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Exciting events continue to contribute to the success of our school and the continued development of closer links between the children, staff and parents of all sections.

Yesterday saw the Junior School Sports Day bring us all together for a range of competitive and collaborative sports. The weather was glorious so for the first time since our move to the new campus we were able to put into effect Mr Milner's grand plan. It is not easy planning an event such as yesterday's and ensuring 300 children participate as much of



time as possible. Those who witnessed Mr Milner measuring out exactly where he wanted all the equipment to go at 6.00pm on Wednesday evening and 6.30 on Thursday morning can testify how much hard work went into ensuring the children had a great day. Many thanks to Mr Milner, the staff, the British PTA for arranging refreshments, parents and of course the children for making the day such a success. Next week, the excitement continues with Sports Days for the infants, Carnival for all and the TES Music Concert!

Dates for your diary:



- Wed 18th February
- Thurs 19th February
- Tues 24th February
- Fri 27th February
- Mon 2nd - Tues 3rd March
- Wed 4th March

- Sports Day Foundation Stage/PS/MS Deut. Kind.
- Sports Day Key Stage 1/ GS/CP
- Carnival
- TES Music Concert 7.00pm
- Holiday
- Teacher Training Day (No School)

Junior Sports Day



PAIWAN

2009



Thursday, 12th February saw the '2009 TES Junior Sports Day' held for the second time at the new 'European Primary Campus'.

Classes from all three sections: French, German and British competed together, and the glorious added to the excitement and thrills experienced by all the children and the many supportive parents who come to spectate.

The events, included all the relay races, volkerball games, snatch and catch, the sack race and tug-of-war competitions. The final scores were calculated and a 'NEW WINNING TRIBE' emerged: PAIWAN (the GREEN team)!

CONGRATULATIONS to Pawian and to all the children who participated with such smiles whichever team they were in!

Junior Sports Day



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TES JUNIOR SPORTS DAY 2009 SCORES

	PAIWAN	BUNAN	RUKAI	AMI
FINAL SCORES	293	279	239	234
POSITIONS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th

British Juniors



Dear Parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable break during Chinese New Year.

This term is full of exciting events for the children many of which give them a chance to develop their talents in a variety of areas. We had a wonderful Sports Day on Thursday where children worked in teams to gain points for their respective tribes. At the end of February we have the TES Music Concert which children have had to audition for and we have a Chess Competition beginning soon.

Before Chinese New Year, as part of our work in Personal, Social and Emotional Development all classes explored the theme of 'Going for Goals'. Part of this included focusing on the types of learning behaviour that is needed to reach goals and how to cope with disappointment when we don't achieve what we had set out to do. We have been particularly impressed with the effort put in by the children auditioning for the Music Concert but just like in 'American Idol' - there are only a certain amount of places. The children who don't make the 'final' will have a chance to showcase their talent during assemblies over the rest of this term and in terms of 'Going for Goals' - there is always next year.

The weather this week has been glorious but this means the children are outside in the sun during lunch times. We do have shaded areas but many children like to be active during this time so please ensure they bring their TES cap to school.

Remember to check our lost property which is on display in the atrium until the middle of next week.

As always please contact your child's class teacher or make an appointment to see me or Mr Randell if you have any concerns.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Adele Corry

Head of British Junior Section

British Juniors

Notices



Curriculum information for parents is now available in greater detail on our school website at the following website addresses:

General Information

http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/key_stage_two.php

2008- 2009 Curriculum Units

http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/key_stage_two_curriculum_units.php

It's getting hotter...



... please remember your hat!

British Juniors



British Section

Year 5 Yingge Trip

I like Yingge pottery shop because you can use clay to make lots of different shape and you can put clay on the pottery wheel and you can make a pottery.

Sean

Making pottery at Yingge was very fun!

My favourite thing that I did was making a pot on the potter's wheel.

Also liked playing with the clay.

