



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

台北歐洲學校

EUROPEAN PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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TES MESSAGES / INTRODUCTION:

TES on the air waves with ICRT and Tito Gray!

On Friday morning a group of TES children and the Heads of Section visited the ICRT radio station to talk about the new school, live on air with Tito Gray from ICRT!



The children talked about their new school and did a great job answering Tito's questions!

ICRT will be broadcasting live from the European Primary Campus on Wednesday 17th October 2007 at the school's grand opening. Don't forget to tune in to 100.70fm and listen to their live broadcast from the school on that day!

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TO REMEMBER...

Please remember to wear your new access card when visiting the Primary Campus.

Please remember that children in the British Section should be wearing the correct school uniform at all times. This now includes smart black shoes and TES caps.

Thank you

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Monday 24th September and Tuesday 25th September: School Closed
Wednesday 26th September: School reopens
Friday 28th September—TES Oktoberfest
Friday 5th October: Next newsletter out.

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.taipeieuropeanschool.com



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TES High School

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Mittwochsangebote in der Grundschule



**Flöte spielen, Sprache fördern,
Aufsatztraining, Werken und Einrad
fahren...**

**Musische, sprachliche, kreative und sportliche
Kursangebote gibt es ab sofort jeden
Mittwochnachmittag in der Grundschule der DST.**

Die zusätzlichen Angebote stoßen auf großes Interesse: 32 Kinder sind in 7 verschiedenen Kursgruppen angemeldet. Die (Klein-)Gruppengröße schwankt zwischen 5 - 10 Kindern und liegt damit im optimalen Förderbereich. Auch einige Vorschulkinder sind mittwochs mit in der Schule dabei und flöten gemeinsam mit den Anfängern aus der Eingangsstufe erste Flötentöne.

Allen Kindern und ihren Lehrerinnen einen guten Start und viel Spaß an jedem Mittwoch!



Praktikumsbericht -

Auch das interessanteste Praktikum geht einmal zu Ende...

Mein Praktikum an der **Deutschen Schule Taipeh** neigt sich leider dem Ende entgegen und für mich heißt es Abschied nehmen. Wenn ich auf die letzten vier Wochen zurückblicke, muss ich sagen, es war ein tolles Praktikum an der TES. Ich fand es überall sehr interessant: Im Kindergarten, der Vorschule und der Grundschule der DST und auch in der französischen und britischen Abteilung. Neben dem Unterricht konnte ich mir ein Bild von vielen organisatorischen Dingen einer Schule machen, erlebte eine Lehrerkonferenz, einen Elternabend und die fröhliche Einschulungsfeier.

Am meisten ans Herz gewachsen ist mir natürlich die Eingangsstufe der deutschen Sektion, in der ich sehr viel sehen, mich erproben und helfen durfte und in der ich sehr viel gelernt habe. Ich werde die Kleinen sehr vermissen und bin gespannt, was wohl aus ihnen werden wird, wenn sie alle so fleißig weiter machen wie bisher.



Mein Dank gilt allen, die mich in diesen vier Wochen begleitet und unterstützt haben. Besonders bedanken möchte ich mich bei **Kathrin Diestel**, die immer für mich da war, wenn ich Fragen hatte, die mich gefördert, aber auch gefordert hat. Vielen, vielen Dank dafür. Ich hoffe, dass der Kontakt bestehen bleibt und man sich irgendwann – vielleicht beim nächsten Praktikum – wieder sieht.

Synke Lautenschläger, Studentin an der Pädagogischen Hochschule in Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg

Aktuell in der Grundschule
Eröffnung der Bibliothek im Wen-Lin-Campus

Büchersturm



Jede Menge Lesestoff, gemütliche Lesecken und viel, viel Platz auf zwei Etagen: Expertin *Gaby Rummel* zeigte den Grundschulkindern genau, wo und wie man welches Buch am schnellsten findet und als alle glaubten, ausreichend Bescheid zu wissen, gab es kein Halten mehr.



Lange Schlangen bildeten sich in der ganzen Woche vor der Ausleihtheke.



Bücherei-Regeln:

- *Bis zu 3 Bücher können gleichzeitig ausgeliehen werden.*
- *Die Ausleihzeit beträgt 2 Wochen. Verlängerung ist möglich.*

Wichtig: Montag ist Lesetag.

Die Grundschul Kinder der Klasse 1-4 treffen sich immer montags in der letzten Stunde in der Bibliothek zur Leseförderung. Ausgelesene Bücher sollen deshalb immer **montags** mit in die Schule gebracht werden, damit sie besprochen und danach abgegeben werden können.



Ecole Française de Taipei

EPC – EUROPEAN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER
French Section: NEWS and INFORMATION...

