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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 about the After School Activity Program in the German Section
- Find out about an exciting development in the EPC library allowing parents to borrow books for the first time!
- We take a look at ICT in the British Junior Section
- Find out who made the FOBISSEA 2010 team
- We hear about the visit of two authors to the French Section

We also have ..

- News from Mrs Martin and Ms Corry and an article from the British PTA and a Carnival announcement!

Useful School Links



**British Infants
Calendar & Events**

For all those dates you need to know for your little ones!

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



**British Infants
Curriculum**

Information on Maths and Literacy/Topic Units for 2009/10

<http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/KS1.php>



**British Juniors
Calendar & Events**

All those dates you need to know for your slightly bigger ones!

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



**British Juniors
Curriculum**

Information on Literacy, Maths and Topic Units for 2009/10

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

British Infants

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Dear Parents

It was nice seeing so many of you at the Maths workshop on Friday, I hope to see you all at the next one on Friday 12th March!

We are having ongoing problems with our email account here at school. If the email address is 'hotmail', 'gmail' or 'yahoo', some messages are going straight into our Spam account, and we can not always retrieve them. There is no set

Pattern to this happening, and while some parents are having no problems, some are. What is particularly annoying is that one day an email will arrive safely, while the next day an email from the same sender will end up going into Spam. Please be aware of this when communicating with us. If we don't answer an email, it might be because we haven't received the email in the first place.

I am starting to put books and equipment into the Parents' Café to help keep the children amused. Please help me to keep it as tidy as possible. I am working with a group of parents to think of ways in which we can reopen the Infant Section playground. Officially it remains closed from 2:30, but I am not policing this at the moment, as it is too time consuming. Unfortunately, some children are still going into classrooms and the Infant Hall to help themselves to equipment, and some of the play is so noisy that it disturbs the teachers! Please help me by always supervising your children if they choose to use the playground.

Many thanks

Ruth Martin

8145 9007 Ext 602 or britishinfanthead@tes.tp.edu.tw

British Juniors



Dear Parents, Students and Friends of TES,

School uniform is always a hotly debated topic in schools and so it was very interesting to be invited, along with Nicholas Blanc (administrator from the French Section), to speak to the Year 6 children to give our respective opinions on the wearing of school uniform. M Blanc was not in favour of uniforms and I was. The children were learning about the genre of persuasive writing and so, as a follow up, they discussed their opinions in groups and then wrote individual letters, either to M Blanc or myself, trying to persuade us to change our minds. We each chose a winning letter which was not an easy task as the writing was of a very high standard. I would like to say well done to Sabrina and Luke. For working so hard at being persuasive. Please find the letters published in this newsletter. As to whether or not you have changed our minds, that debate will continue.



Giving children a purpose for learning really enhances the experience and this was also seen recently in Siemens Solar Power workshop attended by Year 6. The children worked in groups to make solar powered cars which they used in a race. I would like to say thank you to the team from Siemens who gave an excellent presentation to the children and gave a generous donation of some construction kits which contain solar powered motors.

I know that many members of our community are keen to promote a greener way of living. After Chinese New Year I will be forming a focus group made up of staff and parents interested in discussing ways of us becoming a greener school.

An invitation to join the group will be sent home after the holidays.



British Juniors



ROOM J507
Taipei European School
727 Wenlin Road
Shilin, 11159

19th January 2010

Mr. Blanc
French Section
727 Wenlin Road
Shilin, 11159

RE: complaint about School Uniforms

Dear Mr. Blanc,

I'm writing to complain about French students not wearing school uniforms. I have several strong reasons to support my opinion.

Firstly, I strongly believe that wearing school uniforms is safe. If students go on a trip, they can be easily identified. Furthermore, I disagree with what you stated that students could wear a badge. The badges could or get damaged.

Secondly, children who wear school uniforms look more decent. It is certain that people who wear casual clothes often look very disturbing. Would you ever let you child wear a T-shirt to school with very bad language?