Jane

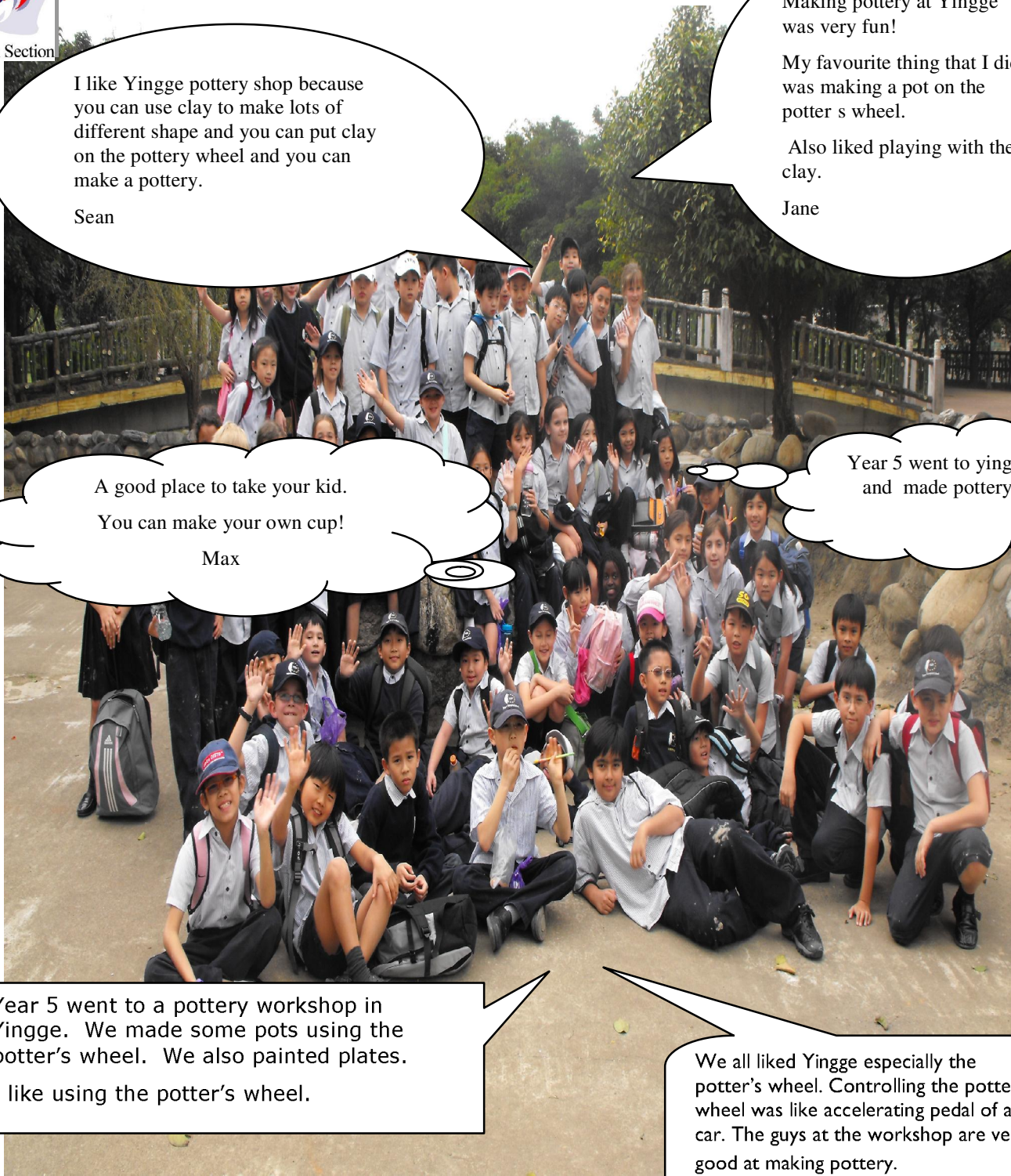
A good place to take your kid.
You can make your own cup!

Max

Year 5 went to Yingge and made pottery.

Year 5 went to a pottery workshop in Yingge. We made some pots using the potter's wheel. We also painted plates. I like using the potter's wheel.

We all liked Yingge especially the potter's wheel. Controlling the potter's wheel was like accelerating pedal of a car. The guys at the workshop are very good at making pottery.



