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Introduction

What an exciting time of year. The final stages of our first full Unit of Inquiry as well as the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations, not to mention Roald Dahl Day. It was fantastic to watch the children working alongside the chef to produce some marvellous mooncakes. We hope you enjoyed tasting them. The learners also impressed with their amazing costumes and knowledge of the author Roald Dahl. Year 5 learners thought that the Year 4 children did a great job, making some wonderful chocolate creations in their chocolate factory and very much enjoyed tasting their products.

Unit of Inquiry

The learners worked on developing their research skills and our focus was collecting information and recording it with understanding, which included the process of distilling information they discovered in the process of investigations. The learners reflected upon their understanding and process of the *Big 6* and also did a self assessment about their learning journey of this unit. The learners will share their ideas of their own created civilizations and their research about their chosen civilisations by the end of this week.

English

Year 5 learners having been busy pulling together their *Big 6* research projects and presenting their findings as a non-chronological report. The learners started by looking at the features of this type of report and then used what they had learnt to organise their own information, thinking carefully about writing in a clear and factual manner. Now moving on to diary writing, the learners have been enjoying extracts from the story *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and have started to write their own mini diaries writing in the first person and using past and present tense.

Mathematics

The learners had a great time applying what they had learned in multiplication and division by working to solve word problems, puzzles and mathematical riddles. Some learners even made math games to challenge their friends and posters to help them reinforce how mathematics is used in everyday situations from taxi rides to shopping at the Year 4 Chocolate Shop. They also found the *RUCSAC* method of solving word problems helpful and easy to follow. This week the learners have started to work with decimal numbers, thinking about the value of the different digits within the numbers.

Languages other than English

French

The learning intention for these learners was targeting their ability to shop and to get accustomed to different shops, what they sell and how to locate them in town. The whole idea was supported by a series of role-plays, v posters, map drawing and talk about how different some shops are in France, like “la boulangerie”. We also welcomed two more learners to our group.

Chinese

All learners have made mooncakes and discovered the legend and legend of the Mid-Autumn Festival. They have shown great interest in Chinese culture.

Learners new to Chinese, have collaborated in small groups to learn numbers, greetings and body parts.

Learners with previous experience of the language, have been introduced to the four seasons, through games and flash cards. The learners can now use keywords in simple sentences to describe the seasons and weather.

For the learners with significant experience have been studying ancient poems and producing some creative writing. They also created Mid-Autumn Festival posters, researching information to add to their posters.

Music

After much planning and research the musical instrument brochures are finished, well presented and very informative. Learners chose an instrument to research and many fun facts were discovered and questions asked: “Why is a flute part of the woodwind when it is made of metal?”, “Why do the oboe players turn so red?”. As well as research, the learners have moved and reacted to music and begun to learn about the Orff instruments.

Art

Learners have been busy researching an artist of their choice focusing on the unique style of the artist. The common choices are Van Gogh, Picasso, Renoir, Degas, Henri Matisse, Andy Warhol and Jackson Pollock. Two illustrators, Chris Haughton as well as Mike Fentz, have also been interesting choices following Quentin Blake’s popularity during Roald Dahl Day. They are moving on to experimenting with varied media using the artist’s style. Next week will have learners creating their own final piece focusing on the artist’s use of the elements of art.

Health and Physical Education

Our learners are currently working through a Unit on Fine vs. Gross Motor Skills. Gross Motor Skills are skills that require large muscle groups to produce movement and perform activities. Fine Motor skills use smaller muscle groups and provide precision to the skills. We are developing these skills using a variety of core sports. The children are combining their cooperative and teamwork skills as they rotate around nine activity stations to perform the motors skills. Our focus sport skills include elements from Badminton, Football, Netball, Hockey, Basketball, Frisbee, Tennis, and Tchoukball. Providing this variety, identifies strengths in the children, and skills that need further development.

Sport News

I have been impressed with the attitude and dedication of our Primary School learners towards sport at Nexus International School. All of our teams have experienced success in some form or another as they participate against, and make new friends, from other international schools around Singapore.

Continue to train hard, show respect to others, and represent Nexus with that continued pride.

Sport Draw – Monday, 30 September – Friday, 4 October

9&U Mixed Football

Tuesday, 1 October AWAY at Dover Court Prep. School, 4.30pm
Bus departs Nexus at 3.30pm and expected to return at 6pm

11&U Girls Basketball

No fixture this week. Next round is Thursday, 24 October.

11&U Boys Basketball

No fixture this week. Next round is Wednesday, 23 October.

12&U Boys Badminton

Monday, 30 September. AWAY at Canadian International School - Lakeside, 4.30pm. Bus departs Nexus at 3.30pm and expected to return at 6.15pm

Cross Country Team

No fixture this week. Next event is ACSIS Junior Champs on Wednesday, 30 October.

Sport Results

9&U Football

Lost to Tanglin 0-1, beat UWC Dover 6-0, drew with Tanglin 0-0, lost to Dover Court 1-2, beat ICS 2-0

11&U Girls Basketball

Beat UWC Dover 11-6, lost to Australian School 4-8, lost to Avondale Grammar 3-13

11&U Boys Basketball

Lost to Stamford American School 5-7, lost to Tanglin 7-9

12&U Badminton

Lost to Overseas Family School 2-3

Cross Country Team

Gregoire Coquel was the first Nexus runner home in his age group

If you are new to Nexus International School Singapore and are interested to find out more about our sport programme, you are more than welcome to email me. I look forward to your continued support over the coming weeks, and enjoy a well earned break.

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Reminders

We love celebrating birthdays at school and the children enjoy sharing treats with their friends. We ask that if your child is celebrating a birthday and your family has decided to send treats in, that you arrange with the homeroom teacher a suitable time when this can be done. It would be very helpful to ensure that items are ready to serve and that napkins and/or plates are included. Do keep in mind that we are a nut-free school when deciding what would be best to send in. We thank you for your cooperation.

Term 1 Holiday starts on Saturday, 5th October. We would like to wish all of you a very restful holiday

