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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 learn about PSHE in the Junior Section.
- The Library Staff suggest some great books for children of all ages.
- Find about about the art work of CM1/CM2
- We see how Year 4 got on at Camp Taiwan.

We also have ..

- Letters from Mrs Martin and Mr Randell and an article from the British PTA about 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

Section Française

L'ombre et le crayon

les travaux de la classe de CM1-CM2



Ce qui est bien avec la classe de Gilles Dorel, c'est que lorsqu'on rentre dans sa salle, il y a toujours des travaux d'élèves accrochés çà et là. Souvent ils sont très jolis mais au premier abord ils paraissent un peu curieux..

Il faut regarder attentivement ces figurines en papier collées sur ces support en carton pour percevoir le travail assez ardu qui se cache derrière. Les élèves devaient dessiner l'ombre de la forme noire.



Pour ce faire, ils ont utilisé une lampe qu'ils ont placé devant la forme et ensuite ils ont du regarder où se plaçait l'ombre pour la suivre et la dessiner au crayon.

C'est tout un travail de perspective et d'observation qui a été mené avec ces travaux.

Le résultat est assez intéressant car il produit de beaux objets.



British Infants

Dear Parents



I want to start my letter by apologising for not being at the British PTA Firework Night on Saturday. I was in Kathmandu attending a conference with Ms Corry and Mr Schultz, but I

understand that it was a very successful event. My husband 'represented' me and was on the Tombola Stall for most of the evening, so hopefully he did enough for both of us. Thank you to all of you who attended the event, the school much appreciates your support.

The children, staff and I are delighted that the solar panel project over the playground is now complete, and the children are able to use their much loved play equipment again. We are having a grand opening ceremony on Tuesday with many

dignitaries attending, and the British Infant children will be performing a few songs during the ceremony. There isn't much room available, so we are not able to invite the parents, but I wanted you to know that the ceremony is taking place. The project is an important one for the school so thank you for your patience while it has been taking place.

Thank you also for your support in not using the Infant Section after 2:30pm. We may review our decision after Christmas, but at the moment, the decision to close the Section will remain. The teachers find they can really concentrate on their meetings and planning for the following day which is obviously really important as educating the children is after all our core purpose.

I look forward to seeing you at the Maths Afternoon next Friday — it will now be held in the amphitheatre in the Junior Building NOT the Infant Hall as originally planned.

Many thanks

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section

British Juniors



It has been a busy couple of weeks in the Junior Section and the wider community since the half term holiday. Both Miss Corry and I have been away at conferences and unfortunately Miss Corry has not been well for the last two days. Miss Corry will be delighted to hear how hard the children and staff have been working while she has been away. It is always a pleasure to take a walk around the school and see all the amazing activities going on.

Congratulations to B5ST and their teachers, Mrs Turner and Mrs Gerber, on a superb assembly focusing on *The Highwayman*. The children all took part in using techniques as seen on the TV show *CSI* to investigate the story and came to some surprising conclusions about what really happened!

Our music teacher, Ms Kao is currently in Manila with a party of young musicians taking part in the FOBISSEA Music Festival. They report that they are having a wonderful time and we look forward to their return on Monday.

The school's sporting enthusiasts are talking about the FOBISSEA Primary Games which will be held in Thailand this year. Mr Hoo, our FOBISSEA Coordinator invited all children on Friday to a short meeting to let the children know what is involved. An information pack will be sent to parents of all children interested in FOBISSEA in the middle of next week.

It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves at the Fireworks night and the firework show itself was possibly the best we have had at TES. Well done to the PTA for such a brilliant job of organising the evening.

Upcoming events to watch out for are B3JM's assembly next Tuesday at 8.10am, The Maths Workshop for Parents on Friday 20th November 1.00pm and the Swimming Meet at TAS Saturday 21st/ Sunday 22nd November in which TES will enter a primary team for the first time led by Mrs Turner!

Alun Randell

Assistant Head of Juniors



British Juniors



Personal, Social and Health Education

Personal, social and health education (PSHE) and citizenship is concerned with the emotional health, well being and welfare of pupils at Taipei European School. PSHE and citizenship enables pupils to become effective learners and supports them as they move from childhood through adolescence to become independent young people and effective citizens.



PSHE helps pupils to: acquire knowledge and understanding of themselves, of others and of the world they live in; understand and manage their emotions; become morally and socially responsible; take on a range of roles and relationships; value themselves and respect others; contribute to their community; appreciate difference and diversity; participate actively in our democracy; safeguard the environment and act in the wider world in a way that makes the most of their own and others' potential.



