



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

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TES MESSAGES / INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to the third newsletter edition.

In this edition there are articles from the three school sections... please read on to find out more.

Wednesday 10th October 2007 is a National Holiday and the school will be closed on this day.

Happy reading!



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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...

Wednesday 10th October: School closed - Double Ten Day
Friday 19th October - Next newsletter edition

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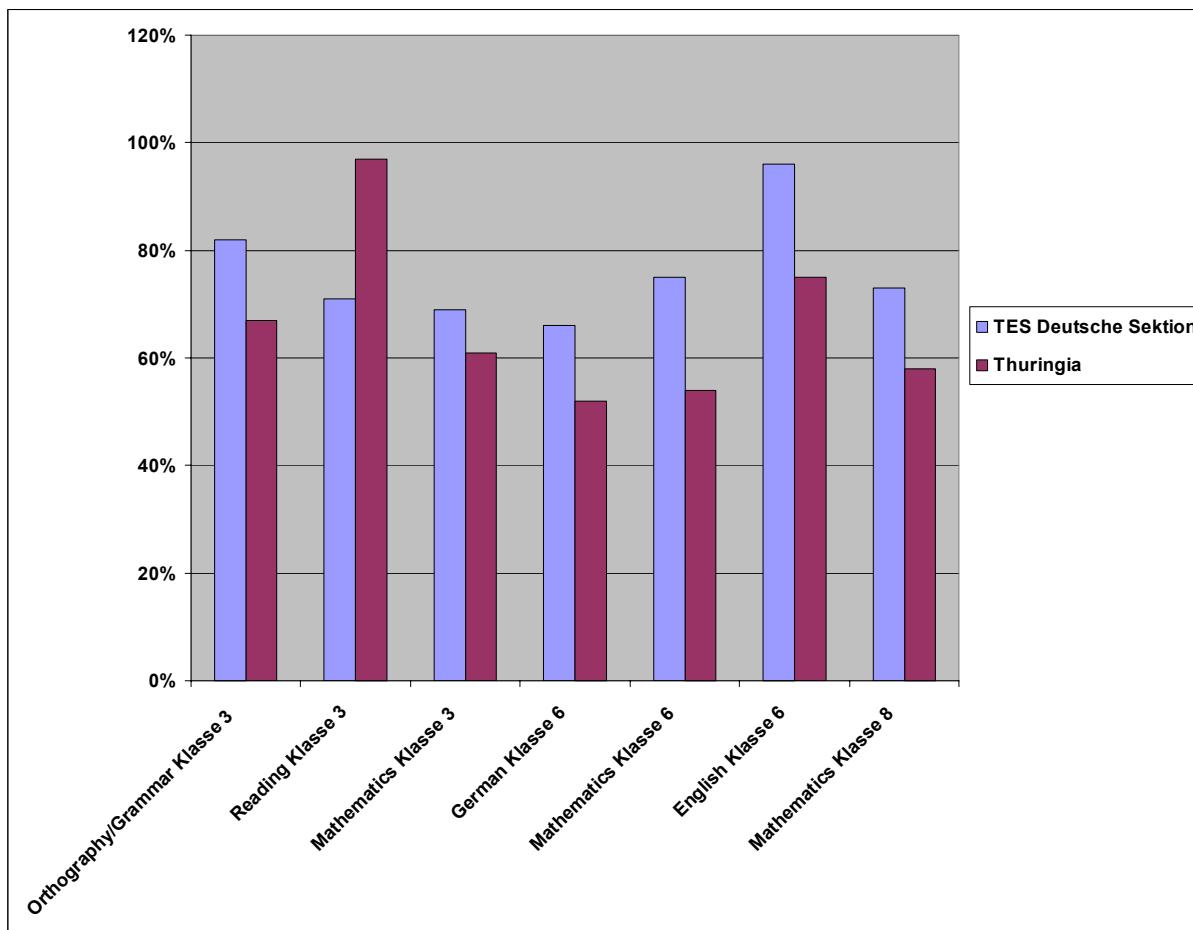
EPC – EUROPEAN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER German Section: NEWS and INFORMATION...

