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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 Parent Teacher Association.

Inside this weeks journal...

- We take a look at art work done by CM students from the Section Française.
- Reception tell us about the latest goings on
- We find out about life in the German Kindergarten
- Year 5 go piratical—if that is the correct word. Shiver me timbers!

We also have ..

- Letters from Ms Corry and Mrs Martin and articles from the PSC and British PTA regarding the Christmas Bazaar and Fireworks Night

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 ones!
- [British Juniors Curriculum](#) Information on Literacy, Maths and Topic Units for 2009
- [British Juniors Events](#) Photos and descriptions of recent section events

Deutsche Sektion



Neuigkeiten aus dem Kindergarten

Hört Ihr Leut und lasst Euch sagen,
eine andere Zeit fängt an zu tagen,
ins Mittelalter reisen wir,

Gleichsam über Nacht verwandelte sich unser Kindergarten in eine Ritterburg. Von weitem bereits sah man die großen Burgtore, die sowohl in die „Drachenburg“ als auch in die „Burg Regenbogen“ führen. Alt und Jung kamen am Morgen des 16. September herbei, um unseren verwandelten Kindergarten anzuschauen und zu bestaunen. Unsere Kinder blieben mit großen Augen stehen und fragten, was denn mit dem Kindergarten passiert sei.....? Nur eines kann man hier genau sagen: verantwortlich für die Ausführung dieses



Deutsche Sektion



Inzwischen dreht sich vieles in unserem Kindergartenalltag um unser Projektthema „Mittelalter“. Wann war denn überhaupt das Mittelalter? Wer waren die Ritter und wie sahen die Burgen aus? Wie wurde man zum Ritter? Was musste man alles lernen, wenn man Ritter werden wollte? Was hatten die edlen Damen für Aufgaben? Was spielten die Kinder zu jener Zeit? Gab es noch andere Leute und wie lebten diese? Diese und noch viele andere Fragen bewegen uns und wir versuchen, Antworten zu finden. Außerdem

üben wir einen mittelalterlichen Tanz und singen das lustige Lied vom Ritter Dagobert. Und schon bald werden die edlen Bewohner unserer



Section Française



Les maternelles

&

la pâte à modeler



modelling clay

Nous avons écrit nos prénoms à la pâte à modeler et aussi avec des cubes.



C'était bien rigolo et on s'est bien amusé !



Voici quelques photos



We had a lot of fun !



British Infants



Dear Parents

First may I thank you for your support with regard to the Infant Section being closed as from 2:30pm every day. I know this was an unpopular decision, and I fully appreciate how you must feel about it. However, your support has been greatly appreciated.

A date for your diaries!

On FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER between 12:40 and 2:00, there will be a MATHS INFORMATION AFTERNOON. The two Maths Subject Leaders in the Primary Section (Faye Gibbs-Seymour from the Infant Section and Gill Elrick from the Junior Section) will be leading a fun afternoon that will hopefully give you an insight into how we teach Maths from Nursery to Year 6. The event will be in the Infant Section Hall. Following on from this information giving session, we also hope to improve the information that is on the website about the Maths Curriculum.

I hope to see many of you at this session.

This week the staff in the British Infant and Junior Sections have been working with an excellent trainer from England. Ian Harris from "Model Learning" has been with us for 4 days. If you visit his website you will be able to read about the type of work Ian has been doing with us. It has certainly been a very interesting 4 days and we have all learnt a huge amount about using visual tools to help children with their learning.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

British Infants

Reception News



It has been an eventful start to the year.

The children have started to settle and make new friends across the year group.

We have been learning many things such as letter names and their sounds, counting, and talking about ourselves and our families.

The children really enjoyed having a tea party when they made cakes and have been using their manners to ask for things.

We have begun Plan, Do and Review sessions and look forward to inviting parents to come and take part in the near future.

The Reception Team



We have been filling different containers and learning the language about capacity.

Printing with our feet.



British Juniors



Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see some blue sky today after all that rain. I am visiting Sun Moon Lake this weekend and am looking forward to being out in the fresh air. The weather, particularly windy days, certainly has an impact on children's behaviour so I am sure you will all be looking forward to a more peaceful weekend.

Wet Playtimes

If it is too wet for the children to play outside they spend break time inside their classrooms under the supervision of teachers. Each class has a store of games and puzzles which the children can use at this time. If you have any games at home which are no longer needed and would like to donate them to school please leave them in the labelled box outside my office.

Staff Training

The children have had an exciting week working with teachers from other areas of the school. Their own teachers have swapped and covered each others' classes in order for all staff to receive up to three days of training from one of the UK's leading educational trainers, Mr Ian Harris.

Our school curriculum strives to develop enjoyment of, and commitment to, learning as a means of encouraging and stimulating the best possible progress and the highest attainment for all our pupils. Ian demonstrated how we can accomplish the key challenge of successful learning by using visual tools to organise thinking.

Your child may have already been talking about how they are using model maps, single bubbles, double bubbles and even flow bubbles. To find out more please ask your child or follow the link to Ian Harris' website www.modellearning.com.

Class Trips

In order to enhance the children's learning teachers take classes on visits. So far this term Year 6 have visited the Science museum and today Year 3 are visiting the Taipei Zoo. I would like to say thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to support classes in this way as it helps us maintain a good ratio of adults to children and keeps them safe. Next week our Year 4 children are going to Camp Taiwan and staying for one night. Hopefully Dr. Weston and I are going to be able to visit some of the children on one of the days.

