



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

台北歐洲學校

EUROPEAN PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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TES MESSAGES / INTRODUCTION:

A very warm welcome to the fifth edition of the EPC newsletter...



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HERE: <http://www.taipeieuropeschool.com/tbs/upnewsletter.php>

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Tuesday 20th November: Foundation Stage Sports Day - 8am to 9.20am

Wednesday 21st November: Key Stage One Sports Day - 8.00am to 11.25am

Thursday 22nd November - Year Six Kuching Residential Introduction Evening for Y6 Parents

Saturday 1st December - TES Christmas Bazaar - EPC Primary Campus

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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.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has a TES school jumper to wear.

Thank you

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Generalsekretär der KMK zu Besuch bei der DST

Secretary General of German Conference of Ministers of Education, Prof. Dr. Erich Thies, paid a visit to German Section.

Anlässlich seines offiziellen Besuches in Taiwan besuchte der Generalsekretär der Kultusministerkonferenz, Prof. Dr. Erich Thies, am Montag, dem 29. Oktober 2007, die Deutsche Schule Taipei.

Leider lag der Besuchstermin in den Herbstferien, so dass Prof. Thies sich keinen Eindruck vom laufenden Schulbetrieb verschaffen konnte. So beschränkten wir uns auf ein 90-minütiges Informationsgespräch über die Schule, ihre Besonderheiten und offene Fragen.



Als Gesprächspartner waren seitens des Kollegiums trotz der Ferien Frau Heinze, Herr Heinze, Herr Klimek, Herr Schulz, Frau Chiang und Herr Fritzen anwesend – immerhin genau die Hälfte des Teams. Seitens des Vorstandes nahmen Frau Bischoff und Herr Sänger am Gespräch teil. Gesprächspartner des Deutschen Instituts war Herr Domas und von der Taipeh-Vertretung in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland der Direktor der Kulturabteilung, Herr Hsieh.

Neben den Informationen, die wir über unsere Schule geben konnten, wurde das Problem angesprochen, dass es an deutschen Universitäten wiederholt Probleme mit der Anerkennung des IB-Diploma gibt, obwohl unsere Absolventen alle von der KMK gemachten Auflagen erfüllen.

Des Weiteren haben wir unser Ziel betont, die volle Anerkennung als Deutsche Auslandsschule zu erlangen, wozu die diesjährige erstmalige Teilnahme an der Sekundar-I-Prüfung ein sehr wichtiger Schritt ist.

Weiterhin haben wir unsere Sorge zum Ausdruck gebracht, dass die finanziellen Zuwendungen von der Zentralstelle fürs Auslandschulwesen an die Schule in den vergangenen Jahren tendenziell deutlich rückläufig waren.

Zum Abschluss des Besuches besichtigte Herr Prof. Thies die moderne Bibliothek des EPC.



v.l.: Emmanuel Fritzen, Lie-Tschuan Hsieh, Helmut Domas, Hans-Peter Schulz, Claudia Bischoff, Dirk Sänger, Matthias Klimek, August Heinze, Wera Heinze, Prof. Dr. Erich Thies (Foto: Shih-Lin Chiang)



Ergebnisse der Theater-Werkstatt

Projektwoche der Grundschule vom 22.10.- 26.10.2007

1. Theater-Werkstatt: 38 fleißige Kinder bauten 38 funktionstüchtige Theater – eines schöner als das andere. Kasper kam, sah und staunte!



2. Bühnen-Werkstatt: Gut sortierte Werkzeugkisten, ein echter Bauplan, Holz vom B&Q und los ging es: Die Viertklässler arbeiteten hart, maßen, sägten bohrten und hämmerten unter Anleitung von



Bühne nach 4 Stunden...



und nach 8 Stunden. Fast fertig!

