



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

台北歐洲學校

EUROPEAN SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Head of Secondary

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of TES

TES is hosting the Under 15 FOBISSEA Games from Saturday 24th to Tuesday 27th May. Around 170 students and staff from 6 regional schools, along with 35 A Team and 34 B Team TES students, will participate in the games. The games will commence with an opening dinner and welcome at the EPC on Saturday evening. The students compete in athletics, swimming, basketball and football during the three days of the games. More information about the games can be found on the U15 FOBISSEA Games link on TES website main page at <http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/>

International Award hikes, Art projects for gifted and talented art students and a History trip to the POW memorial and Gold Ecological Park are some other recent activities at the school. Fundraising to support appeals for help caused by the recent devastation by the cyclone in Burma has raised over NT\$70,000 and we will be passing this money on to the Red Cross. Year 9 students have also organised some fundraising towards the World Food Programme with several "Spirit Week" activities this week.

Year 9 SAT and H1 and H3 internal end of year exams commence Thursday next week following the FOBISSEA games. The H4 students finish their IB exams today and we will celebrate their high school graduation at the ESC next Friday 30th May.

Don't forget the British Section Sub-Association Meeting next Wednesday 28th May and the Summer Fair at the EPC on Saturday 31st May from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

Kind regards, Roger Schultz
Head of High School

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

May 21	Gifted and Talented Art day
May 21 - 23	'Spirit week' fund raising activities
May 24 - 28	TES host Fobissea under 15 games
May 22 - 25	Fobissea Music conference in Hong Kong
May 28	British Section council AGM, 6.30pm at EPC
May 28 - June 2	Key Stage 3 SATs, H1 and H3 exams
May 30	High school graduation ceremony, 7pm at the ESC
May 31	PSC Summer Fair
June 8	Dragon Boat race
June 9 -13	OFSTED review visit

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EUROPE DAY CELEBRATION – MAY 9TH 2008





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WELCOMES U15 **OBISSEA** GAMES PARTICIPANTS



2008

24th to 28th May 2008. Hosted by
Taipei European School.

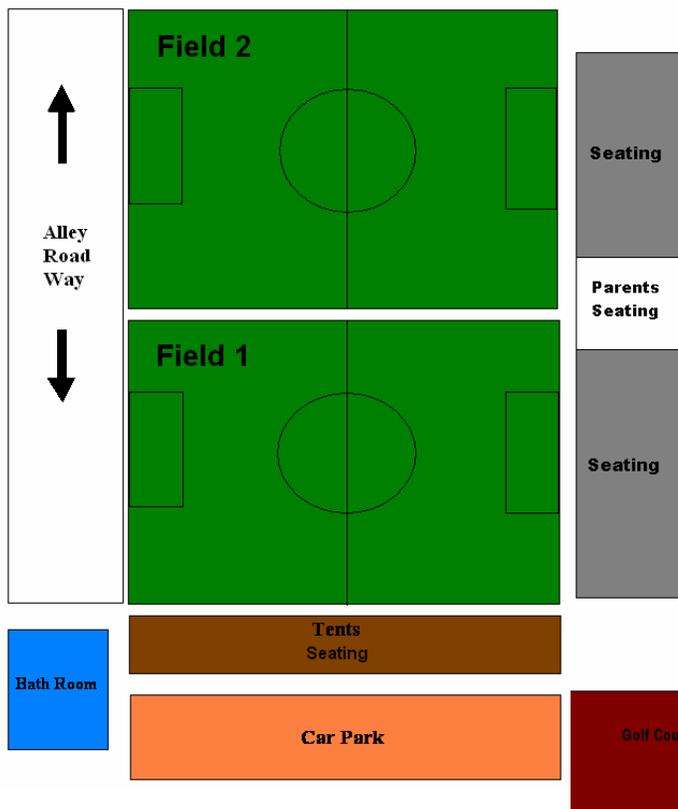


TES have great pleasure in hosting the 2008 under 15 games this weekend -
Please come along to support our teams and take part in this memorable event.

