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,

As we approach the end of the first term, teachers are writing academic reports for Years 7, 8 and 9. These will be issued on the last day of term. If your child is not at school that day, the report can be posted to you or collected from the school office. High School reports will be issued after the mock exams for H2 and H4 in term 2, at the end of the school first "semester" period.

Next week is Health Week, with Monday also being World Aid's Day. There will be a range of activities throughout the week to raise awareness of good health practices including eating habits, exercise, monitoring our health. On Friday 5th December, there is a Mufti Day and we are asking all students to donate NT$50 to raise funds towards Harmony Homes here in Taipei. The Student Council would like to continue to support the children at Harmony Homes. The following week, on Thursday 11th December, the Student Council will hold a Disco and some of the funds will go towards our TABITHA Cambodia project.

Next Tuesday 2nd December, the TES AGM will be held in the amphitheatre of the Junior building at the EPC commencing at 6:30pm. All parents of TES are invited to come to the AGM to hear about current and future developments and to elect TES Board of Governors representatives. Tomorrow of course is the TES Christmas Bazaar at the EPC starting at 11:00 which promises to be bigger and better than ever. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Roger Schultz, Head of Secondary.

Forthcoming Dates For Your Diary...

Saturday 29th November	TES Christmas Bazaar
Monday 1st to Friday 5th December	Health week
Tuesday 2nd December	TES AGM at the EPC from 6.30pm
Saturday 6th December	Peer mentors workshop at ESC
Thursday 11th December	Student council disco, 6pm to 9pm
Friday 12th December	Newsletter 6
Monday 15th December	IB Theatre Arts evening
Wednesday 17th December	Key Stage 3 reports issued, Last day of term 1
Monday 5th January	First day of term 2
	IGCSE and IB mock exams begin (H2 and H4)

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A la découverte des mammouths!

Les élèves du collège de la section française, sont allés visiter l'exposition consacrée aux mammouths, au Chiang Kai Shek mémorial.

Les 3èmes se sont joints aux élèves de la section britannique le 17 octobre, puis ce fut au tour des 6èmes, 5èmes, et 4èmes le lundi 3 novembre, de faire cette sortie!

Cette exposition itinérante est organisée à la suite de la découverte de « restes » de mammouths, en Sibérie, dans les années 2002 et 2004. En effet, le réchauffement et la fonte du « permafrost » dans ces régions, a mis à jour des parties de mammouths, qui étaient ensevelies depuis des milliers d'années, et bien conservées par la glace !!!

Ainsi étaient exposées, des mâchoires, des restes de tête, de pattes...certains éléments dans une atmosphère protegée pour éviter leur dégradation....Et un squelette complet de mammouth.
Cette visite nous a permis un voyage scientifique dans le temps....comprendre l'évolution des Eléphantidés, le mode de vie et la disparition des mammouths...jusqu'aux risques climatiques actuels.... quelle expédition !

Marie Simon

Ecole Française de Taipei

University and Careers Update

As the first term draws to a close the university and careers activities continue apace.

HI are currently preparing for their work experience in Term 2 (January 12-16th). Introductory letters and log books have been issued and students are arranging their work placements. The school would still appreciate any offers of work for our students during that week. Please contact the school via ucc@tes.tp.edu.tw .

Over 30 of our H1 and H2 students are also attending the Head start programme taught by Princeton Review each Monday after school. This has proven to be a popular course. Next term the SAT strategies course for a group of committed H3 students will take place leading up to their taking this important set of tests for US higher education.

H2 completed their Futurewise profiling last month and the resultant comprehensive assessment booklets for each individual student have arrived from the UK. They are beginning to review these this week as part of their PSHE programme.

H3 have begun the university/college research process and this will carry on in earnest in their PSHE sessions next term. H4 are in the middle of their university applications to all parts of the world.

Earlier this month a TES UK university 'fair' was held in our multi-purpose room in the Phase 2 building. Some 18 universities from the UK and France had representatives who gave some excellent, first-hand advice to many members of our high school community. Below are some images from this successful event.

Graham Bean
University and Careers Counsellor

TES After-School Chess Course

WHAT:	After-school chess activities
WHO:	All students can participate
WHEN:	Term 2 (January 5 ~ April 3, 2009) Tuesdays from 3:10 ~ 4:25PM or 4:40 ~ 6:00PM
WHERE:	European Secondary Campus, Phase 1 classroom
FEES:	NT$3,200 per student (per term)
INSTRUCTOR:	Mr. Robert Chang (Club Coach from Seattle)
REGISTRATION:	Please contact Mr. Jeff Evans at jeff.evans@tes.tp.edu.tw To register interest before Friday 12th December 2008

Novice Class

***Suitable for complete beginners and players with little chess experience.

Concepts covered are the following:

Board Setup; Chess Notation; Piece Movements; Pawn Promotions; En Passant; Castling Rules; Basic Fork, Pin, & Skewer Tactics; Basic Opening Concepts; Piece Development, Checkmate; Stalemate; Draw; Checkmate Delivery; Fool's Mate and Scholar's Mate

Intermediate Class

***Recommended for players with basic chess knowledge

and previous playing experience.

The contents for this class include:

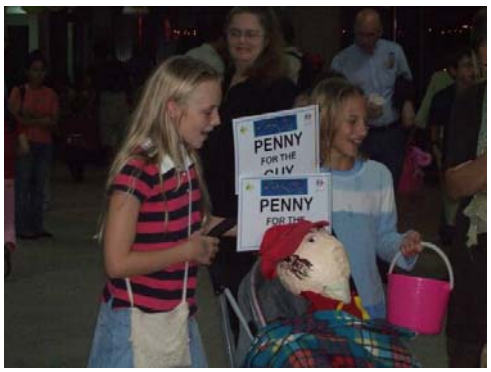
Review of Basic Concepts; Intermediate Fork, Pin, & Skewer Tactics; Basic Game Analysis; Double Check; Discovered Check; Piece Sacrifice; Piece Cohesiveness; Removing the Defender; Preventing Castling; King Opposition; Back Rank and Smothered Checkmate

Inter House Football Competitions – Key Stage 3

On dry days at Yangmingshan our intrepid young footballers have competed in house teams on the newly re-surfaced Astroturf pitch. Thanks to referees Geoffrey and Jojo. They enjoy support and encouragement aplenty from the enthusiastic crowd**.** Here we see a strong Bora team defeating Marin four nil.

Fireworks Night 2008 a Fundraising Success for the BS PTA

Following the success of our annual Fireworks Night, the BS PTA is very pleased to announce that cash profit from the evening will likely reach **NT 130.000**. We will provide the final tally in the next Newsletter.



This money will be distributed among the Infant and Junior School as well as the Secondary School (KS3 and High School) to sponsor projects that directly benefit all our children. We will keep you informed about these projects.

Thanks again to our school community for your support and enthusiastic participation in the event! We would like to extend our special thanks to all the students who helped during the Fireworks Night.

Our ***Thank You Wine and Cheese Evening***, held last Wednesday in the Parent's Café, provided an important and fun occasion for the PTA Committee to host and personally thank the many sponsors we have on board. Needless to say, we much appreciate their generous contributions to the enormous success of the Fireworks Night and look forward to a long and ongoing relationship with all the sponsors.

We believe that many more companies and organizations may welcome an opportunity to increase their visibility in the TES community by sponsoring our events, and we would love to introduce these opportunities to them. If you have any suggestions about sponsorship possibilities, please contact a member of our PTA Committee.

Great Raffle Prizes Yet Unclaimed

We still have a number of unclaimed prizes from our Fireworks Night Raffle. Please contact our PTA Secretary, Lyndall Taylor (0988760811) if you have any of the following winning tickets to arrange collection of your prize:

Pink ticket: **155, 160, 285, 227, 263, 274, and 150;**
Blue ticket: **197, 17, 166, and 20;**
Yellow ticket: **146 and 26;**

整理獲獎

我們然有定量未要的獎徵們的正確物 請我們的PTA秘書Lyndall泰勒(0988760811)
聯繫如果您有張贏的獲獎要求您的獎彙集
桃在票 **155, 160, 285, 227, 263, 274, and 150;**
藍色票 **197, 17, 166, and 20;**
黃色票 **146 and 26**

BS PTA Helps with Christmas Shows

The PTA is pleased to provide refreshments at our Christmas Shows coming up in December. Be sure to mark these dates in your calendar:

- Junior Christmas Shows: Wednesday, December 3rd and Thursday, December 4th; both at 7pm
- Nursery Christmas Show: Friday, December 5th at 11am
- Infant Christmas Show: Monday, December 8th at 1pm

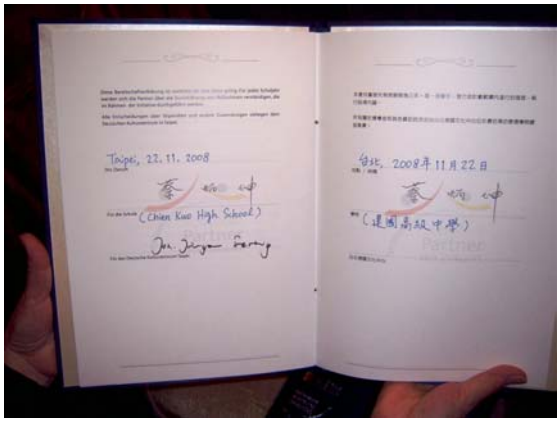
For Your Diary

- **Saturday, November 29th:** Christmas Bazaar, 11am – 5.30 pm
- **Monday, December 1st:** BS PTA meeting, 9am, room J117, Junior Building
- **Tuesday, December 2nd:** Annual General Meeting of the Taipei European School Association (information came earlier by E-mail), 6.30 pm, Amphitheatre, Junior Building, WLR

Feierliche Unterzeichnung des Partnerschulvertrages

German Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier has launched a Partner School Initiative (PASCH) with the aim to promote the learning of German language worldwide. Since November 22nd five Taiwanese secondary schools join this international network together with Deutsche Sektion of Taipei European School. During the official ceremony at Taipei Sherwood the agreement was signed. Students of Deutsche Sektion gave a performance in German language.

Am Samstag, dem 22. November 2008 fand im Sherwood-Hotel Taipei die feierliche Unterzeichnung des Partnerschulvertrages im Rahmen der vom deutschen Bundesaußenminister, Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, initiierten Initiative „Schulen: Partner der Zukunft“ (PASCH) statt. Die Vertreter der fünf Partnerschulen in Taiwan unterzeichneten in Anwesenheit der an der Umsetzung der Initiative beteiligten deutschen Institutionen in Taiwan (Deutsches Institut, Goethe-Institut, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, Deutsche Schule Taipei) während einer Feierstunde die gegenseitigen Vereinbarungen.



Ziel dieser Vereinbarungen ist der Ausbau des Faches Deutsch als Fremdsprache an nationalen Schulen, wodurch lebendige und langfristige Bindungen zu Deutschland aufgebaut werden sollen. Unterstützt wird die Initiative von deutscher Seite durch zahlreiche Bildungsangebote sowohl für Schüler als auch für Lehrer. Beispielsweise werden Weiterbildungen für Lehrkräfte und Austauschprogramme für Schüler stattfinden.

Julia und Kathleen aus Klasse 6 der Deutschen Schule Taipei bereicherten das Programm der Feierstunde sehr erfolgreich mit einem Sketch von Karl Valentin (*Semmel**n**knödel**n***), in dem auf sehr anschauliche Art und Weise deutlich wird, dass auch Deutshe manchmal ihre Schwierigkeiten mit der deutschen Grammatik haben können. Wir verstehen dies als eine humorvolle Ermunterung an die Schülerinnen und Schüler in taiwanischen Schulen, die sich dafür entschieden haben, die deutsche Sprache zu erlernen. In zahlreichen persönlichen Gesprächen am Abend der Vertragsunterzeichnung mit Deutschlernenden und –lehrenden, welche großes Interesse an Kontakten mit der Deutschen Schule Taipei zeigten, wurde deutlich, dass sich uns als Deutscher Schule in nächster Zeit viele Möglichkeiten bieten werden, die Bemühungen um eine Verbreitung der deutschen Sprache in Form von gemeinsamen Projekten zu unterstützen. Wir freuen uns auf eine fruchtbare Zusammenarbeit!

Jens Kleindienst
Stellvertretender Schulleiter

Weitere Informationen über PASCH finden sich unter dem Link: www.pasch-net.de

Die Partnerschulen aus Taiwan sind:

Zhong Shan Girls High School, Taipei	中山女高
Jing Mei Girls High School, Taipei	景美女高
Jian Guo High School, Taipei	建國中學
Feng Shang High School, Feng Shan	鳳山高中
Feng Hsin High School, Feng Shan	鳳新高中