



Letter from the Principal

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

2013 Parent Survey – Final Reminder

We are committed to continual improvement in all aspects of our operation. As part of our feedback process, we carry out an annual survey of parents' perceptions. This year's survey is now open and can be accessed from the link below. There are 73 questions altogether and we estimate that it will take about 15 minutes to complete the survey. We value your feedback and encourage you to participate in this survey. If you have more than one child at Nexus please tick the relevant boxes in question 2 and average your responses to the other questions. All responses are anonymous and the survey will be closed at the end of Friday, 3 May.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Superheroes Concert

Congratulations to all of the performers for an energetic and entertaining evening. A full house of appreciative families and friends enjoyed every minute.

Please find more photos on our [Nexus Facebook Page](#)





7th Chinese Speech Competition

Four learners competed in the finals of this competition during the week. Zhang Xue Ming, Liu Ying Zhou and Wu Jia Ni (Secondary) and Chen Wen Qian (Open grade) each delivered one prepared and two impromptu speeches in English and Chinese. Results are not yet available.

Nexus Digital Parenting Sessions

Thank you to everyone who attended the first session this week. A copy of the relevant Prezi and blog can be found at <http://nissdigitalparenting.blogspot.sg/>

Nexus Digital Parenting Sessions

Staying In Control

Thursday, 9 May 8.30am – 9.30am (the same session will be repeated at 3.30pm – 4.30pm)

Emerging trends in the use of Social Networking Websites and the implications for parents wanting to help their children stay safe.

Learning vs Playing

Thursday, 23 May 8.30am – 9.30am (the same session will be repeated at 3.30pm – 4.30pm)

Understanding both the potential educational benefits of playing video games and the dealing with their potentially addictive nature as a family.

The venue will depend on numbers so please [sign up](#) if you intend to attend.

Annual Beach Clean Up & International Picnic

Saturday, 4 May 8.15am – 11.00am

Everyone is invited to come along and help keep Singapore clean and green. The beach clean up will be followed by a picnic brunch and fun activities for the family.

Please refer to the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Class Photos

School photography went very well and the proofs should have made their way home for you to see by now. To order photos, please complete the order form with the quantity of your chosen print (displayed on your proofs) and return the form along with the payment to the cashier, which is located at the corporate office. All cheques are to be made payable to **Mobile Art Studio & Suppliers**. The deadline for submission is Monday, 29 April. The photographer will pop back at a later date to collect any late orders but we cannot guarantee a collection date for late submissions.

Orders will be delivered to school in the next few weeks and distributed to classes so that they can go home with the learners. We hope that you like the result.

Any feedback would be greatly appreciated. Please email your thoughts to studentservices@nexus.edu.sg

Note From Finance

Please be aware of the following when paying School Fees or School Trips by cheque:

There have been a number of cheques presented that contain a tear on the left side of the cheque after being removed from the cheque book or which has been filled out incorrectly (i.e amount does not match or spelling mistake). Please be aware that if a bank rejects a cheque then the School is charged a fee by the bank, which may then be on-charged to the issuer (i.e. Parent or Company).

ELS Tip Of The Week

As parents, you know that you need to find a balance in the use of both English and the home language at home. When children never hear their home language after they begin school, they begin to lose that language. Bilingual people have more options in our world so your goal should be that your child knows both languages well. It helps to have books in both languages, and watch television in both languages, as well as using both languages in conversation.

There might be certain activities where it is more appropriate to use one language or the other; no language is better than another but it is important to learn English in order to do well with their studies. Above all don't make your child feel embarrassed or ashamed of either language.

When your child is having difficulty understanding schoolwork in English it can be helpful to explain concepts in your home language first. Once they understand, then they can work on the concept in English.

Work with your child's teacher. Talk about problems you've noticed, progress that's been made and ask questions about what they think may help your child.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime at walsh.b@nexus.edu.sg

Brian Walsh, Subject Leader, ELS

Nexus Parent Group (NPG)

Because of the late arrival of a shipment, the trip to Lee's Antiques & Interiors (Pasir Panjang area) has been postponed to Tuesday, 7 May at approximately 9.30am – 3.13pm. This is a unique opportunity to visit the store, learn about antiques and purchase original pieces at special prices for members of the Nexus school community. Lee's are generously providing transport, lunch and drinks free of charge. If interested, please email npg@nexus.edu.sg for the attention of Valerie by Friday, 3 May.

The next Coffee & Catch Up for all Nexus parents will take place at 8.30am on Friday, 3 May (NPG Room, Block C, Level 2).

Check out the [NPG Nexus Facebook Page](#) for news and photos of our events. If you "Like" the page you can then choose to receive Notifications and/or "Show in Newsfeed".

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Nursery and Kindergarten Assembly

Congratulations to our Nursery and Kindergarten children for their assembly this morning, sharing what they have learnt about animals. The learners shared with us their favourite animals and sang the *Animal Boogie* and the *Animal Sounds* song. We also enjoyed watching their video showcasing their animal impressions. Our next year group assembly will be led by the learners from Year 1 (formally KG2). It will be on Friday, 10 May at 8.40am. We hope that lots of families will be able to join us.

