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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 bumper journal...

- Read the latest news from the German Section
- Look back at the French Section Christmas celebrations.
- We learn about what has been going on in Reception
- Find out about what has been going on in the Nursery and Year 6.
- Take a look at our redecorated library.

We also have ..

- News from Mrs Martin and Ms Corry and an article from the British PTA , four pages of book recommendations and an appeal for donations for disaster relief in Haiti.

Useful School Links

- [British Infants Calendar & Events](#) All those dates you need to know for your little ones!
- [British Infants Curriculum](#) Information on Maths and Literacy/Topic Units for 2009/10
- [British Juniors Calendar & Events](#) All those dates you need to know for your slightly bigger ones!
- [British Juniors Curriculum](#) Information on Literacy, Maths and Topic Units for 2009/10

Deutsche Sektion



Nachrichten aus dem Kindergarten

Interkulturelle Begegnung der Vorschüler mit den Kindern der Grande Section

Dreikönigstag – Fête des Rois

Traditionell feiern die Kinder in Frankreich den Dreikönigstag mit einem besonderen Kuchen, dem „Galette des rois“. In diesen Kuchen eingebakken ist eine kleine Figur, genannt „fève“. Früher war das wirklich einmal eine Bohne, heute handelt es sich um eine hübsche Porzellanfigur.

In diesem Jahr waren die französischen Kinder zu Gast bei uns im Kindergarten. Nach einer kurzen Begrüßung wurde jeweils ein Kind aus den beiden Gruppen gewählt, das



Deutsche Sektion



Dann begann das vorsichtige Essen des Kuchens, denn irgendwo war ja die kleine Figur versteckt. Und tatsächlich fanden zwei Kinder eine „fève“ und wurden somit unsere Hoheiten. Wir stellen vor: Königin Katharina I und König



Auch unsere jüngeren Kinder feierten auf diese Weise das Dreikönigsfest und dort wurde Matthew I gekürt. Hier nun ein Foto von seiner Majestät Matthew I vor seiner Burg.



Section Française



Le spectacle de Noël



Le spectacle de Noël a fait salle comble à Wenlin jeudi 17 décembre 2009. Il faut dire que les petites sections étaient adorables avec leur bonnet de père Noël rouge et blanc!

Les élèves de maternelle et de primaire ont offert de belles prestations et les élèves des classes bilingues ont chanté en anglais et en français!



La classe de CEI a proposé une poésie collective, chaque élève devait réciter une partie des vers chacun à leur tour.

Un exercice de mémoire et de diction que les élèves ont parfaitement réussi!



Sacha et Aimé pendant la récitation collective.

Un grand bravo à tous les élèves pour le travail accompli et la préparation que ce spectacle a dû demander!



Le diabolos par les élèves de CMI-2

British Infants



Dear Parents

I have attached a Spring Term calendar, and on it you will notice quite a few events. I thought you would appreciate some details to go with the calendar. The dates shown should match to the ones on the PSC calendar, but there are additional ones.

Maths Workshop for Infant Section only on Friday 29th January at 1pm in the Infant Cookery Room—Miss Seymour and I will explore the concepts of addition and subtraction.

Chinese New Year Celebrations on Friday 12th February—Children to wear traditional Chinese clothes or something red. They will enjoy watching some lion dancing and have their Chinese New Year Parties—class reps to organise.

French Carnival—The French Head will send details home soon, but the children can come to school in fancy dress on this day, and there will be a parade and crepes to enjoy.

Workshop for parents of Nursery and Reception children on Monday 1st March in the Infant Cookery Room at 1pm—Miss Coope and I will give a talk on the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Maths Workshop for Infant Section only on Friday 12th March at 1pm in the Infant Cookery Room—Miss Seymour and I will explore the concepts of multiplication and division.

Book Week between Monday 15th March and Thursday 18th March—details to follow.

Open Week between Monday 22nd March and Thursday 25th March—details to follow, but basically you will be able to come into school and work alongside your children, so keep the days free! Each individual teacher will send a timetable home highlighting the times parents will be able to come in. You will select the

sessions you would like and then depending on demand, the teacher will inform you of the sessions you can join your child in. Younger children will not be able to accompany you as the 4 days will operate as normally as

possible, so at least now you have plenty of time to arrange some babysitting.