British Juniors



The trip to Yingge was super fun! We used a pottery's wheel to make our pots made out of clay.

We had lunch on a park, all of us ate on a rock and the view was very nice. We also played lots of games together.

This is the fun bit of the trip although it is a little tricky it is still a lot of fun we made pots plates cups and flower vases in YINGGE!!!!!!!!

Julianna



Yingge is a really fun place to go the year 5 made a pot on the spinning wheel and got are hands all dirty. I have already asked my mum and dad if I could go again my favorite part was painting the plate I also enjoyed when we all went to the park after making the pottery we saw the history of on how the pots are made

Sabrina

"This trip to Yingge is fun because we get to do what I like to do most-using the pottery wheel. Also, we did a pottery using hands. That is one of my favorite too.

We have been split into four groups: making pottery on wheels, with hand, painting plates and guide of pottery history. Kai Phin

BS PTA



For Your Calendar

- February 14 — Do not forget Your Special Valentine this year.
- February 16, 2009 at 9am — BS PTA welcomes all parents to its regular meeting (Wenlin Road, EPC Junior Building, Room J117, opposite nurses' office).
- February 24, 2009 at 8-11am — The French Section invites us all to join the TES Annual Carnival. Parents can dress up as well.



Call for Volunteers

- February 27, 2009 at 7 pm — TES Junior Music Concert at the EPC. BS PTA will host a refreshment table. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare buffet style snacks, and help serve them to fellow parents arriving for the concert. We hope to start offering refreshments at 6pm. If you can help, please E-mail tbspta@gmail.com. Thank you.

Celebrate Local Traditions

We all feel that time flies, and we can hardly keep up with our routine obligations. We encourage you, however, to make an effort to partake in local celebrations. Needless to say, you may find yourself frustrated by traffic jams and general congestion. Yet, all your patience will be greatly rewarded. Try to catch a glimpse of the 2009 Taipei Lantern Festival (until February 15; see <http://English.taipei.gov.tw/TCG/>), take magnificent walks around Danshui, and maybe even venture to Pingxi. These and many other events and places deserve your attention. Happy Year of the Ox.



Deutsche Sektion



L wie Lampe, M wie Maus, A wie Ampel

(eingereicht von Greta Ahlers)

so klingt es im Unterrichtsraum der Vorklassenkinder. Tinto, eine schwarz-weiße Katze führt durch das Buchstabenhaus. Dazu singt sie den Tinto-Rap und erkundet mit den Kindern gemeinsam, was es in diesem Haus alles gibt. Da wohnen zum Beispiel im Dach die Vokale. Die haben ihren Platz zu Recht ganz oben, denn sie sind die Könige der Buchstaben, ohne sie läuft beim Lesen und Schreibenlernen gar nichts.

Auf spielerischer und rhythmischer Grundlage bilden die Kinder die phonologische Bewusstheit aus. Diese ist von ausschlaggebender Bedeutung für den erfolgreichen Erwerb der Lese- und Schreibfähigkeiten später in der Schule. Und es klappt hervorragend die Kinder sind jetzt schon in der Lage, zwischen Anlaut und Inlaut zu unterscheiden. Jedes Kind kann genau Auskunft darüber geben, welcher Vokal und wie oft er in seinem eigenen Namen zu hören ist.



Seit Anfang Januar begleite ich die Vorklassenkinder (Flexible Eingangsstufe 0) auf ihrem Weg bis zur Einschulung im Sommer, sie werden außerdem vorbe-reitet durch Lernerfolge in unseren gemeinsamen Schul--stunden mit den Kin-dern der Klasse 1/2. Dies ist ein Bereich meiner Arbeit in der Deutschen Schule Taipei, aus dem ich nun in Zukunft hin und wieder hier im Wochenblatt berichten werde.

Meine berufliche Laufbahn begann als Sonderpädagogin in Berlin, wo ich an mehreren Schulen im integrativen Unterricht tätig war. Lange Zeit habe ich an einer Grundschule mit Vorschule und den Klassen 1 – 6 unterrichtet und gleichzeitig mit behinderten und nicht behinderten Kindern gearbeitet. In den letzten Jahren meiner Berufstätigkeit war ich Schulleiterin einer Düsseldorfer Grundschule im gemeinsamen Unterricht, so heißt die integrative Beschulung in Nordrhein-Westfalen.

