



# TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

台北歐洲學校

## EUROPEAN SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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### From the Head of British Secondary and High School Section

#### Message from PSC

Dear TES-parents: the Cakes & Cookies Team wants to thank all of you for the huge support for the Christmas Bazaar! No other stall depends so much on the support of the parents as the Cakes & Cookies: The donated cookies, cupcakes, chocolate houses, cakes and even one or two hours of your precious time to help selling at our stall – this is highly appreciated from all of us – and we want you to know this! Thank you very much.



#### Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to everyone involved in last week's Christmas Bazaar. We were very lucky that the rain stayed away and a great day was had by all. The TES community is a very special one and days like last Saturday reinforce just how lucky we are to be part of this wonderful school. Events like the Christmas Bazaar don't go off so smoothly without hundreds of hours of preparation and effort and thanks must go to Patricia Tzeng and Ulrike Kern and the Parent Support Council for putting on such a wonderful event.

The students, staff and parents from the BS and HS were also heavily involved. Thanks to the ESC PA for their important contribution. It was great to see so many staff and students involved in activities such as Music, Dancing, Art, House, TABITHA and Roots and Shoots. The leadership shown by our students always amazes me and last Saturday was no exception. Well done to all concerned.



Warm regards,  
Stuart Glascott

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## From the Deputy Head

Dear Parents,

As Christmas draws ever closer, so the final few weeks at TES seem to get busier and busier! The House Glee performances are well into rehearsal, mock exams are being prepared for, Book Week, Key Stage 3 reports are being written and we are still all recovering from the fantastic Christmas Bazaar last Saturday! Our TES Values: perseverance, respect, participation, responsibility and creativity were never more visible than last Saturday at the EPC. Huge amounts of money were raised for a variety of good causes, with students, staff and parents pulling together to put on an impressive array of stalls, games, performances and culinary and artistic delights.

This week's newsletter is a real celebration of the talent we have at this school: our top six mathematicians are announced below who are progressing to the British Mathematical Olympiad following their outstanding achievements in the Senior Maths Challenge, and our FOBISSEA musicians report back from their memorable and very successful trip to Vietnam this month. The Chinese Singing competition reached its culmination last week with some courageous performances across Key Stage 3 and the success of the Art Auction at the Bazaar provided further confirmation of the quality of the artistic endeavours of our High School students. All in all, a newsletter that makes you feel proud to be a part of this school.

## From the Music Department

### TES 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Concert

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February next term, the Music Department will hold its main concert of the year. This concert will feature all of the ECA music groups as well as a limited number of soloists and small groups. Auditions will be held for soloists and small groups on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> + 18<sup>th</sup> of December at both lunchtimes and afterschool. If your child is interested in auditioning for this concert, please have them sign up for a time on the sheet in the Music corridor.

### **IRCT Radio Performance**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November six students from H1 and H3 travelled to Radio ICRT to perform Christmas music live on air to help promote the Christmas Bazaar. The six students, Theresa Stoezel, Roger Loh, Chris Chen, Allen Chang, Chi-wen Chang and Valerie Koh, sang three a capella pieces live in the studio and were also asked to improvise a small jingle incorporating the presenters' names! The performance was a great success, with all involved enjoying the time at the studio and seeing first hand how a radio station actually operates. A big 'thank you' to Ms Tara McNeill for organizing and preparing the students for this event.



## **Music FOBISSEA 2012 – Student Reflection**

Hello my name is Christopher Lu, I am a percussionist and this is my second year attending the Music FOBISSEA Festival. This year, the festival took place in Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam. During Music FOBISSEA, we practiced the music given to us to prepare for the concert on the last day. On Thursday, our school arrived at the hotel and went to the bowling alley straight away. After bowling, we went back to the hotel and took a rest before the opening dinner. The next three days were spent practicing music with the orchestra and choir. Each night at about 7-8pm there was a different show or performance. We had a talent show on the second night and our school sang "Where is the Love" by Black Eyed Peas. At the end of the third day, we had a group of Vietnamese musicians come to the school and perform for us. On the fourth night there was rock band performances and students could sign up to perform. I had a great time at Music FOBISSEA this year, especially the talent show, it was the first time I rapped on stage and I really enjoyed it. I also tried out different percussion instruments during rehearsals and I now have a new interest towards in Timpani. The concert night on the last day was also amazing and seeing the audience enjoy our performance made me feel very proud! I believe that music FOBISSEA is a great way for us to showcase our musical talents!



### **Christopher Lu Y9**

This year Music FOBISSEA was held at BIS Vietnam, and I couldn't wait to sign up. The trip lasted for about 5 ½ days, and it was a complete blast!



Once we arrived at Vietnam, Ms. James from BIS welcomed TES. We got all sorts of cool presents, like a water bottle, a bag and a traditional Vietnamese conical hat! But afterwards we literally had to drop our bags in our hotel rooms and run downstairs to catch the bus to the bowling alley. It was really fun going bowling, but I was so excited to take a good look at my room back at the Equatorial Hotel Vietnam. My roommate and I had a great room. Then, we had to get ready for the welcome dinner. There was an endless array

of different types of food. But, my favorite would have to be the chocolate mousse at dessert!

The next day, we had to wake up at 6:00 am, but it was all worth it because the pancakes were amazing! Once we got to BIS, it was all practise... ..we had a few snacks here and



there, but the 7 flights of stairs I had to walk up after every break were grueling! We had our first workshop of the trip, too! I did Drama/Music Games with Caitlin. It wasn't as fun as I had hoped, but it wasn't too bad. Finally, we were able to have some fun with all of our friends during the outside BBQ dinner. But, before we left, we had a concert for every school to perform a song or two. TES performed 'Where is the Love' by the Black Eyed Peas, and we did an awesome job!

