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Here it is the fifteenth and final newsletter of the year! I would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody who has taken the time to contribute articles throughout the year and put up with reminders about deadlines!

School, of course, remains incredibly busy right up to the end. Today, the Year 6's were up at the ESC for the day, whilst all the other children met their teacher for next year, Year 2 held their end of year show and the Tribe Council met a designer to fit elements of the winning garden designs into a final design. The French Section have been at Camp Taiwan all week, where they will be replaced next week by the German Section! Phew!

In this week's edition you will find out the names of the winners of the Garden Competition and what happens next, all about Exchange Day in the British Primary Section, and all about the fun (and sweat) of the Junior FOBISSEA trip! We also have of course our regular contribution from the British PTA.

We would like to wish a fond farewell to all the members of the school community who are leaving and we hope everybody has a joyful and relaxing summer break. See you next year!



Dates for your diary:

- Thurs 2nd July
- 31st August

Last day of term

2009-2010 academic year begins

Section Française

Atelier...recyclage !!!!!!!!!!!



Section Française

Les CMI et CM2 ...qui ont travaillé tout au long de l'année sur l'environnement, ont appris à recycler le papier...

1 / déchiqueter le papier , et le faire tremper dans l'eau tiède une 20aine de minutes, pour ramollir le papier....



Hou la la !!! Comme c'est amusant la patouille !!!

2 / Mixer le mélange pour obtenir une « pâte ».....Humm!!!

Attention les doigts....c'est un adulte qui fait cette opération....



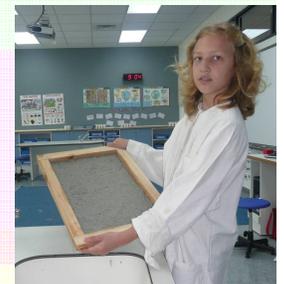
3 / Etaler sur un tamis....admirez les artistes !!!



4 / pour avoir une feuille assez fine et régulière...il faut maintenant passer le rouleau, en enveloppant le tamis dans un tissu qui pourra absorber l'excès d'eau...



5 / Et voila le travail !!!



6/ Il n'y a plus qu'à attendre que cela sèche !!! Pour pouvoir utiliser le papier...et réaliser une jolie carte par exemple !!!



Apprendre à protéger l'environnement,
c'est chouette !!!

Section Française



C'est la fin (de l'année) :

Conseil d'établissement : fait

Conseils de classe du collège : fait

Évaluation nationale en CE1 : fait

Livrets scolaires du primaire : bien avancés

Brevet national des Collèges : tout est prêt pour lundi

Recrutement 2009-2010 : presque terminé

Inscriptions-Radiations : en bonne voie



Le travail de préparation de la rentrée 2009 est bien avancé, tout sera prêt pour le 31 août, et même avant pour l'accueil des nouveaux parents le mercredi 26 août à 10h30 à Wen Lin.

Alors, félicitations aux élèves qui ont donné le meilleur d'eux-mêmes et bien progressé sur le chemin de la connaissance toute l'année, bravo à l'équipe pédagogique et administrative qui a guidé et aidé les élèves sur ce sentier et accueilli et informé au mieux les parents pour qu'ils soutiennent leurs enfants, enfin merci aux parents eux-mêmes de leur présence dynamique à nos côtés dans les différents conseils et lors des nombreux événements qui ont ponctué cette année scolaire.

Deux mots pour terminer : **bonnes vacances !**

Patrick Trividic

British Infants



Dear Parents

This is the last newsletter of the year, I can hardly believe it.

I am returning to England for the summer, and as you can imagine I am really looking forward to it. My daughter Sophie has finally decided (aged 21) to go to University to train to be a teacher, so I will be helping her prepare for this important stage in her life. Just as she starts her University course, her brother Josh is finishing his. He has completed a 4 year degree in furniture design and making so he is now looking for work! It will be nice to play 'mum' for 6 weeks - I hope Josh and Sophie are looking forward to it too!

From the year book you will see that we are saying goodbye to Rachel Gagen (Year 1 teacher), Ineke Knol (Non contact cover teacher for Miss Coope in Reception and Mr Lewis in Year 2), Luiza Nixon (Nursery Assistant) and Judy Hsu (Assistant in Reception). It is with great sadness that I have to add another person to the list, this being Jane Brenchley who has been with us as a Year 2 teacher for a year and a half. She is returning to Australia with her family. Thank you to all of you for your hard work and commitment to TES.

