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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 great work Year 1 have been doing on fairy tales
- We learn about Year 2 and their topic 'Imagine'
- Check out all the action from Sports day
- Read about the recent Chess competition
- *Get a flavour of the sea, cooking with CE2-CM1*

We also have ..

- 4 pages of book recommendations from our amazing library staff
- Our regular news from Mrs Martin and Ms Corry and...
- The British PTA give us the latest news including dates for the Summer Fair and the TES Football competition

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



Dear Parents

Further to my letter in the previous Wen Lin Journal, when I mentioned the difficulties we are experiencing with regard to some emails sent to us by parents ending up in the Spam account, I would just like to add two things. Firstly, if you are experiencing difficulties from your end, please let Debra in the Infant Office know. Secondly, Debra and Mavis keep a file in the Office containing copies of all communications coming from the office—emails and letters, so if you think you are not receiving emails from us, please come and take a look in the file. This way, you will not miss out on important information.

I would like to use this opportunity to tell you that next week, Mr Lewis and I will be in Bangkok on some management training. We will be back on Friday 12th March. If you have any concerns during the 4 days that I am away, please either email me (I will try to access my emails at least once a day), or ask Debra to make an appointment with me on my return, or ask to see Miss Coope. Miss Coope will be in class each day, but she will happily see you before or after school.

I will also be away on Monday 22nd March, the first day of the Open Week. However, I look forward to see many of you at sometime during that week.

Best wishes

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British Infants

Year 1



Once Upon a Time, in a land not so far away, there lived 60 brilliant Year 1 children. All of them thrived in a school called *TES*, and worked dutifully for their kind and caring teachers... This sounds a lot like some of the fairytales we have been studying, but in fact, this story is true! In our exciting new topic, we are investigating the characteristics of fairytales and comparing and contrasting some of our favourites. We will explore the key components of this fun-filled genre, and even write our own stories. The children will create alternative endings for popular tales, and complete sequencing tasks. This topic will set the stage for our spring show to be held in April. More details will follow in due time, so until then, we hope you live happily, ever after!



British Infants

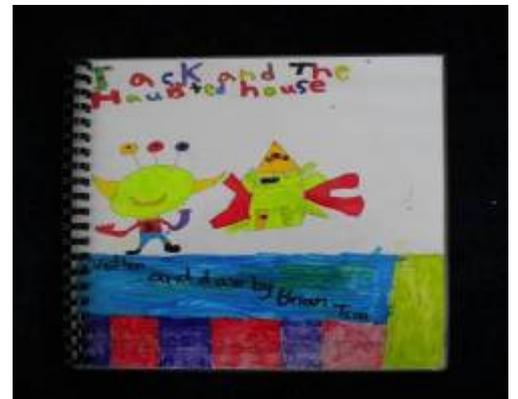


Last term the children were learning about narratives. The children worked extremely hard on creating picture books for their topic "Imagine." They wrote their own texts and drew their own illustrations.



The children began the term exploring numerous story books.

Joel in B2CB said "The title of my book is King Rattlesnake. It's very cool and the illustrations are good." "Making my book I learnt about nouns, verbs and adjectives" (Gil in B2MS).



A photo of B2SR and B2CB sharing their stories with the year one classes during their 'author afternoon.'

We ended the term with Chinese New Year Celebrations featuring delicious food and traditional Chinese entertainment.



A huge thank you to all the kind parents who helped during the fantastic Chinese New Year parties. The children had a fabulous time!

The Year Two Team

British Juniors

Dear Parents,



Thank you for your help and support over the last few weeks with our many events. We have certainly been very lucky with the weather.

The Science Fair, Carnivale, Sports day and the Music Concert are all excellent opportunities for the children and teachers in the German, French and British Sections to work together. A big thank you needs to go to the PSC (Parent Support Council) who made 800 crepes for the Carnivale celebration and who also supplied refreshments for Sports Day.

Our Music Concert is being held this evening. It starts at 7pm and there will be an interval, with refreshments being provided by the French section PTA.

Carnivale: Tuesday 23rd February

Mr Fagg's class—World Class Footballers



I had an excellent cup of coffee yesterday morning, provided by the kind parents, who have given up their time every morning and afternoon this week to running a snack bar as a fund raiser for the

FOBISSEA sports trip in June. They also worked extremely hard organising 'Candygrams' for Chinese New Year—thank you very much for your support.



Science Fair: Investigating forces - What goes up ...?

