout the day and be part of the Christmas Celebration Assembly in the afternoon. You might even see Santa on his sleigh!



School finishes at 12.00pm on the last day of Term.
Please ensure learners are picked up promptly.

Thank you to all parents for their support this term and thank you to all learners and teachers for their hard work and enthusiasm. It has been a very busy and a very rewarding Term.

Have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ms Alison

Saturday 13th December				
U13	Girls	Basketball	at	ISKL
(Transport leaves Nexus at 6.45am)				
U13	Boys	Basketball	at	ISKL
U15	Girls	Basketball	at	ISKL
(Transport leaves Nexus at 9.45am)				
Sunday 14th December				
U12	Boys	Football	at	Uptown Sports Centre
(Transport leaves at 7.00am)				

PE Notice

Whole School ISAC Swim Gala at KLASS



The official swim gala season has drawn to a close with the biggest event in the yearly calendar. The ISAC swim gala consists of 9 schools competing in almost 100 races. Nexus took 25 learners along to the two-day competition. Despite our fledgling squad not winning any races we did pick up a couple of Bronze medals. Overall it proved to be an excellent opportunity to put our hard morning training sessions into a competitive gala. Well done and a huge thank you to everyone involved

Basketball

The secondary basketball season has started and the Boys U18 and U15 teams have got off to a great start with victories over MKIS and Tenby respectively. The U15 Girls teams results have not been quite so impressive in their first 2 games losing out narrowly to Tenby and MKIS. Great things are expected of the new squad that is being expertly coached by Mr Woon, so watch this space!!

Rugby

Nexus hosted the finals of the ISAC U19 Boys Rugby on

Sunday 7th Dec. Nexus played very well with a young team to beat GIS B team to finish in 6th position. It was a very brave effort against some of the older and more experienced squads from other schools. A big thank you must go to Mr Matt and Mr John Lee for all the extra hours they have given up to coach the boys and get them prepared for the competition.



Football

Nexus hosted the U13 and U18 Boys and Girls games against Epsom this week, while our U11s travelled south to play their matches at Epsom. It was an excellent opportunity to build new relationships and give our sports teams some fresh competition. The games were played in great spirit and Nexus came out winners in all of their matches. Well done to all 57 players involved.

Things to Look Forward to You 2015

January			
Secondary Basketball and Primary Football			
February			
KLISS Field	Primary hosted	Track by	and Nexus
March			
ISAC	Whole School	Track and	Field

Primary

Christmas Craft Sale in Year 3

On Thursday 11th December 2014, Year 3 and the Nexus PTA held a Christmas craft sale to raise money for the Rumah Kesayangan orphanage. As part of our communities topic, we looked at how we could help people less fortunate than ourselves within the wider community. Miss Nazneen from the PTA is already working with this charity and came to tell us about the work they do. The money we have raised will go towards buying the children new uniforms and shoes for the new school year in January.



In our IPC Art topic, we made Christmas cards using finger print techniques, clay ornaments and gift tags. The Year 3 learners decided what we would make, thinking about the criteria that they would have to be cheap to make



Year 2N on Tour!

In their music lesson Year 2N learners have been learning to keep the beat to a piece of music and to play when it is their turn. To do this they have been using the 'William Tell Overture' as their performance piece.

On Friday 5 December 2014 they went 'on tour' to show Years 3 and 5 their learning. This was a very successful performance and the learners enjoyed a very well deserved round of applause. Well done 2N!

and easy to mass produce. We also thought about quality production and assessed if the work was high quality enough to go on sale. The learners also decided on prices, thinking about what they would be willing to pay for the products.

Thank you to everyone who supported our sale and we hope you will enjoy your Christmas craft. We will announce in assembly how much money we have raised after our Friday sale.



Winter Is Here!

Anything is possible in EYs and winter has arrived to Malaysia as well... at least for a short while! The learners are having lots of fun surrounded by snowy mountains, although it is quite chilly in there!

DADDIES IN EARLY YEARS

Early Years learners have now completed their 'Food' theme and had a very interesting Exit point. The EY Dads joined the classes last week for a 'Daddy Bake Off', giving them the opportunity to show off their cooking skills. There were 4 stations, where lots of yummy food was made. We then enjoyed the sandwiches, pizzas, pancakes and blueberry muffins in a little picnic with our EY parents. Thank you to Mr. Conner, Mr. Tay, Mr. Piri, Mr. Greg, Mr. Bailey, Dr. Mohit and the mummies who joined us to share the picnic.



Secondary

Nexus Girl Guide Camp

Nexus girl guides have made their first promise on November 30th during their camp.



Syazwanie, Chok Ling and Nina are putting up their tents at the big ground of Alice Smith's Secondary campus.



They are preparing to make chicken stew! The girls washed the raw chicken and wrapped the potatoes in the tin foil.

Then it was time to roast the chicken and get the stew ready to go with the chicken in the pot.



After a good meal, our Guides participated in more activities! Here they are pushing their partners to sit down just using their shoulders. Hmm....how hard is

that? Not so tough for Syazwanie as she won! Go Nexus Guides!



Keisho and Chok Ling were tough competitors and they won with a draw! How? Well, that's a secret from

the Nexus Girl Guides.

Campfire! Lots of fun for everyone and it was even more fun when it rained! The campfire was a wonderful experience with songs and even some dance moves too.



Nexus Girl Guides are saying their first promise in Nexus's History! All of the girls from Nexus were rewarded with their promise badges, their camp-out badges and

their cooking badges They each received a certificate for being first time Girl Guides from the Guides President Fiona.