CCAs

Primary School CCAs have now finished for this Semester. Thank you for all your feedback regarding possible CCAs we could run during the next academic year. Details of the CCA programme for 2013 – 2014 will be issued in August. Sports ECAs will be continuing until the sports fixtures are completed.

Lunchtime

The company that runs our cafeteria has been developing the choice and quality of the food they serve to our Primary School children. As a result, more children are now sampling the menu each day. However, a number of children have insufficient funds to pay for their food. Please could you make that your child brings enough money with them each day. This can be in the form of cash or a topped-up EZlink card.

Paul Beach, Head of Primary School

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Much Ado About Othello

Last week Jillian Keenan, from the Singapore Repertory Theatre, came to speak to some of our senior English and Drama classes. Jillian is very passionate about her subject and gave an engaging and informative presentation. It was an excellent opportunity for learners to hear about Shakespeare's language from the point of view of someone directly involved in the theatre industry. We learned about Shakespeare's characterisation, his lively use of imagery and his fondness for sexual innuendo. We also learned some fascinating tips on how to understand why he switches between poetry and prose. We even found out about some of the finer details, for example how a trochee can make all the difference to meaning in a line of iambic pentameter. It was great to welcome Jillian into our school and we look forward to our on-going association with the theatre in future years. **Othello in the Park** runs from 24 April to 9 May and, according to Jillian, it promises to be a creative and enjoyable event. Those of us with tickets booked already are looking forward to a great night of entertainment.

Examination Information

This week has seen the beginning of the IGCSE examinations with ICT and the Art practical exams taking place. We also enjoyed the **IB Diploma Visual Arts exhibition**. It was very pleasing to see the candidates supported by their families, teaching staff and fellow learners, along with visitors from La Salle and Raffles Art College. The whole exhibition demonstrated the range of talent we have at the school and reflected the hard work of the candidates. Lavena and Kevin treated us to musical performances that helped create a wonderful ambiance. On behalf of the candidates and the school, I would like to thank Mrs Hilary for all her hard work with the candidates and also to Ms Jane for ensuring we had snacks and drinks to help us enjoy the exhibition to the fullest.

John Evans, Head of Secondary School

SPORTS NEWS

Senior Learners Assist With Sport Coaching

Eight of our senior learners have gone beyond the call of duty to assist in the coaching of our junior school and middle school sport teams as part of their CAS (creativity, action, service) programme. The CAS requirement is a fundamental part of the IB Diploma and focuses on the importance of life outside the world of scholarship, providing a refreshing counterbalance to academic studies. Syafiq Abd Malik, Nyamebekyere Addae Dapaah, and Arhant Sundaram have been assisting with the 8-11&U Track and Field team. Joshua Desai and Aditya Paruliangui with the 14&U Boys Basketball. And finally, Liza Luneva, Alexander Soo Hon, and Linn Htet Wai Yan with the 8&U Football team. With demand on sport increasing at Nexus International School it is fantastic to have some of our school leaders contributing to sport. Thank you.



Our fantastic senior learners who contribute to sport coaching at Nexus.

Sport Team Photos

The sport team photos can now be viewed outside the PE office. If learners and/or parents are interested in purchasing one or more photos, simply complete the photo 'order form' and include the corresponding code written on each of the photos. Complete order forms can be dropped at the cashier with payment by Monday, 29 April.

Sports Results

14&U Boys Basketball

Lost to International Community School

Sports Draw

Monday, 29 April

14&U Boys Basketball. HOME vs. Australian Int. School at 4.30pm

Tuesday, 30 April

14&U Girls Basketball. HOME vs. UWC East Campus at 4.30pm

12&U Football. AWAY vs. NPS, 4.30pm at Rainforest Sportshub, Turf City.
Learners are expected to be back at Nexus by 6pm

Thursday, 2 May

8&U Football. AWAY at Overseas Family School at 4.30pm
Learners are expected to be back at Nexus by 6.00pm

12&U Football. AWAY vs. CIS Lakeside and Dover Court at 4.15pm at CIS Lakeside
Learners are expected to be back at Nexus by 6.10pm

14&U Boys Basketball. HOME vs. UWC Dover Campus at 4.30pm

Friday, 3 May

14&U Girls Basketball. AWAY vs. Singapore American School at 4.15pm
Learners are expected to be back at Nexus by 6pm

Triton Swim League Round 4. AWAY at Stamford American School at 4.40pm
Learners are expected to be back at Nexus by 6.40pm

If you have any questions regarding sport at Nexus International School please do not hesitate to contact me at moriarty.b@nexus.edu.sg

Bevan Moriarty, Director of Sport

If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the school's procedures, please email me at principal@nexus.edu.sg or martin.s@nexus.edu.sg

Please also LIKE and share our [Facebook](#) page to keep up with all that is going on at Nexus.



Dr Stuart Martin
Principal

Nexus International School Singapore

Annual Beach Clean Up & International Picnic

Saturday, 4 May 2013
East Coast Park, Angsana Green

Bus leaves NISS at 8.00am prompt
Beach clean up from 8.30 to 09.45am
International picnic & family fun games
from 9.45 - 11.00am

Everybody is welcome.
Please come to join in the fun and
help the environment at the same time!



Please email Ms Andrea Webb to get involved: webb.a@nexus.edu.sg