Samedi 22 Septembre 2007



**Une occasion ludique et conviviale
de visiter le nouveau campus européen !**

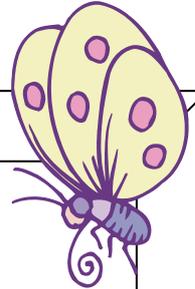
**Journée portes ouvertes de la section française
de l'École européenne de Taipei**

- 15h00: Bienvenue et inscriptions au jeu « Fort Taiwan »
15h30: « **Fort Taiwan** » (jeux collectifs pour les 5 - 14 ans)
17h00: Remise des lots aux gagnants et **visite du campus**
18h30: **Barbecue** (une participation aux frais sera demandée)



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A message from the Head of Infant School



Dear Parents

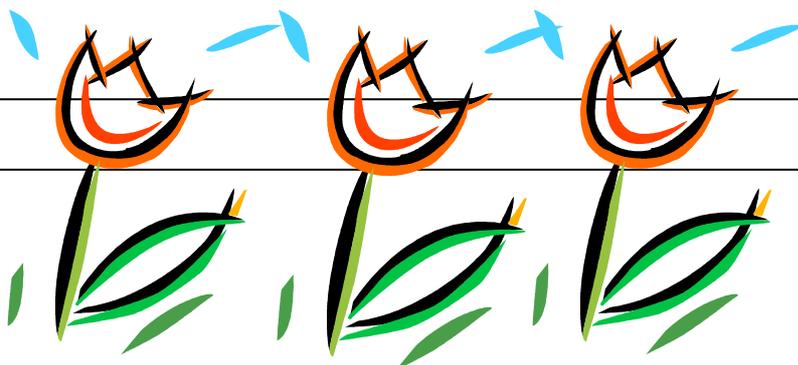
I wanted to start by saying a huge thank you for your continued support over the last few weeks as we continue to work hard at getting the campus completed. I have been disappointed myself that some things have taken so long but as you can see, the Year 1 and 2 climbing equipment has been installed and the children are enjoying using it. This has made playtimes much more fun for the children. The cookery and art room cupboards have arrived and should be fitted soon, and all our PE equipment has been sterilised and is now being used during the PE lessons. The SMT are working hard to update the TES website so, all in all we are getting there slowly but surely.

Thank you to those of you who attended our "Welcome Evening", it was nice to see so many of you. Some people were asking when the first parents' evenings of the year would be taking place, well the dates are Wednesday 24th October between 3:30 and 5:30, and Thursday 25th October between 5:00 and 7:00. I look forward to seeing you then.

I know that some of you are still a little concerned about the cafeteria situation so Ms Holden is presently organising a rota of parents who will come in to help the children alongside the cafeteria staff and the member of my staff who is on duty. This will hopefully start some time next week.

Finally, I hope you will be joining us here at the EPC on Friday 28th September between 6:00 and 9:00 for our annual Oktoberfest.

Yours sincerely
Ruth Martin
Head of British Infant Section



A Brief Report from The Nursery

The Nursery children have settled well into their class routines. We have been working on the topic of 'Ourselves' and it's been great fun sharing photos of all our Nursery families. Thank you for your co-operation. This term we have started preparing for our Sports Day in November during PE class. Each nursery class will have a specialised PE lesson and will be able to use the nursery PE equipment all through the week to further enhance their skill level and of course, to have fun. Please ask your children to demonstrate their skills on a Wednesday, they might teach you something new!!

Our Nursery classes will be working on the British Gymnastic Association Sport Skills badges for young children. This will be completed in the second term.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND THE BLACK SHOES

Hi! This is the site where the black shoes are available. It would be helpful for parents searching for black shoes.

www.familyshoes.com.tw/company/map.htm

門市	門市住址	聯絡電話
北投店	台北市北投區新市街22號	(02) 2892-7110
Beitou	No.22, Xinshi St., Beitou District, Taipei City	
文林店	台北市文林北路266、268、270號	(02) 2822-1202
Wenlin	No.266.268.270, Wenlin N. Rd., Beitou District, Taipei City	
木柵店	台北市文山區木新路二段173號	(02) 2234-9320
Muzha	No.173, Sec. 2, Muxin Rd., Wenshan District, Taipei City	
大橋店	台北市民權西路116、116-1號	(02) 2553-7909
Daqiao	No.116, Minquan W. Rd., Datong District, Taipei City	
東湖店	台北市內湖區民權東路六段298號	(02) 2632-5647
Donghu	No.298, Sec. 6, Minquan E. Rd., Neihu District, Taipei City	
和平店	台北市和平東路二段58、58-1號	(02) 2735-9273
Heping	No.58, Sec. 2, Heping E. Rd., Da-an District, Taipei City	
永吉店	台北市永吉路351、353、355、357號	(02) 2756-5910
Yongji	No.351.353.355.357, Yongji Rd., Xinyi District, Taipei City	
忠孝店	台北市忠孝東路四段302號	(02) 8771-0620
Zhongxiao	No.302, Sec. 4, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Xinyi District, Taipei City	
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Wanda	No.213, Wanda Rd., Wanhua District, Taipei City	

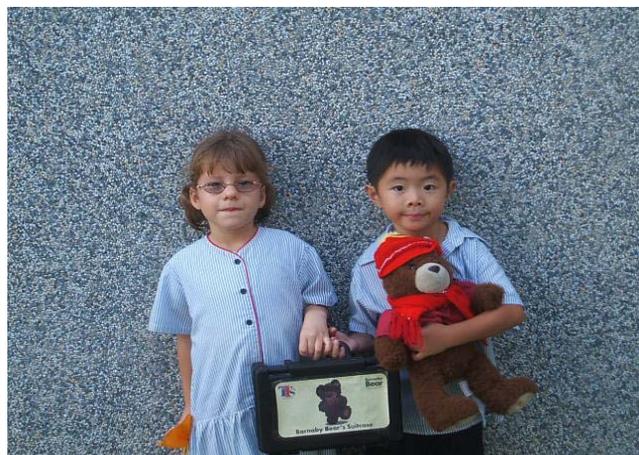
Year 1

Have you met Barnaby Bear? We have, and he is helping us learn about the world and all of its features.