On the third day, like the second, there was a lot of practice. My second workshop was Rock Band, and it was so much fun! I sang lots of songs along with Caitlin and two other girls. Dinner was quite fancy that night. We had decorated tables and amazing food. To top the night off, we had a group of musicians show us some traditional Vietnamese instruments.

On Sunday, I woke up to the delicious pancakes again! Once again, we had so much practice for the Gala Concert the next day. But, we did get to go to



the market. I bought lots of presents for my family, and even some stuff for myself! The workshop that I did that day was Ukulele. We learned how to play 'Waving Flag' by Knaan, and it was my favorite workshop of the trip. After dinner, there was a rock band concert. There were loads of acts, and I was one of them! I performed 'Rehab' by Amy Winehouse with the rest of my band from the previous day. The finale of the concert was a rock band version of 'Gangnam Style' by Psy. Everyone danced along and had lots of fun.

On the final day, we left for BVIS (which is a whole different campus). We practically practiced the whole day. But, it was all worth it, because the Gala Concert went amazingly well. Everyone had a blast and was excited for the dinner and the disco that night.

The day we left was filled with both happiness and sadness. But overall, the trip was by far one of the best times of my life! ☺

### **By Michaela Lintott B7.3AB**

On Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> the students who participated in Music FOBISSEA finally set off on a great journey to Vietnam where different schools united to perform together in a huge orchestra and choir. The students arrived back in Taipei on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November with their luggage, "Music FOBISSEA" bags and Vietnamese conical hats!

During the trip the children had many rehearsals and were initially overwhelmed by the process, but it was worth it in the end to have had such a great final performance. The children had fun during the workshops. There were rock bands, country dancing sessions and even ukulele lessons! All of the visiting schools, including the Taipei European School, stayed at the Hotel Equatorial. They had



great meals and great rooms. The children learned new songs, even one in Vietnamese! It was called Trong Com.

“It’s so hot!” exclaimed a few of the pupils. It was a very tiring time when the students went on the walking tour and passed a few interesting buildings and a very nice church on their way to the market. “OK, you guys need to bargain!” stated Mr. Papps before they left the bus. During the walking tour there was very weird weather. First it was very hot then at the end, when the children were about to go on the bus, it started pouring down with heavy rain!

It was a great adventure getting to meet new people and seeing the difference between Taipei and Vietnam. I am sure next year will also be a great adventure and I guess we will see who the new Music FOBISSEA team will be and where they will be visiting. It has been a great experience. If you want proof, then ask the people who went!



Francesca Rubke, B7

### Christmas Bazaar



The TES ESC Music Department was again well represented at the Christmas Bazaar this year with several hours of music performed by our students. ESC students joined performers from all other sections, with acts ranging from Indian Dance through to a Harp Quintet! As well as performances by the ESC Orchestra, Jazz Band, Yangminshan Choir and Formosa Singers, the audience was

entertained by rock bands and small groups of students from Y7 – H4. Special mention must be made of the large number of Y7 students who performed at the event – a credit to their enthusiasm and organisation!



## English Whoosh!

As part of preparations for the World Literature empathic writing coursework, two of our IGCSE classes got together last week for a Royal Shakespeare Company inspired 'Whoosh' activity. The text under scrutiny is 'Romeo and Juliet' and in a 'whoosh' students are required to spontaneously perform their role with little or no preparation beyond the prompt for the narrator. Everyone played a part – some students even played the part of the balcony – to bring the performance together. There was an opportunity for some dress up and some Montague-Capulet gang warfare which was certainly a lively way to get the students wide awake first thing on a Thursday morning.

### **Ms Garnett**



## **“Read in order to live.” – Gustave Flaubert**

The English Department is proud to announce the start of TES' annual Book Week running from the 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> December. This week will have events that are linked to promote the love of reading that every person should have.

Each day will be 'Bookended' with students reading for the first 10 minutes and last 10 minutes of the day. There will also be a House competition quizzing the students' knowledge of the books they have been studying in class and their general knowledge of books and authors.

Finally on the 14<sup>th</sup> December with help from TES' library staff (a big thank you to Angela Chang) we will be holding a book fair, in conjunction with Eslite Book Stores, which will have the sale of Chinese and English language books available for the students to buy. There will also be a stall with second hand French and German language books.

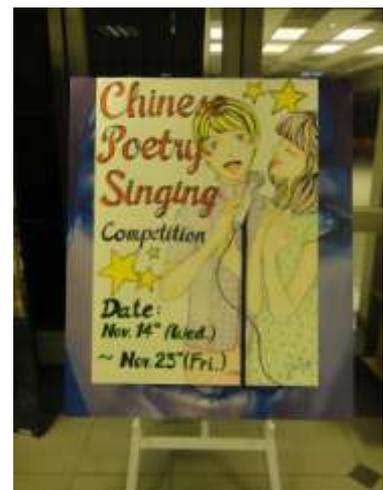
The English Department and The TES Library would like to thank you in advance for helping us promote reading as an essential experience for everybody.

*“If you don't have the time to read, you don't have the time (or the tools) to write. Simple as that.” –Stephen King*

### **Jon Woolley (Head of English)**

## **Chinese Made Easy through Singing**

The pilot KS3 Chinese Poetry Singing Competition has successfully given its ending note last Friday after two weeks of vigorous competition. Students have been keenly rehearsing for their Chinese debut which was a plenary of their first stage of Chinese learning this year.





Students were very creative with their production by integrating their Chinese competence with other skills acquired across the curriculum like music, drama, art and ICT. It's very encouraging to see students taking risks positively by performing in a new language acquired so recently.



Flora Sung  
Head of Chinese Language and Culture – ESC

親愛的家長,

伴隨著耶誕鈴聲,今年國高中部的閱讀週(Book Week)活動即將於十二月揭開序幕!