We are saying hello to Ms. Faye Gibbs-Seymour who will be replacing Rachel, and Mrs. Shakira Rumjaun who will be replacing Jane. Both are British trained teachers, Faye is presently teaching in Thailand, and Shakira in England. Mike Alling and Shuya Randell will be taking on the Learning Assistant jobs left vacant by Judy and Luiza. The final staffing arrangements for the Infant and Junior Sections are included in this newsletter.

I will be running the "Summer Scrapbook" competition again this summer. The idea is that you buy your child a scrapbook and they use it as a record of their holiday. They can write in it, draw pictures, stick in photographs they take of places they visit, as well as postcards, entrance tickets, programmes etc. Last year my favourite entry was from a little girl who had been for a haircut. She wrote about it in great detail and then cellotaped a fallen locket of her hair next to the writing. A little boy also stuck one of his teeth that had fallen out into his scrapbook! There will be a prize for the best scrapbook in each year group - the present Reception, the present Year 1 and the present Year 2. The scrapbooks will need to be with me by Friday 4th September.

Have a really great holiday, thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing most of you on Monday 31st August.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section

British Juniors

Dear Parents,



It only seems such a short time ago that I was sitting at the computer composing my first newsletter article for the academic year. The first weeks of the autumn term were spent getting to know the staff, children, parents and my way around the building - no easy task! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole community of TES for their support, not only at this time but throughout the year.

Schools are always very busy places but this time of the year with exchange day, farewell assemblies, class trips, class parties, record keeping, tidying the school, ordering new resources and keeping the children focused on learning (when they are getting excited about the summer break) must be the busiest.

The end of the school year is always a time of reflection - looking back at the successes and looking forward to making improvements for the new year. It is also a time for goodbyes as many of our families move on to new homes, new schools and new countries. Yesterday we said farewell to Miss Chantrill who is very much looking forward to having a chance to rest before the expected birth of her first baby in about two weeks time. Ms Young, Miss Joshi and Ms Coles are leaving at the end of term and will be much missed by us all. Ms Spence, who has been working as an EAL teacher, will be transferring to the Infant section and I would like to thank her for working so well with our team and the children in Year 4.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to Jessie and Karina. These two ladies work tirelessly in the office to ensure the smooth running of the day-to-day administration of the school and I know how helpful they are to parents, children and staff.

Alun Randell, who is both Assistant Head of the Junior Section and Head of EAL across the Primary has done a fantastic job this year in supporting me and also in coordinating and producing the excellent Wen Lin Journal every fortnight so I would also like to express my thanks to him.

Finally, I need to thank the all teaching staff and the children. There is a great commitment here to making learning fun, challenging and meaningful and that takes a great deal of hard work on the part of the staff and the children..

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday and to those of you travelling, a safe journey. I am returning to England for most of the summer and am looking forward to visiting my family.

See you in August

Warmest regards

Adele Corry

Head of British Juniors

British Primary

Staffing in The British Infant and Junior Sections

2009 - 2010



Head of Infants	Ruth Martin
Assistant Head of Infants	Craig Lewis
Early Years Leader	Sharon Coope
Head of Juniors	Adele Corry
Assistant Head of Juniors	Alun Randell

Nursery

Teachers

Learning Assistants

BNSV	Sue van Langelaar	Shuya Randell
BNJC	Jenny Chien	Sherry Huang
BNJM	Judith MacKinnon	Helen Dickson

Reception

Teachers

Learning Assistants

BRSC	Sharon Coope	Wen Tse Chou
BRKT	Katrina Tarpay	Viviane Yeh
BRKR	Karen Rowe	Elena Bonderencko

Year 1

Teachers

Learning Assistants

B1CW	Cristie Woodall	Su Long Ho
B1RG	Faye Gibbs-Seymour	Joyce Su
B1TC	Tina Chang	Linda Lin

Year 2

Teachers

Learning Assistants

B2CL	Craig Lewis	Rosario Castillo
B2JB	Shakira Rumjaun	Tina Chi
B2MS	Melanie Smith	Mike Alling
B2CB	Catherine Bae	Fennie Ke