Have a nice weekend!

Kind regards

Adele Corry

British Juniors



Yr 5 Pirate Day!

TREASURE ISLAND is the book that we have studied as part of our Yr 5 unit looking at older literature. Fortunately for us Long John Silver and his mutinous crew were nowhere to be found on the day that we chose to enter into character and dress like 18th century pirates.

We did, however, enjoy decoding secret messages as part of our treasure hunt. Our problem solving skills were tested as we bound together in crews of six to fathom the cryptic clues. Other activities we enjoyed were an assembly song, 'What shall we do with Long John Silver?' as well as creating authentic treasure maps. Now... where did I put my shovel?



Whilst having to forgo walking the plank, sharks and rum we could sing, fly our flag and dress like 18th century Pirates!



British Juniors



Our final piece of work consisted of a letter from the story's hero Jim Hawkins to his Mother in England, detailing his adventures. You can read several extracts from our letters on this page!



"It all started when I went to Bristol. That was where I met Squire Trelawney. He was such a chatterbox, he told everyone about the treasure we were sailing for!"

"The sea was simply marvelous! Giant waves as big as whales crashed against the ship. The crisp sea air smelled so fresh."



"Captain Smollet, cold and calm, turned the helm and the ship headed out to sea. I was excited and sea-sick at the same time!"



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BS PTA



PTA is Fun! Working with High and Secondary Schools is Yummy!



Fireworks Are Coming!



Volunteers met last Tuesday to press on with Fireworks Night preparations. This year, the British Section PTA, the High School Parents Association and the Secondary Parent Association (HSSPA) are working together on this project.

The Fireworks Night will take place on Saturday, November 7th from 5-9pm. It will offer many games for the children and their families, including many old favorites as well as new, exciting ones. The Fireworks Extravaganza, of course, will crown the evening. Several catering companies will serve delicious foods.

Food Order Forms will arrive in your youngest child's homework folder soon. While you can buy dinner and snacks on the night of the event, preordering your food offers convenience and the widest menu choice.

Your Class Reps will ask you to help run game and activity booths. We plan to have one volunteer per each half an hour for most activities. We will also need help with selling entrance tickets and drinks, as well as setting up & cleaning. With many people helping, we will all have time to enjoy the evening. Please contact Lyndall Taylor at lyndall.m.taylor@gmail.com to volunteer or to learn more about the event.

BS PTA



Snacks at The Parents' Cafe



Do you remember last year, when volunteers from all sections offered great snacks at the Parents' Café? Dawn Park, a British Section parent and a member of the PTA, is reviving this project. Starting this month, Dawn and other volunteers from the British Section will sell snacks at the Parents' Café between 2 and 4 p.m. All the profits made will go to support the section that runs the snack sales in any given period. When the BSPTA sells snacks, it keeps the profits and uses the money to support children in the British Section. The same will also happen in other sections; the French and German Sections plan to start sales in November. We invite everybody in the British Section who wants to help with the snack sales to contact BS PTA at tbspta@gmail.com.

PLEASE!!

Return your contact slip

A big thanks to all the parents who have already returned their contact slips to class reps. In fact, most reps have had a great response. One class rep reports that almost all the parents in her class returned their slips the day after the request had gone out. Many classes are already planning and holding coffee meetings. Please do not slow your class down; return your information slip as soon as you can. If your slip is lost or you do not plan to return it, please let your class rep know this rather than keeping them waiting. Many thanks!

CALENDAR

- October 12 at 8 a.m.— PTA meeting in the Junior conference room (J117). High and Secondary PA members will also be present.
- November 7 — Fireworks Night at TES from 5 p.m. till 9p.m
- November 28 — TES Christmas Bazaar.

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of the Taipei European School

TES Christmas Bazaar 28th November 2009

Taipei European School Parent Associations (combined British, German, French and High School sections) is holding the annual **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday, November 28th from 10am- 4 pm at the Wen Lin Campus. It is the largest fundraising event for our school and it attracted last year about nine thousand people from the Taipei area. The funds raised are used to enhance the educational level and provide the “extras” in deserving programs and activities. A percentage also goes to a local charity in need.

What happens on the Day of the Bazaar?

People from all over come to buy parent-made Christmas handicrafts, participate in student organized activities and games, be entertained by students and teachers, buy from local vendors, eat deliciously cooked food prepared by parents and hotels alike, buy scrumptiously made cakes and cookies and win great prizes at our Grand Raffle donated by many generous businesses. This year we plan again to have a Christmas Tree light up and the end of the Bazaar around 3.30 pm where our choir sings carols to enhance the Christmas Spirit.

How you can help:

Come join the Handicrafts group at Wen Lin Rd Parents Café. No experience necessary. The Handicraft group is meeting in the EPC Parents Café on

Tuesdays from 9 am – 12 & Thursdays from 9 am – 12, start: October 13th

Contact: No Committee Leader yet!!! Please sign in! In the meantime contact Veronika Bobke, Email: veronika@theverodesign.com / hp 0911206844

Donate items from your company or business for our raffle. Please contact our Fundraising Committee

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Sell Raffle tickets Great prizes are on stake! Each family will receive 5 booklets containing 5 tickets inside. Each booklet will sell for NT\$200 or NT\$50 per ticket. You will receive your tickets in November. Please sell them to your family members, business associates and friends! If you sell out, pick up more from the school offices. Please return the money or the unsold raffle tickets to the school. Details will be announced.

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Help out at your child's class activity or games. Please contact:
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