British Juniors



We teach PSHE and citizenship in a variety of ways. We make use of the Primary National Strategy 'Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL)' materials to develop PSHE and citizenship skills as a discrete subject. We also introduce the skills through other subjects where cross-curricular links arise. PSHE and citizenship skills are promoted through activities and whole-school events, e.g. the school council representatives from each class meet regularly to discuss school matters; residential trips are offered to children in Years 4, 5 and 6, where there is a particular focus on developing pupils' self esteem and giving them opportunities to develop leadership and co-operative skills; all year groups participate in school trips where they have opportunity to acquire knowledge of the world they live in; every class performs an assembly to the school and their parents, giving the children chance to celebrate their work and every week the celebration assembly recognises successes of the children in our school.



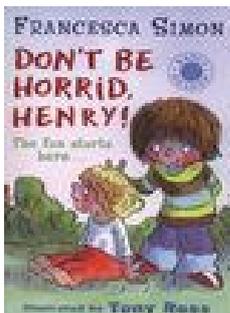
EPC Library



Dear Parents,

Have you ever wondered how to help your children pick up an interesting book and cultivate the love of reading? Start from this issue of newsletter, Primary Library will recommend one title to each year group students. Some of them are new books; some are not but definitely worth a read!

If you found a great book and would like to recommend it to our library or share with other parents, please feel free to let us know. We hope everyone enjoy reading hours just as we do!



Title: **Don't be horrid, Henry!**

Author: Francesca
Simon

ISBN: 9781842556726

YEAR 1

It's a dreadful shock for Horrid Henry when Perfect Peter is born, and despite his best - or worst - efforts, he can't manage to get rid of him. As Peter gets bigger, Henry gets crosser. But the day comes when Henry inadvertently finds himself saving Peter from a big fierce dog, and discovers that it's rather nice to be a hero! -- *From Amazon Product*

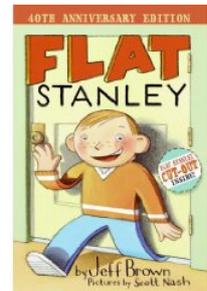
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YEAR 2



Title: Flat Stanley- His Original Adventure!

Based on Jeff Brown's original story (HarperCollins, 1964), this oversize picture book condenses some of the adventures of the ever-popular character who was flattened by a bulletin board. Ending up four feet tall, a foot wide, and half-an-inch thick, Stanley discovers that being flat is not only novel (he can slip under cracks), but also exciting. He is mailed off to California in a large envelope; he can be flown like a huge kite; and one night, disguised as a shepherdess, he hides in a painting in the art museum and foils some thieves. Full-page, cartoon illustrations in watercolor and crayon enhance the story while remaining true to the original.

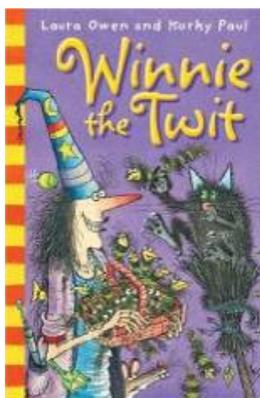


Author: **Jeff Brown**

ISBN: 9780060097912

Classification: **F BRO**

Visit Flat Stanley's website and find resources for parents and kids!
<http://www.flatstanleybooks.com/>



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Title: **Winnie the twit**

By Laura Owen

ISBN: 9780192725769

Winnie the Witch is an accident waiting to happen! In 'Winnie the Twit' Winnie fancies herself as a bit of a naturalist. Four crazily funny stories featuring everyone's favourite witch, her big black cat, Wilbur, and a zany supporting cast of new characters. Korky Paul's exuberant black line illustrations complement the humour, slapstick, and moments of real drama that run through each story. Pure

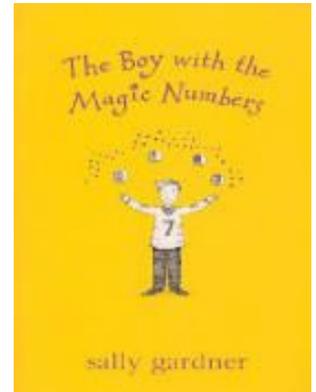
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YEAR 4

Title: The boy with the magic numbers

By Sally Gardner

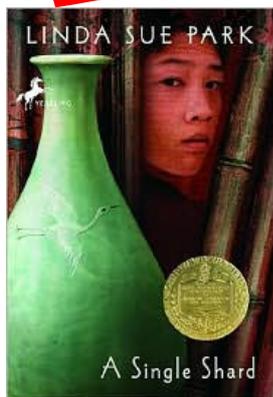
ISBN: 9781842550885



In the beginning of this story by British author Sally Gardner, Billy Pickles's father leaves their home in England and moves to New York. Before he goes, he leaves Billy a mysterious money box. Billy's father invites him to visit, but when Billy arrives his father not only doesn't have the time to spend with Billy but also has a new girlfriend. With the help of his Italian grandmother, Mighty Mamma, and the money box, Billy has a variety of adventures