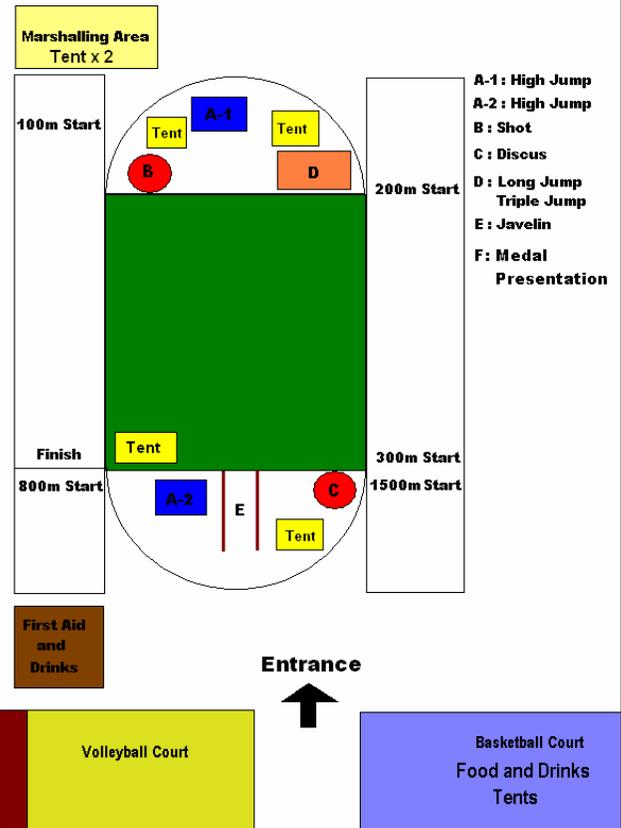
U15 FOBISSEA Games May 2008 Programme of Events

Date	Daytime	Evening
Fri 23rd / Sat 24th May	Teams Arrive 'Extra day' activities for Saturday	Sat 6.30p.m - Welcome Dinner Mongolian B.B.Q. at TES (EPC)
Sunday 25th May	Morning - Athletics @ YM University	Dinner @ Chinese Cultural University - CCU.
	Afternoon - Swimming @ CCU.	
Monday 26th May	Girls Football @ Bailing	Dinner at Chien Tan Youth Centre
	Boys Basketball @ CCU	
Tuesday 27th May	Girls Basketball @ CCU	Closing Dinner Grand Hyatt Taipei 7.00p.m.
	Boys Football @ Bailing	
Wed 28th / Thurs 29th	Teams Depart - activity available for schools staying (BISV, ISR)	

Map of Bai Ling Football Field



Map of Yang-Ming University Track



A-1 : High Jump
A-2 : High Jump
B : Shot
C : Discus
D : Long Jump
Triple Jump
E : Javelin
F : Medal Presentation

Venues:

- Chinese Cultural University
- Bailing football field
- Yang-Ming University track (Beitou)

Burma Emergency Appeal

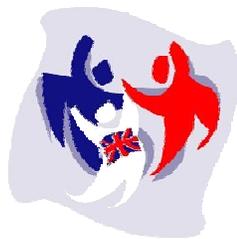
The secondary emergency appeal to help victims of the devastation caused by Cyclone Nargis in Burma raised around NT\$75 000. This is a fantastic effort and this money will be donated to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) some time next week. Thank you to all students, staff and parents for their generous donations.



The primary section of the Taipei European School is also involved in this emergency appeal and their fund-raising events continue over the next few weeks. Further information regarding the work of the IFRC in Burma can be found on their web site www.ifrc.org

Taipei European School British Section - Annual General Meeting

We would like to draw your attention to this important annual meeting which takes place on May 28th from 6.30pm at the European Primary Campus. Please make every effort to attend the meeting where parents of British section students at TES will have the opportunity to vote for new section council members and hear an update on progress and developments in 2007-8. The new Head of Junior section Ms Adele Corry will also be introduced at the meeting. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you at the Junior wing Amphitheatre.



British Section



Cross Country Championships in Taichung,

Once again the journey led us to Taichung – this time not to Morrison Academy, but to the American School Taichung. This campus is a little smaller and out of the big city in the mountains. And exactly these were the ones to cross in the annual Cross Country Championships of the International Schools.

It was hot, it was hilly, and every competition was tough. This obviously was the reason why we went there. After playing volleyball, softball, football and basketball, this race gave us a challenge of a different kind. It was individual and no teammate on the course to help you like in the previous team sports. Every step is your own responsibility, your own strength!

Once more, it was the girls who did the best job and won the laurels for our school. **Laura Henderson** and **Lucy Finnegan** clearly (!) won their competitions of the (American) grades 6 and 7. **Emily Daykin** came third among the gr.7s which indeed is a fantastic achievement. Medals for the boys were won by **John Sullivan** and **Guillaume Fieschi** (gr.6), **Stefan Bever** (gr.7), **John Vuylsteke** (gr.8), and **Wilson Ho** (gr.10), finally also by **Ms.Ribe** (masters women), **Mr.Daykin** and **Mr.Schulz** (masters men).



