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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 CP's visit to Puxin
- Find out about what is happening to the British Section's uniform
- We learn about what has been going on in Reception
- The Junior School's sports teams take on international competition
- We learn about Music at TES
- How to find your way around the Library.

We also have ..

- Letters from Mrs Martin and Ms Corry and an article from the British PTA Fireworks Night and the Friends of the 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

Section Française



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Les CP à la ferme



La classe de CP de Florian, Michelle et Wan Ting est partie en excursion à la ferme de Puxin.

Le but de cette sortie était de créer une véritable cohésion dans la classe afin d'aider les nouveaux arrivants à mieux s'intégrer dans le groupe.

La ferme de Puxin est une ferme laitière, donc les enfants ont pu découvrir le monde des animaux de la ferme et les activités qui l'entourent.

Les enfants ont passé une nuit là-bas ce qui leur a permis de vivre en collectivité loin de la famille et ainsi à apprendre à faire leur lit, se laver, s'habiller, s'organiser.

Pour ces jeunes enfants l'expérience a été très enrichissante et les a poussés à plus d'autonomie en vivant une vie sociale complètement différente de celle de la famille.



Les lapins, les vaches, les chevaux ont accompagné les enfants pendant les deux jours pour le plus grand plaisir des petits.



British Infants



Dear Parents

I can hardly believe we are at the end of our first term. It's been a busy term as usual, but with the additional challenge that H1N1 has given us, it has felt busier than normal.

Thank you for your support over the term, especially with regards to the measures the school had to put into place to prevent the spread of H1N1—the school couldn't have done it without your support.

It was lovely seeing so many of you at the Nursery Show last Friday, and the Infant Show on Monday. I always enjoy the shows, and it's so nice seeing the children enjoy them too. It's very important for them to 'perform' in front of an audience, so thank you for being that audience. As I looked around so many of you were smiling!

We look forward to the Reverse Christmas Tree next Tuesday—the children will need to bring their gift to school wrapped and labeled. Quite a few parents have asked if they can come to school and join in. Unfortunately the Infant Hall simply isn't big enough, so I'm afraid it will have to be children and staff only.

We also have our Christmas parties next week—Thursday for the Nursery and Friday for the other classes. All parents are very welcome to come!

I am returning to England for Christmas, and Nick and I are really looking forward to being with our children Josh and Sophie. I'm not sure I am looking forward to the weather though!

I really hope you enjoy the holiday period with your families.

Sincerest good wishes

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British Primary



School Uniform Update

Some new items are being added to the school uniform!

A new summer dress for the Infant Section girls

A new style sweater with a zip up the front

A new style sweater with buttons up the front

A new sleeveless vest

The items will be on sale from the uniform shop after the Christmas break, apart from the sleeveless vest which is due to arrive in the middle of January.

We are also consulting on a new tracksuit for the Infant and Junior Sections. A sample tracksuit is on display in the glass tube. Take a look! We are putting some response slips by the mannequin and a box to put the slips in - let us know what you think! We would particularly like to know if you think we should put the school logo on the back of the top of the tracksuit.

With thanks

Ruth Martin - Head of the British Infant Section

Adele Corry - Head of the British Junior Section

British Infants

Reception News



Phew!

It seems only a short while since the start of the term back in September, but time has passed and our Reception students are growing both academically and physically at a rapid rate!

Each week we spend lots of time learning new letter names and sounds, practice reading and revising numbers, shapes, patterns and colours. In addition to this, we've been exploring our topic 'All About Me'. The children have shared ideas about their favourite things; toys, foods, animals, etc. We've also looked at the importance of personal hygiene and were lucky enough to have a visit from Sahar who talked to the children about cleaning our teeth. They had great fun trying out the dental floss!



The Foundation Sports Day in November was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about the importance of staying healthy and how our bodies change when we exercise. The children were thrilled to beat their parents at 'tug-of-war' and it was a very successful day.

The last few weeks have been spent making decorations for the Christmas Bazaar and rehearsing for the Infant Christmas show. All this tinsel, sparkles and singing is certainly getting the children in the Festive mood!

We hope everyone has a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.



The Reception Team.