Thirdly, children who are richer then others would tease the children who are not as rich. I mean I thought the school wanted to stop teasing and laughing at others, but no uniforms would make that rule mean nothing.

In conclusion, it is clear that not wearing a uniform is a serious problem that must be stopped because of the reasons I have given. Therefore, not wearing a school uniform should be stopped and the school would be a much better and happy place.

Yours sincerely,

Luke
Room J507

British Juniors



Room J507
Taipei European School
727 Wenlin Road
Shihlin, 11159

20th January 2010

Ms.Corry
British Section, T.E.S
727 Wenlin Road
Shihlin, 11159

Dear Ms.Corry,

Re: Children shouldn't have to wear school uniforms

I'm writing to complain about the British section having to wear school uniforms. I have several convincing reasons as to why children shouldn't wear uniforms.

Firstly, I strongly believe that the uniforms we are told to wear are very uncomfortable. They are hard to run and play in, whereas if we didn't wear uniforms we could wear trainers to school and be just as safe as you say the uniforms are.

Secondly, I believe that wearing uniforms makes us feel like we're in the army and look like we are. I have many children backing me up with this complaint. We all feel like clones, and what we think is that we need to express our freedom and our culture.

Furthermore, you stated that these uniforms are comfortable to wear, but how would you know if you have never tried on the uniforms? If you were ever to put the uniform on then you would know exactly how every one else feels, helpless, closed in and like a prisoner, having to wear the same dull look every way. How would you feel if you had to wear the same uniforms every day that made you itch all day long?

You commented that when we go on a school trip our uniforms advertise to people who don't come to this school. I prefer to not be identified as a walking billboard for T.E.S.

In conclusion, I feel insecure wearing my uniform and it's not just me who feels like this. I like to express my style and not be a clone like every one else.

Yours sincerely,

Sabrina

British Juniors

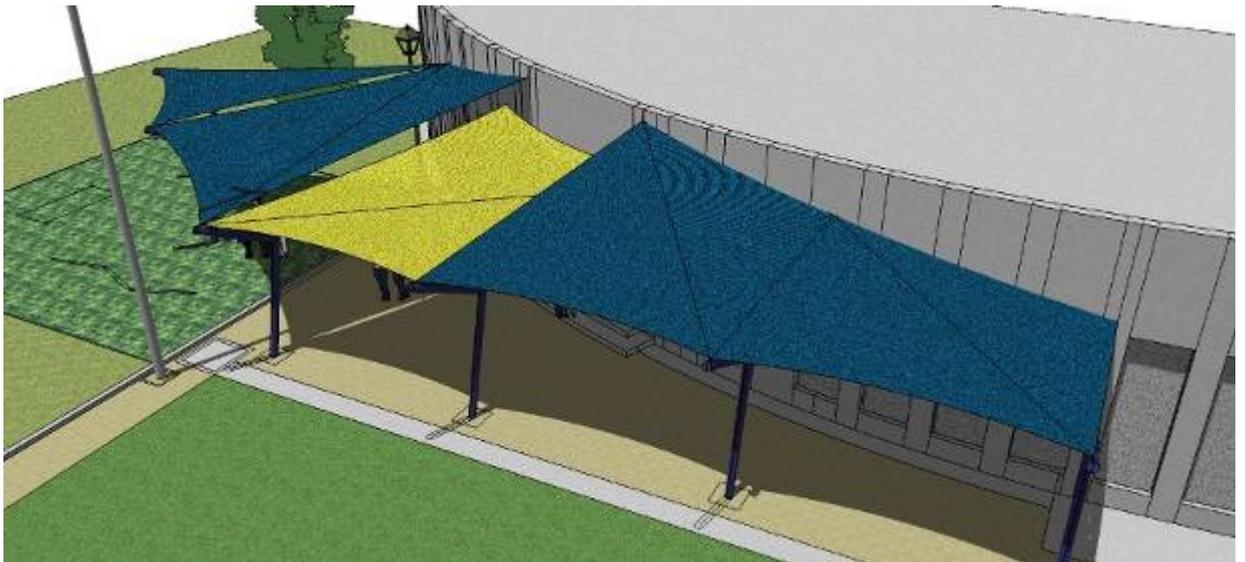


Science Week: The children have been very busy this week creating displays for the atrium in preparation for our Science week. We are focusing on scientific investigations which encourage the children to think creatively to try to explain how living and non-living things work, to establish links between causes and effects and also to know that it is important to test ideas using evidence from observation and measurement.