This is the way, guys. Let's go, TES!!!



Mr.Daykin / Mr.Schulz



Team TES 2008



CHAMPION Laura



CHAMPION Lucy / THIRD Emily THIRD Stefan / Max



SECOND John THIRD Guillaume



SECOND John Eric Jim



THIRD Wilson / Will Ms.Ribe / Ms.Cooke / Ms.Pearson



Smashing T E S ! Well done !

Great ★ifts

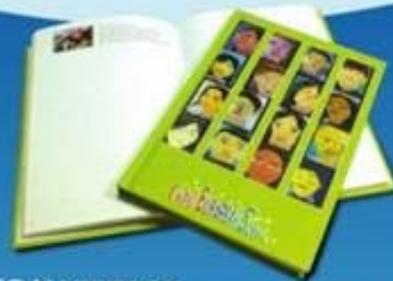
FROM THE
TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL



WE ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE TO YOU A SELECTION OF GIFT ITEMS FROM THE TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL. THESE EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TES SHOP ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL RESOURCE AREA AT SWIRE EUROPEAN PRIMARY CAMPUS.



● TES MUG : FACE
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 200



● TES NOTEBOOK
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 200



● TES MUG : JAPANESE LADY
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 200



● TES PEN PACK
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 250



● TES MUG : CHILDREN
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 200



● TES NOTEBOOK PACK
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 400

HISTORY AROUND US

BS Year 9 and GS History Trip to Kinkaseki former POW camp and the Gold Ecological Museum at Chinguashi

On Monday 19th May Mr. Michael Hurst MBE, Director of the POW Society Taiwan visited TES to tell the story of the Prisoners of War held in Taiwan during World War II and their experiences. His goal is to ensure that the men who died or survived the 'hell' camps are 'Never Forgotten'. Mr. Hurst has spent many years researching, interviewing and searching for the camps and excavating evidence to piece together this hidden history. He is responsible for the memorials that have been built at their locations and he has spent a great deal of time listening to and recording what happened from the POW survivors themselves. There is no doubt that this is Mr. Hurst's passion. He showed the students maps, photographs and a range of evidence collected from various places including Japanese porcelain bowls, a hammer used in the copper mines, a POW lunchbox and even a Red Cross sewing kit. One of the most touching and remarkable items was a spoon, given to him by a POW veteran who returned home after the war having lost all of his possessions, with five spoons. Students learned of how POWs were transported to different camps around the island, of the hardship they faced in the camps and of their malnutrition and will to survive.



Having gained an insight into Mr. Hurst's work and learned about the experiences of prisoners of war it was time to bring History to life and visit one of the camps. So, next day Mr. Hurst travelled with our seventy four students and seven staff to the Gold Ecological Park in Chinguashi. There, we explored the Museum, the largest gold nugget in the world and the copper mine. Today the mine is well lit, ventilated and safe. Previously the POWs slaved in the stifling heat, in the dark, without any ventilation or sufficient food for hours on end no doubt hoping that soon their terror would be over. Standing in the mine with Mr. Hurst who told us that some veterans who return cannot enter it, whilst others re-live the horror and confirm that its re-creation is chillingly accurate, is a humbling experience. To most tourists visiting the mine, it is a novelty, but history tells us a different, tragic story. From the mine we headed to the site of the old tram which brought supplies from the coast to the mine. This was not for the POWs, who were forced to walk and carry the injured back to the camp. As we headed to the POW memorial at the site of the 'Kinkaseki hell camp' in the brilliant sunshine, amidst the breathtaking mountains overlooking the ocean, it was difficult to imagine that such horror had taken place there. Mr. Hurst led us into the memorial park, where we found the entrance, now a stone to the camp and the Memorial Tree, dedicated to the POWs in 2007, one of the key features of the Memorial park. We headed to memorial stone which in 1997, was dedicated to the 1,100 men imprisoned there. Here we held a service where we focused on remembering the sacrifice that the POWs made and students read selected poems whilst we placed a candle, flowers and the poppy wreath at the memorial.

We'd like to thank Mr. Hurst for bringing history to life for us this week and making us realise how fortunate we are to be free. It made us think about our own relatives and their experiences of life during war and peace.

