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



All the TES Primary children would like to wish you a happy...



... and safe festive holiday!



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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

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- Monday 7th January 2008:** School begins again for Term Two
- Monday 14th January 2008:** ECA's begin again for Term Two
- Friday 18th January 2008:** Next edition of the newsletter published
- Thursday 31st January 2008:** TES Junior Sports Day

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Advent in der Grundschule

(eingereicht von Kathrin Diestel)

Die Adventszeit beginnt mit dem 1. Sonntag nach dem 26. November und endet immer mit dem 24. Dezember – somit dauert sie vier Sonntage. Die vier Wochen sollen symbolisch auf die 4000 Jahre hinweisen, die die Menschheit nach kirchlicher Rechnung auf die Ankunft Jesus Christus warten musste.

Adventsbesinnung



Am letzten Montag trafen sich Vorschul- und Schulkinder zur traditionellen *Adventsbesinnung* im Theater. Pfarrer Klaus Walter war leider krank und konnte nicht dabei sein.

Eine bei Kerzenlicht erzählte Geschichte, Lieder und Adventsgedichte läuteten die Weihnachtszeit ein.

Advent, Advent, ein Lichtlein brennt...

Täglich zündet nun ein Kind die Kerze am Adventskranz an, werden alte und neue Weihnachtslieder gehört und gesungen und - für viele am spannendsten - wird ein Säckchen vom Adventskalender gelöst.



6. Dezember – Nikolaustag!

Am Donnerstag beschäftigten 39 Grundschul Kinder drei Fragen: „Wann kommt der Nikolaus?“ „Gibt es den Nikolaus?“ „Wer ist der Nikolaus?“ Ruhiger wurden sie, als er endlich kräftig an die Tür klopfte und mit 2 Säcken bepackt ins Zimmer marschierte. In seinem dicken Buch stand allerhand drin, viel Lob natürlich, ein paar mahnende Worte auch. Bis nächstes Jahr wird alles noch besser, lieber Nikolaus!



Danke, lieber Nikolaus! Danke auch den drei fleißigen Ruprechten, die 39 große goldene Säckchen sehr liebevoll gefüllt haben.





Taipei British School

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British Infant School Section: NEWS and INFORMATION...

14th December 2007

Dear Parents

I can not believe that I am sitting here writing the last newsletter of the term. The term has passed so quickly, although it has been a really busy one. We've had the Grand Opening, Oktober Fest, Bonfire Night, Sports Days, the Christmas Bazaar and of course the Christmas shows. Two of the year groups have also been on school trips. The children and their teachers have worked hard and are certainly ready for a well earned rest. I would like to say at this point that the staff had to work really hard even before the term started to get the school ready for the children, so I would like to thank them for their hard work and the support they have shown me personally over what has been my first term as British Infant School Head. I have thoroughly enjoyed my term especially getting to know you and your children.

My own children arrive on Wednesday for Christmas, and my husband and I are really excited about seeing them after such a long time apart. We are going to Kenting for Christmas itself, we're just hoping that the weather stays nice. Mind you, Josh and Sophie are saying that it has been so cold and wet in England, that nothing can be worse (they haven't been through a typhoon though!).

Anyway, I'd like to wish you all a Happy Christmas, and I hope you enjoy the Christmas holiday period. I will see you all back here on Monday 7th January, when we will be welcoming Mr Aaron Windle onto our staff as the teacher of the new Year 2 Class, and Miss Shana Crook as the Learning Support Assistant.

Thank you for your support over the term.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

Head of British Infant School

LOST PROPERTY

There are 3 collection points for lost property, and all 3 are full to overflowing! One collection point is just outside the parents' café, one is under the stairs in the Infant Office and the other is by the doors leading out to the Junior Playing Field. Please claim any lost items. On January 11th, all 3 collection points will be emptied and items disposed of! All school uniform, especially sweatshirts and hats must be named, plus lunch boxes and drinks bottles.

Teachers can not be responsible for the children's belongings, the children must learn to take care of their own things. Parents often complain to teachers about the children losing school uniform etc, but this is not part of a teacher's duty!