Here comes the adieu time for all of the girl guides from Alice Smith, GIS, BISKL and few more schools, including our very own Nexus International School. Everyone gathered for a group photo!.



The Fellowship of the CAS

Year 12 Sabah Residential December 2014

A band of thirty two CAS'ers (i.e. "The Fellowship") embarked on a quest to regain the simple treasure of life beyond the classroom. A life stolen by Instagram, Whatsapp and Facebook many years before. They travelled from summit to sea; from havoc to harmony. They learned some of the greatest stories about one another, in a break from cyber reality, with their now favourite people.

Guided by Gary, they glimpsed tranquility and chaos all in one week.

They learnt that putting up tents is intense, especially in the cold and wet but they loved the warmth that came after the cold. "Go to sleep." They said, when asked what they wanted to do next. On the trek towards Nexus Unplugged, there were ups and downs. But perseverance, teamwork and commitment were high on this trip. Leeches were not a good thing to have. Leeches are syak.

Work hard. Play hard. Whatever. It was hard, hard, hard.

Wet, dirty, but fun
Buckets of water are not meant for a shower. Waterfalls are, though.

The majestic waterfall, bumpy train rides and stupid jokes made the sweat and tears a lot less salty,
And when one of them fell, they threw out their

hands to help them, rather than taking a video. It was simple in the school really - humans helping humans, light reflecting light.

They really loved the river rafting and waterfall, especially with their friends
And appreciated the whole week because of all the laughter, chaos and great activities at the same time.
They climbed the hills of self-knowledge, shared their highs and lows,
Communing with Nature, making them stronger and more caring individuals each step of the way,
Each day had its own plastic sculpture, no matter how beautiful
it always had a fault line, yet that is what proved it was real.

One arduous trek; two baptisms; and three learning outcomes later
The Fellowship emerged with newfound wisdom:
"Taiko geng biskut is da best, bro, ever!"

They were pushed to the limit revealing that nothing is impossible. They had fun!
Their strengths were revealed when challenged. They really loved white water rafting

And understood that a smooth sea never makes a skilled sailor.
Neither does a smooth river.

They toasted their purified water to more firsts to come, and hoped to never make another police report again (and never losing their Immigration cards).
They had an exciting little trip and just hope they'll be going back again one day,
Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.

They started as individuals and returned as a

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family.
They would not have been able to survive this CAS trip for six days without friends and teachers who made Sabah feel like home. The Fellowship.

No matter where they all end up, the memories made on this trip are something they will always share.

Triumph subsided; only to return and subside again.



Sabah Parks - Mahua Waterfall community & school



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ACT Career Profiling

Towards the end of January, Year 11 and 12 learners will have the opportunity to complete a simple questionnaire, during their PSE lessons. It will give them instant feedback by offering some potential advice on career and/or Higher Education courses. The career profiling is being run by our partner institution, Taylors University, follow up meetings can be arranged, if required. Although this is a nice indicator of potential career choices it is not a replacement for the Morrisby Profile, which offers a more comprehensive evaluation of career pathways as it analyses skills, learning styles and personality traits.

Why Study Music?

What if every child had access to music education from birth? - Anita Collins

PLEASE SPEND 15 MINUTES WATCHING THIS VIDEO - IT **IMPORTANT** FOR **ALL** OF YOUR LEARNING AT NEXUS!

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IDEAS WORTH SPREADING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ueqgenARzIE>

Music News

End of Term - Music

Well done to all the musical learners this term. All your hard practising at home has really paid off with some great progress being made in lessons and some fabulous performances on stage. Keep up the good work over the holidays and focus on trying to take part in our 'showcase' Spring Concert in March.

East Side Stories

Congratulations to all the learners who took part in the fantastic production this week, you were all amazing! The Music Department would especially like to thank and congratulate Nexus' FIRST Gamelan Ensemble. You guys were very committed to the rehearsals and played wonderfully in the show. Well Done!

Jazz Band CCA

If you play a Brass (Trumpet or Trombone), Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone) instrument or Drums (reading music important) or Bass Guitar and want to try playing together with others in an ensemble, then please sign up for the Jazz Band CCA in January, it will be FUN! Current members please make sure that you also sign up. It would be great to form a great, large ensemble to perform in the Spring Concert in March.

Starting to Learn an Instrument @ Nexus - Join the Instrumental Programme from January

If you would like to start learning an instrument then NOW is the perfect time to sign-up and join the Instrumental Programme. All learners

are welcome to sign-up and join the 210 learners who already have lessons in school. You are not committing yourselves for life, just give it a try! You never know, you might be a real natural musician, but if you don't give it a go, then you will never know. Learning an instrument also benefits how your brain works and research has conclusively shown that it will benefit your learning in ALL of Nexus' lessons and life in general (please watch the video below!).

Go on, you know you want to try a musical instrument! Sign-up [HERE](#)

Instrumental Lesson Reports Going Home - Week of January 26th 2015

Instrumental Lesson Reports will be sent home on the week of January 26th for all learners who are taking instrumental lessons in school. More details after the holiday.

Happy Christmas from all the Music Teachers!

All 13 members of the Music Department staff wish you a very Happy Christmas and hope you have a wonderful and fun filled holiday!

Dates For Your Diaries

Jan 26th (week of)	Instrumental Reports go home in time for the Instrumental Parents' Evening
Tue 10th Feb	Instrumental Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5pm
Thu 12th Mar	Spring Concert