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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...

- Read about the visit of 15 members of the Bavarian Parliament to the German Section.
- We learn what the children in the moyenne section have been doing.
- Year 1 tell us about their trip to the Aboriginal Museum and Sports Day
- We find out about the wonderful work children do in Art in the British Juniors Section.
- We have another great article from library staff with book recommendations for children of all ages.
- A reminder of the approaching FOBISSEA trials

We also have ..

- Letters from Mrs Martin and Ms Corry and an article from the British PTA about the EPC library

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



Abgeordnete des Bayerischen Landtags besuchen unsere Schule

(eingereicht von Martina Ragginger, Vorstand Kommunikation/Schulentwicklung)

Am Montagnachmittag, dem 16. November 2009, traf eine Delegation von 15 Abgeordneten des Bayerischen Landtags zusammen mit einem Vertreter des taiwanischen Außenministeriums in unserer Schule ein. Die Abgeordneten waren einer Einladung des taiwanischen Außenministeriums, Abteilung für europäische Angelegenheiten, gefolgt und im Zuge dessen stand auch ein Besuch der „Deutschen Schule Taipei“ auf dem Programm.

Herr Köhler, stellvertretender Leiter des Deutschen Instituts Taipei, Dr. Allan Weston, CEO der Taipei European School, unser Schulleiter Emmanuel Fritzen und Martina Ragginger als Vertreterin des Schulvereinsvorstands empfingen die Delegation im „European Primary Campus“.



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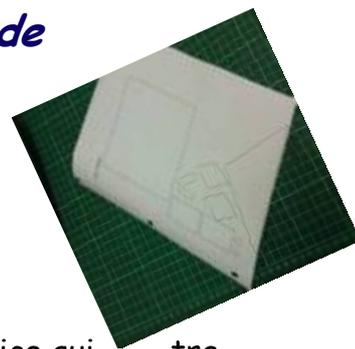
Am Ende der Präsentation überreichte die Leiterin der Delegation, Frau Ingrid Heckner, Herrn Fritzen und Herrn Dr. Weston noch ein kleines Präsent vom Bayerischen Landtag.

Die Zeit der Abgeordneten reichte leider nicht für einen ausgiebigen Rundgang durch unsere Schule, aber sie bekamen



Section Française

*La classe bilingue de
Michelle*



En moyenne section, l'institutrice qui travaille avec les élèves en langue anglaise, Michelle Powell a fait un travail sur les formes géométriques.

A partir de formes dessinées sur une feuille de papier, les enfants devaient construire une maison et la colorier.

Cela a produit de très jolies petites maisons, toutes différentes, selon l'emplacement que les enfants ont choisi pour les fenêtres, la porte et la cheminée.

Ce travail est affiché au mur, dans la salle de Florian et de Wanting. N'hésitez pas à aller voir!



British Infants



Dear Parents

May I start by thanking all of you who came to the Maths workshop last Friday, it was so lovely to see so many of you. We have received some positive feedback, including some ideas for further improvements. A few of you felt that future workshops would be better for the parents if run separately for the Infant and Junior Sections. I think that now we have trialled one as an all through Primary approach, it would be more appropriate to do it separately. Miss Gibbs- Seymour and I will therefore be running our next Infant only workshop in the New Year with a focus on 'the strategies and vocabulary we use in the Infant Section when teaching Addition and Subtraction'. I will inform you of the date as soon as it has been decided upon. It will be at the same time, that is 1:00—2:00, and while I know this is not convenient for everybody, the general feedback is that it is easier than having to worry about who is going to look after the children.

All the information from the workshop is now on the School website, although we do have hard copies in the Infant Office if you would like one. If you find it hard to navigate our website please come and ask Mr Lewis, Miss Gibb-Seymour or Debra in the office. We will be adding quite a lot of information to the website over the year and hopefully parents will find it useful. Any feedback is really appreciated.

As well as putting more information onto our website, we are also trying to use email more in our communication. This is part of the initiative to save paper, but there are problems with this, mainly parents not being able to access email for whatever reason. In response to this we now have a file in the Infant Office which contains a copy of all communication from me or the Infant Office—letters and emails. Please come and check the file if you need to—Mavis and Debra will happily make a hard copy of anything you enquire.

