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The Wen Lin Journal is the bi-weekly newsletter published by Taipei European School Primary Campus. Inside each edition you will find the latest news from each of our sections: German, French, British Infants and British Juniors. Items are also frequently posted by the Parents Support Council and the British Teacher Association.

## Inside this weeks journal...

Find all about the Deaflympics being held here in Taipei in article from the Section Française.

Take a look behind the scenes at the Deutsche Sektion's Welcome Concert

Year 2 are glad to be back at school and say a big hello!

Find out about week 1 in the Junior Section.

We also have ..

Letters from Ms Corry and Mrs Martin and articles from the PSC and British PTA.

## Useful School Links

- [British Infants Calendar](#) All those dates you need to know for your little ones!
- [British Infants Curriculum](#) Information on Maths and Literacy/Topic Units for 2009
- [British Juniors Calendar](#) All those dates you need to know for your slightly bigger
- [British Juniors Curriculum](#) Information on Literacy, Maths and Topic Units for 2009
- [British Juniors Events](#) Photos and descriptions of recent section events

# Section Française

2009年夏季聽障奧林匹克運動會  
21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics Taipei 2009



## Deaflympics Taipei 2009

Les élèves du primaire soutiennent nos judokas !



Nous sommes tous allés à la compétition de judo mercredi matin pour encourager nos athlètes, et on a bien aimé même si on n'a pas tout compris des techniques.

Nous avons échangé quelques mots avec notre champion, Frédéric Goutte-noire, qui a remporté la médaille d'or des – 60 kg ! Il s'est d'ailleurs prêté avec plaisir à la signature d'autographes.



Il enseigne en France le judo à des enfants handicapés.

Quand on lui demande la recette pour être champion il nous dit « accrochez -vous à vos



# Deutsche Sektion



Einschulungsfeier Deutsche Sektion – 5. September 2009



Mit einem Theaterstück begrüßten die großen Schulkinder die kleinen, die am Samstag mit ihren wunderschönen und schwer gefüllten Schultüten auf die „Waldbühne“ kamen: Die Geschichte spielt auf dem Yangmingshan – dort vertreibt sich nämlich *Nils* (Declan Damrau, Kl.4) die Zeit, denn er hat gar keine Lust, in die Schule zu gehen. Er begegnet verschiedenen Tieren und Menschen, die ihm – und den Schulanfängern - auf unterhaltsame Weise zeigen, warum es interessant und wichtig ist, lesen zu lernen.



# Deutsche Sektion



## Hinter den Kulissen ...

Nur eine Woche hatten die Schauspieler Zeit zum Proben. Ab Donnerstag fiel der Hauptdarsteller aus und ab Freitag die Ober-Maus. Der Tontechniker kam nicht zur Generalprobe – aber alle anderen waren da, sprangen ein, improvisierten und



Applaus auch für alle Eltern, die wieder für tolle Kostüme sorgten und für Martina Ragginger und Patricia Häusser, die die Schauspieler ab 10.00 Uhr schminkten –



# Deutsche Sektion



Auf der Bühne ...



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Am Büffet ...



Herzlichen Dank allen, die zur Gestaltung dieser Einschulungsfeier beigetragen haben: den Kindern des Kindergartens und der Grundschule, ihren Lehrerinnen und Eltern, Klaus Blütner für die Gitarrenbegleitung und dem Elternbeirat für die Organisation der Bewirtung. Noch mehr Fotos von Dirk Diestel unter:

# British Infants



Dear Parents

What a busy first 2 weeks! Actually, despite disruptions to the beginning of the day due to us having to do temperature checks on everyone, the children have settled into their class routines extremely quickly and are working well and behaving beautifully. I have been really impressed with how all the classes are working as I walk around the school. The 3 Reception classes have had an unfortunate beginning, but we look forward to seeing them again on Monday morning.

It was lovely seeing so many of you coming to the "Hello" Afternoons this week, the Reception one will take place on Tuesday 15th September at 1:15—we hope to see you there.