We have organised the week to coincide with our Parent/Teacher meetings so as to give as many parents as possible the opportunity to visit with their children. On Wednesday the children will spend the whole morning involved in scientific activities.

Supporting Haiti Thank you all for your generous donation of toys, books and cakes for the bring and buy sale held yesterday. The Tribe Councillors worked hard and raised just over NT\$19,000 which will be donated to the Red Cross.

Shade Project On behalf of the whole of the Junior Section I would like to say a huge thank you to the PSC



(Parent's Support Council) for their extremely generous donation of \$NT250,000. The money will be used to help fund the erection of awnings outside the music rooms of the junior wing. The work will be done over the Easter holiday period.

There is only one more week of this half term left before the Chinese New Year holiday. Thank you to all parents who have helped in school supporting class trips and other activities. I look forward to seeing many of you during our Parent/Teacher meetings on Tuesday and Thursday of next week. Please remember I am also available for appointments at this time so please call my office on Tel (+886) 02 8145 9007 Ext 501/502.

Kind regards

Adele Corry

ICT @ EPC

Photo Editing

Year 4

Students in year 4 have been working with Artweaver to edit photos. They have learned how to use the magic wand to select pictures and copy and paste them into a background. They used layers to arrange each character on the background and the scale and rotate tool to make sure all the characters were the right size in relation to one another.



Ethan Quick's Moes Bar



E-mail



Year 4 have also been learning how to email. Understanding how to be safe online and how to react appropriately to junk and undesirable email.

They have all set up their own email accounts and now are safe and happy Gmailers!



ICT @ EPC

Google SketchUp Year 5

Jun Xiang's Nintendo DS



Rosh's TV



The Android Jatin Phone



Year 5 have been working hard with Google SketchUp. This is a free CAD (Computer Aided Design) tool. They have been understanding how to push and pull objects to make them 3D, as well as adding colour and textures to make objects appear more realistic. They studied common objects and recreated them using tools on the computer.

Year 3 -Crystal Rainforests



Year 3 have been playing with an adventure game called Crystal Rainforests. Designed to help students with concepts in Logo, ordering commands, and basic computer programming. Can you help save the King and the Planet Oglo from the Cut and Run gang?



EPC FOBISSEA

2010 FOBISSEA SQUAD SELECTION

The following children have been selected to represent TES at this year's Primary FOBISSEA Games, held at The Regent's School, Pattaya, Thailand from 3 - 8 June 2010:



- Year 4:** Nicholas Bremer; Vatsal Savani; Lawrence Li; Brian Lu; Matthew Linehan; Hallum D'Cruz; Agata Giani; Elizabeth Lin; Mijke Van De Ven; Eileen Rasche; Hannah Kwuo; and Megan Chen with Jerome Chen and Marine Boennec as substitutes.
- Year 5:** Mason Lee; Randy Su; Jun Young Yoon; Jakub Bartak; Declan Damrau; Morris Chen; Grace Liu; Maya Golan; Claire Chen; Libby Forsyth; Yu Ting Chen, and Anabelle Jessop with Kristian Morken and Nidhi Mehta as substitutes.
- Year 6:** Justin Liu; Marek Beloch; Berkay Onaz; Evan Weng; Christopher Lu; Louis Cheng; Sophia Ulrich; Charlotte Earnshaw; Arisa Ogiwara; Tahlia Crnjac; Kimberley Chuang, and Jane O'Connor with Darren Pritchard and Deva D'Cruz as substitutes.