今年我們非常榮幸地邀請到了知名作家小野蒞校演講。創作逾百件作品,小野的文字陪伴我們走過熱血的青春歲月;透過閱讀週面對面的分享,相信小野必能以他獨特的幽默風格,帶給我們正值花樣年華的孩子們,更多的感動與啟發。

誠摯邀請您共襄盛舉,與您的孩子一同與作家有約,共同分享成長路上尋找自我的喜悅與感動。

時間: 十二月四日(星期二),13: 40-15:00

地點: 陽明山校區Mult-purpose Room

台北歐洲學校

中文部全體教師 / 圖書館主任



## 與作家有約



December 4, 2012 (Tue)  
13:40-15:00  
Multi Purpose Room

# 小野

## 閱讀分享會



小野以「種之生」崛起於台灣文壇。這本書在1970年代掀起旋風之後持續暢銷,13年內印刷了53版,至於盜版的情況更是相當多。不過,以小說在台灣文壇打下一片江山的小野,自從進入電影界之後,他比較常寫的是電影劇本;成為自由作家之後,則以散文作品和兒童文學作品最多。近年來,小野的作品多半以日常生活做出發點,筆調輕鬆,在平易流暢的文字中書寫並不深奧,卻能夠切近現代人真實生活的種種話題,相當受讀者喜愛,也讓他的作品能長年暢銷。

## News from the Mathematics Department

The results are in for the **Senior Mathematics Challenge!** Here is a complete list of all our certificate winners:

Willie	Hung	Gold	Kevin	Wang	Bronze
Milton	Lin	Gold	Celine	Meylemans	Bronze
Alex	Lee	Gold	Calvin	Tsai	Bronze
Nicholas	Huang	Gold	Freya	Smith	Bronze
Nina	de Murat de lestang	Gold	William	Fangwang	Bronze
Jensen	Yang	Gold	Ryan	Chiang	Bronze
Matthew	Ng	Gold	Eric	Chen	Bronze
Daniel	Lee	Gold	Jessica	Hsu	Bronze
Kevin	Liu	Gold	Amit	Agnani	Bronze
Matthew	Shen	Gold	Jasmine	Wung	Bronze
Stanley	Wong	Gold	Justin	Chiu	Bronze
Brian	Shih	Gold	Stephanie	Kao	Bronze
Nathan	Burrison	Gold	Angela	Chen	Bronze
Evan	Lin	Gold	Steven	Liu	Bronze
Becky	Chang	Gold	Kelvin	Lee	Bronze
Ching	Toh	Silver	Vincent	Lee	Bronze
Jessica	Chiang	Silver	Sion	Ings	Bronze
Jenny	Li	Silver	Wayne	Chen	Bronze
Kyra	Yu	Silver	Vivien	Chim	Bronze
Chihning	Chang	Silver	Tseng	Jonathan	Bronze
Alex	Chiang	Silver	Konrad	Wang	Bronze
Eric	Yang	Silver	Tiffany	Shiau	Bronze
Kelly	Huang	Silver	Eliza	Chai	Bronze
Jorge	Lee	Silver	Valerie	Koh	Bronze
Jonathan	Haudenschild	Silver	Senta	Kretschmar	Bronze
Linus	Lu	Silver	Hugo	Trinelle	Bronze
Lisa	Morrison	Silver	Francois	Ly	Bronze
Christin	Shih	Silver	Leo	Ku	Bronze
Katherin	Wang	Silver			
David	Lin	Silver			
Tze yang	Tung	Silver			
Sharlene	Chen	Silver			
Altman	Tai	Silver			
Andrew	Chen	Silver			
Tim	Cheng	Silver			
Jim	Chen	Silver			
Brandon	Hsiao	Silver			
Ailsa	Lee	Silver			
Angel	Mai	Silver			
Jeffrey	Sun	Silver			
Ivy	Sun	Silver			
Jason	Chao	Silver			
Karishma	Mahtani	Silver			
Yun	Chen	Silver			
Calvin	Yeo	Silver			

Congratulations to our 'Best in School' winner: **Willie Hung** in H3. Another outstanding achievement for Willie, scoring 115 out of 125 on this year's paper.

**Willie, Alex, Milton, Nicholas, Nina & Jensen will all now take part in the British Mathematical Olympiad.**

Certificates will hopefully arrive in school before the end of term.

## From the Assistant Head (High School)

### Values Day

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December is **Values Day** at the ESC. Students in the Secondary and High School, as well as the German and French Sections will work together to explore this year's theme – **Value your Voice**. The Heads of Year have prepared a range of fun, thought-provoking and challenging activities that encourage students to think about how they can use their 'voice' to be a positive influence in the world. We will also hear from a guest speaker, Mr Pan, a TES parent, who will talk about the democratic process and how it can offer people a chance to have their 'voices' heard, and to influence the future of their country.

A sure highlight of the day will be the Student Council Presidential elections. For the first time all TES ESC students will have the opportunity to vote for their next Student Council President. There are three candidates who are campaigning for the top spot: Vernon Lin, Victoria Yeh, and Rachel Chen (all in H3). Campaigns began on Monday and since then the school has been abuzz with each candidate spreading their message through posters, videos, and speeches. All three candidates have put together strong teams and slick campaigns – it will be a tight race!



Stay tuned for the next Newsletter where you will find a feature on Values Day 2012 and the first open Student Council Presidential elections!