We are all special and come from different countries around the world. Where were you born?

We have had so much fun traveling in our own aeroplane around the world using Google Earth. We even found our school.



In Geography, we have looked at different landscapes. We looked at many pictures and photographs and then we made our own landscapes using play dough.



We are also looking at weather all over the world, and learning new and exciting words like fog and mist. In Year One, we know what a typhoon is and experienced one on Tuesday. Did you hear the wind and rain?



We are looking forward to more traveling with Barnaby Bear. I wonder where we will go next!



Transition in the Primary School

TES is like many other overseas schools in that it has a transient population of children. As a school we are knowledgeable and considerate during the transition period of our young people.

Many of our students at TES have recently moved from a different educational curriculum to the English national Curriculum. This transition can affect children in different ways depending on age, temperament, past experiences and coping abilities. Children find safety and comfort in the predictability of routine and when changes occur some children can feel anxious and uncomfortable.

Some students might find some subjects within the new curriculum under challenging as they have completed the work before. Others might find it very difficult as they have not been taught some of the essential work which precedes what we are requiring them to learn. This can cause frustration and apprehension in a child. These feelings during the transition cycle are completely normal.

Different teaching styles can be difficult for a child to adjust to. A child may demonstrate shyness and feel inhibited if the teaching is different from what they are used to. Given time the child will adapt, gain more confidence and participate fully in lessons and activities.

Learning in a different language can be challenging for a child. It can be very tiring and frustrating to function in an additional language for the duration of a school day. Children can lose confidence as they are not able to show their true ability as the English language can be a barrier to them. It is not uncommon for a child to take up to several months to feel comfortable speaking an additional language and they may appear shy and inhibited in school.

Cultural change is a fantastic enriching educational experience for any child. However going to school in a culture which is different from their own can be bewildering and your child may need time to adapt.

If your child is experiencing a difficult transition be patient and give them the time they need to adjust. Aim to keep the routine at home the same as much as possible to give your child the stability and comfort they need. Keep your child informed of anything different which is happening in your usual family routines. An essential aspect of supporting your child through transition is to have open communication with your child daily where they can express any concerns that they have or ask any questions. Ensuring that your child has enough time to relax after school and the weekend is very important during a time of transition; children require more rest and time to reflect and internalize their new experiences. Help your child make new friends by organising play dates.

If you are concerned about your child's transition please contact your child's class teacher to discuss further.

Zoë Gare
Special Educational Needs / English as an Additional Language Coordinator

Dear Parents and Friends of TES,

A very warm welcome to the second edition of the EPC Primary newsletter.

It has been another busy fortnight in the Junior School. The children have settled in well and our great team of staff are working hard to ensure that all the children are enjoying their new classrooms and facilities.

Reading: Our school library has now opened and is being enjoyed by the children. The Junior children visit the library once a week with their class teacher and have open access to the library every lunchtime. The children can borrow books each day from the library and from their class library collections. Our group reading books and structured genre collections are also used by the children in their Literacy lessons and 'Reading circle' lessons.



Children's Tribe Council: The children's tribe council is a critical feature of our school. The council members represent the 'children's voice'. They organise social events and activities and help the Leadership Team of the Junior school to make decisions about the future development of the school. Some photos of the initial tribe council assembly are displayed on the next page.

Collecting children at 3pm: I would like to thank all our parents for their support as we review our pickup procedures at the end of the day at 3.00pm. Having reviewed our current procedure, we would like to make some changes to facilitate an even smoother departure at the end of the day. Further details will be sent home in due course. We hope that once these changes are in place, the end of the day pickup is smoother and more comfortable for all.



IWB Training: All our classrooms this year have been fitted with Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs). This technology allows your child's teacher to bring many aspects of a lesson to 'life' with animations, video, sound and the use of interactive lesson materials and activities. Mr Randell, one of our Junior Section Leaders has been delivering introductory training sessions to our TES staff to help them use this technological teaching tool across the curriculum. Some photos of the training are on the next page.

Extended Weekend: School is closed on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th September, and so on behalf of all the staff, I wish you a relaxing extended weekend. We look forward to welcoming your children back on Wednesday 26th September 2007.

Best wishes

Chris Pritchard

Chris Pritchard
Head of the Junior School – British Section



Children's Tribe Council Welcome Assembly
 Thanks to the council representatives and to Mr Shand and Mrs Foster for organising this assembly



TES STAFF TRAINING – Interactive Whiteboards



Mr Randell leading a group of TES staff through interactive whiteboard training.