Again, thank you for your support

CASH COLLECTION POLICY

As previously mentioned in a few letters sent out recently regarding the paying of school trips, the school has a new cash collection policy. This policy states that school staff can no longer handle cash sent in by parents for school trips, uniform, cafeteria lunches etc. There will be a cashier on duty every morning between 7:30 and 8:30 next to the uniform shop and parents are now expected to pay any money directly to the cashier. We understand that in some circumstances this may be difficult for some parents, so the school has said that children can take the money to the cashier on behalf of the parents. However, in such circumstances the school can not take any responsibility for lost money. Money would need to be in a clearly labelled and securely sealed envelope. Recently an envelope with quite a lot of cash in was dropped on the way to school and coins went everywhere! Some children using the buses are only 4 and sending large amounts of money with such young children is unadvisable.

Thank you for your support.

There is a lot to share as we are coming to an end of a very busy term. It was nice to see so many of you at the performance. The children did a fabulous job! Well done children!



In Maths we have looked at various ways to problem solve. The children have studied time and the relationship between hours in a day and days in a week. We have also practiced telling o'clock times on an analogue clock. Next month we will explore weight, ordering numbers and problem solving.

We also enjoyed having parents cheer us on at Sports Day!



The children had a lot of fun exploring forces Science. We investigated pushing and pulling as well as gravity and friction.

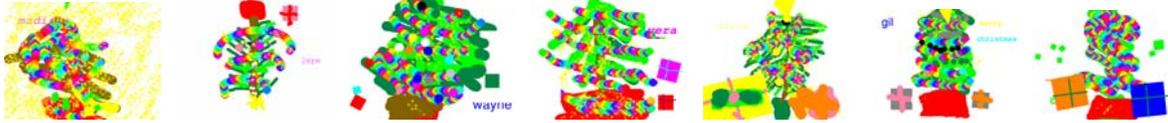


Following instruction was our focus in English. The children did various in activities such as creating their own recipe to writing instructions on how to make various puppets. The latter tied in



We would like to give a big thank you to all who assisted with our outing to the puppet museum. The children had a terrific time!

Reception



We've been very busy in Reception the last few weeks. So far, we have learned many letters and their sounds: s, a, t, p, i, n, c, k, e, h, r, m, and d! The children have begun free writing, really enjoying writing a letter to Santa. In Mathematics, we have been focused on time, discussing the days of the week, months of the year and reading the time on the hour. The children have also been enjoying our activities related to the topic, *The Five Senses*. It was fun to watch children explore their environment with a blindfold. This certainly makes one appreciate our sense of sight!

We all enjoyed our Christmas Concert last week. It was lovely to see the children dressed in festive outfits, singing in the amphitheatre. We had an amazing audience for the show; the children appreciated singing for such a large crowd. Be sure to look for more photos of the concert in the next issue of the newsletter. In class, we are completing many interesting holiday and winter crafts this week. It is fun to think about snow and wintertime in other parts of the world compared to Taiwan.

We'd like to wish you all a lovely rest over the holiday break from school. We will see you in 2008!

The Reception Team



Dear Families and Friends of TES,

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

A busy term ends: The first term at the new Primary Campus has come to an end. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank our TES community for their continued support and commitment to the school. It has been a very busy term and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the children's reports this term. It is great to see so many positive comments!

Next term is equally busy. Many activities and learning opportunities will take place including our annual Junior Sports Day and the Year Six residential trip to Malaysia. Our ECA programme will run again in the Spring term with a wide range of clubs and activities for your children to participate in. We look forward to another great term after the festive holiday!

Photos from the Christmas Concert: We have an article with photographs from our annual Christmas Concert. Over 520 parents came to watch the show across two evenings. A big thank you to the children and staff for their hard work and effort with this.

Tribe Council: We also have an update from the school's Tribe Council. They are keeping us very busy!

School Reports: Your child's school report was sent home today. If your child was not in school today their report will be held in the office until their return in January. If you are leaving Taiwan permanently, your child's school report will be sent by post to your forwarding address.

Next Term: The new term starts for all children on Monday 7th January 2008.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe festive holiday. We look forward to welcoming you and your child back to school on Monday 7th January 2008.

Happy Reading!

Chris Pritchard

Head of the Junior School - British Section
Taipei European School



T.E.S Road Runners complete ING Race!!



Early on the morning of December 16th, a group of teachers from TES got themselves out of bed and downtown to City Hall to compete in the ING 9km road race. Pictured from left to right are: Mr Schultz, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hoo, Mr. Shand and Mr. Randell.