Participation of the Deutsche Sektion in the Standard Attainment Tests (Kompetenztests) 2006/2007

Every year Klasse 3, 6 and 8 students of the TES Deutsche Sektion participate in the Standard Attainment Tests (Kompetenztests). These tests are scientifically analyzed and published by the Friedrich-Schiller University in Jena, Thuringia. In addition to the 42,491 students in Thuringia, 1,102 students from 25 German international schools participate in these Standard Attainment Tests. While the German international schools participate on a voluntary basis, the 7 German international schools in East Asia (Peking, Shanghai, Tokyo-Yokohama, Kobe, Taipei, Seoul, and Hong Kong) make their participation an integral part of their teaching and curriculum strategy.

Thus the Standard Attainment Tests represent a very useful tool for identifying strengths and weaknesses of our section by comparing our results to the results in Germany and in the other German international schools in East Asia.

Results of the 2006/2007 Standard Attainment Tests (Kompetenztests)



On the one hand, the analysis of the tests show us that our students are performing at a very high level, with their results being better than the average in Thuringia in 6 out of 7 tested subjects and with our students ranking 1st to 3rd within the German international schools in East Asia. Only the reading performance result of Klasse 3 was lower than the average in Thuringia with our students ranking 6th within the German international schools in East Asia.

On the other hand, the analysis makes clear that our classes are more homogenous than those in Thuringia (with the exception of reading in Klasse 3).

These results can be interpreted as follows: the excellent results in 6 out of 7 groups show that the teaching in the TES German Section is of high standard; the GS concept of differentiation supports students with different abilities better than in Thuringia. The fact that our school is able to compensate for the linguistic disadvantage of our students in German as their first language compared to those in Thuringia, who are living in a German-speaking context, is very gratifying. Obviously the small learning groups in the German Section, the special educational needs programme and the commitment to education of the German Section's parents are playing key roles in this success.

Jens Kleindienst
Deputy Head of the German Section



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French Section: NEWS and INFORMATION...

Journée portes-ouvertes

Bienvenue! Welcome! 歡迎!

La désormais traditionnelle Journée Portes Ouvertes qui s'est déroulée le 22 septembre nous a permis d'accueillir les familles nouvellement arrivées à Taipei. Malgré un temps maussade, la bonne humeur était au rendez-vous et l'excitation à son comble à l'idée de participer à Fort Taïwan.

Six ateliers organisés de main de maître par les parents ont vu s'affronter des équipes très motivées guidées par des élèves de High School tandis que les tout petits pouvaient se détendre dans la salle de classe bilingue.



Ce fut l'occasion pour la directrice, Annie Guillotin d'organiser une visite guidée du nouveau Campus de Wenlin.



La soirée s'est achevée par un barbecue très réussi qui a réuni petits et grands dans la cafeteria. Anciens et nouveaux ont ainsi pu faire connaissance dans une ambiance conviviale. Merci à vous tous !

Association des parents d'élèves de la Section Française

A message from the Head of Infant School

Dear Parents

It was really nice to see so many of you at Oktoberfest last Friday – what a lovely event! It was a real reflection of what TES is all about and that is celebrating diversity and enjoying aspects of other cultures, and Germany certainly does do great sausages and according to my husband good beer!

The next big event will be Bonfire Night on Saturday 10th November. This is a very popular event in England when we “celebrate” the failing of Guy Fawkes’ to blow up the Houses of Parliament! We celebrate the strangest of things in England, but it’s a good excuse for a party! I hope you can all join us between 5:00 and 9:00 in the evening.