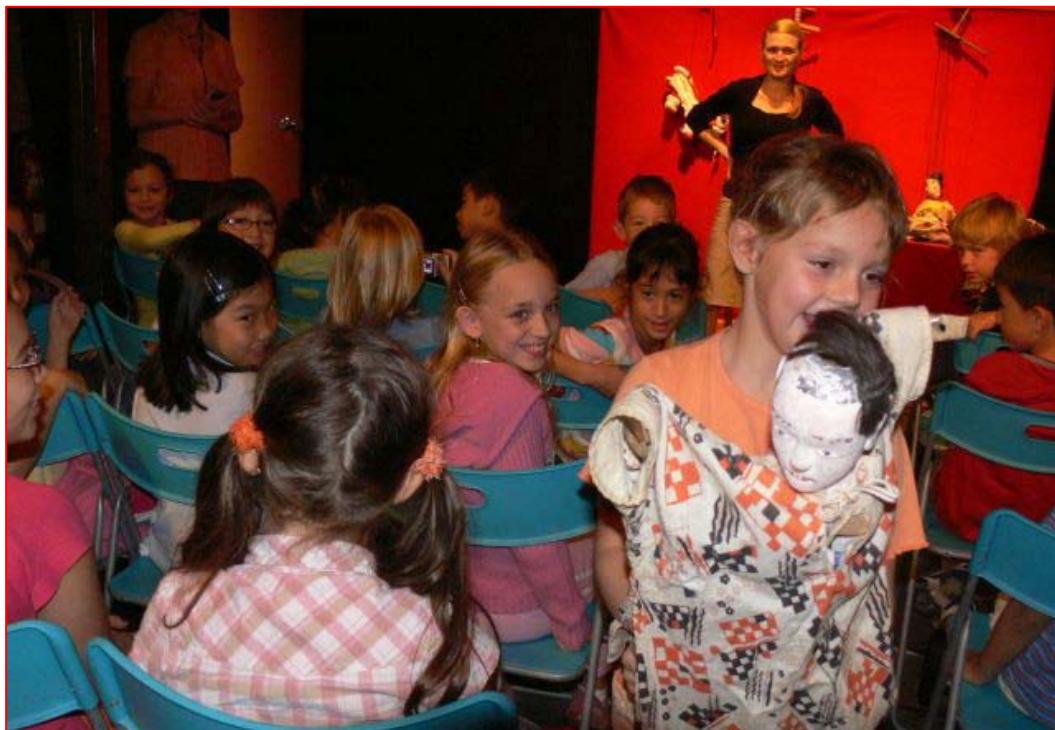
Wie geht es weiter?

Die Viertklässler übernehmen auch die künstlerische Gestaltung,

Sonja Loher (Haus- und Hofnäherin) näht für uns
samtene Theater-Vorhänge
und dann –
wird Theater gespielt!

„Wo Träume zu Hause sind und Fantasie das Fliegen lernt“

3. Ausflug ins Lin Liu-Hsin Puppentheatermuseum: Handpuppen aus ganz Asien zum Anschauen, Anfassen und Ausprobieren, alte Puppenkleider, Puppentheater und



4. Experimente mit Licht, Schatten und Bewegung:

Schattentheater fasziniert! „Aber große Schattenfiguren selber machen ist gar nicht so einfach“,



5. Marionetten-Werkstatt: Nach 4 Stunden (Hand-)Arbeit (und natürlich wieder mit großartiger Unterstützung vieler Mamas) konnte die Zweitklässler ihre bunten Krebse zum ersten Mal tanzen lassen. Dank Patricia Häusser und Sonja und Oma Loher waren



6. Stabpuppen-Werkstatt: Lustige, traurige, großohrige, langnasige ... Köpfe haben die Dritt- und Viertklässler kreativ aus einer Spezialmasse geformt.



„So oder so ähnlich könnten sie aussehen, wenn sie mal fertig sind“, überlegt „Puppenmutter“ Wera Heinze.
Im Kunst- und Werkunterricht gibt es noch viel zu tun.

7. Herr Socken, Fräulein Söckchen und alle Verwandten ...

38 lustige Sockenpuppen erwachten zum Leben und begannen zu singen ...



A message from the Head of Infant School

Dear Parents

I hope you enjoyed your half term break, I toured the island for 6 days, and both my husband and I couldn't get over what a beautiful island Taiwan is. We visited Taroko Gorge, Kenting and Sun Moon Lake, and loved each location!