This is a new initiative so there will obviously have to be some 'rules' but I will send these to you later.

I look forward to continue working with you over the coming term, because by working together, we can best meet the needs of your children.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section

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British Infants



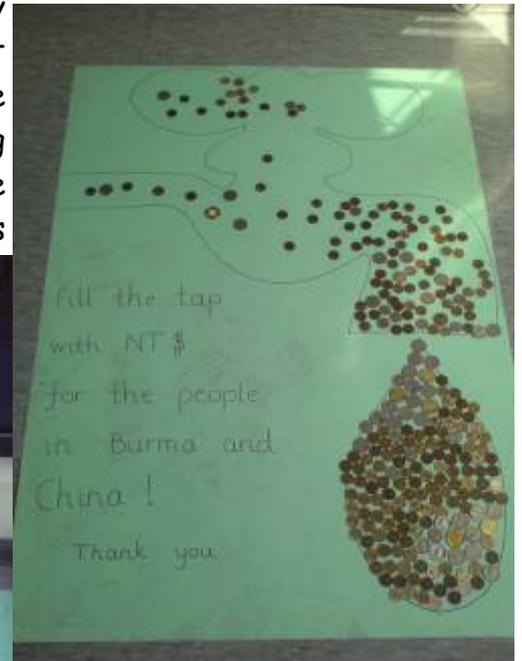
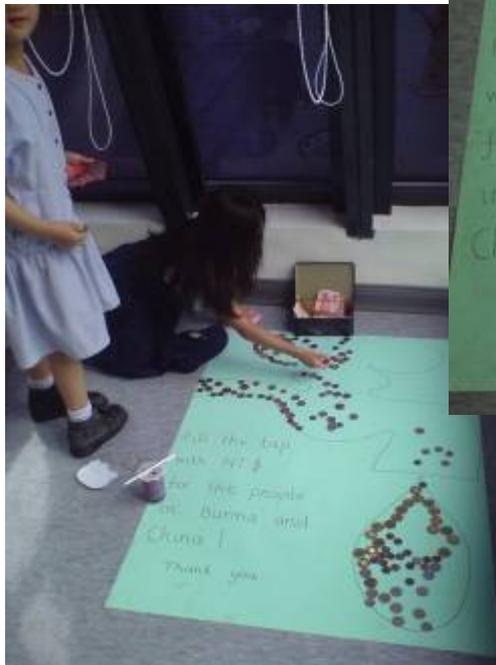
Haiti Earthquake Appeal

Dear Parents

As you know, On January 12th, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti. The British Infant Section would like your help in raising money to support the disaster victims rebuild their lives and their communities.

We will be raising money starting Monday 25th January by drawing a big tap and asking the children to fill it with coins. This will be almost identical to the appeal we did two years ago when China was devastated by a big earthquake. During the school assembly on Friday the children will be told about the appeal. The school is acutely aware that it is difficult to talk to young children about this sort of thing. However, by doing something fairly simple and putting it in terms of people not being able to access water is quite effective.

Please help us support the Haiti earthquake disaster relief effort by giving your child a few NT\$ coins so they can come to the office and place them on our tap.



Thank you for you continued support

Craig Lewis

Assistant Head - Infant Section

British Infants

The Nursery celebrated Christmas with a great party on 5th Dec. The party began with games during which, the children got a surprise visit from Father Christmas, who, we noted, looks a lot like a certain Australian senior member of staff!



After the games, the children enjoyed a party lavishly decorated and catered by the Octopus class parents. Everyone had a great time and the children were so happy with the balloons and gifts.



Upon return after the Christmas holiday, the Nursery staff and children were delighted to find that Father Christmas had brought us a door opening in the wall between the Octopus and the Dolphin classes.



This opening allows the children to have much easier access to all the areas of the unit and the curriculum. In fact, from end to end the open space now measures over 30 metres long!