The scrapbooks brought into school for the competition have now been judged, and the following children have received prizes:

- Year 2 — Ashley Tan in B2CL, Shubh Lashkery in B2MS and Hei-Yiu Ngai in B2CB
- Year 1 — Emma Liu in B1TC and Raymond Chien in B1CW

A huge thank you to 2 members of staff who did the judging—all 3 of us were extremely impressed with the entries. Well done to all the children who produced a scrapbook, I will write personally to all of them and they will all get a small prize.

Thank you for your support over the last 2 very busy weeks, it makes a huge difference knowing that the parents are working in partnership with the school .

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section

# British Infants

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first Year Two newsletter page of the 2009-2010 year.



The Year Two team would like to start by welcoming all the new children and parents into their new classes. We also want to say a big hello to all the returning students. It's going to be a year full of fun and learning!



This is B2CB hard at work during a guided reading session.

B2MS are busily measuring their hand spans and comparing sizes.



In B2CL the children are labeling body parts and discussing what each part does and how it works.

B2SR are finding out which are Gazelle's favourite fruits. They are drawing graphs to show their results.



Thank you to all those parents that came to Thursday's Parent Afternoon. It was good to see so many of you there. If there is any way the staff in Year Two can assist you please just let us know.

The Year Two Team

# British Juniors

Dear Parents,



I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break and that the children are well rested and looking forward to an exciting new term. At this time of year many new families join our community and, if you are one of them, I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you to TES.



It was lovely meeting so many parents last night at our Welcome Evening and I hope you found it informative.

## **Refurbishment**

In the summer holidays we purchased new tables and chairs for the four Year Three classrooms. The children (and teachers) find the chairs very comfortable and the tables give the children plenty of space at which to work. Later in the year we will be refurbishing the Year Four classrooms. In each classroom there is a new rug for the book corner and some of the classes have new bookshelves which were purchased from the funds raised by the PTA. We have also erected a high fence alongside the astroturf football pitch which should save footballs from disappearing into the building site adjacent to the school.

## **Arrival Time at School**

As outlined in the Parents' handbook we have changed the procedures at the start of the day. The reason behind this was to enable the children to organise their belongings before the start of the day and thus enable teaching and learning to start immediately after registration at 8:00am. May I remind parents that it is very disruptive to the learning if a child is late so please ensure your child is in school before 7:55am. Children should not be in school before 7:30 as we cannot guarantee their supervision.

## **Curriculum**

As outlined in the Welcome Evening I believe in the effectiveness of a strong partnerships between home and school. To help parents we would like to offer some information workshops for different areas of the curriculum. Our first workshop is for parents of EAL children and this will be followed by a maths workshop later in the term.

## **Uniform**

Please be reminded that we require the children to wear smart black leather shoes as part of their uniform — No trainers please and don't forget to ensure all clothing is labeled with your child's name.

I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with all families over the year. Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Adele Corry

Head of British Junior Section

# British Juniors



The first few weeks of school can be a little daunting—whatever you are. One of the big secrets teachers do not tell children is that the Sunday night before the first day of school they hardly sleep. “What will my class be like?” they wonder, “will they listen to me?”



Recognising that for children and teachers there are new people to get to know, new routines, new challenges (... and new rewards), all of our year groups begin school with induction units focused on getting to know ourselves as learners, team building, how we think and what we must do to keep our minds alert.



The result... well if you had been walking around the Junior building during the last two weeks, you would have seen lots of smiles, laughter and quite frankly unusual activities.



# BS PTA



## *To All Parents a Warm and Sincere Welcome to TES for a Busy and Exciting New School Year!*

On Monday we had our first BS PTA meeting and welcome coffee this year. We all loved to see such a strong and enthusiastic group of parents attending. We look forward to the addition of even more parents in the coming meetings and to see our Class Reps getting into action. You will also find a parent volunteer form at most upcoming parent events, so please sign up. We invite you to take some time and look at our calendar of events on the following page to decide how you can support the BS PTA efforts.