### Preparing for the Mock Examinations

#### ***Top Tip: Make a Plan!***

The mock examinations are quickly approaching. H2 and H4 students will soon have the opportunity to demonstrate their learning and practice for their final IGCSE and IB examinations. Over the next month students will spend many hours studying and preparing for the mocks. Unfortunately, for those students who do not approach this revision time with a clear plan and strategy much of this time can be wasted energy. Research shows that the most successful students carefully plan their study time. **The University of Cambridge** offers students the following advice when devising their study plan:

- Draw up a revision plan for each week
- Fill in any regular commitments you have first and the dates of your examinations
- Use Revision Checklists or Syllabuses for each subject as a starting point. Look at what you need to know and try to identify any gaps in your knowledge. (A good way of doing this is to look at the results of past papers or tests you have worked through)
- Divide your time for each subject into topics based on the units in the revision checklist or syllabus, and make sure you allow enough time for each one
- Plan your time carefully, assigning more time to subjects and topics you find difficult
- Revise often; try and do a little every day
- Plan in time off, including time for activities which can be done out in the fresh air. Take a 5 or 10 minute break every hour and do some stretching exercises, go for a short walk or make a drink

- You may find it helpful to change from one subject to another at 'break' time, for example doing one or two sessions of Maths and then changing to Geography, or alternating a favourite subject with a more difficult one. It helps to build in some variety
- Write up your plan and display it somewhere visible
- Adjust your timetable if necessary and try to focus on your weakest topics and subjects
- Don't panic; think about what you can achieve, not what you can't. Positive thinking is important!

**Parents and students can find more helpful study advice from The University of Cambridge**

**International Examinations at:** <http://www.cambridgestudents.org.uk/examtime/revisiontips/index.html#2>

Over the next three weeks H2 and H4 teachers will talk to students about what they need to focus on as they revise for the mock examinations. It is important that students make the most of these discussions and clarify any questions they may have so they can make the most of their study time over the Christmas Break.



**Sonya Papps, Assistant Head (High School)**

## Mock Examinations

The Mock Examinations for IGCSE and IB commence two days after we return from the Christmas break; January 7-18. Next week students will receive a schedule showing when and where their examinations are taking place. Candidates ought to be familiar with the requirements of each examination in terms of duration and equipment required/permitted, (they can find this out from their subject teachers). Guidelines about the examination rules will be distributed to all students before the end of term, and will be available on the school website from next week. H4 and H2 students are expected to be in school throughout this period and will be given study time when they are not sitting an examination.

The Mock Examinations are a chance for the candidates to feel what it is like to be in a real examination situation and to familiarise themselves with the rules and regulations of the exam boards. They are a necessary and useful part of the examination process and give students and teachers a chance to assess progress and focus preparations over the coming weeks.

More information about the IB and IGCSE Examinations can be found on this site:

<https://sites.google.com/a/tes.tp.edu.tw/examinations/>

**Chris Sparks, Examinations Officer**

## University and Careers Update

It is currently the school deadline week for university applications for the UK and many for the US. As is the custom, the majority of applications this year are to these destinations with over 50% of our H4 cohort opting for the US. Some UK applicants are hearing already of their conditional offers. US and Canadian applicants will know unconditionally of theirs next April. This is our biggest graduate class to date with 61 students currently vying for their best possible university destinations.

H1 students have to hand in their **Work Experience** information sheets by next **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. A few have done so but the majority is expected in as soon as possible. As in the past, the school is indebted to the Taipei business community in supporting this annual event, which takes place from 14<sup>th</sup> till 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2013. We have a record 84 H1 students taking part this year.

H3 students should now be researching thoroughly the likely destinations for their university courses. Don't forget to log on to the *Futurewise* website which has increasingly useful international information

for applying to universities. H2 students can now also log on as they have just received their User ID's. It is never too early to start the research process.

**Graham Bean, University and Careers Counsellor**

## **From the Assistant Head (Key Stage 3)**

### **Credit to the School**

Travelling overseas with students is a daunting task as caring for so many individuals is a huge responsibility. Last week 32 students and 4 staff flew to China for the U15 FOBISSEA games. The results at the competition were fantastic however what pleased me even more was the behavior of our students as it was exemplary at every level. The group really bonded as a team offering support and encouragement at every event and standing out as such a positive and enthusiastic school. This was also recognized and noted by the staff from other schools who commented on the fantastic spirit and collegiality shown by our team. Articles in the next newsletter written by the students will give more details however I would like to thank every one of the 32 participants for their support, respect, enthusiasm, effort and commitment over the 3 long days of competition. I would also like to encourage as many Year 8 and Year 7 students as possible to try out for the U13 games as it is such a positive experience and so enjoyable for all involved.

### **Value Your Vote**

Having the right to vote is something many of us take for granted. 'Values Day' is next Thursday and the topic of voting will be looked at in Key Stage 3. For the first time every student in the school will have a vote in the Student Council Presidential elections. The three candidates, Vernon Lin, Rachel Chen and Victoria Yeh have begun campaigning this week to try and gain the support of the student body.

The challenge for us is to ensure that the Key Stage 3 student really "Value their Vote" and give a lot of thought to who will best represent them on the council. The decision should not be based on looks, humor, who their friend it voting for etc. Our aim is to ensure that every student is informed before they vote and that they have given real thought to their decision.

Being able to vote is a privilege and we hope that every student will view it this way. This is something that could be discussed at home over the coming days. It would be great if students were asked to justify their choices to their parents before the day to ensure they have really given consideration to all 3 candidates and have genuine reasons for their choices.

**James Woodall**  
**Assistant Head KS3**

### **Value Your Voice!**

Year 7 students will get a wonderful opportunity on December 6<sup>th</sup> to vote for their Student Council President. For many Year 7s, this will be their first occasion at the ballot box where they will have the privilege to exercise their right to vote. Students should therefore take advantage of this special occasion by asking the three student council candidates, Rachel Chen, Vernon Lin and Victoria Yeh, serious and relevant questions about where they stand on certain TES issues over the next week. "Where do you stand on drink machines?" "I think Year 7s should have a bigger say in school discos, how can you make that happen?"

Taking part in a school election is a democratic rite of passage in only some countries and should not be taken lightly. Many countries and schools do not have free elections and therefore all Year 7s should really 'Value Their Voice.' They should exercise this right to vote by voting for the best candidate, the one with the best ideas for TES, not just voting for whom their friends vote for. So on December 6<sup>th</sup>, I hope all Year 7s take advantage of this democratic privilege and vote for the best candidate for President of the Student Council. Remember, every vote counts!



