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TES High School

Well, another term has just flow by, finishing off with a flurry of excursions, activities and events! The children were all very excited to end the term with Crazy Day. For a voluntary donation of NT\$20 they could wear whatever they liked and crazy hair styles were definitely encouraged! All



proceeds will be

shared between our adopted charity, The Seeing Eye Dog Foundation, and our garden project. Watch out for more information about the competition we will be holding to design the school garden soon after the holiday.

Inside this issue, find out about the Year 6 trip to Kuching, Fairy Tales in Year 1 and the latest news from the French Section, the PSC and the British PTA. Enjoy the holiday!

Dates for your diary:



- Mon 20th April Summer term starts
- Fri 1st May at 9am Year 1 Show
- Mon 4th May—Fri 8th May Book Week
- Tues 5th—Fri 8th May Year 5 Camp Taiwan Trip
- Fri 8th May Europe Day

Section Française



Concours Kangourou des mathématiques 19 mars 2009

Sections française & allemande

Comme chaque année, les mathématiques sont mises à l'honneur en mars à l'occasion du concours Kangourou des mathématiques. Le jeudi 19 mars 2009, tous les élèves français et allemand, du CE2 à la troisième, ont participé à cette épreuve pas comme les autres. En effet, il s'agit du plus grand concours scolaire de mathématiques au monde (plus de 5 millions de participants l'an dernier) et ses racines européennes en font un rendez-vous incontournable à la TES.

Le but de l'épreuve est de promouvoir les mathématiques sous la forme de problèmes logiques et ludiques sans que cela fasse forcément, ou ouvertement, appel aux concepts étudiés en classe.



Cette année, le concours ne s'est pas limité aux seuls élèves du secondaire, mais s'est déroulé simultanément dans les deux campus EPC & ESC. Malgré quelques légères différences entre les modes de passation de l'épreuve, tous les sujets sont basés sur les mêmes questions traduites dans les différentes langues des pays participants, ce qui permet les échanges de réflexions entre élèves après l'épreuve et peut même donner lieu à des activités transversales.

Nous espérons que ces événements européens, ou plus largement internationaux, se multiplient, contribuant grandement au rapprochement culturel des pays par le biais d'activités intelligentes auxquelles l'Ecole Européenne de Taipei adhère sans retenue.

William Faure—Professeur de mathématiques

Section Française



Remise de la médaille de l'Ordre national du Mérite

À M. John Nixon MBE, CEO de la TES

Nous avons eu l'honneur d'accueillir à la bibliothèque de Wen Lin vendredi 20 mars M. Bonneville, Directeur de l'Institut Français de Taipei, venu tout spécialement remettre à John Nixon MBE la médaille de l'Ordre national du Mérite au nom du Président de la République française.

Cette distinction lui est accordée pour les services qu'il a rendus à la communauté française pendant 9 ans en favorisant le développement de la Section française au sein de l'Ecole européenne.

M. Bonneville et Dr. Chen, président du TESBOD, ont insisté dans leur allocution sur le rôle essentiel d'accompagnement de John depuis la création de l'Ecole européenne, sur un seul site, à son épanouissement actuel sur deux sites et trois bâtiments, accueillant plus de 1100 élèves de 61 nationalités dont 142 en Section française.

M. Nixon a exprimé sa joie et sa fierté à recevoir cette décoration et a humblement rappelé qu'il n'était qu'une pierre de l'édifice et que cet honneur revenait à toute l'école. Il a remercié en particulier l'équipe, les parents et les élèves de la Section française pour leur soutien dans son travail et l'expérience originale qu'ils lui ont permis de vivre.



Nous sommes tous fiers pour toi, John, toutes mes félicitations au nom de la communauté française de la TES !

Patrick Trividic – Directeur



British Infants

Dear Parents



Well it's the end of another busy term, I can hardly believe it!

As promised I can now confirm the dates and times of the End of Year Shows!