We will 'Never Forget'.

If you would like to learn more about the work of the POW Society please visit their web site:

<http://powtaiwan.org>

At this moment in time a petition is being organised for the British Government to recognise the 15th August as Far Eastern Prisoner of War (FEPOW) day. If you are a British Citizen you are eligible to add your name to this online. Please visit <http://www.fepow-day.org/> for more information and the link to the Downing Street petition.

Rachel Harris
History Subject Leader. BS, HS

Mr. Michael Hurst MBE introduces his work and the story of the POW in Taiwan at TES.



At the entrance to the copper mine



The largest nugget and a few failed attempts at lifting it



Miners in training...?

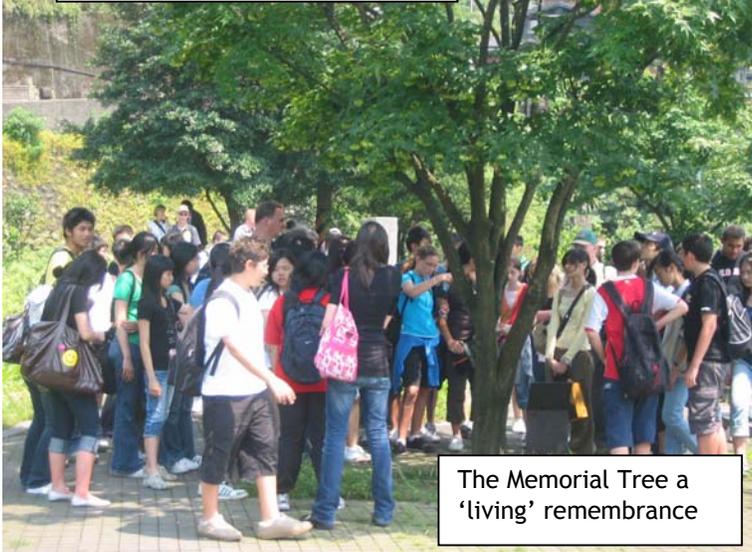




En route to the POW Memorial Park we look out towards the ocean and see the remains of the tram that travelled to the top of the mountain.



Learning more about life in the camp, we stand at its entrance, now marked with a stone



The Memorial Tree a 'living' remembrance



Our service held at the memorial. Flowers and a candle are placed on the memorial and poems recited by the students from the British and German Section.

Pre-IB Summer School at the Taipei European School



The Taipei European School's Pre-International Baccalaureate course will run from the 18 August 2008 until the 22 August 2008. The cost for the week is NT\$ 13 000 for 5 days 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. This means that students will receive **26 ½ hours** of expert tuition, working out at a cost of just over NT\$ 491 per hour, with study guides and course materials (written specifically for the pre-IB summer school) all thrown in at no extra cost. The ToK themed trip to Juming Sculpture Park is also included and no extra costs are involved.

Without direction in life we can be bewildered and confused, and our efforts can be wasted. However, point someone in the right direction and their effort is put to good use. With this in mind the aim of the pre-IB summer school is to guide students to becoming efficient learners who will be able to make the most of the opportunities presented to them in the future. The pre-IB workshop sessions have been designed to help students use their time effectively, discern what information is important, and make informed choices.

My involvement with the IB started in 1994 and I have worked at three IB World Schools. This experience, along with the many IB conferences that I have attended, has enabled me to identify the key skills that make a student successful at the IB Diploma. The week will comprise of the sessions listed below. These sessions have been specifically designed to enable the attending students to get a flying start at the IB Diploma course. A number of experienced IB teachers will be involved in the programme including Mr. Winter, Mr. Latchford, Mr. Hill and Ms. Pearson.

- Leadership skills
- Working within a team
- Time management skills
- How to be successful at the Theory of Knowledge course
- Presentation skills
- Research skills
- Lateral Thinking
- Neuro-linguistic programming and working with others
- How to use Microsoft Word's long document format
- Essay structure
- Study skills
- How to succeed at CAS
- How to be successful at Group IV (Chemistry, Physics and Biology) coursework
- Making the most of your Texas Instruments TI-83 calculator

The closing date for deposits is 12:00 pm 30 June 2008. It is regretted that applications cannot be accepted after this date. In fact we only have a limited number of places, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about the Pre-IB Summer School please do not hesitate to contact me at (02) 2862 2920 Ext. 610 (or contact the high school secretary at (02) 2862 2920 Ext. 601), or send an E-mail to me at stewart.redden@tes.tp.edu.tw.