I would like to thank all the participants for making it extremely difficult for the teachers and I to select the team as you all showed such great determination and commitment throughout the whole process. I am sure that if you continue to work as hard as you have done during the selections weeks, you will continue to grow as a sportsperson, and you will be successful in being selected for a team in the future.



All the children who participated in the selection process.

EPC Library



Dear Parents,

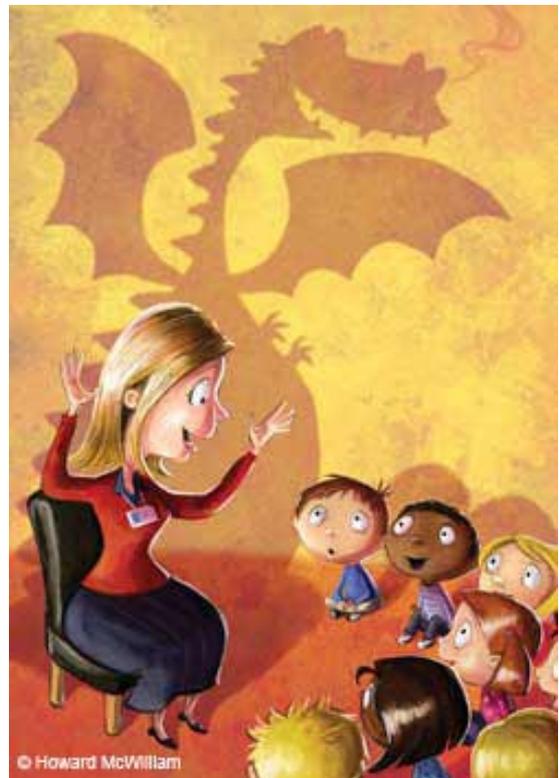
Breaking News!

EPC parents are now able to borrow **maximum of 5 books** for **two weeks** under **their own account!!** All you need to do is to provide our library staff with your borrower details for creating a personal account for our library. As a good example to our children, we'd like you to take good care of our library books and to return the loans on time. For more information, please refer to the poster on the last page.

What's more, people all over UK is celebrating **the 10th Annual National Storytelling Week**. Why don't you visit us and share a cozy storytelling moment with your little ones? Or borrow some story-books (with **YOUR OWN ACCOUNT!!**) to read before bed time!

Happy Reading!

Primary Library Team



EPC Library



Breaking News!

Parents are able to borrow

Are you a parent of Primary Campus?

Do you have a Reading Mania?

Are 3 books not enough for your children?

If so...

Our parent borrowing program is exactly the one you need!



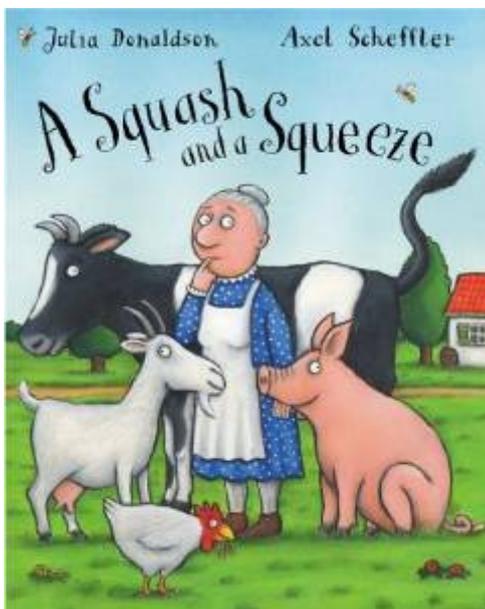
Please provide our library staffs with your:

- **Full Name**
- **Contact Info. (E-mail & Phone Nr.)**

Parent Borrowing Regulations:

- **Maximum of borrowing: 5 Books**
- **Period of borrowing: 2 Weeks**

EPC Library

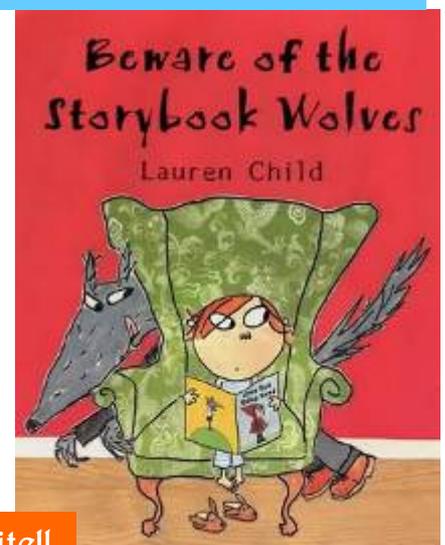


In this traditional tale, adapted and retold in verse, a little old woman complains to a wise old man that, "My house is a squash and a squeeze," even though she is the sole resident. The thoughtful man tells her to take in, in turn, her hen, goat, pig, and finally her cow. Of course the house seems gigantic when the temporary boarders are put out. Clever caricatures of characters accentuate the humorous situation. Just a curl of a lip or the ideal placement of the dot in the white eyeball make them whimsical, pensive, dismayed, serene, or horrified. Pen-and-ink outlined with bright watercolor washes are set against a white background. It seems that light is shining through the pages. Best of all is the language; the refrain reverberates even after the story is over.

Margot Zemach's *It Could Always Be Worse* (Farrar, 1990) and

Storytelling CD available!

There's nothing Herb likes better just before bed than a good, scary wolf story, the scarier and hairier the better. But each night he says to his mom, "Don't forget to take that book with you!" Herb's mother thinks that storybook wolves are not at all dangerous, but Herb doesn't want to take any chances. And then one night the unthinkable happens. One of the wolf books is accidentally left behind. And now two wolves have emerged from the storybook, hungry for a meal of little boy. Can Herb outwit the wily wolves? And what about the cantankerous witch who sneaks out of *another* book while Herb's not looking? With a bit of borrowed Jell-O and the help of a few other fairy-tale characters shaken out of the books by a desperate Herb, he just might make it.



Librarian's Favorite!!

EPC Library

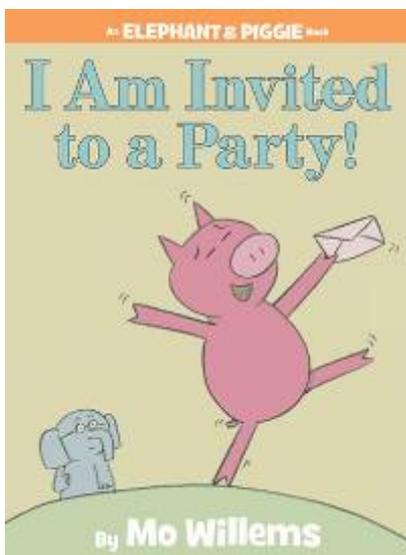
MR. MISCHIEF

By Roger Hargreaves



New Arrival!

He's always pulling naughty pranks until he meets up with a wise old Wizard and gets a taste of his own medicine!