Zur Vervollständigung meiner beruflichen Erfahrungen habe ich mir eine Tätigkeit an einer deutschen Auslandsschule gewünscht, und dieser Wunsch geht jetzt hier in Taipei in Erfüllung. Ich freue mich darauf, noch viele Laternen am Ende des chinesischen Neujahrsfestes mit den Kindern anzünden zu können und den Geist der Vielfalt an dieser Schule erleben zu dürfen.

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Neu in unserer Schule Anne Voß



(eingereicht von Anne Voß)

Auf Grund der beruflichen Tätigkeit meines Mannes sind wir gemeinsam mit unseren zwei Töchtern und unserem Hund im Mai 2008 nach Taiwan gezogen. Unsere Vorfreude auf dieses Land hat sich hier in Taipei bestätigt. Als ausgebildete Diplom-Instrumental-Pädagogin war ich einige Jahre an der Kreismusikschule in Vechta tätig.

Danach führte mich meine berufliche Laufbahn in die Lüfte und ich arbeitete 12 Jahre bei der deutschen Lufthansa als Chefstewardess.

Nach der Geburt der Kinder eröffnete ich im Jahr 2002 eine private Musikschule. Gemeinsam mit meinen Mitarbeitern deckten wir ein Spektrum in der Musikerziehung ab, das von der Früherziehung über den musikalischen Instrumentalunterricht bis hin zum Erwachsenenunterricht reichte. Ich freue mich ganz besonders, jetzt an der TES in der deutschen Sektion die Früherziehung im Kindergarten und den Musikunterricht in der Grundschule zu übernehmen.

Anne Voß

Section Française



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La foire au livre des enfants



Avant les vacances de Noël , les enfants de la classe de **CMI CM2** ont eu l'idée de mettre en vente des livres qu'ils ne lisaient plus.

Ils ont organisé sur le temps de midi une belle « foire au livres » dans la cour de la récré, qui a connus un grand succès !

Avec l'argent récolté de la vente ils ont : fait un don pour l'orphelinat de Tienmu , acheté en cadeau pour le professeur un joli sac, et pour la classe un ballon et une corde à sauter, avec compteur électronique!



Bravo au **Cm1 Cm2** pour leur esprit d'initiative et leur générosité ! Et merci au **PSC** pour son aide.



British Infants



13th February

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a pleasant break over Chinese New Year. My husband and I met our children in Sri Lanka for a week. We had a really lovely week, Josh and Sophie particularly enjoyed being away from the cold winter England is having. Sri Lanka is a lovely country and well worth a visit.

We have a great deal of lost property at the moment. There are 3 Lost Property collection points - there are 2 boxes outside the parent café, one box under the stairs in the Infant Office and a collection of boxes outside the music rooms in the Junior Section. All the lost property has been laid out in the atrium of the Junior building - please go and take a look to see if any of it belongs to your child/children. If it is not claimed by early next week, it will be disposed of.

I am really enjoying going into classes at the moment and listening to children read. Through doing this I can monitor progress and enjoy spending time with the children. I am really pleased with the overall progress the children are making, and the most important thing is that they all seem to be enjoying reading. If they enjoy something, they will usually make progress. We have just received quite a few new books to go into the reading boxes, and only today I ordered some new boxes which will make it easier for the children to access the books.

On the subject of books, thank you for supporting the Book Club. The first order has earned the school a significant amount of commission, so we will now be able to order more library books for not only the main library, but also to start building up class libraries.



Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

British Infants



Reception

Last term flew by, filled with a variety of activities involving Chinese New Year, including a special session of Tai Chi led by our very own Mr. Stapleton.



Our field trip to Cat's Kindergarten was a smashing success with all British/French Reception students in attendance.

We began our outing with an exciting MRT adventure. The day was spent in celebration of Chinese New Year in true style, with many fun games and activities. The children also enjoyed a hot lunch with their new friends!