Title: A single shard

2002
NEWBERY AWARD
INNER



By Linda Sue Park

ISBN: 9780440418511

In this tale of courage and devotion, a single shard from a celadon vase changes the life of a young boy and his master. In 12th-century Korea, the village of Ch'ulp'o is famous for its pottery. The orphan Tree-ear spends his days foraging for food for himself and Crane-man, a lame straw weaver who has cared for him for many years. Because of his wanderings, Tree-ear is familiar with all of the potters in the village, but he is especially drawn to Min. When he drops a piece Min has made, Tree-ear begins to work for him to pay off his debt, but stays on after the debt is paid because he longs to learn to create beautiful pots himself. Sent to the royal court to show the king's emissary some new pottery, Tree-ear makes a long journey filled with disaster and learns what it means to have true courage. This quiet story is rich in the details of life in Korea during this period. In addition it gives a full picture of the painstaking process needed to produce celadon pottery. However,

YEAR 5

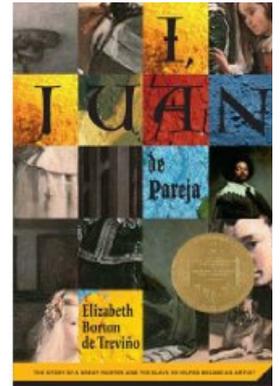
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Title: **I, Juan de Pareja**

By Elizabeth Borton de Trevino

ISBN: 9780312380052

Classification: F BOR



YEAR 6



When the great Velázquez was painting his masterpieces at the Spanish court in the seventeenth century, his colors were expertly mixed and his canvases carefully prepared by his slave, Juan de Pareja. In a vibrant novel which depicts both the beauty and the cruelty of the time and place, Elizabeth Borton de Treviño tells the story of Juan, who was born a slave and died an accomplished and respected artist.

Upon the death of his indulgent mistress in Seville, Juan de Pareja was uprooted from the only home he had known and placed in the charge of a vicious gypsy muleteer to be sent north to his mistress's nephew and heir, Diego Velázquez, who recognized at once the intelligence and gentle breeding which were to make Juan his indispensable assistant and companion—and his lifelong friend.

Through Juan's eyes the reader sees Velázquez's delightful family, his working habits and the character of the man, his relations with the shy yet devoted King Philip IV and with his fellow painters, Rubens and Murillo, the climate and customs of Spanish court life. When Velázquez discovers that he and Juan share a love for the art which is his very life, the painter proves his friendship in the most incredible fashion, for in those days it was forbidden by law for slaves to learn or practice the arts. Through the hardships of voyages to Italy, through the illnesses of Velázquez, Juan de Pareja loyally serves until the death of the painter in 1660.

— *From Amazon Product Description*

1966

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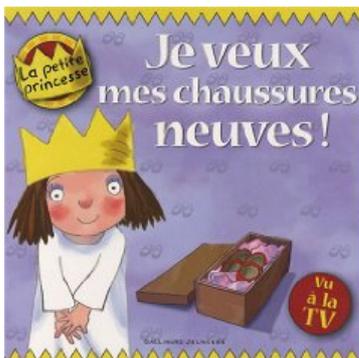
Livres Français

Titre: **Je veux mes chaussures neuves!**

Auteur: Tony Ross

ISBN: 9782070617562

Classification: **La vie des petits**

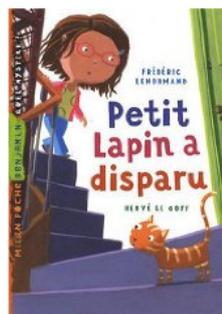


La petite princesse est bien décidée à rester pieds nus jusqu'au moment où la gouvernante lui présente une certaine boîte, dans laquelle elle découvre une paire de chaussures rouges absolument extraordinaires. La petite princesse est si fière de ses nouvelles chaussures qu'elle refuse de les quitter!

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Titre: **Petit lapin a disparu**



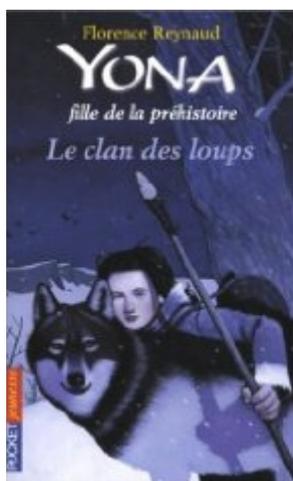
Auteur: Frederic Lenormand

ISBN:9782745936332

Classification: **FR F LEN**

Un vent de panique souffle sur l'immeuble de Camille : lapin, hamster, tortue... tous les animaux ont disparu ! Mais où sont-ils donc passés?