It also allowed us to reorganise the resources and furniture within the Nursery to create a more open and stimulating learning environment in which the children can socialise freely.

very big thank you to Father Christmas (and Mrs Martin and Dr Weston) from the Nursery team and children!



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British Juniors



Dear Parents, Students and Friends of TES

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term in the British Junior Section.

On Monday 25th January, the children will be bringing home a hard copy of an events calendar for Term 2. I hope this will help parents with forward planning for the many events we have organised for the term. In this edition of the Wen Lin Journal there will be information regarding the events and ways you can support your child. I have not included class assemblies and class day trips in this newsletter but please find them on the calendar of events.

Reports Your child's first report of the academic year will be sent home on Friday 5th February. Attached to the report is a feedback form for parents to comment on any aspect of their child's attainment and progress, as well as any issues they would like to discuss during the parent/teacher meetings. The deadline for returning the appointment request form was today and therefore if you have not returned it we cannot guarantee you will be given your preferred time slots. You will receive your appointment times on Wednesday 3rd February.

Uniform There are three new uniform items now available; the zip-up cardigan and the button-up cardigan (which replace the sweatshirt) and the sleeveless knitted sweater, which is worn over the striped shirt for a bit of extra warmth.

Thank you to all of you who responded to our survey regarding the PE tracksuit. The tracksuit design, with the logo on the back of the top, will be going into production and I will let you know when it is due to become available in the uniform shop. In the meantime the children may wear their own tracksuit bottoms/leggings with the school sweatshirt on the days when the weather is cold. Otherwise they wear their PE shorts and T-shirt on the day their class is timetabled for PE.

Please remember that the children are required to wear black leather shoes with their normal uniform and are required to wear the **school** cap outside. If they are not wearing their cap they will be asked to sit in the shade. Please label your child's cap - we do have many unnamed caps in the lost property box outside the Parents' Café.

Arrival Time The arrival time at school is 7:40am. At this time the children are allowed to enter the building and go to their classrooms. Quite a few children are arriving early and there is no supervision before this time. Teachers are busy preparing lessons and are sometimes in meetings. I understand that sometimes there is a necessity for a parent to drop their child off early. If this is the case please inform us.

Christmas Photos Please click on the link below to access Dirk Diestal's wonderful photos of our Christmas Show. There is also a DVD for parents to copy. The Class Reps in each year group are organising the distribution of the DVD. If you need information regarding the Class Reps please contact the office.

<http://www.taiwan-foto.de/html/teschristmas.html>

British Juniors



Crisis in Haiti This week in assembly I made a presentation about the recent earthquake in Haiti. This was done sensitively so as not to worry the children but to give them information and an opportunity to discuss our response. The school will be supporting Haiti through the Red Cross and the Tribe Council will be informing the school of how we intend to raise money. As Taiwan is an earthquake prone area I also reassured the children about the safety of our school building and reminded them of the earthquake safety procedures. In school we practise emergency drills (fire, intruder and earthquake) as part of our safety procedures.

Footballs Thanks to the generous donation from Santa Fe Relocation Services of some lovely new footballs. Jim Hill, the General Manager, and Ann Chan, the Relocation Services Manager, visited the school on Tuesday and gave 16 brand new footballs to the TES Primary School.

Events This is a very busy term with many exciting events. Please find the dates on the calendar your child will be bringing home on Monday 25th January.



22nd January: Taipei Athletics Display - Scottish country dancing display at the new Taipei City Arena by B5CM AND B6GE

1st - 5th February: Class photos at EPC

8th - 12th February: No ECAs this week

8th - 12th February: Science Week - there will be science displays in the atrium for parents and children to explore and on Thursday the children will spend the morning involved in a range of science activities.

9th February: 3:30 - 5:30 Parent /teacher meetings

11th February: 5:00- 7:00pm Parent /teacher meetings

12th February: Chinese New Year celebrations - During the last week of this half term the children will have an opportunity to visit a 'street market' (actually held in school). They can bring in some spending money (probably about NT\$100 - amount to be confirmed by CLC teachers). On the Friday afternoon the children will be treated to an acrobatic display and lion dance. We would like all children to wear either a Chinese style outfit or wear something red.

should you wish to communicate in writing.