On a completely different note, I’d like to remind you that here in the British Infant Section, we operate an “Open Door Policy” which means that we are always pleased to discuss things with you at a time to suit both parties. This includes myself as well as Mr Nixon and the teaching staff, but I would like to remind you of the protocols for this. If you want to talk to someone about an issue related to your child, it is always considered common courtesy to talk to your child’s teacher first. If you are not satisfied with the response/outcome, then you come to see me. If after meeting with me, you are still not satisfied, that is when you approach Mr John Nixon. If you want to talk to someone about a whole school issue, again it is considered common courtesy to talk to me directly first before approaching John. He is always happy to speak to parents, but the protocols need to be followed to keep the communication manageable.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
Ruth Martin
Head of British Infant Section



Reception News

The children have been very busy settling into their new classrooms and making new friends. Here are some pictures of the children at work.



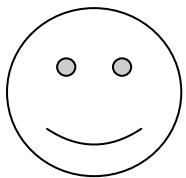
Mr Hockertz is reading with the Toucans.



Wendy, Max, Summer and Cora have made 'itchy insects.'



The Tree Frogs are singing and dancing about their busy bodies.



Please remember to ask your child about

We would like to welcome Miss Hayward to the school. She will be working with some children in Reception and in year 2.

A big thank you to our Class Parents for volunteering to assist us in school:

Mr Hockertz - Toucans, Mrs Tan and Mrs Wintergerst – Jaguars and Mrs Burr and Mrs Kuo – Tree Frogs.

Reception Team

Year 2 News

We have had an exciting 6 weeks so far in Year 2 with lots of excellent learning taking place.

Within English the children have been learning about the narrative genre, in particular, how to write ordered stories, using first person and third person tenses. They have also been writing their own poems, paying particular notice to rhyme and rhythm. They will continue to look at these concepts for the rest of the half term.



In Maths the children have been learning number bonds to 20. They have practiced place value of numbers including sequencing, ordering and estimating different lengths of objects. Recently they have used money when adding 3 or more numbers together. In the next couple of weeks they will be learning how to use different calculation strategies to solve problems.



As part of our Science curriculum the children are enjoying learning about what it means to be healthy – eating well and exercising. During History lessons they are comparing holiday destinations in the past and present. The pupils are using different media in Art to draw still life and beach scenes. In ICT the classes are using Microsoft Word to practice using basic word processing tools.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come in and talk to any of us.

The Year 2 team

Dear Parents and Friends of TES,

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

Year Group Updates: Each year group has prepared a little article for this newsletter edition to give you a flavour of what has been happening in school. With many exciting learning opportunities and events taking place each week, it is hard to fit everything in, but we hope to give you a taster each fortnight of the different aspects of school life. Please visit the next two page for the articles...

Staff Training: Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th September were holiday days. However, thirty staff volunteered to come to school and take part in high level leadership and school development training with an expert from the UK Institute of Education. Patricia Clark, a senior consultant from the National College of School Leadership worked with the team across two days as we looked at ways to develop the school for the future and make it even better for the children, staff and parents.



TES Presentation at Juming

Museum: On Saturday 22nd September 2007 I attended a seminar at Juming Museum which focused on Primary Art and how the curriculum is taught at Taipei European School. A presentation was made to over 250 teachers from local schools around the island and this was followed with a question and answer session. It was an opportunity for TES to give back to the local community. The day was enjoyed by those who attended and TES have a display of children's art work in their new children's art gallery.



I hope you enjoy the articles in this edition. Happy reading!

Best wishes,

Chris Pritchard

Chris Pritchard
Head of the Junior School – British Section



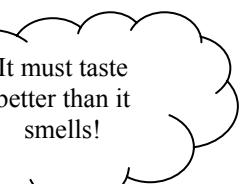
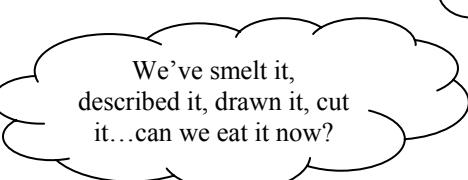
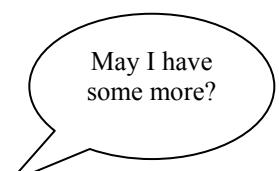
YEAR THREE:

Year Three have been looking at healthy eating and what makes a balanced diet. In Science we have been looking at human and animal teeth and what each type of tooth is used for. Next week we will be investigating the effect of different foods on our teeth. In Design Technology we have taste tested sandwiches with different fillings and gave them marks for their appearance, texture, filling, smell and taste. We have also analysed different types of bread from around the world which is going to help us when we design and make our very own healthy sandwich.