Good news! The Year 1 and 2 playground equipment is ready for the children to start using although we are still waiting for some swings to be installed. The Nursery and Reception play area should be finished in a week or two. The concrete edging to the playground still needs to be covered with a safety surface but this is proving to be more complicated than first thought. It is so lovely to see some progress with the play equipment, I'm just sorry it's taken so long - thank you for your patience.

Thank you also for your support with the school uniform – the children are looking really smart. We still have a few non uniform shoes and cardigans still being worn, but hopefully these will be replaced with uniform items soon!

I would like to take this opportunity to say another huge thank you to all of you who helped colour code the reading books in school. The children are really enjoying the new books and the teachers are helping the children to get into a good routine with regard to selecting their own books on a regular basis. Ms. Holden may be asking for a little more of your time because there are still some sets of guided reading books that need coding – she will be sending a note out soon!

I would also like to thank the parents who are helping in the cafeteria – you are making a real difference to the children, and we deeply appreciate the time you are giving us.

I'm sorry I was not able to come along on Saturday night to enjoy the bonfire night festivities. I was travelling back from Phuket where I had been attending a Senior Managers' Conference. My husband was helping out with the bbq and he said it was a great night – I hope all of you who came enjoyed it. A huge thank you to all of you who gave up your time to help not only on the night itself but during the organisation stage, I know this sort of event means a great deal of work for all those involved.

One final message is for the parents of the children who attend the Nursery – please take 5 minutes to complete the questionnaire that was sent to all of you. We want to hear your opinions on what you like about the nursery and what you would like to see that is different. Without your input, we can not ensure that the nursery provision reflects what you the parents want. Please return the questionnaires to the Nursery teachers. Many thanks.

Best wishes
Ruth Martin
Head of British Infant Section

Reception News

Since our last news to you we have been learning lots of new things and having great fun!



We have been



practicing for Sports Day...
hope you can come to cheer us on!

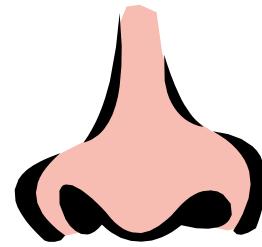
We have also been very busy learning about our senses.

We used our



to learn about
taste

We used our



to learn about
smell

We explored things that tasted salty or sweet
and things that smelled lovely and disgusting!
Maybe you can find new tastes and smells with us.

Until the next time ... **Have fun!**

Year 2 News

The teachers and children have settled well into this second half term and we are all excited about the next 5 weeks!

Last half term the children had been learning about poetry - at the end of the term they wrote some fantastic poems. Here are some examples:

Cheetah

Cheetah ran, ran, ran
In the tall grass
Cheetah ran, ran, ran
On a hot, hot day

Cheetah slept, slept, slept
In the oak tree
Cheetah slept, slept, slept
On a cold, cold, day

Cheetah drank, drank, drank
In the waterhole
Cheetah drank, drank, drank
On a warm, warm day

By Min- Ho

Sausages

Small sausages
Big sausages
Fat, nice, sizzling sausages
Long, thin, short sausages
Those are juts a few

Pork sausages
Lamb sausages
Giant, large, crunchy sausages
Burnt black cold sausages
Fried sausage too

Hot sausages
Steamed sausages

Don't forget beef sausages

Last of all
Best of all
I like ham sausages

By Sarah

Sea

The sea is salty
The sea is a little deep
The sea is very soft

By Samir

This half term we are learning about the procedure genre and how to correctly write instructions. The children have been following instructions to make sandwiches, finger puppets and masks.

Our focus in Maths is on 2D shapes and symmetry. The children have been leaning the names and properties of many flat shapes. They have been identifying the lines of symmetry in shapes, as well as designing there own symmetrical drawings. Later in the term they will be learning about time – concepts of time and how to read an analogue clock. We will also be focusing on problem solving and mental calculations.



Within Science we are looking at the effects of force, as well as how to perform fair scientific tests.

The children have been very busy in PE lessons learning the events for the sports day next week. They have had lots of fun practicing!



Within history we have been learning about the continents and are now researching a village in Mexico and will be comparing the lifestyle there with our own here in Taipei.

The children are very excited about our Design and Technology unit on different types of puppets and how they are made and used. We will be going on an excursion to the puppet museum later in the term.