British Primary

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Year 3 Teachers

B32JM	Jeffrey Macrauld
B3SH	Shaye Hunter
B3MS	Michael Smith
B3JL	Jennie Leyfield

Year 4 Teachers

B4JB	Jody Burley (Mr)
B4HP	Helen Parker
B4AL	Ann Liufalani
B4NM	Nicole McKelvie

Year 5 Teachers

B5ST	Sue Turner
B5CM	Christopher McKelvie
B5JP	Josh Palmer

Year 6 Teachers

B6MF	Matthew Fagg
B6GE	Gill Elrick
B6KH	Keith Hoo

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EAL Staff

Infant	Hilary Trehern, Kathy Alling, Ingrid Kennedy Morton, Jeffrey Stapleton, Russell Grant
Junior	Shirley Soo, Jennifer Chou, Graham Morton, Michael Norris, Lucille Gerber
SIEAL	Kathleen Pettinger Monika Soens

Specialist Staff

CLC	Infant: Julia Kao, Yalee Huang, Clarabelle Lin,
	Junior: Julia Kao, Yalee Huang, Emily Kuan, Andy Lee, Ariel Tsai
SEN	Zoe Gare (SENCo) & Sil Lee (Teacher) Sophia Fang, Nicole Jin, Silva Leung, Lily Chen and
ICT Specialist	David Devey (Reception to Year 6)
PE Specialists	Steven Milner (Junior) & Sibylle Pux (Year 1 and 2)
Music Specialists	Edith Kao (Junior) & Patricia Lin (Nursery to Year 2)
Art Specialist	Sue Livesey (Junior only)

Office Staff

Infant Office	Debra Lee Mavis Wang
Junior Office	Jessie Wu Karina Tung

British Juniors



FOBISSEA

Thirty six children. Six staff. Forty odd trailing supporters. Blue and gold everywhere... it must be the Primary FOBISSEA Games!

Between the 10th and 14th June the Primary FOBISSEA team were in Hong Kong to compete in the 2009 Games. Despite the extreme humidity, occasional torrential downpours and a few dramatic electrical storms we had a fantastic time, bringing home a bag-full of medals as well as a wealth of fantastic memories.

They say a picture speaks a thousand words so feast your eyes on some of our experiences. Enjoy. We did!



The cheering was so loud the coaches' fancy radios were almost useless!



One of many medals won in the pool.



The support from parents was fantastic. We can't thank you enough.



Our distinctive golden swimming caps made it a lot easier to spot our competitors.

British Juniors

Competition Itinerary

Competition Day 1 - Swimming and Tee-Ball

Competition Day 2 - Athletics

Competition Day 3- Football



British Section



It was great to see the blue and gold standing tall on deserving winners.



Sportsmanship was alive and well in the midst of fierce competition.



That smile just says it all!



Months of training paid off for the Year 4 Tee-ball team, almost capturing the winners trophy but worthy runners up.



Serious fielding...



...and serious coaching. At the end of the event everyone agreed the games were a huge success and an enjoyable learning experience for all! Bring on 2010!

BS PTA



British Section

Oh, We Are So Proud!

Since January 15th of this year a BS PTA subcommittee led by Mr. Rob Loeb has been working on clarifying the role and easing the work of class (parent) representatives (reps) at our school. We all entered this process aware that while class representatives play a key coordinating role at our school, many among us have only a very vague idea how class (parent) reps get selected and what they do. The subcommittee together with heads of Infant and Junior sections, Ms. Martin and Ms. Corry, and some other PTA committee members/class reps set to work, and we are happy to report that we have much to show for this effort.

Change in the terms that we use represents a small but important step towards clarifying the role and functions of class parent representatives. Now we will consistently call them **Class Representatives** (or **Reps**). At the beginning of each school year a call for parents to become Class Reps will go out. Candidates will fill out forms in which they declare their willingness to undertake this task. We do hope that many parents will jump on this great opportunity to partake in life of their children and the entire school.

To aid them in their work, we will provide Class Reps with a **Class Rep Kit**. This will guide Class Reps through their basic tasks for each year, such as constructing class contact distribution lists, collecting and overseeing class funds, preparing for major school events, and preparing meeting announcements. While we rely on parents who sign up for Class Reps for creativity and initiative, we also hope that by introducing some routines, we will make it easier for many parents to become a Class Rep.

Thank you again to all who worked on this project — current Class Reps, Heads of Infant and Junior Sections, PTA members and Mr. Rob Loeb.

For Your Calendar:

- *September 7th at 9:40 A.M. — First BS PTA meeting*
- *September 16th at 9 A.M. — EPC (all sections) Welcome Coffee*
- *September 17th at 10 A.M. — First Meeting of New Class Reps*
- *November 7th — Fireworks Night*

BS PTA



Farewell Letter from the Chair

As the school year 2008/2009 approaches its conclusion, I cannot help thinking how active it has been. The Fireworks Night last November and Summer Fair two weeks ago were, of course, our biggest events. Both went very well, despite the rain on Fireworks Night.