TES Girls won Taiwan JV Football Championship

Last Saturday in Taichung ... over 30°C in the shade ... boiling heat on the Morrison Academy football ground. A big bus full of crazy girls had just arrived from Taipei. They were determined to just go out there and show the rest of the world what football is. If you were a girl on that day not wearing a TES shirt ... bad luck! You were just likely to get killed on the pitch. End of story!

And this is how it was: first game against *Ivy Collegiate Academy* from Taichung, a most inexperienced team, from a newly established school. Our girls passed the ball so well that they scored goal after goal. 10-0 at half time has never been seen on MCA's excellent football fields. Five more in the following 35 minutes and we could finally write down the highest win ever achieved by any TES team in school history: 15-0!!!!

The second game was more of a challenge against the hosts, MCA JV Team. But even here our marvelous TES girls put so much pressure on the opposition that goalie **Thandeka Vilakati** could have almost gone swimming in the nearby pool during the match. She touched the ball three times in the whole game. First goal scored by **Sophie Chen** after her sister had created space on the other side. A brilliant shot with her left foot in the long end corner! The second goal came still in the first, the third one in the second half. Three more 100% chances could have led to half a dozen goals, when **Doris Hsueh** hit the goal post, **Ida Opstrup** and **Emily Dickson** both kicked the ball right into the arms of the MCA goalie. 3-0 was still a very convincing victory and the whole day was most entertaining!

Again, after a fantastic high school season, we can say, that we have arrived among the best performing international schools in Taiwan. Our girls must not hide anymore behind big names, such as TAS or MCA. It was a pity, finally, that not more schools had sent a team to the tournament, as it was the first ever championship on Girls Junior Varsity level for soccer.

Results :

MCA - Ivy = 12-0
Ivy - TES = 0-15
TES - MCA = 3-0

1. TES	6	18-0
2. MCA	3	12-3
3. Ivy	0	0-27



The Champions:
TES Junior Varsity
Girls Football Team



Sophie is dribbling the ball through the Ivy defense.



Between the games ...



Ida has scored another brilliant goal for TES.

Year 9 students raising funds for the World Food Programme:
Mismatch day/ wacky hair day, Twins day and Gopher for a day.





Hey Sion - take a closer look at Mr Bracken's badge! ☺



TES Summer Fair 2008

Join us for what is guaranteed to be a fun day out for the whole family.

This year's TES Summer Fair is going to have the Taipei European School British Section Parent Teacher Association (BSPTA) Car Boot Sale (huge selection of second hand toys, electrical goods, electronic equipment, clothing and baby items etc.); and the Taipei European School Parents Support Council (PSC) Back to Books -Second Hand Books Sale.

It is the perfect opportunity to pick up a bargain or two, enjoy the story-telling, amusement ride for the small children, have a tasty bite to eat, a refreshingly cool drink, delicious ice-cream..... and BEST OF ALL - an opportunity to join in the festivities of our TES Summer Fair.

Taipei European School Summer Fair

Date: Saturday 31st May, 2008
 Time: 11:00am to 3:00pm
 Venue: Swire European Primary Campus, Taipei European School No. 727, Wen Lin Road, Shihlin, Taipei
 Tel: (02) 8145-9007
 Entry Fee: Entry Fee: NT\$20. - Adults (under 18 - free)



TES SUMMER FORMAL 2008

FRIDAY 13th JUNE

SHANGRI-LA BALLROOM

FAR EASTERN PLAZA HOTEL

6.30 pm to 12.30am

NT1600 per ticket, Dress: Formal

H1 to H4 only

Every year in May we have a Gifted and Talented Art Day, which brings together the most talented students of European School to work on large project. This year the students worked on a gigantic mural painting, which will be located outside of Phase One. The mural is inspired by the style of street and graffiti art, and it is done with stencils, which are cut out templates for transferring images, patterns and texts. Stencilling has become popular in America and Europe, since it is easy to access with spray paints to create large images. More than 50 students participated this years event mainly from KS3 including the German and French section. The image of the wall painting was taken from photos showing students from the European School playing basketball and football. The size of the image was larger-than-life and it was accomplished by the group effort of these talented artists in spending less than an hour to cut out these images with great precision. The day was a great fun for these young artists to work in groups and on a large-scale project.



Gifted and Talented Art day – May 21st 2008