**Mr Imbleau, Head of Year 7**

### **Readers Become the Leaders!**

Reading and is an essential skill (and pastime) that every student in Key Stage 3 needs to engage in on a regular basis. Educational researchers have noted a strong correlation between reading skills and academic success. In other words, a student who reads regularly is more likely to do well in school and enjoy academic success than a student who does not.

Good readers become adept at extracting information needed from texts and can process that information quickly in order to complete related test and comprehension tasks and questions. Weaker readers tend to not be as effective with this vital skill.

There is also a strong correlation between reading and vocabulary knowledge. I have noticed that students who have a large vocabulary are usually good readers and vice versa. Therefore, one effective way to develop a wide range of vocabulary and technical language is to read extensively. The benefit of this is if you begin to read extensively you will ultimately become a better reader! As Book Week approaches toward the end of the term, why not get a head start and visit our school library. There is a treasure of adventure, mystery, romance fact and fiction just waiting to be discovered by you!

Here is a great way to quickly test if a book is suitable for your reading level, it is called the Five Finger Rule:

## Five Finger Rule

0-1 = too easy  
**2-3 = just right**  
4 = okay to try  
5+ = too hard



\* Open a book to any page. Start reading. Hold up a finger every time you see a word you do not know. \*

**Mr Sing Key, Head of Year 8 & 9**

## From Roots and Shoots

### At the Christmas Bazaar

For the first time Roots & Shoots had a stand at the Christmas Bazaar to promote our environmental activities, the issue of climate change and environmentally friendly products. Wearing our own logo embroidered t-shirts we sold organic, hand printed bags, earth friendly bath and body products, (some made by the students in the TES laboratories), blankets and scarves made from recycled plastic bottles, and organic tofu served on leaf plates! (The tofu was even prepared using heat from the earth under the mountains of Taiwan!). Here is a picture of the amazing Roots & Shoots Stall:



Thank you to everyone who supported us and well done to the students who passed through the crowds selling our products and promoting their work; many of you will have bumped into them if you were there on the day. Special thanks as always to Mrs Hui, and also to Robert at [impactecowear.com](http://impactecowear.com) as well as Kathie Chang ([mia.natural.handmade@gmail.com](mailto:mia.natural.handmade@gmail.com)) who made the natural products from essential oils.

We still have some of the bags to sell, so if you want to get one for yourself, or are looking for the perfect eco-friendly Christmas gift, contact any of the Roots & Shoots team.

In other news, the Eco-schools committee met this week to award the school our Bronze Award and make plans for the next steps towards our Green Flag, well done everyone for this fantastic achievement, keep on doing what's right. Finally, next week on Values Day some of our Roots & Shoots students will be talking about our Eco-schools work in front of the whole school in a multi-lingual presentation that will highlight the links between caring for the environment and our School Values.

**Chris Sparks**  
**Roots & Shoots**





## Les cours de sport à Taipei et à Ouagadougou



*La différence entre deux cours de sports présentés par un élève qui les a tous les deux essayés.*

Je m'appelle Troaré Khalid. Je suis nouveau à la TES. Je viens du Burkina Faso. Je vais vous présenter les sports enseignés au Burkina et à Taipei.

Le Wend Magendo est un lycée mixte (privé) où les filles et les garçons sont mélangés, c'est là où j'étais avant d'arriver à la section française. Au Burkina Faso, les sports enseignés sont l'athlétisme, les flexions et d'autres sports militaires. A Ouagadougou, tout se faisait à l'extérieur, car l'école avait moins de moyens que celle de Taipei et n'avait pas de gymnase. Tous les matins à sept heures, il fallait faire 2 kilomètres de course.

Taipei, les sports enseignés sont très différents : on y enseigne les sports collectifs comme le football, le volleyball et le basket. A Ouagadougou, tout se faisait à l'extérieur, car l'école avait moins de moyens que celle de Taipei et n'avait pas de gymnase. Tous les matins à sept heures, il fallait faire 2 kilomètres de course. Personne n'était exempté !

Voilà ce que j'ai voulu vous présenter au sujet des différences entre les cours de sport à Taipei et Ouagadougou.

Khalid

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### EDITORIAL



Des montagnes de Koulikou aux zones d'école de Ouagadougou, regardez le monde sous un autre angle avec ce magazine très international.

### Sports -6-



Toute l'actualité sportive de la TES du moment faite par un sportif pour les sportifs.

### Sorties -3-



Have you ever been in the mountains around us ? I guess no. You know that the TES is situated in one of the six beautiful national parks of

### Nature -2-



Les pics bleues Formosanes c'est quoi ? notre spécialiste des oiseaux vous apprendra sûrement beaucoup de choses...

### Vie de l'école -5-



Voici une petite enquête sur la provenance de nos aliments de la cantine.

## D'où viennent nos assiettes ?



Voici une petite enquête sur la provenance de nos aliments de la cantine.

Maintes rumeurs et suppositions entourent ce sujet plus ou moins sensible. Certains affirment qu'ils connaissent leur provenance, d'autres ne sont pas vraiment sûrs de leurs sources...

Suite à la page 5...



## Les Pies Bleues Formosanes :



œufs pendant les mois de mars à avril.

J'ai voulu faire cet article car ces pies bleues sont partout ici à la TES. Et grâce à cet article on sait qu'on doit les protéger.

Sophie Dubois

Notre école est située à une altitude de 500 mètres qui est l'endroit parfait pour les pies formosanes qui vivent à une altitude comprise entre 300 et 1200 mètres. Elles sont aussi appelées les pies de Taïwan car elles ne vivent que sur cette île. Elles ont un bec rouge, des yeux jaunes, une tête noire et un corps bleu. Elles pondent des

money?