Many smaller festivities, however, such as Sports Day, the Music Concert and Year Group shows, proved equally pleasant and satisfying. Needless to say, I feel very grateful for all parent volunteers who helped organize events throughout the school year. Without you, the BS PTA would never be able to put together these celebrations! So, thank you for giving us your time and support, we really appreciate it!

The BS PTA does not only organize events and serve refreshments. As you can read in the BS PTA Newsletter, we have been working hard to create a supportive structure for Class Representatives at TES. There is now a clear election procedure, a *Class Rep Kit* and the first meeting after the Summer Break is already planned. It helped a great deal that we work with very supportive administration at TES. I would like to thank Ms. Corry and Ms. Martin for attending our PTA meetings, their valuable input regarding the Class Reps and their steadfast support throughout the year!

We also tried to make the BS PTA more visible and transparent. We now put our meeting minutes and photos on the notice board in the Parents Café. Elzbieta Benson has been busy writing the BS PTA contributions to the *Wen Lin Journal*, and recently our monthly meetings have started with “discussion time for all parents.” As of yet, not too many parents have come along to our meetings but we are seeing a steady progress. I hope that next school year many more of you will come to PTA meetings with questions or just to learn about what is going on in the school of your child. If we have no answers for you, we will know who may provide such answers.

I have so many ideas that I would have liked to see through during the coming school year but, unfortunately, I have to leave Taiwan to go back to Holland. I have learned so much during these last two years living in Taiwan and working in the BS PTA. I have also learned a lot from my dedicated friends on the committee. Rebecca, Lyndall, Claire, Anne J., Anne M., Sylvie, Sahar, Elzbieta, and Serene, thank you so much for all you have done for the PTA. I was honored to be one of you, and I am very grateful for having such a loyal and hard working team. I am very proud of you!! Last but not least, I wish you all a very good Summer Holiday!

BS PTA



Summer Fair '09

Somewhat to our surprise, Taipei market for second hand goods is very much alive and well. The TES Summer Fair has attracted **1,143 visitors**, eager to purchase much coveted toys, art, books, DVDs, and videos. Children's toys, clothing, and books also attracted a lot of takers, and we know quite a few parents who found real treasures among the goods offered at the Fair. There were puzzles, construction blocks, games, and many, many more interesting items for sale. There was even one beautiful wooden doll house for sale. It sold very quickly.

Not surprisingly, the Fair has made a nice profit this year. The BS PTA worked together with the PSC (Parents Support Council) on this project, and, together, we made about **NT\$ 65,000** from entrance tickets, flea market tables fees, food, and drinks.

Making profit was very nice, indeed, but having fun was just as important. The weather was perfect. We had Carrefour set up tents for us. Underneath these tents kids and parents enjoyed food, drinks, and lively conversations. We also enjoyed a great mix of music played over the fairgrounds. I have even spotted some otherwise very busy PTA members, take a few dance steps across the grass. Oh, it was such a lovely event!

So, next time, when you are considering throwing away your unwanted goods, think that others may find them very useful, and you may make some money. Next year, have your kids set up a table with toys and clothes that they outgrew. Let them earn some money and experience our local entrepreneurial spirit.

Thank you to all the volunteers who spared no effort to make this event a success. Parents set up the fair, worked food and drink tables and helped clean up. Our teachers and administration helped a great deal as well. Thank you to you all, and, in particular, to the Heads of Infant and Junior Section, Ms. Martin and Ms. Corry, who put so much work to this event. Many thanks also to Year 6 classes and their teachers, Mr. Smith and Ms. Elrick, who helped set up tables as part of their PHSE time. We are looking forward to an even bigger and better Summer Fair next year!





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Saturday Soccer



TES Saturday Soccer is a non-profit, parent/volunteer organisation dedicated to fostering the skills development of both boys and girls of all abilities up to and including, 12 years of age. Our objective is to create a safe, inclusive and fun environment for children so that they can develop and express themselves freely.

The strengths of TES Saturday Soccer depend on its inclusivity and community feel. In order to continue providing a comprehensive programme we depend on a network of enthusiastic parent-coaches. We are eager to hear from any parents who are interested in helping out during the 2009-2010 season. You do not need to be a master footballer! At the beginning of the season, training is provided to all coaches. If you are able to help out either weekly or biweekly please contact us at:

info@saturdaysoccer.org