YEAR FOUR VISITS TAIPEI ZOO

On Tuesday December 11th the Year Four students went on a trip to visit the animals at the Taipei Zoo. The day started with an equipment check and a task briefing where the students were given their job for the day: to research the rainforest section of the zoo and take clear notes to support their humanities studies. The students were then split into their research groups and boarded the bus.

Upon their arrival at the zoo, the students found that the place wasa zoo! Classes from all sorts of different Taipei schools were also visiting that day, with groups of students in different coloured uniforms everywhere. It became very important that the TES researchers stayed together and listened to their volunteer guides. The Year Fours took on this new challenge very well and managed to get through the rainforest section safely and happily. They answered all of their research questions and collected a lot of information.

After a picnic lunch, the students headed to the Koala house to catch a glimpse of the Koala bears in action. Unfortunately, the Koalas had just finished their lunch as well and were dozing in the trees when the Year Fours arrived. In the end the students had to settle for a glimpse of the Koala's inaction.

Students then had some free time to visit the various parts of the zoo that interested them before returning to the school. A great day was had by all!



← **Researching the Koalas.**

Waiting for the bus ride back to TES. →



← **Beware of the wild animals!!**

Inspecting a hole in the cave. →



Afiqah

Martin

Nidhi

Sarah

Jenny

TRIBE COUNCIL

Christopher

Here's what we've been doing this half term!

The winners of the Tribe Shield Competition were announced. It was a tough job choosing a winner because we had so many entries and they were of a very high standard. They made a great display though so thank you to everyone who entered. **The winners are...**

**Ami—Kimberly Chuang,
Bunan—Justin Lui,
Paiwan—Sunnie Chen,
Rukai—Yun Ma**



We have continued to meet every Tuesday in the conference room — here we are at our Christmas meeting!



QIAN WEN

Tribe Council Mufti Day and Disco

Thursday 10th January
12:40pm—1:40pm
Amphitheatre
Entry Fee: 10NTD +++
All proceeds to charity

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This half term we have;

- Planned a special day for the junior sections and made many decisions about visiting the infants, what to wear, what to eat, what competition to run and what shows to perform. This will be a day for both the junior and infant sections to mix.
- Found out what improvements the children want made to their new school.
- Planned a disco.

Emmanuel Oliver

Arthur

Jessica

Charlie

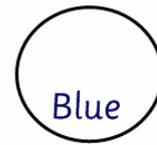
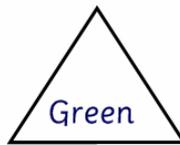
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Mr Smith's Mathemagical Maths!

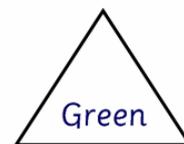
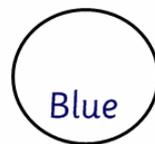
Last edition's problem...

There are 3 shapes in a row. What are they and what colour are they?		The square is in the middle.
The blue shape is not the triangle.	The yellow shape is next to the triangle.	The circle is not green.

Here is the answer!



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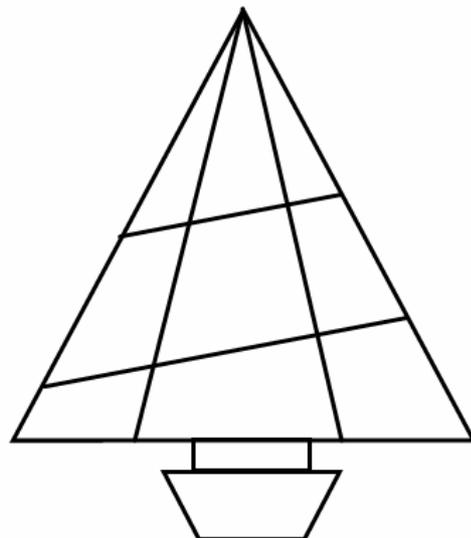


Here's a Christmas problem for you!

It's a lovely Christmas tree – you can colour it!

But first things first!

How many triangles can you see?



The British Junior School Section

2007 Concert

"The Magic of Christmas"



The British Junior Christmas Concert took place this year on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December and involved every child in the Junior School.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and staff for their hard work and dedication and say a special thank you to Mrs Gill Elrick our Christmas Concert Show Director.

We hope you enjoy the photos!



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