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Wow! Spring has definitely come and gone ... and come and gone again! It seems parents and children need to decide whether to take sun hats, rain coats, warm sweaters or all three on a daily basis! Please do remember though, that as the weather warms up it is even more important than usual that your child brings a water bottle and a sun hat to school. Children who are hot and thirsty find it hard to concentrate on their lessons.



The TES Garden Design Competition is underway and already we have some very good entries. We intend to develop the area at the rear of the space between the Junior building and the cafeteria into a pleasant, relaxing garden where children can eat packed lunches, observe nature, read a book quietly and visit with their classes. The competition is open to all children from KS1 and KS2 (Klasse 1– 5, CE1/2 and CM1/2). Younger children in particular might need help from parents to put their ideas down onto paper. We look forward to seeing some wonderfully creative ideas! The deadline for the competition is Friday 8th May.

The tribe councilors in the Junior Section are also arranging a donation of used pencils, pens, felt tip pens, erasers and scrap paper for the SOS Children's Orphanage. If you have any spare materials you no longer need, please send them to school with your child.



Dates for your diary:

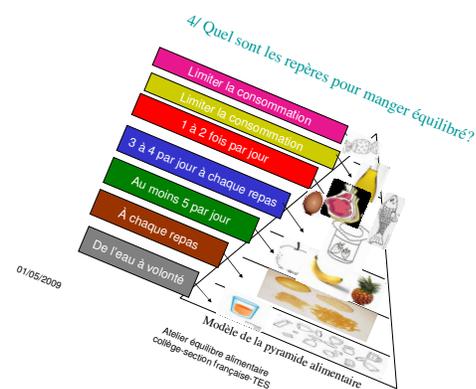
- Tues 5th May - Fri 8th May
- Mon 25th May, Tues 26th May
- Thursday 28th May
- Friday 29th May
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- Y5 Camp Taiwan trip
- British Junior Parents Evenings
- Holiday—Dragon Boat Festival
- Holiday

Section Française



Bien manger



Rien de tel qu'un bon repas... pour le moral et la santé!!! Chez les Français, comme chez les Taiwanais, le repas est un moment important de la journée...

Aujourd'hui nous savons qu'une alimentation équilibrée apporte à nos chères têtes blondes toute l'énergie nécessaire à une bonne journée...et préserve leur capital « santé ».

Raphaëlle Chevallier, étudiante en DUT de génie biologique option diététique à l'université de Tours, a effectué un stage de cinq semaines au sein de la Section française.



Les enfants ont souvent eu l'occasion de la croiser à la cantine ou elle a étudié les valeurs nutritionnelles des repas proposés. En complément elle a réalisé une enquête de satisfaction auprès d'un échantillon de familles et d'élèves.

Durant son séjour, elle est intervenue en primaire, dans la plupart des classes. Pour les plus jeunes, elle s'est intéressée à ce qu'ils ont dans leur sac pour le goûter. Les plus grands ont construit une fleur avec des pétales de couleurs différentes, en fonction des groupes d'aliments.

Avec les collégiens, qui peuvent sauter des repas ou grignoter...il était important de rappeler les principes d'une alimentation équilibrée.

Nous remercions Raphaëlle du travail accompli et lui souhaitons le meilleur pour démarrer sa vie professionnelle de diététicienne.



Section Française



« Les p'tits curieux » (CE1-CE2) :

au musée de la céramique

Après les secrets de la fabrication du verre, nous avons découvert les secrets de la céramique, en allant au musée de la céramique à Yinge. Une guide nous a fait visiter le musée ; ensuite, nous avons mis la main à la pâte.



British Infants



Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed the spring break - I certainly enjoyed my holiday! Hopefully we are all feeling refreshed and ready for what is always a hectic term!

It is coming to my attention that quite a few parents are arranging for lunch boxes to be delivered to school for their children to eat at lunch times.

These are given to the guards who have to then try and find the correct child to give them to! Some parents are also coming into school with lunch boxes and taking them to their children in the cafeteria. Can I please remind you that there are only 2 choices for the children at lunch times - they can either bring in a lunch box and put it in the class box ready to collect at lunch time, or they have a cafeteria lunch. I must ask you not to have lunch boxes delivered to school, it is not the guards' job to run around trying to match up lunch boxes to children, and also, not to come in to the cafeteria during the lunch break unless of course you are one of the volunteer helpers. Thank you for your support in this area.