Team Year 5

Team Year 5 started the year with a bit of a food theme: Healthy Living for Science and DT-Baby Food Project. The children have had opportunities to sample fruits and baby food, and have enjoyed them, or not as the case may be, during the taste test sessions:



No bones about it: Year Four is where it's at!!



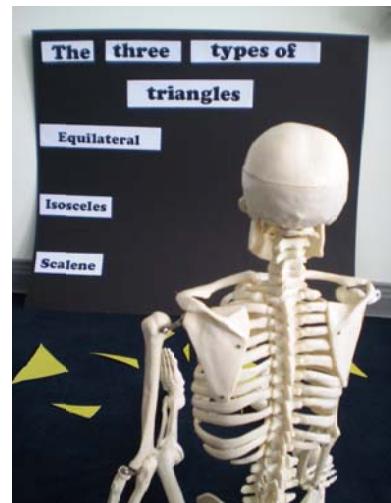
Since the beginning of the year, the third floor of the Junior Section at TES has had a strange guest roaming the halls. His name is Bony Tony and he's come to help us with our study of the skeleton in our Science unit on Moving and Growing. With Tony's help, we've learned the names of some of our bones, their main jobs and how they move when we jump, walk and run.

But Tony has been learning as well. He's been fascinated by our study of the Vikings.

He used to think Maths was difficult, but he breezed through our unit on shapes— he classified each and every triangle in the class into the right type



He's even learned a bit about himself through our science lessons!!



All in all, Tony has had a great time studying in Year Four. He thinks he just might hang about until the December holidays and see what the rest of the term brings!

Year 6 News

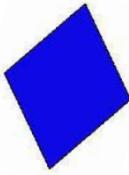
We have had a spine tingling start to the year, especially for horror fans who love a bit of gore. Human sacrifice and rather disgusting looking colonies of bacteria and other micro organisms have been keeping us very busy. Don't worry no blood has been spilt and our classrooms haven't become the site of some science fiction nightmare. We have been learning about Aztec culture in humanities and doing a lot of practical investigations into the life of micro-organisms in science.



This may look like a rotten old apple, but it is teeming with microscopic life



EWWW! Who has the dirtiest floor? We set up investigations to find out where there were most micro-organisms around the school.

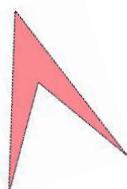


Some very interesting cross curricular links are being made as students prepare dynamic multimedia presentations on micro-organisms in ICT with Mr. Devey.

Later they will do some valuable historical research via the internet to help them produce a class encyclopedia on the Aztecs during English lessons.

In English, students have been learning about biographical writing and have just begun writing their own life story. Completed autobiographies are due in on November 12th. You can help your child out by agreeing to interviews about their early life and supplying photographs. We are now looking at journalism and plan to visit the China Post to see a professional journalist in action very soon.

We also have an excursion to the Juming Sculpture park to look forward to as part of our mixed media art project on movement.



Things are really shaping up in maths as we learn about the properties of quadrilaterals. We have also been doing some challenging work on the properties of numbers: finding out about multiples, common factors and prime factors. Lessons comprise of a wide range of practical activities and games.

Whatever our main topic is in maths, students are always encouraged to improve speed and accuracy in mental strategies as well as continually building problem solving skills.



Year 6 had great fun working on team building activities during the first week of term.