With thanks

Ruth Martin

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British Infants

Year 1



Year 1 have had a really busy time recently. We visited an Aboriginal Museum and learned so much about the indigenous people of Taiwan. We were riveted by the clothing, personal decoration, houses, art work and much, much more. We were so inspired that we will be holding our own Museum for the Year 1 parents on Wednesday 9th December from 1pm-2pm.

We also enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day recently. Taking part in so many sports encouraged us to try our best, be part of a team and have lots of fun!



British Juniors



Dear Parents,

First I would like to say thank you to all the parents who came to the Primary Maths workshop last Friday. Miss Gibbs-Seymour and Mrs Elrick explained how some of the different methods of calculation are being taught in school and displayed some of the resources that the children use. Feedback from parents after the workshop indicated that there is interest in finding out more about how parents can help their children and that it would be more useful for parents to have an opportunity to try the different methods. So Mrs Elrick and I will be running a workshop for parents of Junior children in January and will let you know the date closer to the end of this term. Below is the link posted on the website where you can access information from the workshop.

http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/events_juniors.php

ICT Safety Awareness Workshop

The primary and secondary ICT co-ordinators, Mr Devey and Mr Mowbray held a session last night in the amphitheatre on how parents can guide and protect their children when using the internet and what to do if you suspect your child is a victim of cyber bullying (the use of texting, emailing and public messaging sites to deliberately cause harm). We would appreciate your feedback on how useful you found the session and please let us know if there is anything else you would like us to offer to support parents in this area. Please contact Mr Devey daviddevey@tes.tp.edu.tw or Mr Mowbray thomasmowbray@tes.tp.edu.tw if you would like some technical help in setting up parental controls on your computer. The link to the instructions and guide to software can found below. Remember if your child has forgotten their **moodle** password please contact the Junior section office.

<https://moodle.tes.tp.edu.tw/course/view.php?id=340>

Say no to bullying

As part of PSHE (personal, social and health education) lessons all Junior classes have started focusing on the issue of bullying –what it is; how it feels; why people bully; how we can prevent and respond to it; and how children can use their social, emotional and behavioural skills to tackle this type of problem. In assembly this week I emphasised that bullying means that one child is deliberately using his or her power over another to make them feel bad. Bullying is not having a single argument or fight with someone and it isn't saying something bad to someone once when you are angry. Bullying goes on deliberately over a period of time. I have explained to the children that I want us to become a '**telling**' school - one where children tell a teacher, parent or friend if they are being bullied or if they see it happening to others.

Diary Date!

On Thursday 10th December the Tribe Council are holding a "Twin Day" to raise for our school charity and future Tribe Council events. For a contribution of NT\$10 children are invited to come to school dressed identically to another child in the school. The more original the costume the better!

British Juniors



I know that children worry about the repercussions of 'telling' so we all need to help them distinguish between telling tales and helping themselves or others to solve a serious problem. Bullying can happen in any school at anytime and although we have very few incidents of poor behaviour it doesn't mean it can't happen. If you suspect your child is being bullied or needs help in any way please contact me immediately. Sometimes it is hard to judge as children do fall out with each other from time to time and I know many parents don't want to become involved with minor disagreements. However if your child is unhappy for any reason then please let me or their class teacher know as we will always investigate problems.

On a positive note there are very many examples of children in our school being kind to others and this good news and other achievements are celebrated weekly in our celebration assemblies run by Mr Randell.

Christmas Bazaar

The children are very excited about tomorrow's Christmas Bazaar and our school is a hive of activity at the moment. The parent's café has been busy every morning with parents giving up their time to make crafts and many others acting behind the scenes in order for things to run smoothly tomorrow. Thank you to all those parents for the incredible amount of hard work that has gone on in the last couple of months in ensuring that tomorrow is a success.

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow.

Kind regards

Adele Corry

Head of British Junior Section

If you would like to contact me about any of the ideas or issues raised in this newsletter or any other concerns you may have please email me on

BritishJuniorHead@tes.tp.edu.tw

or call me on **8145 9007 Ext 500 / 8145 9007 Ext 501 Karina / 8145 9007 Ext 502 Jessie.**

I will also be in the area surrounding the parent's café and canteen on a daily basis from 2:45pm.