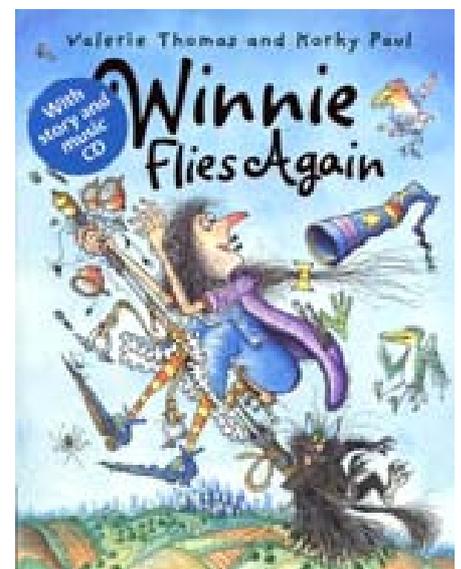


Best-selling picture book creator Mo Willems continues his charming Elephant and Piggie first reader series. The books feature two lovable and funny characters: an optimistic (and sometimes reckless) pig and a cautious, pessimistic elephant. Children who sat on their parents' laps to have Pigeon read to them will eagerly take the plunge with these books to start reading on their own. Each book has been vetted by an early learning specialist. These sweet and surprising stories are a much-needed breath of fresh air in the early reader arena.

In *I Am Invited to a Party!* Piggie is invited to her first party. She doesn't know what to wear, though, so she asks her best friend Ele-

Storytelling CD available!

PreS-Gr 3-The skies are not friendly for Winnie the Witch, who flies on her broomstick into airplanes, hang gliders, and buildings. Determined to find a safer means of travel, she turns her broom into a bike (but a pond gets in her way), a skateboard (and collides with an ice-cream truck), and a horse (where did that low branch come from?). When she decides that walking is the only way to go, she falls down an open manhole. Exhausted, she wanders into a shop for some tea, only to discover that it is an eyeglass shop. Lucky for her, the saleslady sees her problem immediately and sells her a pair of spectacles. Paul's busy cartoons are packed with visual jokes, from the stirrups on Winnie's broomstick to the eye-patched pirate shopping for sunglasses with only one dark lens. The design is also clever: two illustrations of a tall tower require turning the book sideways, and a cross-section scene shows



Deutsche Sektion



Wahlpflichtfächer in der Grundschule

Rückblick: 1. Schulhalbjahr

Seit unsere Grundschule Ganztagschule ist, können die Kinder ihre Fächer selbst wählen. Nicht alle – aber zwei: Dienstags und mittwochs stehen Wahlpflichtkurse im Stundenplan. Insgesamt gibt es zehn Angebote und jeder kann bzw. muss sich für zwei entscheiden. Das fällt nicht immer leicht und auch der Erstwunsch erfüllt sich nicht immer - aber fast immer wenigstens der Zweitwunsch. Die Gruppengröße ist begrenzt, damit in kleinen Gruppen von 5-8 Kindern intensiv gearbeitet werden kann. Ein Semester lang.



Mit der Kamera unterwegs: **Foto-Computer-Kurs** unter Leitung von Dirk Diestel. Foto-Ergebnisse der kleinen Fotografen in dieser Ausgabe des Wochenblatts.

Stick Gym: Ausdauer und Disziplin gehören dazu – denn es ist schwieriger als es aussieht, so einen langen Bambusstab kunstvoll durch die Luft zu wirbeln. Aber nicht unmöglich, wie Jill Lin und ihre Kursteilnehmer beweisen.



Dance Gym: Genau richtig nach stundenlangem Lernen im Klassenzimmer!



Flöte spielen: Am schönsten klingt es, wenn Erika Scharrer dazu Gitarre spielte. Einige Kinder waren beim Weihnachtstheater zu hören.

Deutsche Sektion



Martial Arts – seit seinem Auftritt mit dem Schwert bei der Taiwan-Projektwoche und beim Weihnachtstheater leitet Kevin Hsen

Um die Geschichte von *Merlins Magnificent Magic Shop*, ging es beim **Theater auf**



Schreiben am PC (nicht Spielen - wie manch einer hoffte) – mit dem Ziel, die Tastatur zu kennen und „blind“ zu schreiben. Wenigstens mit einigen Fingern!

Sprachwerkstatt Deutsch: Spielerisch wurde geübt, was zwei oder mehrsprachigen Kindern schwer fällt. Neben Wera Heinzle kümmerten sich auch unsere Praktikantinnen Ling-yu Cho und Lina Reh intensiv



Kalligraphie für Anfänger & Fortgeschrittene

Section Française



une galette des rois
franco-allemande

Les élèves de grande section de Florian ont célébré la galette des rois avec les élèves de la classe de Pétra. Cette rencontre entre les petits germanophones et nos petits francophones a permis de faire rencontrer les enfants entre eux .