Can I also remind you that now it is getting hotter, every child must have a hat in school. If they do not have a hat, they have to remain along the walkway where they are in the shade. This is not much fun for them, but

NO HAT = NO PLAY!!

We are still having a great deal of trouble with disappearing balls, basically all 30 have now gone! I am not going to order any more, there seems little point if they're all going to go missing so quickly. What I am going to suggest is that the children can bring in their own balls to play with at play time, lunch time and after school. The balls must be named and the children must take responsibility for them, and please **NO LEATHER FOOTBALLS** - there are too many windows about!

Many thanks

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section



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Reception News



It is a great pleasure to see the children back after the Easter break and to hear them tell us about their holidays.

We are all looking forward to this full and exciting Summer term.

Soon we will be very busy with Book Week, Europe Day and the End of Year performance.

For Europe Day Toucans have chosen the United Kingdom



Jaguars have chosen Belgium



Treefrogs have chosen Sweden



and these are only a few of our events to look forward to!

We continue our Plan, Do and Review sessions and in the next couple of weeks will be inviting parents to join in with these sessions.

A letter will go home with your child, so please sign up. If you have any activities, such as games, crafts etc please see your class teacher in advance so we can plan these in our schedule.

The Reception Team

British Juniors



Year 3 Camp Taiwan Trip

Please enjoy some excerpts of student reflections on their stay at Camp Taiwan.



I liked the nature hike the best because there were so many different kinds of animals. I took pictures of butterflies, grasshoppers, ants and spiders and the lunch was good too! Lawrence

I went bouldering, rock climbing, played a team game and learned to use a compass. We also saw a cocoon and a butterfly flew on my head. When it was time to go home, everybody was sad. Kokoro

I saw a spider that was big! After that, we had some team work games. Ashley On Friday, we went to Camp Taiwan... We also did a juggling game. I really enjoyed it because we had to keep moving our bodies! Emerson

I loved the nature hiking because we were walking inside the little forest, it became narrow and so we had to walk one by one. Melody

My favorite was the rock climbing... I really enjoyed Camp Taiwan. I can't wait to go next year! Alexandra

At Camp Taiwan, I learnt how to use a compass and went rock climbing, nature hiking and last of all orienteering... When I went nature hiking, I got a picture of a giant butterfly sucking nectar from a flower! Yuko

At Camp Taiwan, I did some rock climbing. It was really fun! I fell down the rock. It was really scary when I fell down from the rock but was still fun. Mr. Milner called his team "Milner Mob". It was really funny! Nicole Novak

On Friday morning, I went to Camp Taiwan. It took one hour drive on the school bus which was very long and then finally we got there. There was a lot of screaming and it almost burst my ear drum. Lucy

The second activity was a nature hike. We had to find five things. It was the best. Sebastian



It was really fun!! Rock climbing was scary because it was so high up and I thought I was to face backwards! I can't wait until we go to Camp Taiwan next year in Year 4! Michaela

Most of all, I liked the rock climbing and the nature hiking because we saw a lot of lizards. They were the cutest! Cagri

At lunch time, I ate yummy things. I ate spaghetti, Mexican food, a potato, corn soup, salad and fried onions. I love Camp Taiwan! Anne



British Juniors

Dear Parents,



Thank you for your calm response to the letter we sent out regarding the procedures we have put in place regarding swine flu. All future information will be placed on the school website so please look there rather than phone the school office.

Today in assembly I have spoken to the children about the expected behaviour on the school buses and I am asking for your support in reminding your child/children about how they should conduct themselves. The children in the Junior Section, particularly in Years 5 and 6 need to be positive role models for the younger children. At school we reinforce the importance of being kind, speaking nicely and behaving gently towards each other. If you feel concerned about behaviour on the bus please contact either Will Butcher, Natalie Wu or myself.

If a child consistently misbehaves they will be suspended from the bus. Such behaviour as using bad language, hurting another child or endangering others by un-doing a seat belt and getting out of the seat is totally unacceptable. I do know that sometimes children worry about the repercussions of reporting such behaviour but please reassure your children that we need to help the child misbehaving to make good choices. If we don't know what is happening then we can't do anything about it..