BS PTA will hold its Annual General Meeting on September 25 to elect its Committee Members. Meanwhile, many parents — including myself — stepped in to inaugurate this exciting new school year. I am thrilled to serve as the acting chair of BS PTA at TES. I and my family came to Taipei in January of 2008, and we are from Atlanta, Georgia, in the United States.

BS PTA appreciates the continued support from the school Heads. Both the Head of the Infant School, Ms Ruth Martin, and the Head of the Junior School, Ms Adele Corry, attended our first meeting this year. In fact, they kindly offered to join BS PTA at the beginning of each regular meeting to answer questions from TES parents.

We all look forward to a successful school year serving our children's needs!

## **TES SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

Used uniforms will be available for sale on the first Monday of every month during morning drop off in the Parents' Cafe. If you'd like to purchase used uniforms at other times, please contact Dawn Park at [tesuseduniforms@yahoo.com](mailto:tesuseduniforms@yahoo.com) or call 0963111293.

### **DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

The used uniform sales are only possible because of generous donations from parents. If your children have outgrown any of their uniforms or you are relocating, please consider donating them. Collection boxes can be found in the British Infants and Juniors offices, or contact Dawn Park .

**All proceeds benefit our children. Thank you for your support!**

# BS PTA



## Calendar

- Sept. 17 — Class Reps meet
- Sept. 25 — BS PTA holds its Annual General Meeting to elect Committee Members. A BS PTA meeting will follow the AGM. Regular BS PTA meetings normally commence on the first Monday of each month, but there is no school on Oct. 5.
- Oct. 5 — No school
- Nov. 7 — Fireworks Night
- Nov. 18 — Nursery/Reception Sports Day
- Nov. 19 — Years 1 & 2 Sports Day
- Nov. 28 (10am-4 pm) — Christmas Bazaar
- Dec. 4 — Nursery Christmas show
- Dec. 7 — Infant Christmas show
- Dec. 15/16 — Junior Christmas show

## Parents' involvement in school activities helps kids succeed

Anecdotes and research show that parents' participation in educational activities helps their children perform better at school. A quick Google search reveals numerous publications about how parents help their kids by becoming involved in school life. You do not really need research, however, to recognize that parents who spend more time at school know more about their kids. Such involved parents see for themselves how their kids interact with teachers, administrators, and classmates. These observations, in turn, enable parents to guide and support their children.

BS PTA offers many avenues for all parents to participate in the life of TES. Please review all opportunities for volunteering and choose ones which match best your temperament and schedule. We firmly believe that volunteering at TES will benefit your family and our community.

## School — Business Partnership

Traditionally BS PTA and TES as a whole have enjoyed excellent relations with local and international companies. Many fine businesses and organizations supported BS PTA events in the past, and we will work hard to continue to maintain these ties.

We also welcome new partnerships from new companies and organizations who share our commitment to promoting academic excellence, community outreach, and cooperation across cultures. Should you wish to become involved in supporting BS PTA at TES or know somebody else who might, please contact the BS PTA Chair at [tbspta@gmail.com](mailto:tbspta@gmail.com). *Thank You !*

# PSC



## DEAR ALL,

The PSC hosts many fund raising events throughout the school year and we organise, with the help of TES parents and staff, coffee get-togethers; with the British PTA the “Summerfair”; the annual TES “Gala Evening” and the “Christmas Bazaar”, our biggest fundraising event of the year, where people from all over Taipei are coming to our beautiful and spacious WenLin Campus to celebrate with us. Of course a big thanks goes to all volunteering and supporting parents and staff who make this possible!



*For these events we continuously need volunteering parents who help us achieve our goals. This can be a donated cake, selling food or drink or support the PSC in helping to organise our school events. All the proceeds are donated to the school PAs/PTAs and local charities.*

We still need the representatives of the PAs/PTAs this academic year so please feel free to contact me directly if you have questions. Every helping hand is welcome and we can assure you will enjoy being part of a special nice social community!

## PLEASE JOIN US & SUPPORT OUR EVENTS!

Looking forward to a successful and happy scholar year 2009/10!

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