British Juniors



15th - 19th February: No school - Chinese New Year holiday

23rd February: Carnivale - Each year the French Section organises a carnival parade. The children and teachers come to school in costume. Each class in the Junior section secretly prepares a 3-minute song/dance routine with appropriate costumes. Parents are very welcome to attend the parade (infant section children will be joining the parade too) which is held from 8:45 - 9:30 am and starts from the atrium. Unfortunately there is no space for parents to join us in the amphitheatre for the mini-show but we will publish photographs in the newsletter following the event.

26th February: Junior section Sports Day - please join us for this fun day of team events. The first race starts at 9:00am.

5th March: TES Junior Music Concert - 7pm in the amphitheatre

8th - 12th March: Year 6 residential trip to Kuching

9th - 12th March: Year 6 residential trip to Yilan

15th - 18th March: Book Week

17th - 18th March: Ballet Recital - 6:30pm in the amphitheatre

19th March: No school for the children- INSET day (In-service Educational Training)

25th March: Section Council Meeting 7pm

26th March: Last day of term

29th March - 11th April: Easter/Spring holiday

12th April: School returns

Kind regards

Adele Corry

Head of British Junior Section

If there are any issues resulting from this newsletter or any other aspect of the school you would like to discuss with me then please contact me by email BritishJuniorHead@tes.tp.edu.tw or by telephone on (+886) 8145 9007 Ext 500,

or make an appointment with me by contacting Karina on Ext 501.

I am available every day from 2:45pm and will be in the area surrounding the canteen and Parents' Café. There is also a suggestions book in the office

British Juniors



Science Week

Science Week will take place during 8th - 12th February.

On Monday 8th of February the children will set up a display either in groups or in classes on a science project they have been working on.

The displays will be set up in the atrium for you all to come and look at.

The children will be taking part in science activity morning, on Thursday 11th February.

Please note this date in your diary!



British Juniors

Year 6 spent term 1 writing and publishing, researching and presenting, designing and building and were more than ready for the holiday at the end of it all! In the pages that follow, you will find lots of photos of from the exhibition day when the students invited their parents in to share their work.



British Section



Building cars

Making eyes!

Building

bridges

British Juniors

A small glimpse into the life of B6KH, from September 2009 to January 2010



The start of B6KH's "herb garden".



"My Life" written by me!



Forces in action!



Year 6 "Transportation Day"



The Brain



Budding futuristic car designer with winning designer and a model car from VW.

British Juniors

B6MF have had a really busy term!
Here are a few of our favourite
memories from a fun-packed term.



Great Teamwork!



Amazing Scientists!



Car Designers!



Having Fun!



EPC



EPC Library - Jungle Window Project

A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers and our lead artist Kelly who got very creative in the library last week and turned a bland area into a fabulous jungle scene. The photographs below show the transformation of the area. It is not finished yet as we still have animals to add and pieces of children's jungle art and report writing. However, I am sure you will agree it is a massive improvement and much more inviting for our children to relax, sit down and read a good book. This is hopefully the first of many projects for the library, please come and take a look.

Before



During



After



If you have any ideas on how to help enhance or improve the library please email me with your suggestions.

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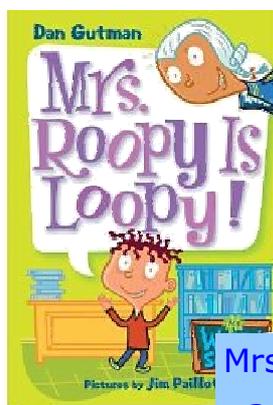


Dear Parents,

NEW ARRIVALS!

It's another new year and we have new books to welcome our children back to school! You'll find popular series such as *My Weird School*, *Babymouse*, *Geronimo Stilton*, *Magic Tree House*, and *Septimus Heap* in our New Books areas.

What's more, there are non-fiction books which are related to the curriculum, for example, music, chocolate, festival of lights, and more! Many of our new books are suggestions from not only teachers but also our children! Come and enjoy them!!



My Weird School #3: Mrs. Roopy Is Loopy!