No...

We now know some interesting facts about the librarian!

Don't hesitate to tell them to her, she will be surprised!

Emilia Munoz-Ledo Arriaga.

## Social life :

Interview of Angela Chen, the chief librarian, by Emilia Munoz-Ledo Arriaga

*What do you think about your job?*

I enjoy working with books. I love books!

*What do you do when nobody's in the library?*

I work. I try to come up with an idea to attract more students to the library.

*Is there anything you don't like about your job?*

I hate noisy kids!

*Do you get new books very often?*

Yes.

*How long have you been in TES?*

I have been in TES for 5 years. *Do you think you earn a lot of*

## Lumière sur celles que nous croisons tous les jours: les femmes de ménage

Vous les avez sûrement aperçues dans les couloirs de l'école de temps à autre, rangeant les poubelles ou nettoyant le parquet, sans vraiment vous dire qu'elles jouent un rôle primordial dans l'organisation de la TES. Vous l'avez deviné : ce sont les femmes de ménage ! Depuis l'aube, elles s'affairent pour vous rendre la vie plus belle... Voyez plutôt cette interview d'Anne Dubois pour mieux comprendre leur travail :

-A quelle heure arrivez-vous à l'école ?  
A 7h 30. Nous finissons à 17h.

-Combien y a-t-il de femmes de ménage en tout ?

Il y a 12 femmes de ménage.

-Qui est la chef des femmes de ménage ?

Madame Yang.

-Existe-t-il des hommes de ménage ?

Non.

-Combien gagnez-vous par mois ?

10000 à 20000 NT\$.

Alors dites-vous bien que sans elles, la TES ne serait pas ce qu'elle est aujourd'hui, et qu'elles travaillent dur pour nous rendre la vie plus belle.



Anne Dubois

## Have a walk in Taiwanese Mountains

Do you love hiking? Why not going to the mighty Xueshan, or in English, Snow Mountain? Xueshan is the second highest mountain in Taiwan, 3886 meters high, after Jade Mountain, Yushan. The challenging hike and the pleasant atmosphere are perfect to evade from the clamor of noisy cities.

In order to preserve the environment, people willing to climb Snow Mountain are required to get an authorization pass, the amount of hikers being regulated. Also, we are required to watch a twenty minutes movie about what to do and not to do on the various trails, the exemplary behaviors and encouraging us to be as cautious as possible. It is true that, from time to time, the trail can be quite dangerous.

But it happens that some freaks decide to walk by night, lighted by flashlights or moonlight. It is actually pretty funny and an amazing experience!

The environment in which you will walk is changing a lot. You will cross typical Taiwanese rainforests, as well as clear meadows, rocky lands, or western coniferous forests. This variety of flora will therefore explain a variety of fauna. Birds will accompany you all along your road. Maybe, if



Gabriel Baudard

you are lucky (or unlucky) you might encounter a bear, which are situated in the region.

The first part of the trail, from the first cabin, marking the beginning of the walk, and the second one, situated about two kilometers away, is fairly peaceful. You are rocked by the singing of birds and the flow of some streams. Before arriving on the crest, someone would have to climb the (in)famous "Crying Hill", which is, according many people, more painful to go down than to go up. The walk on the crest would lead to the third hut, in the middle of steep grassland, passing by Snow Mountain East peak, 3201 meters high. From this grassland, the sunrise is amazing! But the reddish colors of the trees in the coniferous forest are even better. You would feel like hiking during the fall, surrounded by orange trees and leaves. The final part, the big climb before the top is also amazing, though strenuous. The scenery seen at the summit is picturesque, fantastic. Take some time to admire the view, eat, drink and rest before going down.

Going on a hike to Xueshan is not to take slightly, as it is very strenuous, but it is worth the tiredness. You would surely remember the amazing time and experience you have gained forever. But be careful! Wintertime is coming! Go hiking at this time of the year is even more dangerous and difficult due to the snow. Wait a bit: it will be a lot better in spring!

## Shoots and Roots

Shoots and roots est une activité qui a lieu le mardi midi et le vendredi après-midi. Le mardi midi, les élèves ont fait des enquêtes sur l'écologie de l'école(TES). L'écologie est une science qui étudie les relations des vivants avec leur environnement. Les élèves de cette activité ont étudié le rapport entre l'école et l'environnement. Il y a des enquêtes sur l'électricité, les fenêtres, l'eau, la climatisation, les lampes.



Voici l'enquête faite par Guillaume Vallet sur l'eau : il a cherché le compteur l'eau de l'école. Il l'a trouvé dans la cour de phase une.



Il l'a ouvert et il a vu une machine qui ressemble à une grosse montre. Cet appareil sert à calculer la consommation de l'eau.

La consommation de l'eau est 6139m<sup>3</sup>.

Shoots and roots nous permet de comprendre la consommation de l'eau et de l'électricité de l'école.

L'enquête de Guillaume nous fait réfléchir sur le fait de ne pas gaspiller de l'eau : c'est une intéressante enquête pour l'école.

Sophie Dubois et Guillaume Vallet



## L'interview de Khalid Traoré

Vous voulez savoir des choses sur le Burkina Faso? L'Eca journalisme a interviewé un élève de la section française qui vient du Burkina Faso : Khalid Traoré.

C'est quoi la nourriture traditionnelle du Burkina Faso? Alors déjà il y a le *to*, le *goré*, le *amsam*, le riz et les différentes sauces.

Comment on dit bonjour en Moré? On dit *Yubégo*.

Au Burkina Faso on parle combien de langues? En tout il y en a 17(Le moré, le julia...).

C'est comment la température là-bas? Il fait chaud et sec, des fois il fait froid mais pas trop.

Est-ce qu'il y a des désastres là-bas? Il y a très rarement des désastres. On utilise quelle sorte de monnaie là-bas? Le franc CFA comme en Suisse. C'est quoi les choses à la mode en ce moment? Les ordinateurs, les tablettes, les motos à 3 roues.