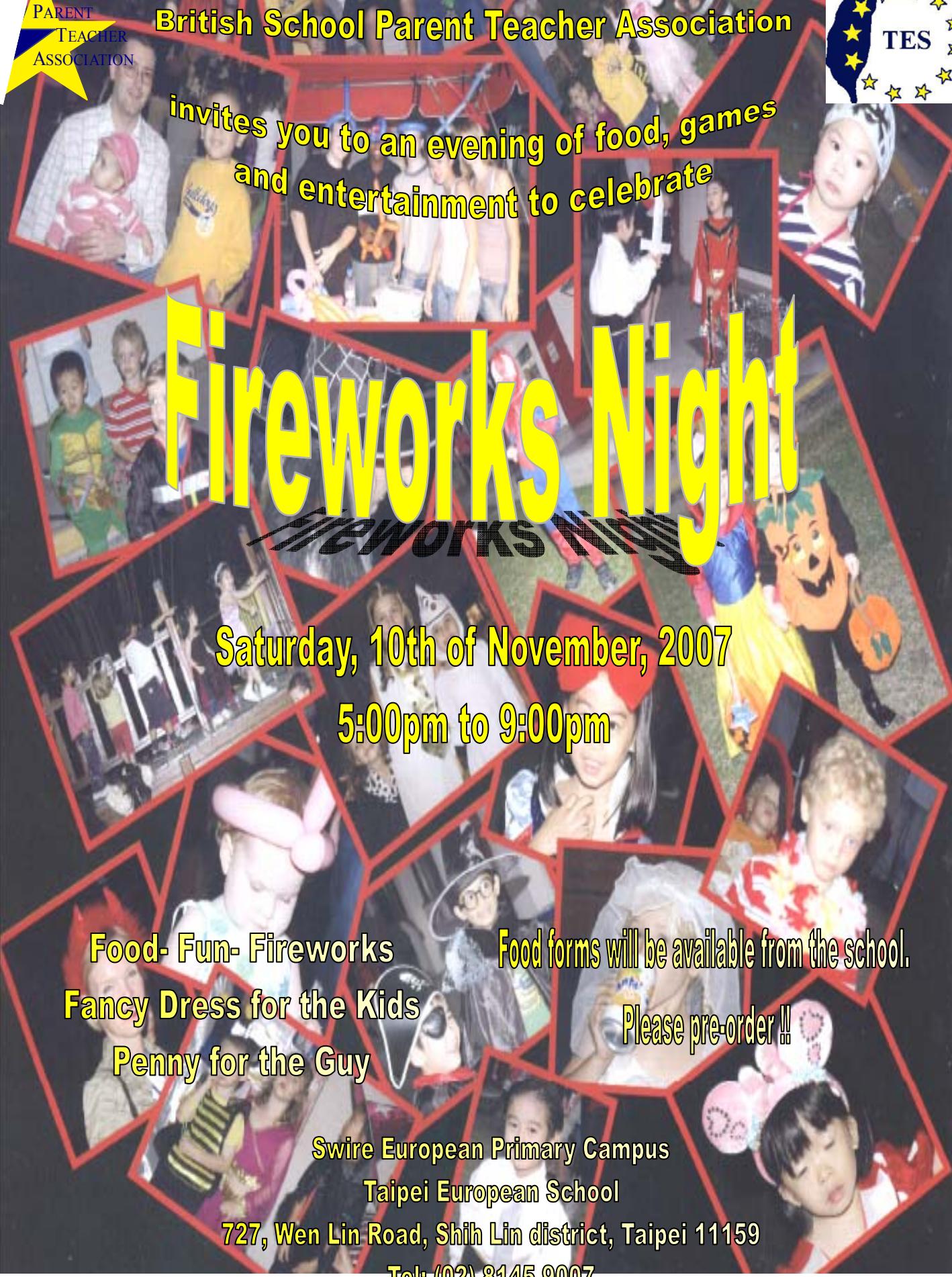


British School Parent Teacher Association



invites you to an evening of food, games
and entertainment to celebrate

Fireworks Night



Saturday, 10th of November, 2007

5:00pm to 9:00pm

Food- Fun- Fireworks

Fancy Dress for the Kids

Penny for the Guy

Food forms will be available from the school.

Please pre-order !!

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