British Juniors

Dear Parents,



Christmas is coming

Excitement is building as the dates for our Christmas show loom closer. As I move around the school I hear snatches of songs and the spy the flurry of movement as dances are practiced and children are put through their paces. Groups and individuals are to be seen muttering their lines in all corners of the school - I don't know about you but I can't wait to see the final performance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their support in helping us prepare for the show. There have been armies of 'sewing mothers' who have worked hard to produce costumes and props and I know many of you will have helped your children practice their speaking parts and also helped to keep the nerves at bay.

I would also like to thank the PTA in advance for kindly offering to sell refreshments before the two performances next week. On **Tuesday 15th December** refreshments will be available in the **Parent's Café** from **1:45pm** and the doors to the amphitheatre will be open from **2:15pm**. On **Wednesday 16th December**, refreshments will be available from **6:15pm** in the atrium and the doors to the amphitheatre will open at **6:45pm**.

For all those who are unable to make the show or for family and friends living far way we will be filming the show so they can see it live via an internet link - isn't technology wonderful! An email will be sent to all parents containing the password you will need to use to access the live streaming site.

We have a professional photographer, Mr Dirk Diestal, who will be taking photos during the Tuesday performance. You will be able to access the photographs by following the link to his website which we will send you after the holiday period.

Reminder of times and procedures:

Tuesday 15th December	Wednesday 16th December
1:45 pm: Refreshments available in the Parent's Café	6:15pm Children arrive at school Refreshments available for parents in the atrium
2:15pm: Doors open	6:45pm Doors open
2:30pm: Show starts	8:40pm Show finishes - children return to classrooms to change
4:10pm: Show finishes - children return to classrooms to change	8:45 -9:00pm Children taken to the atrium to be collected by parents
4:15 - 4:30pm: Children taken to the atrium to be collected by parents / Bus children taken to the bus loading bay	

British Juniors

PE Uniform



At the entrance of the school is a display of the proposed new design of the school tracksuit which will be worn over PE kit during periods of colder weather. We are consulting with parents as to whether or not there should be a logo on the back of the tracksuit top and there is a feedback form for parents to add their comments to. I have added a photograph of the mannequin and if you would like to email me with your comments about the logo or any other issues related to the tracksuit please contact me on BritishJuniorHead@tes.tp.edu.tw

Events

In a recent assembly we were able to celebrate the successes of the TES swim team who competed at an international swimming gala at TAS. Our thanks go to Mrs Turner and the parents who



have provided excellent support. Last Monday the team completed a

'swimathon' to raise money for the victims of typhoon Morokot. If you would like to support their efforts then please make a donation in the school office.



Football and T-ball

So far this year Mr Hoo has organised a football match against the Japanese School and a T-ball match against Shidong Elementary. We think it is important for the junior children to have opportunities to compete against other schools and for us to strengthen our links with the local community. We look forward to the return matches later next term.



British Juniors



Twin Day

Our Tribe Council decided to hold a 'Twin Day' yesterday as a fundraiser. This involved the children and staff

organising themselves as twins and triplets (and even some quadruplets) and they came to school dressed alike. For the teachers this initially

posed rather a challenge until a certain person came up with a great idea as you can see from the photo here ...



Thank -you to our tribe councilors for the excellent work they have done this term.

Future Developments

Over the Christmas holiday period shade in the form of sails will be installed in the area outside the music room.

Shortly we will be consulting with parents over some ideas to improve the Junior playground and also on our we can make our school 'greener'. I will let you know more about these two issues in January.

There is only one more week until the end of term and so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Show next week and thank you for your support over the term.

Kind regards

Adele Corry

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.

If you would prefer there is also a 'Suggestion Book' in the office where you can record feedback about any school related matter or suggest ideas for the future.

British Juniors

Fun Music websites

This year, we introduced several music websites to different year levels. It includes audio sound clips, written composition, and experiencing musical elements. Here are the websites to share with you.

<http://www.sfskids.org/templates/musiclab.asp?pageid=4>

<http://www.sonycreativesoftware.com/products/sdml/sdml.asp>



FOBISSEA Music Festival 2009

This year, we took five junior students to British School Manila for the four day trip. The Music Festival featured a variety of events from large rehearsals to small ensembles for choir and orchestra. In the end, it culminated in a Gala concert and dinner that showcased main musical ensembles and some minor ensembles.