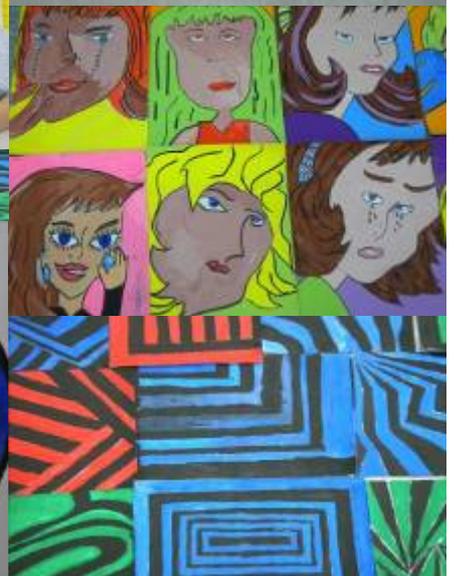
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Art

Art involves taking a risk. It is a journey during which you are not always sure where you will end up.



Art of course, is tremendous fun (and sometimes a little messy!), but it should always be a challenge. Students are taught new skills in a variety of media to enable them to progress .



It is important to share the world of other artists with the children. This term we have studied a wide range of artists and styles including; Pop Art in Year 6, Joan Miro in Year 5, Optical Art in Year 4 and Piet Mondrian in Year 3.

British Juniors



HELP! HELP! HELP. Don't throw it out.

We are looking for the following items for DT (design and technology) projects.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLEAN ALL ITEMS BEFORE SENDING THEM IN!

Donations should be sent in with your child in a bag marked with "DT room".

WISH LIST

Wood pieces, dowel rods,

cardboard tubes, corrugated cardboard, old shoeboxes, old cards, old cereal boxes

old buttons, old jewelry, beads

Small clean plastic bottles with lids, plastic ice cream tubs, plastic lids

fabric straps, cloth remnants, old curtains, old shirts, old clothes, felt, ribbons,

fabric paint, fabric paint markers, Silk Flowers. Pom Poms ,String & Yarn

glitter, string, wrapping paper, ribbon

paper lunch bags, gift bags

sticker foam shapes and letters, foam sheets, stamp pads, stickers,

construction paper

wine corks, wire,

Generally useful things for the cookery room: plastic bowls, pots

FOBISSEA



It's that time of year when the excitement is rising—no not

because of Christmas, although we recognise that for some strange reason children tend to enjoy this time of year—no the FOBISSEA trials are approaching,

immediately after we return from the Christmas Holiday!

Each year TES sends a team selected from the French, German and British sections to compete against other schools in the FOBISSEA network in swimming, T-Ball, athletics and football. This year's games will be held in Thailand.

All children who are interpreted in trying out for this team should already have received a letter and consent form. If your child has been absent or has since decided that they would like to "have a go" the information can be downloaded from:

<http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/downloads.php>

or alternatively the section secretaries will be able to provide you with a hard copy. Although the deadline for registration has already passed, those lovely FOBISSEA organisers, Keith Hoo and Alun Randell, would, we are sure, be happy to include all entries that come in by Wednesday 2nd December

Sponsors Needed!

There are many hidden costs involved in running an overseas trip. For the FOBISSEA trip in particular, the cost of the team sports kit and related equipment is considerable. We are very eager to hear from people or companies who may be interested in sponsoring the FOBISSEA team. If you are in a position to help or know somebody who might be able to help Alun Randell (alun.randell@tes.tp.edu.tw) would be delighted to hear from you.

We would like to thank those parents who have already come forward with offers of help and sponsorship.



EPC Library



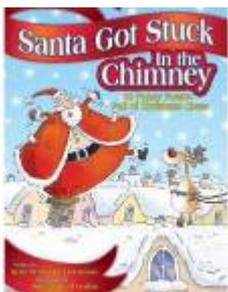
Dear Parents,

With the approaching of Christmas, we are delighted to present our Christmas collections! The Christmas sections are located right at the New Books area in Junior Section and a big area in Infant Section. Please come with your children and have a look at our fantastic Christmas books, which may inspire you with some brilliant celebration ideas!

All the Christmas books, however, are not for borrowing until December because the collections are limited in resources. We appreciate your understanding and wish you all have a wonderful time reading!