Suggested Year Group:
Year 1-2

Mrs. Roopy, the new librarian, comes to school wearing a pot on her head! One day she thinks she's George Washington, and the next day she's Little Bo Peep! The

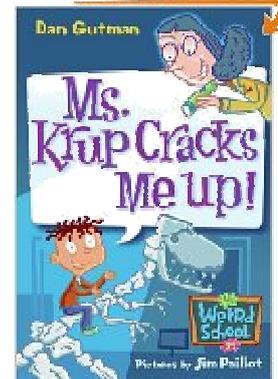
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My Weird School #21: Ms. Krup Cracks Me Up!



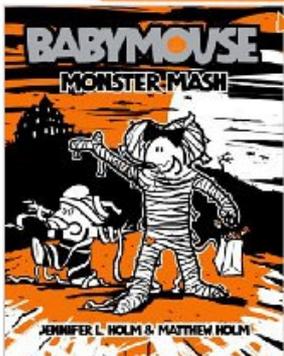
A.J. thinks that nothing can possibly be as boring as a sleepover in the natural history museum. But anything can happen when Ms. Krup is in charge. The tour guide says that dinosaur skeletons come to life in the middle of the night. Is

Suggested Year Group:
Year 1-2

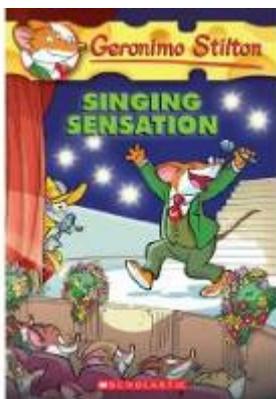


Babymouse #9: Monster Mash

Suggested Year Group:
Year 3



This year, Babymouse is determined to have the best Halloween costume and the best Halloween party ever. Will Babymouse be the monster of her dreams? Will Felicia Furrypaws come to the party? And is that *really* the creature from the black lagoon living in Babymouse's locker? Find out in the most



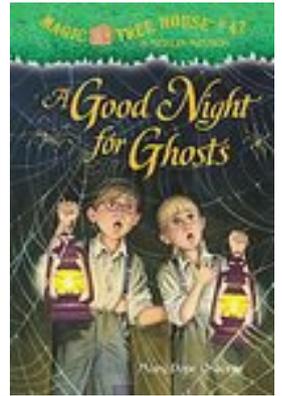
Suggested Year Group:
Year 4

Singing Sensation (Geronimo Stilton, No. 39)

After being enrolled in the Song Festival, Geronimo Stilton's song, "Welcome to New Mouse City," goes to the top of the charts and makes Geronimo a star, but very few CDs are sold after the festival. Will Geronimo and his detective friend, Hercule Poirat, be able to solve the mystery?

EPC Library

Suggested Year Group:
Year 5



Magic Tree House #42: A Good Night for Ghosts

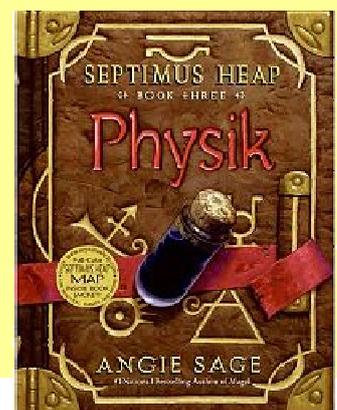


Jack and Annie are on their second mission to find—and inspire—artists to bring happiness to millions. After traveling to New Orleans, Jack and Annie come head to head with some real ghosts, as well as

Septimus Heap, Book Three: Physik

In the third volume in the series, the young Apprentice to the Extraordinary Wizard yearns to go beyond his training in Magyk to Physik, an ancient form of healing championed by the great Physician Marcellus Pye. He gets his chance when the decrepit, 500-year-old Marcellus kidnaps Septimus back in time to help him turn his ill-fated tincture for everlasting life into one for everlasting youth. Princess Jenna, joined by Nicko and his love interest, a new character named Snorri, goes searching for a way to reach Septimus and bring him back to his rightful time. She must also elude the ghost of Marcellus's mother, Queen Etheldredda, who is bent on murdering the princess so she can assume the throne. Explanations of time travel are wisely avoided: "at that point, Septimus' brain refused to think anymore," and many other plot elements are juggled successfully. There are too many characters to keep track of, however, including lesser figures who are not presented with enough background information. Readers will quickly warm up to the stars of the book, sketched with liberal doses of humor, and all back in top form. Chapters alternate points of view, keeping suspense high, while lots of vivid details portray a palace life humming with Magyk. Fans of the series will enjoy the secrets that are revealed as *Physik* delves deeper into the labyrinthine palace walls and will eagerly await the next installment