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With so many exciting things going to fly by! Please feel free to do we are sure that the rest of the term is free to see the relevant teacher if you have any queries or concerns. Enjoy the term!

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TES Fireworksnight





Taipei European School Dance Classes

Open to all TES students throughout the school

The dance classes are going very well and every child is improving a great deal. Each group has settled in well together and we have a lot of fun every week - I am really delighted with everyone's progress. We've had some delays with the uniform, but we're getting there slowly – thanks to help from the ladies in the TES shop. Some parents have been good enough to pass on feedback to me and I am very grateful for that also. Please keep it coming.

Now is that time to plan the next term of dance classes from January-April. All current classes will remain the same - possibly with a little time adjustment.

I would really like to hear from you if you have an interest in any new classes - the two I have in mind are:

1 - Adult dance class - could be held Tues or Thurs possibly from 6-7pm at Wen Lin Road and would be a mix of ballet and modern dance exercises & routines. Suitable for any adult.
2 - Boys only ballet class - would be Tues or Thurs at Wen-Lin Road, for approx 45minutes and would be for ages 5-8. This is for boys who are interested in dancing, but who are too intimidated by joining a class with lots of girls in it. Boys who currently are ok with that could swap to a boys only class, or could stay in a mixed class depending on preference.

For new classes, there must be a minimum of 5 people to commit to start the class.

Lastly, I am hoping to split the Beginners ballet class on Thursdays into Beginners 1 (3yr olds) and Beginners 2 (4yr olds). This will allow more children to join in (we have a waitlist building already for beginners ballet) and the 4yr olds can be stretched a little bit more than the 3s. I will confirm the new times as soon as I can. If you have a little one who'd like to try ballet, email me now and get your name on the waitlist for this class!

If you are interested in any of the above, or would like to know more about anything to do with the TES dance programme, please email me, Imogen Knight, directly at iknight@tes.tp.edu.tw

I look forward to hearing from you.



Dear Families and Friends of TES,

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

The British Primary Sections become “No Sweet Zones”: To bring the Junior Section in line with our Infant Section, the staff have agreed that the British Junior Section should be a ‘Sweet Free Zone’. We wish to promote a healthy lifestyle, which includes looking after ourselves and our teeth. We encourage our children to bring healthy snacks and fruit to school each day, to enjoy at break times, but from now on, sweets stay at home. If children celebrate a birthday in school and parents wish to send in a cake or some fruit for the class, then this is fine. However, ‘goodie bags’ with sweets should not be given out. I thank you all for your understanding with this new school rule.



Fundraising / Helping others: The children in the Junior section have been raising money to help the High School students in their Tabitha Cambodia Appeal. The money raised will help the students to build much needed homes. A big thank you to all the children who brought in money for our ‘coin trail’ in the Atrium.

EAL Workshop for Staff: The Junior EAL Team led a fantastic workshop for staff in October. An article and some photos are in this edition.

Year Six visit Juming Museum: The Year Six children visited Juming Museum in October. You can read about their trip on page 15 of this newsletter edition.

ECA Activities - “Make it and Take it”: The Junior children have access to a wide range of extra curricular activities, and clubs at lunchtimes, and after school. In this edition we feature an article on the ‘Make it and Take it’ club which is run by Ms Shirley Soo. We hope to bring you an insight into the other clubs and activities on offer in other editions throughout the year.

British Junior Section Christmas Show: The Junior Section Christmas Show will involve all the children this year and takes place on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December 2007. A big thank you to all the staff and children and to our concert director Mrs Elrick for organising and preparing this event for us all to enjoy. More information and ticket booking information will be sent home on Monday 19th November 2007. Please see the flyer on page 18 for more information.

Mr Smith’s Mathemagical Maths Problems: Mr Smith is one of our Year Six class teachers and is also the Junior School Mathematics Subject Leader. Mr Smith has set the children an impossible Maths problem! It can’t be done! Or can it... See if you can solve it on page 16. The answer will be printed in the next newsletter edition.

I hope you enjoy reading this bumper edition of the newsletter! The next edition will be out on Friday 30th November 2007.