Title: Santa got stuck in the chimney



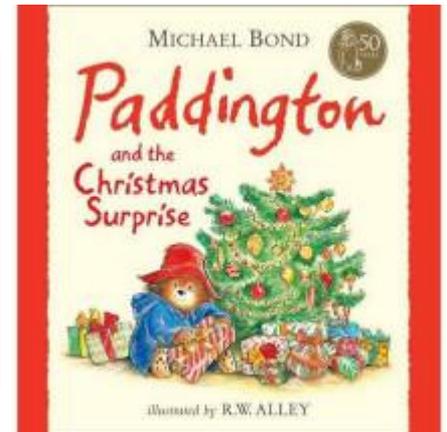
This book contains 20 funny poems full of Christmas cheer by Linda Knaus and Kenn Nesbitt. Knaus and Nesbitt's poems capture all the things that could go wrong during the Christmas season—including the hunt for a parking spot at the mall on the Friday after Thanksgiving, Santa getting stuck in the chimney, writing a list of the presents Santa forgot to bring (better

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Title: Paddington and the Christmas surprise



New edition of this funny, festive picture book about Paddington, the beloved, classic bear from darkest Peru. Paddington Bear knows just what he wants for Christmas and is anxious to make sure Santa Claus knows too. A trip to Santa's grotto at the department store is his perfect



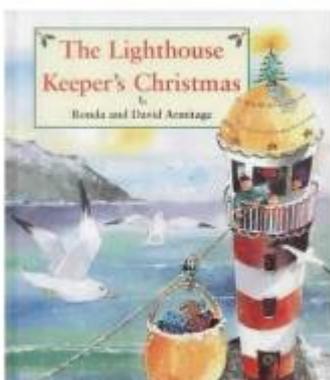
Title: Santa and me



Every year, Santa makes his important Christmas Eve deliveries without a hitch. What a surprise to discover that it's not always as easy as it looks! What is life really like at the North Pole? No one knows the true secrets behind Santa's success better than Mrs. Claus! Told through whimsical details in a facsimile scrapbook style, this humorous behind-the-

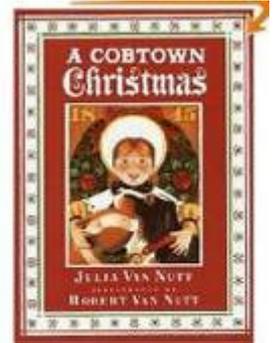


Title: The Lighthouse keeper's Christmas



A storm is raging on Christmas Eve and Mr Grinling and his great nephew George are stranded in the lighthouse. George thinks he's going to have the worst Christmas ever: no festive food; no Mrs Grinling and no presents! George couldn't be further from the truth as he's soon to discover... Celebrate Christmas with the final adventure in the Grinlings' twenty-fifth year of delighting children the world-over.

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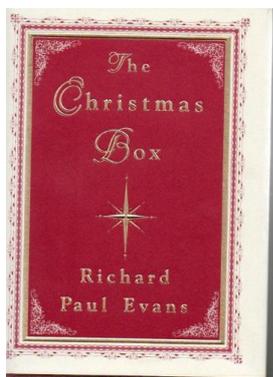


Title: A Cobtown Christmas



Like entries in the tremendously popular Dear America series, this picture book for older readers, set in 1845, is written as a diary. The diarist is Lucky Hart, a resident of the picturesque village of Cobtown. The typeface resembles clear hand printing, and Lucky looks like an American Girls doll brought to life as she sits at her desk, writing with a quill pen. There is some astute marketing involved here. In fact, this is the first book in a planned series. But marketing aside, the book has a remarkable amount of charm. Lucky's voice is artless and natural, and the action flows smoothly, offering surprises and a tear-jerking happy ending as a mysterious blind man reunites with his lost dog. Great attention was paid to book design, with illustrations including full-color paintings as well as authentic-looking

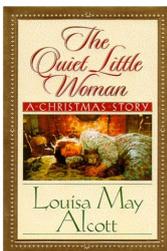
Title: The Christmas Box



Richard Paul Evans originally wrote *The Christmas Box* as an expression of love for his two daughters, never intending for it to be published. Many Christmas seasons (and a rich publishing contract) later, this touching tale relates the meaning of Christmas in a profound but simple way. Rick, Keri, and their 4-year-old daughter, Jenna, are hired as caretakers and are welcomed into the home of Mary, an ailing widow, just in time for the holidays. Before long, it becomes apparent that Mary cherishes their companionship, and this young family begins to understand that their relationship to Mary is more special than any one of them could have realized. These tender relationships, fraught with real-life struggles, are the backdrop for unraveling a mysterious secret that gently propels the reader through this short story. Unlike most generic Christmas stories, Evans manages to bypass triviality, imbedding these pages with humble truth and emotion. This tiny treasure will cause you to rejoice in the blessings of the season while stirring up a childlike vigor as old profundity is revealed