Nursery - Friday 12th June at 11am

Reception - Friday 22nd May at 1pm

Year 1 - Friday 1st May at 9am

Year 2 - Friday 19th June at 1pm

All shows will be in the Amphitheatre in the Junior Section.

A great many of you ordered books through the Red House International Book Club, and I am pleased to say that all your combined orders raised over 4,500 British Pounds worth of commission that we have been able to spend buying books for the Primary classrooms and the two libraries. This is NT\$225, 000 worth of books - an absolutely fantastic result, so THANK YOU for supporting the venture. It ended up being a huge amount of work for 3 ladies - Angela Chang (the librarian based up in the Secondary School), Jessie Wu who is one of the Junior Section secretaries, and Agnes Tsai who covered for Mavis Wang while Mavis was having her baby. They worked really hard and very efficiently so thank you ladies, your efforts have been greatly appreciated, and our libraries and primary classrooms have greatly benefitted!

Can I just remind you that if your children are late to school, it is vital that you bring them to the office to be registered. School starts at 7:55, and most registers are done by 8:00 and learning started. If you send your late child directly to the classroom and the register has already been sent down to the office, it is very disruptive if the teacher then has to stop to register him or her. If they know the child has been registered by the office staff, the teaching and learning can carry on undisturbed. If a child is late to school even by 5 minutes a day, they lose 25 minutes of learning a week, which is 5 hours a term which is 15 hours a year!!! If a child is late by 10 minutes a day, this amounts to missing a week of school over the year.

I hope you enjoy your 2 week break with your children, my husband and I are going to Thailand for a week, and then a very close friend of mine from England is coming to visit us. We are very excited about showing her around this wonderful city and beautiful country.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support.

Ruth Martin

British Infants

Year 1 and Fairytales



Once upon a time, there was a magical school with brilliant Year 1 children. All of the children worked hard, played happily and laughed often. Do not be fooled as this is not a fairytale - this is reality! Our new topic "Fairytales" has transported us to far away places where we have met all sorts of interesting people and animals. We have been looking at various settings and discussing different characters in these unique tales. The children have also discovered that the same fairytale is rarely re-told in the same way twice. Did you know that depending on which version you read of "Little Red Riding Hood", the wolf either a) runs away b) is killed by the woodcutter or c) becomes a vegetarian and vows to never eat little girls again. Which ending do you prefer?

We have been inspired by all these different stories to create new endings to known stories, write about the different characters and learn loads of exciting new adjectives. In fact, we have been writing and writing so much our hands hurt! We hope you have a chance to read our stories.



The Princess



The Brave Knight



The Golden Hen



The Evil Step-Mother

**We will soon begin preparations for our Year 1 Spring Show based on Fairytales to take place on Friday, May 1st. More details will follow in due course.

British Juniors



Dear Parents,

What a busy term it has been!

Many of the classes have been on school trips this term ranging from a walk in the local area to study traffic, to flying all the way to Malaysia for a week long residential trip to study the rainforest. These activities enrich our curriculum and give the children an opportunity to develop a range of skills and to enhance their learning. Taking children on a trip involves a lot of organising and I would like to say thank you to my staff who have given up their time freely in order to provide exciting opportunities for the children.

Ms Jennifer Chou, our Year 4 EAL teacher is leaving at the end of this term as her baby is due sometime in the Easter holidays. She will be returning in August, at the start of the new academic year. I would like to thank her for her excellent teaching and commitment to helping the children in her care. Ms Cathy Spence has been appointed to cover Ms Chou's EAL classes and they have both worked together to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

During the first week back next term we will be visited by 20 teachers from Taipei City Government schools. They will spend three days in the British Junior Section observing teaching and learning.

The school holidays are a time for teachers and children to re-charge their batteries. Please ensure your child has a break from homework so they can start the new term refreshed and ready to learn. I am visiting Kuala Lumpur for a few days and spending the rest of my time exploring more of the area surrounding Taipei.

I hope you all have an enjoyable break and have a safe and happy holiday.