Happy Reading!

Chris Pritchard

Head of the Junior School - British Section
Taipei European School

Y6 Visit Ju Ming Sculpture Park



I hope this exhibition is worth queuing for!



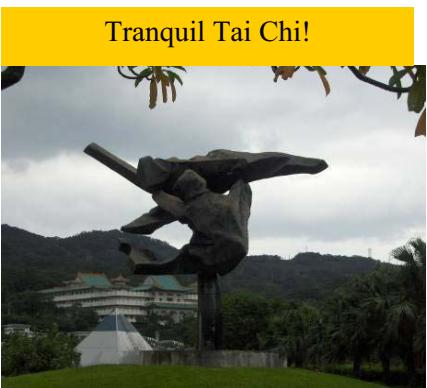
We were glad that we brought our umbrellas!



This zip is definitely stuck!



In year six, we have been exploring movement in our art work. We visited Juming museum to study how the artist Ju Ming shows movement in his Tai Chi series. It was great for the children to see sculptures in the beautiful surroundings of the park. The children were encouraged to look at the work from all angles, observing detail and texture. We all had a great time! Thanks to all our parent helpers on the day and those who kindly sent in photographs.



Tranquil Tai Chi!



Yeah let's

Let's go and find 'Living World'



We didn't know we could arrive by parachute!

Mr Smith's Mathemagical Maths!

It can't be done! Or can it? Look at the following calculation...



$$\begin{array}{r} 1.35 \\ + 0.42 \\ \hline = 2.17 \end{array}$$



How can this be right?

The answer will be printed in the next edition...

ECAs - Make it and Take it!

In Ms Soo's 'Make it and Take it' ECA club, the children get to make fabulous items of art and craft. The children use a wide range of materials and resources to make products which include jewellery, textiles and handy craft items.

The best bit of course is that you get to keep and take home what you make!

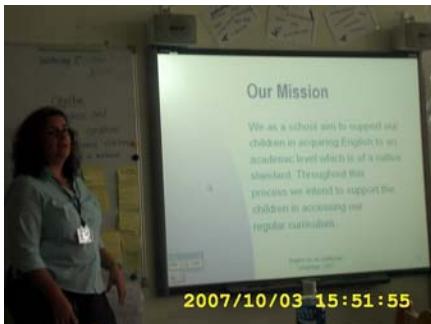
Have a look at our photographs...



EAL Workshop for Staff

Junior Section EAL Department Inset

On October 3rd the Junior Section EAL Department delivered an after school Inset to the Junior school staff. The purpose of the Inset was to provide staff members' greater insight into the particular needs of students whose first language is not English, as well as practical activities to better meet these needs.



All in all, the hour long presentation was faced paced, informative and an enjoyable experience for all those who attended. This Inset, and future presentations like it, are part of an ongoing effort to provide an academic environment that addresses the needs of our diverse student body.



FOBISSEA HITS HOME RUN WITH AUSSIE TEAM!

Last Sunday, 11th November most of the Primary FOBISSEA Squad were given the opportunity to visit the Tienmu Base Ball Park to meet up with members of the Australian Baseball Team who are here in Taiwan competing in the '37th Baseball World Cup'. Children were given tips on their batting skills by some of the 'best Aussie sluggers', all of which will excite the children to focus on and improve their tee-ball skills for next year's FOBISSEA Games in Malaysia.



The team took great care of the children and many autographs were kindly given.

Meeting the team was a great experience for the all the children and a number of them stayed to watch the Australians play, and eventually beat the Korean team 2:1

We hope to meet the team again in March, when we will hopefully be allowed to hit some balls actually on the baseball diamond!
A big thank you to Diana van Dooren for arranging this visit.

The British Junior School Section

proudly presents

our 2007 Christmas Concert...



The Magic of Christmas



**Two nights of festive fun,
singing and performances
presented by all the children
in the British Junior School
Section of TES.**

When: Wednesday 5th and
Thursday 6th December 2007 -
7pm to 8.30pm

Where: European Primary Campus -
Junior Building AMPHITHEATRE

Further information for
parents will be sent home on
Monday 19th November
2007.



Please keep the dates free!