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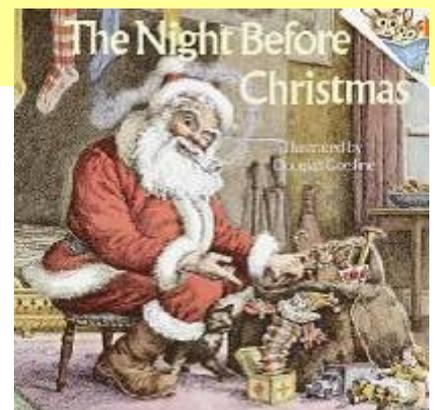
Title: The Quiet little woman



Everything about *The Quiet Little Woman: A Christmas Story* by Louisa May Alcott is heartwarming, starting with the extraordinary tale of its origin. Alcott wrote the story for three girls who emulated Little Women's March sisters by founding their own literary publication, but the magazine was lost for many years; this story is now being published in book form for the first time. *The Quiet Little Woman* tells the story of Patty, a young girl living hopelessly in an orphanage, who is rescued at Christmas time by a kindly woman named Aunt Jane. Also collected in this small, beautiful (and not co-

Title: The Night before Christmas

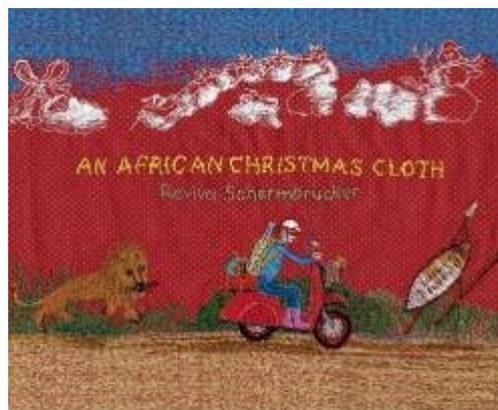
Clement C. Moore's beloved poem about Santa's arrival on Christmas Eve has been illustrated by hundreds of artists since its first publication in 1823. Two collectors of antique children's books have selected a variety of these charming pictures from Arthur Rackham, Jessie Willcox Smith, Thomas Nast, and other renowned children's illustrators of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Most of the images are from versions of the poem; a few are from antique postcards or magazines. Source notes for all the illustrations are included. Santa is dressed differently by each artist, but he is always "chubby and plump--a right jolly old elf" who brings joy to all good little girls and boys. This attractive edition of *The Night Before Christmas* will be enjoyed most by collectors of children's books or lovers of things Victorian. Youngsters who are already familiar with the poem will delight in comparing the different old-fashioned Santa and the children of long ago "nestled all snug in their beds." A charming holiday gift to leave under the tree on Christmas Eve for anyone who believes in the magic of Santa Claus.



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Title: An African Christmas cloth



Join Aunty Apples and her dog, Manny, as they putter through the South African countryside in this Christmas adventure. They camp under the stars, swim in secluded rock pools, talk to the local residents in the little towns and villages they pass, and witness the spectacular sunsets. On Christmas Day they return with a surprise



BS PTA



British Section

O u r L i b r a r y

Dear TES Parents,

New and exciting things are happening at our library. Mr. Craig Lewis, the Assistant Head of Infants, has recently assumed the critical role of the Primary Library Co-ordinator. Together with the Head of the Library for all sections, Ms. Angela Chang, they are looking into all kinds of opportunities for improvements.

What can we, as parents and PTA volunteers, do? In the long term, BS PTA is thinking about helping to form a new and permanent volunteer group, whose sole role will be to offer support, feedback and fundraising for the library. In the more immediate future, we would like to encourage you to help with the plans to decorate the main floor of the library. Please note that in early December, a group of volunteers will meet with Mr. Lewis to discuss a project to create a jungle scene on the main floor of our library. If you would like to become a part of this project, please contact Ela Benson (elzbietabenson@aol.com) or Mr. Lewis directly. Thank you for your support! If you have suggestions about how to improve our library, please share them with us.

Sincerely, Volunteers at BS PTA

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