Ils ont fêté la galette des rois dans les règles de l'art. Un

enfant était placé sous la table et lorsqu'on désignait une part de galette qu'il ne voyait pas, il disait le nom du camarade qui allait la manger.



Les enseignants de ces deux classes voudraient désormais organiser d'autres rencontres entre les deux classes afin que les enfants se connaissent davantage et approfondissent leur horizon culturel européen.

Cette initiative fait écho à celle du



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cée
où
la

classe de seconde rédige un journal littéraire dont certains textes seront traduits en allemand.

Bravo à notre reine Katharina et notre roi Ethan !

Section Française

Le salon du livre
s'invite à l'école!



Les élèves de la section française ont eu le plaisir d'accueillir deux personnalités du salon du livre de Taïpei dont l'invité d'honneur cette année est la France. Ainsi, Marie Trepas, linguiste et chercheuse au CNRS et Max Ducos auteur et illustrateur sont venus ren-



contrer nos élèves de maternelle et de l'élémentaire.



La conférence de Marie Trepas a eu lieu dans la bibliothèque vendredi 29 janvier. Elle a parlé de l'origine des mots de la langue française en faisant un tour du monde des racines étymologiques. Quelle plaisir pour elle de voir que les jeunes élèves connaissent énormément de choses sur l'origine des mots tels que sandwich ou cheval. Les élèves d'origine néer-

landaise ou hispanique ont pu ainsi vivement participer en devinant l'histoire de certains mots.

Max Ducos, pour sa part, est venu toute la journée du lundi 1er février proposer des ateliers aux enfants. Il a présenté l'histoire du personnage de son livre: le dragon qu'il a dessiné devant les enfants



fascinés. Ensuite il a organisé l'élaboration d'un musée d'art moderne à l'aide de pâte à modeler, de peinture, de feutres... Les élèves ont ensuite placé leurs œuvres sur des chevalets ou des socles à la manière des grands artistes! Cette initiation au monde de l'art et de la création a été très appréciée autant par les petits de maternel-



les que par les élèves de l'élémentaire.

EPC Information



Get your costumes ready!

TES Carnival 2010



Students : 9:00-11:00am on Tuesday 23rd February

Parents : Come watch the Infant and Junior Parade 9:00-9:30am

**Taipei European School Primary Campus (EPC)
Parents are also welcome to wear costumes**



BS PTA

BS PTA Funds New Projects in Infant and Junior Sections



On February 1, the British Section Parents Teacher Association committee met with the Heads of the Infant and Junior Sections, Ms. Ruth Martin and Ms. Adele Corry to discuss several funding priorities for the upcoming months. Ms. Martin outlined the Reception Garden Area Project headed by Ms. Sharon Coope. This project aims to improve drainage in the space directly behind the Reception classrooms. In addition, board deck will be introduced in a part of this area. BSPTA carefully reviewed this project and allocated NT\$120,000 towards its completion.

Ms. Corry proposed a purchase of several new construction kits for the Junior classes as well as 7 Coomber CD players equipped with 6 headphone sockets. The Coomber equipment is portable and particularly effective for audio exercises, in which groups of children participate together. BSPTA allocated NT\$120,000 to fund the purchase and shipping of this useful equipment.

We will provide you with updates on the progress of the garden project and photos from the audio equipment demonstration that is to be arranged upon its arrival. Surely you will also hear from your children in Infant and Junior Sections about all these nice additions to our classrooms and outdoor spaces.

This is your work and time that enable many successful fundraising efforts which fund all the extras at our School. Thank you!

Calendar

March 1 at 9:30 a.m. — Next BSPTA meeting; conference room; Junior Section; ground floor across from the nurses' station;