Suggested Year Group:
Year 6



EPC Library



Le secret d'état aux yeux verts



Il y a une chose que je ne supporte pas, c'est d'être malheureuse. Mais comment continuer à être heureuse quand on est tombée amoureuse d'un secret d'Etat aux yeux verts qui s'appelle Emilio Perez, qui disparaît sans arrêt et qui est aussi difficile à trouver qu'une aiguille dans une botte de foin : aux îles Rademaker, il y a au moins deux mille familles Perez.

Rex, ma tortue

Pour mon anniversaire, j'avais demandé un chien. Mais, quand j'ai ouvert mon paquet, j'ai découvert une tortue. J'ai pensé que ce devait être une pochette-surprise déguisée en tortue et qu'à l'intérieur je trouverais mon chien. Non. A l'intérieur, il n'y avait rien. J'ai compris alors que la tortue était mon seul et vrai cadeau et je sais maintenant que mon anniversaire est le pire jour de ma vie.

Colas Gutman
Rex, ma tortue
Mouche de l'école des loisirs



Quand nous aurons mangé la planète

Fruits, air, eau, plantes, poissons, animaux... La Terre n'est pas un jardin dans lequel les humains peuvent puiser sans fin. Voici une histoire qui donne envie aux enfants de faire tourner la planète juste un peu plus rond.

BS PTA



BS PTA Has a New Chair Person

2010 sees a slight change take place in the BS PTA Team. Rob Loeb, the Chair Person from September to December 2009, has had to tender his resignation, due to a change in family circumstances. As the Vice Chair Person last term, I am delighted to take on the role of Chair for the remainder of the academic year.

The PTA Team remains the same otherwise and we are looking forward to another exciting two terms, following a fun and successful start last year. In 2010, we will strive to continue to support our children in the Infant and Junior British Sections.

This is my third year as a TES parent and currently, I have a daughter in 6GE and a son in 4JB. I have met some great people at TES and I hope to meet many more during this coming year, especially through my involvement with the PTA. We meet regularly, on the first Monday of every month and all are welcome; I hope to see you there!

Marie D'Cruz

BS PTA Chair Person

BS PTA



Friends of the Library Paint Murals

Have you seen the new murals at our library? If not, do not wait any longer. Our library is on the third floor of the main administrative building, and it is open to both children and parents until 4 p.m. every day.

The library offers an excellent space for doing homework and reading. While you will enjoy many more improvements in the coming months, we would like you to sample our new reading corner. With nice benches steeped in a glorious natural light and surrounded by calm images of mountains and trees, you will surely find the new reading corner enchanting. As the library pages of this Newsletter report, many parents helped with this project. Among them there were quite a few parents who are also very active in the BS PTA Team. Please explore our library and feel free to offer suggestions on how you would like to improve it.

BS PTA

Calendar and Announcements



- ISBC Book orders — BS PTA and class reps coordinate (ISBC) International School Book Club orders this year. Thank you to all the parents who help with this project. Without your involvement we may have had to forgo this project this year.
- January 29 — International School Book Club (ISBC) orders are due. These order were distribute on January 20 (Wednesday) via your child's school bag. Please return your book order and payment as instructed in a cover sheet (not to your teacher). Thank you.
- February 1 at 8:30 am — BSPTA meeting at the conference room in the Junior Building (ground floor across from the nurses' station).
- BS PTA Vice Chair Person — BSPTA is calling for volunteers to fill the position of the vice chair person. This position became vacant as the former vice chair person assumed the role of the chair person.