This Friday and Saturday the British Infant and Junior sections are hosting an ICT conference for FOBISSEA schools, led by Mr Devey. It will be held in the conference room at the EPC. This is a great opportunity for colleagues from around the Asia region to share the

latest good practice in teaching and learning and to also keep updated on the use of new technologies.

I would just like to remind you of an important date ... there will be no school for students on **Friday 19th March** as there is a staff training day. Please remember you can access a link to the dates of events for the British Junior Section on the first page of this newsletter.

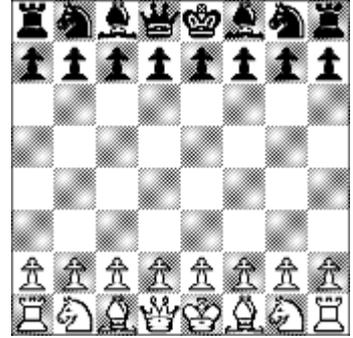
Have a good weekend

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British Juniors



Chess Competition

This year's chess competition took place over five weeks at the start of this term. 56 children took part from all three sections, and I'm pleased to say that all of the children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition. Each year group played a separate competition, and the winners of each year group were as follows:

Year 3 Maia Fernandez-Baigun (B3JL)

Year 4 Matthew Lineham (B4HP)

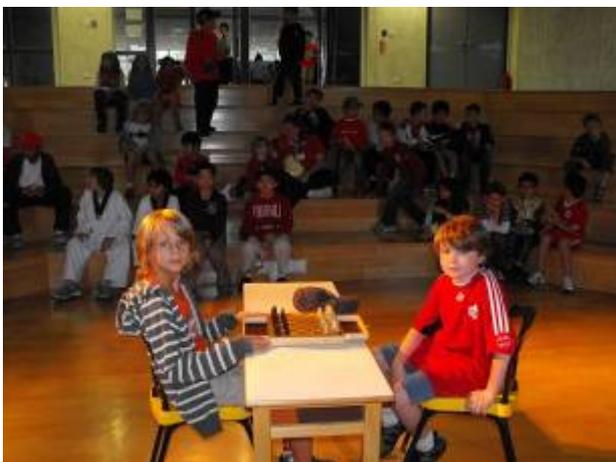
Year 5 Marc Weiss (German Section)

Year 6 Henry Lin (B6GE)

All of the champions then played each other to find the school champion. The final was played in the amphitheatre between Matthew and Marc. Their moves were projected onto a screen so that the audience could follow what was happening. Around 60 people watched a very exciting final, which was eventually won by Marc with a queen and king checkmate against Matthew's king.

If your child would like to improve their chess strategy, they are welcome to join our chess club. We meet every Thursday afternoon from 3:00 to 4:15. The club has around 25 members and is free to join. If you are a chess playing mum or dad and would like to help out at chess club, then volunteers are always welcome. Please contact me (Mr Fagg) if you have some spare time on a Thursday.

British Juniors



TES Juniors

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

2010



OPENING PARADE



SACK RACE



SNATCH & CATCH



VOLKERBALL



CHAIN RACE



BAT & BALL

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HOOP RACE



TUG OF WAR



BUNAN TRIBE RECEIVES THE TROPHY



CHAIN RACE



RELAY RACE



TUG OF WAR

**WELL DONE
BUNAN
2010 WINNERS**

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE 'TES PSC' FOR ALL THEIR HELP & SUPPORT WITH THIS EVENT & ALSO TO 'CARREFOUR' FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE PROVISION OF SHADED TENT AREAS

Section Française

Mangeons marin..., mangeons sain !



Dans le cadre du cours de sciences sur le milieu océanique, la classe de CE2-CM1 de Fabienne a organisé une dégustation de produits marins. Chaque élève a apporté un plat. Nous les avons cotés de 0 à 3 :

- 0 : Beurgh !
- 1 : Pas mauvais.
- 2 : Mm ! C'est bon !
- 3 : Délicieux !



Nous avons tous découvert des nouveaux goûts et des nouvelles recettes. C'était parfois succulent, parfois un peu spécial...

Au menu :

(Classement par nombre de points)

- 1; Salade de thon
- 2; Crabe
- 3; Sushis
- 4; Petits poissons séchés
- 5; Saumon
- 6; Calamar
- 7; Sardines
- 8; Poisson frit et séché
- 9; Crevettes
- 10; Algues séchées
- 11; Palourdes
- 12; