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From the Head of British Secondary and High School Section

TES Students on Top of the World

Congratulations to Karishma Mahtani and Willie Hung who received some exciting news from the University of Cambridge International Examinations this week. Willie and Karishma received the 'Top in the World' in the Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards for their performance in the June 2011 IGCSE examinations. Karishma received her award in Foreign Language Chinese while Willie received his in Mathematics. The awards are presented to students who achieve the highest standard mark in the world for a single subject. For more details and photos please see Mr Redden's report on page 2 of this newsletter.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner and many people are putting a great deal of energy and effort into making the day a huge success. I encourage all parents to mark November 26 in their diary and make an extra special effort to attend this important day on the TES calendar. Students at the ESC organize stalls in Houses and I thank the House Captains for their hard work to ensure their selected activities go smoothly. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 26th! Please see page 12 and 13 of this newsletter for information regarding 'Cake and Cookies' at this year's Christmas Bazaar.

Social Evening

The ESC PA is organising a wine tasting evening at the EPC on November 18. It looks a wonderful opportunity to taste some wonderful wine and socialize with other TES parents. Please see page 11 of this newsletter for further information regarding this event. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank the ESC PA for their ongoing wonderful support of the secondary campus.

**Warm regards,
Stuart Glascott**

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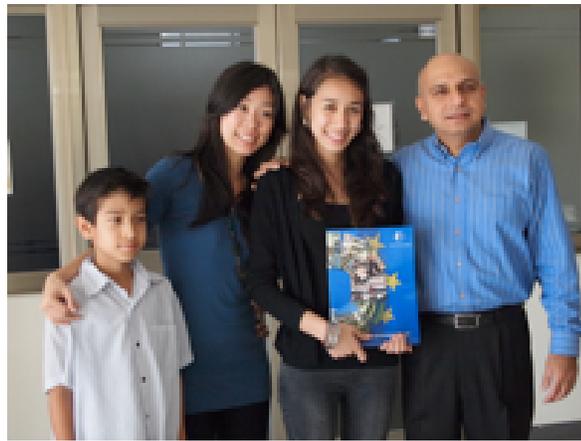
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From the Assistant Head – High School

TES Students on Top of the World

Two of our current H2 students have scaled new peaks in gaining the highest mark in the world for their IGCSE examinations. What is even more impressive is that they both took these examinations one year early while they were in H1.



This is first time that students at the Taipei European School have achieved this type of award from the University of Cambridge. This shows, in conjunction with many other accolades that our students have gained, that we are a first-rate school, and that we fulfill our mission statement in providing educational excellence. The University of Cambridge is the largest provider of international education, offering examinations in a 160 countries around the world, and this really puts our students' achievement into context.



The students that achieved these awards were Karishma Mahtani for IGCSE Foreign Language Mandarin and Willie Wei-Lei Hung for IGCSE Mathematics. Mr. Glascott presented the students with their 'Top of the World' certificates at a special assembly on Wednesday 2 November 2011 in front of an audience of both staff and students. It was very pleasing to see the smiles on both students' faces when they collected their certificates and realized what they had achieved.

A special mention should go to all the TES teachers that prepared them, not just in the run up to the examinations, but also in their Key Stage 3 classes. Everyone at TES is very proud of Karishma and Willie and we are all interested in seeing what they will achieve in their May 2012 examinations.

H1 PSHCE UPDATE

The H1 PSHCE programme is now well underway. H1 students began the term by exploring issues related to **Risk**. They looked at both positive and negative risk-taking and considered the degree of risk associated with a number of common life decisions. As risk-taking is necessary to success at school and beyond, students worked through a series of scenarios that made them think about how to distinguish between positive risks (those which are challenging in new situations and where there are benefits to taking the risk), and negative risks (those which are illegal, harmful, or anti-social).

In their discussions about risk-taking H1s considered how and why some people take negative-risks with their health. This led into the second H1 PSHCE topic: **Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)**. Students worked in single-sex groups to learn about the causes, symptoms, treatments and prevention of common STIs. They also looked at how STI related issues can impact people's lives and relationships.

Currently H1s are exploring the exciting topic: **Dating and Relationships**. They are thinking about the nature of friendship and romantic relationships across age groups as well as looking at decision making in the context of personal relationships. PSHCE teachers have been impressed by the intelligent questions asked, and the insightful contributions made by the H1 students.

H2 PSHCE Update

The H2s began their PSHCE programme with a hard-hitting topic: **Diversity and Discrimination**. Students worked through a series of engaging lessons where they were challenged to reflect on their own values and attitudes. Issues such as racism, homophobia and gender discrimination were discussed and debated. The unit concluded with the students creating videos that explored various diversity and discrimination issues, such as bullying, to both communicate and consolidate what they'd learnt throughout the topic.

The H2s are currently working on their second PSHCE topic: **Body Image and the Cult of Celebrity**. Through an inquiry based approach students are considering aspects of both positive and negative body images. They are looking at how the media, and in particular our current preoccupation with the world of celebrities is influencing the way we feel about our bodies and ourselves.

As the H2s move closer towards preparing for the January mock examinations, PSHCE lessons will focus on personal organization, study skills and stress management to help H2 students as they strive to achieve their very best in their IGCSEs.

Sonya Papps
Head of Year, H1 and H2

The EPC Disco

The Bunun Tribe is a tribe of indigenous people in Taiwan. Here in the Bunun Tribe Service Project not only do the students help the people who are in need, but they also to learn about their unique culture and experience it in how their tribe works, which is different from other tribes in Taiwan.

The H3 Bunun Tribe Service group had started fundraising for the project through the hosting of an EPC Halloween Disco event. Ten H3 students were put into different groups to manage artistic design (this included both ticket and poster design, and amphitheatre decoration), DJ-ing and the purchase of various snacks and the beverages for sale at the event. The disco was a success – over one hundred primary school students and parents attended and everyone had a great time in the process. This was a good experience for the H3s, as it helped give us a good understanding of what service projects are about, and the way in which we can proceed with fundraising. We are all now looking forward to future projects with which

to develop our abilities to work with each other, and to interacting successfully with different communities.



Benson Wang and Aidan Lee (H3)

UCC Update

- This week our nine **Cambridge candidates** are in Shanghai for their application interviews. Cambridge courses our students are hopeful in entering are Medicine, Economics, Architecture, English, Natural Sciences, Education and PPS (Politics, Psychology and Sociology). We wish them luck as this is a crucial stage of the selection process.
- **H1 Work Experience 2012:** This week letters to parents/guardians and information forms were distributed to the H1 students. The deadline for gaining a placement is December 7th. This year we have 77 able-bodied students willing to carry out unpaid work for 5 days to experience the realities of the adult world, and even perhaps discover a possible career path. We welcome any offers of work placements from the TES community. Please contact the school at ucc@tes.tp.edu.tw. The Work Experience week is 9th-13th January, 2012.
- **TES Mini-fair:** High school students enjoyed the visit of 24 institutions which comprised our annual mini-fair on Friday 21st October. With the record number of universities attending interest in the High School was very high.



Eric receives useful advice



H3 students engrossed in their research

Graham Bean, University and Careers Counsellor

Stewart Redden, Assistant Head of High School

From the Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator.

Dates for the Diary

I would just like to bring your attention once more to some important Key Stage 3 dates. Key Stage 3 students will bring their first full academic report home on Wednesday November 23rd. Parent teacher interviews for Year 8/9 will be held on Wednesday November 30th from 13.30pm – 19.00pm.

If you have not yet used TESmile the ICT department will send you your log-in details very soon. I will send an email to all Year 8/9 parents to inform you of when the booking system is open for you to make your appointments. Any issues with booking appointments or any other questions related to Key Stage 3 parent interviews should be sent directly to me. james.woodall@tes.tp.edu.tw

Support Cards

We have had some fantastic Support Cards returned over the last few weeks. Students should be commended for their hard work, dedication and effort and I hope that parents have seen these and are equally happy with the results. It is so nice to be able to give such positive feedback and recognize those students who are working so hard here in Key Stage 3. Miss Billante organized an assembly on Tuesday to recognize those students who have responded so well to challenge of the support cards and gave the students a certificate for their achievements as well as some i-points for their houses.

Well done to all students that this applies to.

Video Game Addiction



Playing video games for most teens is seen as recreation and a great way to unwind. Studies have also shown great benefits to playing certain games as they can develop coordination, thinking skills etc. The concern however is when the recreation turns into an obsession and takes over the lives of the players.

With our students spread all over Taipei and many living in quite isolated areas etc quite often the only way to interact outside of school is by using the internet. When looking back at my own childhood I was able to walk out of my front door and play football and other sports at the local park. This option is not available to a large percentage of our students so I completely sympathize with these students. Of course they want to interact with their peers, this is only natural.

The problem though is that is becoming more and more common that our students, and students all over the world, are spending an increasingly long time on computers and some are playing games that are not always age appropriate, that are violent, that can be very expensive to participate in and that can also involve abusive language and quite graphic footage.

Video game addiction is becoming more and more common and as parents I ask you the following questions.

- Do you regulate the time your child spends playing games?
- Do you check the age specification on the games?
- Do you know how much your child is spending on the game (financially)?
- Do you know who your child is playing against?
- Are you aware of the dangers of video game addiction?

This is something that as parents and as a school we need to take a closer look at. It is something that is becoming an issue at the school. Some parents have expressed interest in having an open discussion about this in a meeting for parents. This could include parents that have dealt with this problem, parents who feel it is an issue in their household or parents who are looking for advice in advance to try and limit the chances of this happening.

If you think this is something that would benefit you and you would be interested in such a meeting being organized please email me and let me know. If we feel that this is something that would be of use to parents we will definitely look at putting something in place sooner rather than later.

Please email me directly at james.woodall@tes.tp.edu.tw to express interest.

FOBISSEA BEIJING

As you read this the U15 FOBISSEA boys and girls teams are competing in Beijing. Please throw some positive thoughts in their direction as they need as much support as possible. Details of the results and performances will be in the next newsletter.

James Woodall
Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator

Year 8 Service Project

This week the Year 8 students began their work on their 2011/2012 service project. The students will be working together in teams to turn a vacant bit of land into a community garden. Under the guidance of Mr Graves, each group will have to build a garden bed from recycled materials, choose and grow plants.

This week the students all worked exceptionally hard on clearing the land to make it usable. Over the years it has become littered and overgrown. Students overcame fear of their fear of insects and the hot conditions to make a great start to their project.

We'll keep you updated on our progress throughout the year.

Nicole Billante
Head of Year 8



From Roots and Shoots

Vegetable garden



Roots and Shoots have planted organic lettuce seedlings in the vegetable garden which is located behind our school football field. Photo below taken on 2nd November:

The Roots and Shoots ECA is now happening twice a week! Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30 in room 1403. We hope to see more of you getting involved.

Please see our website for further information and regular updates - <http://sites.google.com/site/tesrootsandshoots/>

Dylan Graves
Teacher in charge



From the Journalism Club

Roots and Shoots

Roots and Shoots is a charity founded by Jane Goodall. It is an educational program for young learners. However, it is mostly seen as an environmental organization training young people from cities to understand the importance of nature.

The goal of TES Roots and Shoots is to increase the environmental recognition and awareness of the school or even the society. In TES, it is an ECA where students can acknowledge the importance of nature.

TES Roots and Shoots has accomplished various projects. For instance, they have adopted Sen, the orangutan. Sen is adopted from the Orangutan Appeal UK. The appeal is to save the orangutans. Also, they have planted pot plants and organized bake sales to fundraise for their projects. They are looking forward to planting many more plants around the school.

The Roots and Shoots ECA is now on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. The teachers in charge are Mr. Graves and Mr. Sparks.

Here are some links for further contact information:

1. <https://sites.google.com/site/tesrootsandshoots/>
2. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/TES-Roots-and-Shoots/164949503563060>
3. tesrootsnshoots@gmail.com

Jenny Li
Year 9

From the French Section

HISTORICAL EVENT FOR EVERY KARAOKE AND JAPAN LOVER IN TAIPEI

Our FS H1 student were there!

The Sunday 2nd of October 2011, a Japanese program from the public TV station NHK called *Nodojiman* was held in the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall in Taipei.

The hugely famous and popular 65 years old show started recording overseas in 1998, this is the 12th time the contest has been held abroad (the last time was in Mexico, 6 years ago) and has been produced in Taiwan for the first time, to thank Taiwan for its huge help, donation and support after the disaster in East Japan this spring.

Karaoke is one of the favourite activities of Japanese, which is why the original program's director had chosen a singing competition in which people in groups, in duos or even alone could perform on stage by singing a song in Japanese. The show moves every week to another town of Japan, and at the end of the year, there is a big national finale stage regrouping every local champion. There are two prizes given by the guests : the special prize and the champion of the week prize.

According to the Japanese TV station NHK, this time, 250 groups of competitors, chosen from the 1,480 groups of applicants (which was the record of applications since the beginning of this program), took part in the qualifying round, the October first, in which also Mr. Schneider, French teacher at TES (in FS and HS) participated, and unfortunately lost at the semi-finale. The 25 winners (mostly Taiwanese) entered the final the following day, and sang in front of the television cameras. The show also included two guests, the Japanese singers Sachiko Kobayashi and Ikuzo Yoshi, both very popular among enka (mainstream popular modern-traditional song style whose themes are often broken hearts, exile, love of the homeland...) lovers. The only restrictions : to be older than 14 and to be not a professional. Semi-pros are welcomed as well as pure amateurs like Mr. Schneider.

Both Japanese and Taiwanese nationalities were present that day, Taiwanese applicants were absolutely enthusiasts as they had waited to entertain in this show for a long time, and the friendly competition's goal was to introduce the Taiwanese culture to the Japanese spectators, and, as usual, to have the pleasure of singing live, with a real live orchestra, no tape.

This time, the special prize was given to the number 14, a Taiwanese man, and the champion of the week was the number 17, also a Taiwanese man. Good job Taiwan, yoku dekimashita !

The Taipei competition has been broadcasted on NHK's main station the October 29 from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm Taiwan time and on the NHK World, presenting generally the same programs for Japanese expatriated all over the world (for Taiwan it is the channel 107 on the cable television, and it has been broadcasted from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm Taiwan time).

You can watch it in its local Japanese version every Sunday, from 11:10 to 12:00 Taiwan time, on channel 107.

From our special reporter: Ana Comesaña Torres, FS H1.

EVENEMENT HISTORIQUE POUR LES AMOUREUX DU KARAOKE ET DU JAPON A TAIPEI

Notre correspondante y était !

Le dimanche 2 Octobre 2011, un programme japonais de la chaîne de télévision publique NHK, intitulé *Nodojiman* a eu lieu dans le Fr. Sun Yat Sen mémorial hall de Taipei.

L'émission vieille de 65 ans a commencé à enregistrer à l'étranger en 1998, c'est la 12ème fois que le concours a été organisé hors du Japon (la dernière fois avait été au Mexique, il y a 6 ans) et se produisait à Taiwan pour la première fois, en guise de remerciement pour toute l'aide apportée par Taiwan au Japon après le désastre de mars dernier, Taiwan ayant été le pays le plus rapidement et le plus généreusement mobilisé pour porter secours à l'Est japonais ravagé.

Le karaoké est une des activités préférées des japonais, c'est pourquoi la direction d'origine de cette émission avait décidé de faire un concours de chant dans lequel les gens peuvent se mettre en groupes, en duo ou même seuls pour chanter sur scène une chanson en japonais. L'émission se déplace chaque semaine dans une localité japonaise et termine sa tournée en apothéose à la fin de l'année dans une grande finale nationale de tous les champions locaux. Il y a chaque semaine deux coupes données par les invités de l'émission : le prix spécial et le prix du champion de la semaine.

Selon la télévision japonaise NHK, 250 groupes de concurrents choisis parmi les 1480 groupes de candidats cette année à Taiwan (un record depuis les débuts de l'émission) ont pris part aux tours de qualification, le samedi premier octobre, où Mr. Schneider, professeur de français à la Section Française et à la British Secondary Highschool Section de la TES a pris part. Cependant, il a échoué en demi-finale, et donc n'est pas arrivé à la finale qui devait se passer le jour suivant, devant les caméras, avec les 25 finalistes (en grande majorité Taiwanais) et les invités professionnels (il y en a toujours deux à chaque émission) : Sachiko Kobayashi et Ibuzo Yoshi, bien connus des amateurs d'enka, le style de chanson populaire japonaise mêlant tradition musicale et modernisme, dont les thèmes récurrents sont l'exil, le retour d'exil, les amours contrariés, l'hommage à la terre natale.

Pour participer au concours, il faut avoir plus de 14 ans, résider là où se rend l'émission, chanter en japonais et être amateur ou semi-professionnel, les deux seuls chanteurs professionnels étant les invités. Il n'est pas obligatoire d'être Japonais.

Autant Japonais que Taiwanais étaient présents ce jour-là, et la compétition amicale avait pour but d'introduire la culture taïwanaise aux spectateurs tout en ayant le plaisir, comme à chaque fois, de chanter accompagné d'un vrai orchestre, star d'un moment. L'ambiance de cette émission est toujours très bon enfant.

Cette fois-ci, le prix spécial fut attribué au numéro 14, un Taiwanais, quant au champion de la semaine, le numéro 17, il était également Taiwanais. Yoku dekimashita Taiwan !

L'émission a été retransmise le 29 octobre, de 19 h 30 à 20h 45 heure japonaise, émission spéciale dans sa durée et son nombre de finalistes (25 contre 20 habituellement), sur la NHK centrale au Japon mais aussi sur la NHK World, destinée aux expatriés japonais, et qui diffuse habituellement les programmes de la chaîne centrale à des horaires adaptés selon les fuseaux horaires mondiaux (c'était donc entre 18h 30 et 19h 45 heures taiwanaise). Pour Taiwan, c'est la chaîne 107 de la télévision câblée.

On peut la voir à Taiwan le dimanche entre 11h 10 et 12h00 heure taiwanaise dans sa version nationale classique sur la chaîne 107.

De notre envoyée spéciale pour la Section Française : Ana Comesaña Torres, classe de 3ème.



La culture taiwanaise à l'honneur.
Focus on the taiwanese culture.



Ecléctique une fois de plus : de la ballade...
Once again eclectic : from ballad...

...aux chorégraphies très à la mode façon
Corée du Sud.

...to the high fashionable South Korean
style choreography.



Enfin tout le monde réuni pour les
adieux et les remerciements à Taiwan.

At the end, everybody together saying
"goodbye Taiwan and thank you !"

台湾、よく出来ました！

Photos de Mademoiselle Ana.



SOCIAL EVENING

The ESC PA is inviting you for a relaxing evening of wine tasting. One of our school parents, Mr. Christophe Cossu, will share his wide knowledge on wine and how to choose good wine, etc., besides promoting wine from old world France and new world Chile. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: 18 November, 2011 (Friday)

Time: 7.30 p.m.

*Location: TES Primary Campus,
Wen Lin Road.
Parents Cafeteria*

*RSVP: Masako @
pinham@yahoo.co.jp
by 14 November, 2011*

TES Christmas Bazaar 26th November 2011



The Cakes and Cookies Committee needs your support, please!!

The annual TES Christmas Bazaar is coming soon. This large fundraising event will be held at the Wen Lin Campus on November, 26th 2011 from 10am – 4pm.

We would really appreciate your donations of delicious, home baked or store-bought cakes and cookies. Please send the baked items – perhaps with your child – to the parent’s café at EPC or the receptionist phase 2 at ESC on Friday, November 25th, or drop it off at the Bazaar. As we are not only selling cakes and cookies to take them home, but also offer a nice and relaxing area for parents and kids to have a break from the exciting event, we would love to welcome you at the “Christmas Café”, located in the gym.

Besides the donations of cakes and cookies we also need volunteers to run the stall and the café. If you can help out just for an hour or so, we would be more than happy. The success of the bazaar is guaranteed with everyone’s support and as the proceeds go back to our students we all benefit from making this day a very special one for the TES and the Community.

If you would like to support us, please complete the attached form and e-mail it to: Petra Rohrwild (wiesner_petra@yahoo.de). If you have any questions please contact Petra (09 7581 5603).

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Bazaar for what is promised to be a fantastic day out for the whole family – and don’t forget to tell your friends and family to come, too!

Thanks in advance for supporting us. Kind regards,
The Cakes and Cookies Committee

Name

Child`s Name + Class

Telephone number/ Email

Donation of cakes and cookies

Cake without alcohol with alcohol
 without nuts with nuts

Cookies without alcohol with alcohol
 without nuts with nuts

Other

Support at Christmas Bazaar

I can help at the Christmas Bazaar on the following time/s

TES Christmas Bazaar 26th November 2011



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親愛的家長：

今年聖誕園遊會的準備工作已經在積極的籌備當中，這是本學年度台北歐洲學校家長會最大的募款盛會，往年的成功都是基於家長的支持及贊助，我們衷心期待您的參與和協助!!

我們需要您幫忙提供一些您自製或購買的蛋糕、餅乾或甜點讓我們可以在園遊會現場販賣。麻煩您將糕點於11月25日星期五請學生帶到文林路校區Parent's café 或陽明山校區Phase 2 接待處，或於園遊會當天送達。因為學校沒有冷藏空間，建議您若是有需要冷藏冷凍的產品，煩請您於當天送達。今年我們糕餅部將位於幼兒部的體育館，並佈置聖誕咖啡廳，歡迎您與家人及朋友一同前來捧場。

另一個很好的參與辦法 –

是貢獻您的寶貴時間來參與現場的販售。您可藉此機會認識很多新朋友；但最重要的是，這是一份很有趣的工作。

若是您願意提供糕點，請您填寫背面的回條並讓學生交給學校。若是您有任何問題，也歡迎您隨時來電詢問: [Alice Hsia \(alicehsia@hotmail.com ; 0910 344 058 \)](mailto:alicehsia@hotmail.com),
[Sharon Hung \(sharonschung@hotmail.com; 0975 662 875\)](mailto:sharonschung@hotmail.com)

歡迎您與家人及朋友一同前往，也謝謝您的支持。

Name

Child's Name + Class

Telephone number/ Email

Donation of cakes and cookies

- Cake without alcohol with alcohol
 without nuts with nuts
- Cookies without alcohol with alcohol
 without nuts with nuts
- Other

Support at Christmas Bazaar

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