C'est facile de vivre là-bas? Un peu mais maintenant c'est devenu un peu dur quand tu n'es pas habitué, mais la vie reste belle.Est-ce qu'il y a plein de touristes? Oui, plein.

Les hommes politique là-bas sont comment? Ils sont bien ils défendent bien leur pays et sont sympa. Tu as quel âge? J'ai 14 ans. C'est quoi le métier de tes parents? Ils sont diplomates. Tu aimes cette école? Oui elle est bien. C'est quand ton anniversaire? C'est le 17 septembre. C'est quoi ta matière préférée? Mes matières préférées sont le français, l'anglais et l'allemand.

Anissa Bokhari



## Revenons à nos assiettes :

Il semblerait, après avoir interrogé les dames de la cantine, que c'est la compagnie China Airlines qui fournirait la nourriture de nos plateaux...

C'est ainsi que plusieurs des élèves interrogés affirment que le goût ressemblait beaucoup à celui des plats dans l'avion. L'étrange camion qui rôde parfois autour du campus en serait la preuve.

Les plats, après leur arrivée à l'école sont réchauffés et servis à midi.

Voilà de quoi requinquer les petits gastronomes qui se plaignent de la mauvaise qualité des aliments, mais qu'ils se disent que tout le monde ne mange pas à sa faim.



Sophie Dubois

## Les élections du 23 novembre

Je vais vous présenter les élections du 23 novembre.

Une élection, c'est un choix que l'on exprime par l'intermédiaire du vote. Les élections du Student Council permettent aux étudiants de l'école d'élire leurs représentants. Cela permet aux étudiants de voter pour le représentant des élèves.

A Ouagadougou, les élections des élèves se font sans acte de violences, mais certaines filles n'étaient pas d'accord car elles ne voulaient pas que ce soit toujours un garçon qui soit élu. A Taipei, Une élève de sixième a dit qu'elle pensait que voter ne servait à rien, car les anglais sont assez nombreux pour faire la différence.

Mme Barré pense que c'est l'apprentissage de la démocratie pour les élèves de

l'école, c'est-à-dire que cette élection va leur permettre de participer à une grande élection qui concerne toute l'école.

Le fait que les élèves ont le droit de se représenter est une chance qu'il ne faut pas laisser.

Alors, VOTEZ !

Khalid Traoré

## A cup for TES



Saturday 3rd of November the TES junior Varsity team won the MCA tournament. After a long day the TES football team managed to defeat all the other teams to win the tournament and end the season. It was a very long journey for all the players; they had to meet very early at EPC to take the bus to Taichung where the tournament took place.

where the tournament took place. Once they arrived, they had to engage the competition by playing 10 minutes later. Without having the time to warm up they had to play against ICA, a team classified as much weaker, nonetheless not to be underestimated. After 45 minutes, TES managed to win 4-1, this game was quite disappointing, but the victory was achieved. After 1 hour of break DIS was the next opponent, this team was much better. The early game was quite even, TES manage to lead 1-0 by penalty however the game was far from being over one of our defender got a red card and DIS tied 1-1 on the penalty following the fault. Our team was constantly attacked but we resisted quite well. Halfway through the second half one of the DIS player was sent off causing a penalty, which we scored leading 2-1. At the end of the match DIS tied making the game 2-2, there were 3

minutes left. It was unacceptable; we couldn't tie against them otherwise our chances would narrow. The game was about to finish when one of our attacker took scored making a TES victory 3-2. TES already won two games, we were halfway through. The next game was against the weakest team ISIS. This game was very flat. The opponent team played constantly in their half making the game slow; we managed to win 4-1. After this third victory, TES had to play their host: MCA, the strongest team, most of our players were tired but were motivated, they wanted to be victorious. MCA tied against ICA which meant that a simple tie against MCA would have made us champions. This game was very even. Early in the game TES scored leading 1-0. We had done the hardest, now we had to slow the pace and defend well. MCA got multiple occasions blocked by our goal keeper. The first half went quite fast however we still

had another half to play. During this intense halftime the opponent had multiple occasions, we weren't going to hold long. Our goals were still clean but not for long. As time went stress increased greatly among us but eventually the referee ended the game. We were champions, we won the tournament. TES was the new season champion.

Hugo Trinelle

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# TES BOOK FAIR 2012



Come to the Book Fair  
on Friday the 14th of December,  
at [Phase II Atrium](#), from 8 AM to 3:00 PM

***English, French, German and Chinese books  
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### SPORT

#### U15 FOBISSEA

The squad of 32 are back from Dulwich College Suzhou in China and had a fantastic 5 day Tournament. Here are the results:

#### Swimming:

##### Gold Medalists:

Leo Ku – 50m Butterfly  
Nancy Zuniga – 50m & 100m Backstroke

##### Silver Medalists:

Alida Lilljequist – 50m Butterfly 50/100m Freestyle,  
Ellie Stokes – 50m and 100m Backstroke  
Andy Huang – 50m Breaststroke

##### Bronze Medalists:

Alida Lilljequist – 200m IM  
Nancy Zuniga – 50m Butterfly  
Kimberly Chuang – 100m Breaststroke  
Ellie Stokes – 100m Freestyle

##### Relay:

Silver in Girls 200m Medley.  
Nancy Zuniga, Kimberly Chuang, Alida Lilljequist,  
and Ellie Stokes.

#### Athletics:

##### Gold Medalists:

Oliver Lin – High Jump  
Ryan Patterson – Shot Putt  
Leo Ku – Shot Putt  
Andy Huang – 100m  
Nicoli – Discus  
Mae Taylor – Long Jump  
Chloe Oani – 1500m

##### Silver Medalists:

Mae Taylor – High Jump  
Kimberly Chuan – Triple Jump  
Chloe Oani – Triple Jump  
Mae Taylor – 100m + 200m  
Irene Hung – 300m  
Nancy Zuniga – 300m  
Nicoli – High Jump  
Andy Huang – 200m  
Eric Hsu – Javelin  
Joseph Lu Shao – Triple Jump

##### Bronze Medalists:

Ryan Patterson – Javelin  
Ryan Patterson – 100m  
Axel Quou – 400m  
Chloe Oani – Discus + 100m  
Angelina Chen – Shot Putt  
Christine Hsu – 800m  
Nancy Zuniga – 800m

##### Relay:

4 \* 100m Bronze  
Chloe, Mae, Kim, Nancy  
  
4 \* 100m Silver  
Ryan, Andy, Daniel, Oliver

#### Basketball:

Boys – Gold Medalists.  
Girls – Silver Medalists

## Football:

Girls – Silver Medalists

A huge well done to the students and a big thank you to the coaches, AJ, Chin Lin, Adrian Knight and James Woodall.

## Varsity Basketball Boys:



The Varsity Boys travelled away to play TAS. The boys were excited and nervous to play an infamous side. We managed to score the first basket and it was 14-14 at half time which was more than we were hoping for in our first game of the season. It was an exciting match which ended in a 73-65 win for TAS.

## v Chinese Cultural University.

A mix of the Varsity and Junior Varsity Team beat CCU by 2 points.

## v DIS

We played our Pattaya Senior Team and won convincingly.

## JVB Girls

Bethany travelled to us for the first game of the season. The girls have only trained for a week as the JVB team but despite this won 20 – 5.



## HOUSE:

### CHRISTMAS Bazaar

This year was again a superb event with the students taking ownership of their Houses to organize and run Fairground stalls. The winning House is the House who can be the most inventive to make the most money from nothing!

Winners: Bora and Sirocco, both making 17,960 NT  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Marin making 9,980 NT  
4<sup>th</sup> place – Mistral with 7,580 NT

Well done to all the Houses and the students who worked all day to make this event a success.



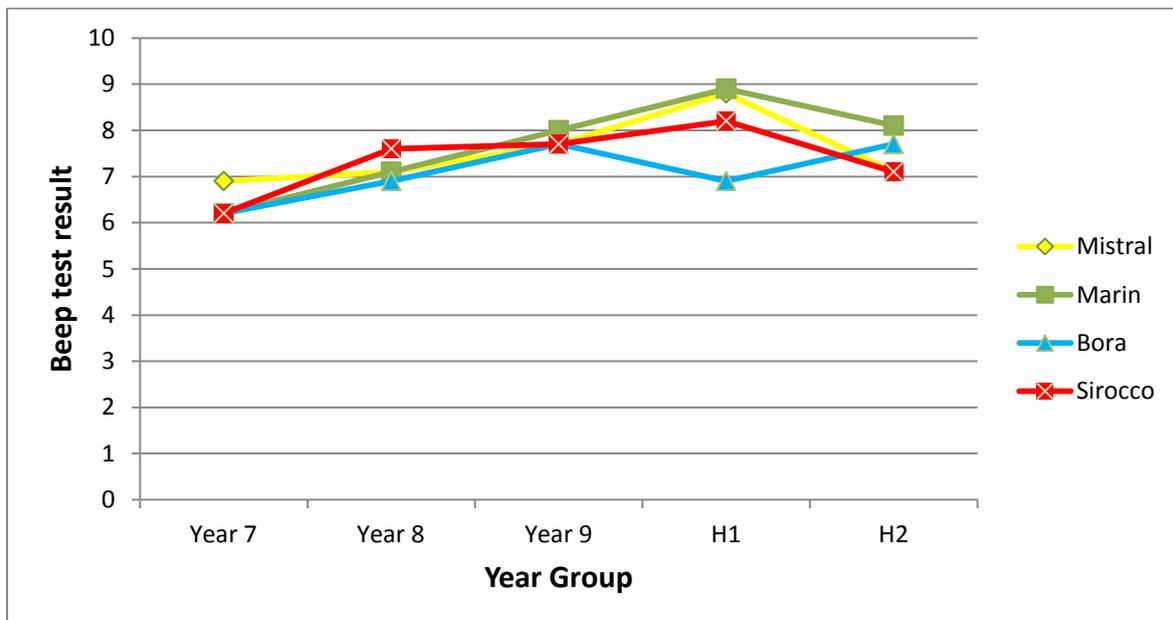
Bora: pillow fighting, face painting and goal scoring  
 Sirocco: wac-a-mole, water balloon throwing and spear throwing  
 Marin: nail painting, hair spraying and sack races  
 Mistral – hair braiding and basketball shooting

### Beep Tests – First Round

The Maths. students carried out the statistical analysis on the first round of Beep Tests. This is what they concluded:

	Marin	Mistral	Bora	Sirocco
<b>Lowest result</b>	3.2	2.2	1.6	3.4
<b>Lower Quartile</b>	6.1	5.7	5.6	5.9
<b>Upper Quartile</b>	9.85	8.775	8.7	9.2
<b>Highest result</b>	12.96	12.4	13.8	13.1
<b>Median</b>	7.5	7.3	6.7	7.4
<b>Mean</b>	7.89	7.39	7.36	7.55
<b>Standard deviation</b>	2.28	1.96	2.26	2.23

Average	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	H1	H2
<b>Mistral</b>	6.9	7.1	7.7	8.8	7.1
<b>Marin</b>	6.2	7.1	8	8.9	8.1
<b>Bora</b>	6.2	6.9	7.7	6.9	7.7
<b>Sirocco</b>	6.2	7.6	7.7	8.2	7.1



### Beep Tests – Second Round

All PE students work on a 5 week unit of Fitness which concluded in them retaking the Beep Test with the idea that all students should improve. The improvements made make up the second part of the House Competition.