Titre: **Yona, fille de la prehistoire T1**



Auteur: Florence Reynaud

ISBN:9782266143806

Classification: **FR F Rey**

20 000 ans avant notre ère... Yona, douze ans, met ses pouvoirs de guérisseuse au service des hommes et des animaux. Yona vit heureuse avec ses parents jusqu'au jour où elle voit sa mère se noyer, emportée par les flots d'une rivière en crue. Rien ne sera plus jamais comme avant... Confiée à l'inquiétante chamane du clan qui exige d'elle une obéissance totale, Yona se révolte. Son seul ami : un loup blessé. Il deviendra son plus fidèle allié dans sa quête de liberté...

Titre: **Contes des Fees et des Princesses**

Auteur: D'après Ispirescu

ISBN:9782732434742

Classification: **FR F LEO**

Par quel miracle le prince Aliédor parviendra-t-il à vaincre le terrible monstre, homme jusqu'à la taille, lapin boiteux au-dessous ? Quelle ruse trouvera la petite princesse pour regagner l'amour de son père ? Comment Prince charmant, le bien nommé, gagnera-t-il l'immortalité ? Découvrez l'univers onirique des fées et des princesses d'Europe centrale.

Pour tous les ages confondus, a lire tout seul ou avec les parents!



BS PTA

Fireworks Night: Brilliant & Fun!



At 5 p.m. sharp, when the gates opened, a large and excited stream of guests filed onto the TES grounds. Children in fancy dresses and superhero costumes dashed towards the activities. They transformed their arms into art projects with faux tattoos and their hair into rainbow flashes with temporary hair colour. Both girls and boys eagerly awaited their exquisite manicures from a very creative team of high school students. Brilliant colours were applied and followed by elaborate hand-made overlay art.



Laughter and loud exclamations broke out from every corner. Pillow fighters fell off a balance beam, knocked down as often by their opponents as by their own uncontrollable bouts of laughter! Younger children focused their skill on hooking bobbing balloons from a pool filled with water. Parents and other adults strolled among activity booths picking up a drink here, a toy there and spending very generously on tombola and activity tickets.



BS PTA

Fireworks Night: Brilliant & Fun!



At dinner time, we all enjoyed a choice of Thai meals, pasta, pies and BBQ meats, catered by various Taipei vendors. Together with the catered meals, we offered a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. We hope everyone enjoyed the food and drink on offer, as well as the brilliant service offered by the Weinstein family team on the drink stall— multiple generations tirelessly worked the whole night.



Of course, the Fireworks display crowned the evening. There were no open spaces left on the sports field at 8 p.m. Everywhere you looked, families turned their faces to the sky. Children of all ages waited eagerly, brandishing their flashing neon sticks, light sabers and multicolor fans. The first burst of fireworks saw everybody clapping and exclaiming whilst the children stared in awe as brilliant reds, blues, greens and yellows splashed across the sky.

Once again, the Fireworks Night was a huge success. The event itself was well attended with over two thousand people admitted. By the time the evening came to an end, everyone left happy and content. Indeed, some didn't want to



leave and the event ran past 9 p.m. before coming to a final halt!

We hope you and your family enjoyed the evening as much as the BSPTA did.



BS PTA



Thank you



BS PTA and HSS PA sincerely thank the following companies for supporting the Fireworks Night this year: AUDI, HSBC, ABB, Cottingham, Pernod Ricard, and Coca Cola.

For Your Calendar:

- December 7 at 8:30 a.m. — Next meeting of BS PTA in the conference room (Junior Building); WenLin Rd. EPC Campus;
- December 15 & 16 at 7 p.m. — Junior Christmas Shows; BSPTA will offer refreshments on both occasions.

BS PTA

Big Thanks to Our Volunteers!



As you can see from the many smiling faces in the photographs, our annual Fireworks Night was a huge success. Of course this is due to the enormous help we received from our parent and student volunteers and the TES Staff. Many people generously sacrificed their time to cheerfully work on the game booths and food stalls. We loved working with the High School and Secondary student and parent volunteers. To see so many people cooperate in such a positive way was truly inspiring. It is this level of team-work and commitment that demonstrates the strength of the TES school community. So, on behalf of the British Section PTA and the HSSPA, we would like to thank you — our volunteers and the many friends and family of TES for supporting our event. We look forward to Fireworks Night 2010!



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