Primary Orchestra and Choir

The Junior Performance groups - EPC Orchestra and Choir have been performing at the Christmas Bazaar and the Sherwood Hotel for the ECCT Luncheon. Students played Christmas carols and sang songs in different languages to send their greetings at this time of the year.

EPC Library



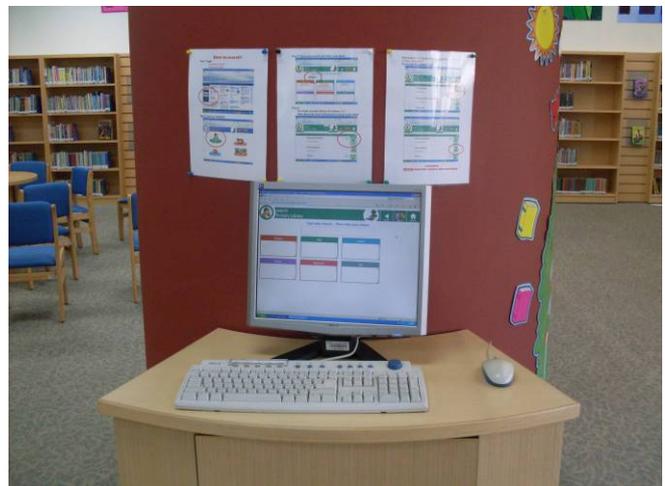
Dear Parents,

The Library Team is constantly working on building an enjoyable reading environment for all our readers. We are delighted to present you with several new corners in our library. Have a look in the Junior Section, you will find not only a Christmas tree awaiting you, but also a new section for picture & comic books and a computer which allows our children to search for books. The Infant Section is more child-friendly with low shelves which are an easy access for young children.

Please come and have a delightful read with your little ones!

Computer for book information

The computer sits in the back of the main reading area, just next to German Section. Children are able to search for book information by entering key words, book titles, subjects, or authors.



EPC Library



Grab a book and sit beside our Christmas tree! Enjoy the pleasant company of both our books and the tree.

If our children have any book wishes, they are very welcome to write down their wishes on a card and attach it to



Picture & Comic Books



Our Picture & Comic Books area for British Section is located right under the stairs, while those for French and German Sections are by the windows. The collections include popular series “Winnie the Witch,” “Asterix,” and “Charlie and Lola.”

EPC Library



↓ → Low shelves help children to access

Infant Library



← Popular authors and Librarian's favorites



BS PTA

Our Accounts: Fireworks Night 2009



Our balance sheet assures us that Fireworks Night entertains as well as funds school projects. 2,000 guests who came to the party generously supported our fundraising efforts. Here is a brief overview of cash profit from the night:

- Entrance: NT\$ 301,225
- Tombola: NT\$ 42,670
- Drinks: NT\$ 32,380
- Games: NT\$ 71,900
- Total cash profit: NT\$ 344,873 (which includes food and snack sales as well as sponsors' contributions)

Fireworks Night was not broadly advertised this year as the goal was to make it an intimate and school-community focused event. With the Bazaar just around the corner, a smaller Fireworks Night aimed to bring our school community together and we this was successfully achieved.

We are currently inviting proposal for projects in the need of funding. Please contact BSPTA with any suggestions at tbspta@gmail.com.

BS PTA

Calendar



- This is our last Newsletter before Christmas. We wish You All a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- **January 11, 2010** — BS PTA meets in the conference room on the ground floor of the Junior Section . The meeting begins at 8:30am . We warmly invite all the Class Reps as well as all the parents. Among other things, we will discuss how the funds raised in 2009 may be used to support various projects at TES. Please come and share your suggestions.



Friends of the Library

On **January 13th of 2010 at 8 a.m.** parents meet to paint and decorate a reading corner on the ground floor of our library. Come to help!

As you all know, our library has an incredible potential. The space is open and bright. Nice and functional furniture invites readers. We feel, however, that our work is not done yet. Many parents at TES would like our library to reach its full potential. To do so, we will work to expand the library collections, move dictionaries from second floor to the ground floor and display them on flat lecterns, so the kids can open them easily. We also hope that the library will become the home for various programs such as read-a-thons. Parents from all sections, come join us! **The Library Needs You!**