Kind regards

Adele Corry

British Juniors



Captivating Kuching 2009



We're back! Year 6 have just returned from an action-packed trip to the Kuching area of Borneo (Malaysia). Despite coming home a day late, Year 6 students were excellent ambassadors for their school.

From experiencing the depths of a rain forest and a mystic cave trail, to seeing, up-close, the rare and threatened orangutans of Borneo, Year 6 students certainly were exposed to a diverse and rich trip. Having looked at deforestation issues in Geography and Literacy beforehand, getting to see a rainforest first-hand, made the trip that much more special.

Herewith a brief outline of the highlights of the trip:

Day 1 (Monday, 23rd March 2009)

After a smooth flight and airport pick-up, we arrived at the stunning Damai Beach Resort. The hotel is ideally set right on the beach, with majestic, forested mountains

as a backdrop. Throughout their stay here, students thoroughly enjoyed collecting shells, investigating the multitude of living organisms on the beach, building sandcastles, and enjoying the pool. We're pleased to say that many joined the early morning strolls on the beach too.



British Juniors



Day 2 (Tuesday)

After a hearty breakfast the children were shown around Sarawak Cultural Village. This is a living 'museum' set up to illustrate the types of different housing and customs (past and present) of the various peoples of Borneo. Some students even got to use a traditional blow pipe as well as partake in traditional Sarawak dances.



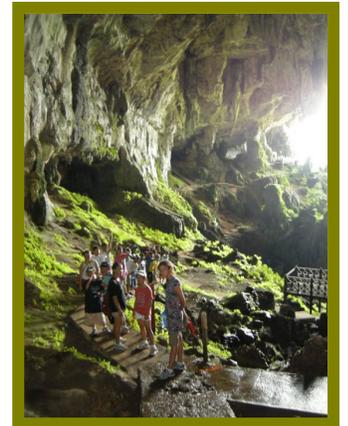
Day 3 (Wednesday)

It was an early start to the day. We boarded our motorboats and set off for Bako National Park. It's not every day that students get to experience virgin rainforest. We trekked through the tranquil forest until we came to a beautiful serene cove. Unfortunately, the macaques and proboscis monkeys were very elusive.....maybe because of the other 'smelly monkeys' stomping through the forest.



Day 4 (Thursday)

Into the Fairy Caves we went. Up and over, around and under... the walk into these caves was like entering pixie land. Stalagmites, stalactites, cave crickets, bats, secret staircases... we saw and experienced it all.



After a quick lunch we visited the Semenggoh Orangutan Park. Here, confiscated orangutans are slowly re-introduced back into their natural habitat. What a unique moment when we got to see a mother with her baby on her back climbing down a tree onto the feeding platform. With only dwindling numbers of orangutans left in Borneo, this, for many was a once in a life time viewing.

British Juniors



After dinner, it was 'shop 'til you drop'. And shop Y6 students did! Hours were spent deliberating about gifts for mums and dads and siblings. So we do hope you all enjoyed your well chosen souvenirs. The following morning was spent squeezing in last minute shopping and swimming.

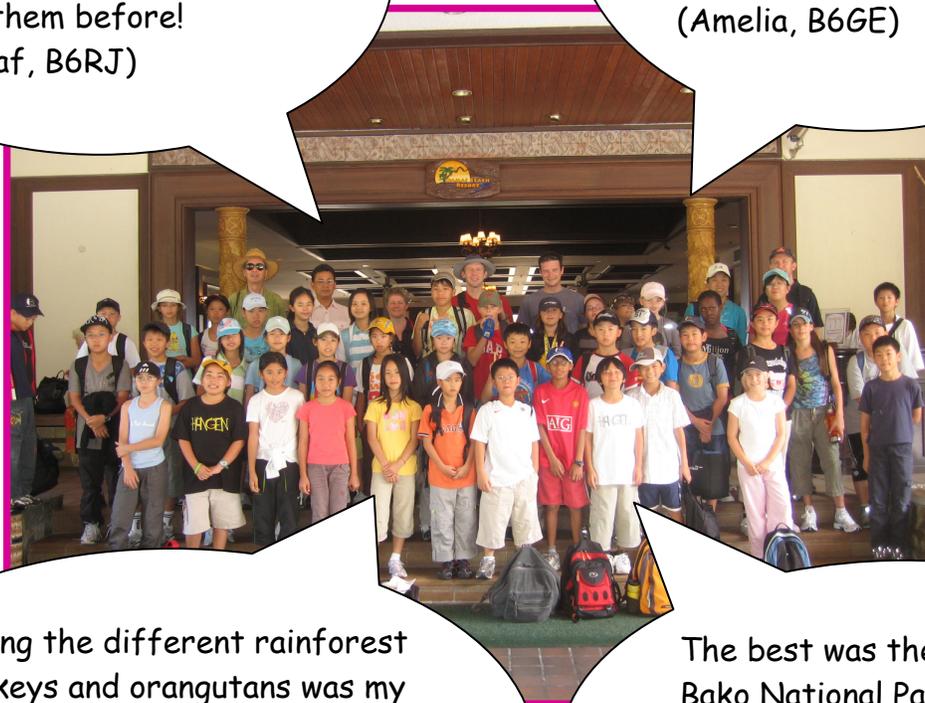
Day 5 and 6 (Friday and Saturday)

We packed all our luggage and goodies into the bus. We didn't quite make it back to Taipei that night as planned. Year 6 took the hitch in their stride, spent the night in Kuala Lumpur and were safely returned to their parents on Saturday afternoon.

What a memorable trip!

The best part of the trip was seeing the orangutans. I've never seen them before!
(Gustaf, B6RJ)

I was so happy to see a baby orangutan. You don't get to see them in the wild that often. It was very special.
(Amelia, B6GE)



Seeing the different rainforest monkeys and orangutans was my favourite. Seeing the orangutans swing from tree to tree was amazing to see. (Ina, B6MS)

The best was the boat trip to Bako National Park. I saw a dolphin and a stingray next to the boat.
(Stanley, B6GE)

BS PTA



How is Our Cafeteria Doing? — BSPTA Meets with Mr. William Butcher, Registrar

Have you noticed any improvements at the EPC cafeteria lately? Following parents' complaints about lacking of certain hygienic practices at the cafeteria, BS PTA invited Mr. William Butcher, the Registrar, to its recent meeting on March 31 to discuss these concerns. We suggested that cafeteria employees be equipped with hairnets and gloves. Mr. Butcher listened to our concerns, and in a very short time, cafeteria workers began to use hairnets and gloves. Furthermore, following the PTA meeting, the catering company, which delivers food to our cafeteria, provided its workers with special shoes that they now wear in the kitchen. These changes make for a healthier and more esthetic culinary experience at the cafeteria.

Of course, the most important part of eating at the cafeteria is the food itself. Many of you may wonder about the nutritional value of your child's meals at school. You will be pleased to learn that a young student from a university in France is currently conducting a study of the food that our kids eat daily at the EPC cafeteria. Is this food nutritious? Is it sufficiently diverse to satisfy all dietary needs of young, active and growing children? Is the food presented in a appealing manner? You will shortly receive a questionnaire, and your participation in this study will provide invaluable information. The findings of this study will help improve the quality and delivery of food at the EPC cafeteria. We expect the results to become available in a few weeks. Meanwhile, if you have noticed any shortcomings at the cafeteria, please contact Mr. Butcher directly. Please talk to your children about the cafeteria and share your findings with Mr. Butcher.

BS PTA



British Section

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **April 27** — Next BS PTA Meeting from 10am -12noon in Room J117 (Junior Building); The first part of the meeting, as always, is the open forum for all parents. Please note that you can read summary points from the last meeting on the bulletin board in the Parents' Café.
- **June 6** — Summer Fair. Many parents already delivered books for the fair to section secretaries. After the break you can deposit books which you want to donate in a basket in the Parents' Café.

ENJOY THE BREAK!!!



TES SUMMERFAIR 6th June '09

It is the perfect opportunity to pick up a bargain or two and fill up your book shelves with international books, enjoy fun games for small children, have a tasty bite to eat, refreshingly cool drinks, delicious ice cream . . .



Join us for a fun day for the whole family!

Fleamarket & Second Hand Books Sale

**Saturday 6th June, 2009
11 am - 3pm**

at Taipei European School
Swire European Primary Campus
No 727 Wen Lin Road, ShiLin, Taipei

Interested in booking a table?
(second hand goods only)
Please contact: tbpta@gmail.com
or Rebecca Earnshaw (09721 05984)



PSC



USED BOOKS COLLECTION **Books for Summer Fair on 6th June '09**



Dear Parents,

Wondering what you will do with all your old books, DVDs and videos.....
Well, look no further; please donate them to this great TES event!

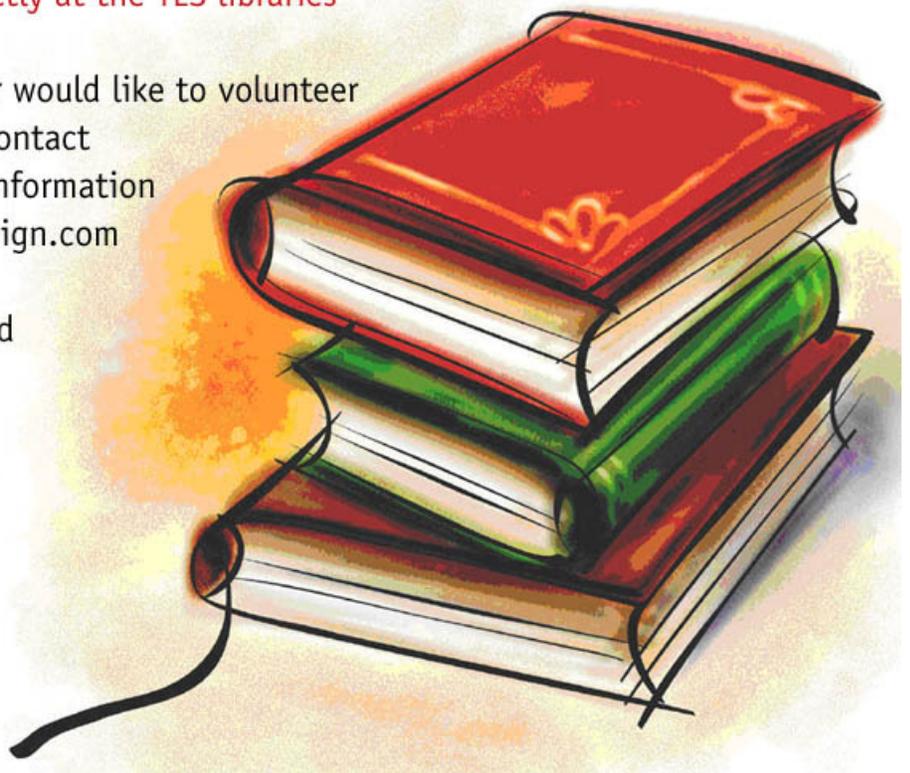
All donated items can be given to the

- Wen Lin Campus: all section secretaries or at provided box at the Parents Cafe
- Yang Ming Shan Campus: Phase II front lobby, near the guard
- or can be dropped off directly at the TES libraries

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help on the day, please contact Veronika Bobke for further information
Email: veronika@theverodesign.com

Thanks so much for your kind donations and kind regards

Veronika Bobke
Chairperson
Parents Support Council



PSC



Join this fun night with

- **Silent Auction Bidding:**
**Gucci watch, Swarovski jewellery,
Louis Vuitton handbag...**
- **Regular Auction:**
**Art pieces, paintings, gourmet
dining...**
- **Raffle Prizes:**
**Airline tickets, wine and whiskey hampers,
hotel vouchers...**

Only 2 tables left!