On a happier note, last Friday Jennifer Chou (Year 4 EAL teacher) was safely delivered of baby Evelyn.—I have seen the photographs and she is absolutely gorgeous. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Next week is Book Week and I would like to thank you for your support in helping your child do some 'extreme reading'. I have seen some very interesting photographs so far and can't wait to see the teachers' efforts!

With another busy term ahead please help your child maximise their learning by ensuring they get plenty of fresh air after school and enough sleep to cope with the demands of the school day. Some of our children have very busy lives after school and in order for the brain to process the learning that has occurred that day, they need to have periods of rest and relaxation. So on that note please enjoy the weekend. I hope to do some cycling tomorrow so maybe I'll see some of you on the cycle paths (I'll be the one 'extreme reading' at the same time so watch out!)

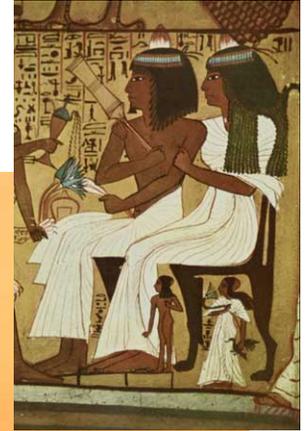
Kind regards



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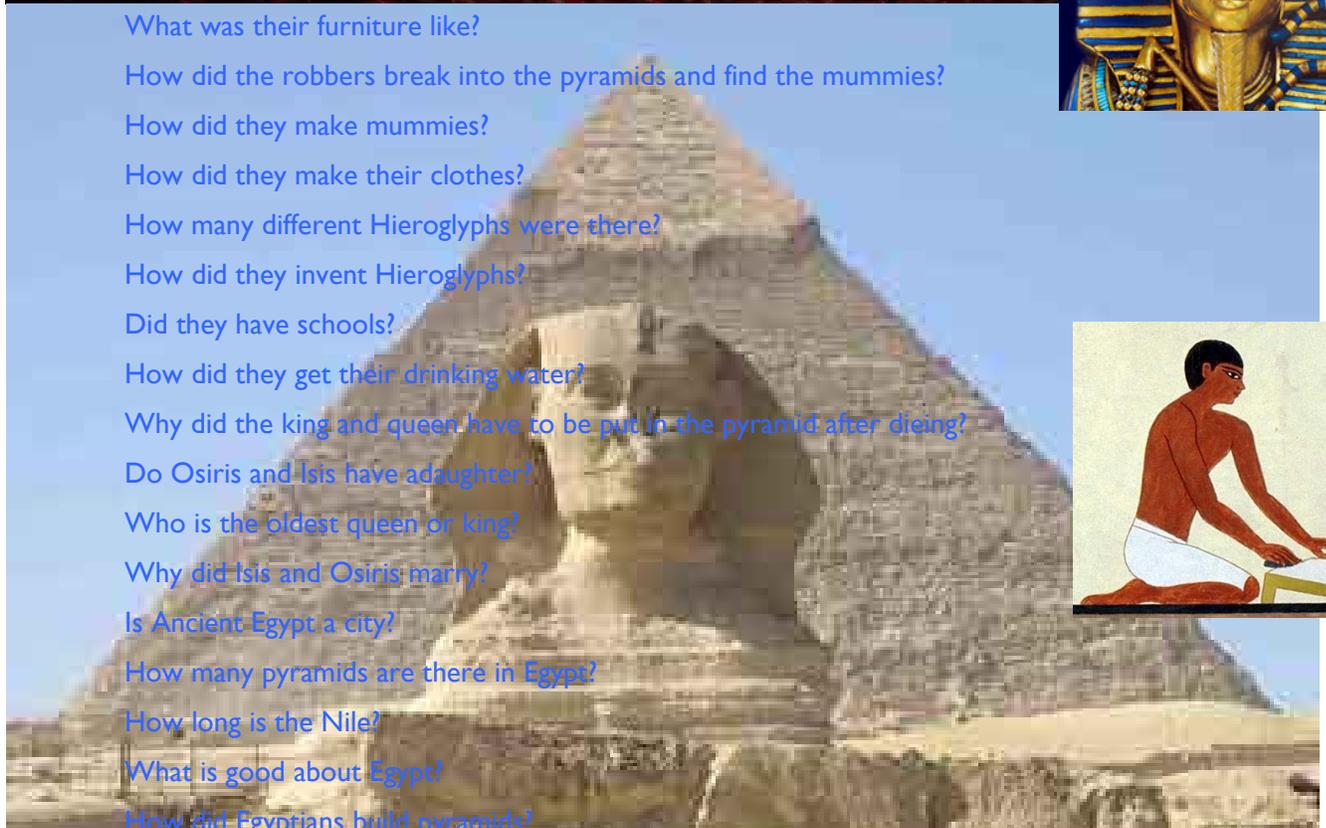


Currently there is a lot excitement amongst the Year 3 classes regarding the things we are going to learn about Ancient Egypt. We have included a list of some of the students' own questions that they hope to answer in the coming weeks



Things we want to know about Ancient Egypt

- Why do they pull the mummy's brain out of its nose?
- What did they eat?
- Where did they get their food?
- What language did they speak?
- How did they make the pyramids?
- Do they have money?
- Is there really a curse on the person who disturbs a mummy?
- Why did they make sphinxes?
- What did they sleep on?
- What was their furniture like?
- How did the robbers break into the pyramids and find the mummies?
- How did they make mummies?
- How did they make their clothes?
- How many different Hieroglyphs were there?
- How did they invent Hieroglyphs?
- Did they have schools?
- How did they get their drinking water?
- Why did the king and queen have to be put in the pyramid after dying?
- Do Osiris and Isis have a daughter?
- Who is the oldest queen or king?
- Why did Isis and Osiris marry?
- Is Ancient Egypt a city?
- How many pyramids are there in Egypt?
- How long is the Nile?
- What is good about Egypt?
- How did Egyptians build pyramids?



BS PTA



Understand Fundraising Events: Help with the Summer Fair Coming on June 6, 2009

Why do we fundraise at TES? Quite simply, there are many projects that compete for funding. Some are quite small, such as our recent subsidy for the Camp Taiwan fieldtrip, and some are considerably larger, such as plans for new outdoor equipment. We all love to see these projects come to fruition, and it is in our power to make them happen faster. In short, we fundraise because we want to expand the pool of money for school improvements.

How do we do it? Well, while creativity in this domain knows no boundaries, we have established several successful models. Let us take the Summer Fair (Flea Market and Second Hand Book Sale; June 6 ;11am—3 pm) as an example. As you know, during the Fair we sell second hand books, which parents donate to section secretaries. So, at the Fair books that you no longer need find new owners, and, in the process, we all gain new funds for making our school more attractive. This is just one example of how the Fair works. At the Fair, in exchange for a fee, we also allow other vendors to sell their second hand goods.. We also charge a small entrance fee, and, last but not least, sell food and drinks. Of course, every one of these clever fundraising strategies requires that you, the parent, help out. If you would like to help with sales of food and beverages, or with ticket sales, please contact the PTA at **tbspta@gmail.com**. If you know of anybody who wants to purchase a table for sale of second hand goods at the Fair, or if you would like to sell such goods yourself, the person to contact is Rebecca Earnshaw at her private mobile: 0972105984.

What do we do with the money? Both the PSC and the PTA have always invited parents, teachers, and school officials to suggest worthy projects. During our meetings we decide which projects receive funding and in what amount. Please read the minutes of the BS PTA past meetings (posted on a bulleting board in the Parents' Café) and come to upcoming meetings to become a part of these lively discussions. **And please, keep these nice second hand books coming!**

PSC



It was a great fun to join the TES Ball 2009!

First of all: many thanks to all who have contributed to make this evening so special! Especially the Gala Committee Team including Tracy Koong, Lyndall Tyler, ShuLin Onaz, Silke Huber and ShenLi Huang as well as the Shangri-la Far Eastern Plaza Hotel did an excellent job to make us happy that night!

Dirk Diestel, German professional photographer, took around 500 photos during this evening. Only some of them you can see in an internet photo gallery: www.taiwan-foto.de/html/tes_ball09.html

You like to see them all or you need a file for private use? No problem: You can buy a DVD with all 500 files in high resolution for only 250 NT\$. Order here (mail to dirk.diestel@web.de) or leave a message in the gallery - guestbook. Then prepare an envelope with your name and 250 NT\$, leave it at the reception desk in WenLinC near the parents cafe. Pick up your DVD and enjoy the photos!

You are interested in his other photo work? Visit his homepage with many 1000 photos from Taiwan and other asian countries: <http://www.taiwan-foto.de>

And now: Have fun with the TES 2009 Ball photo gallery!
Best regards!

Veronika Bobke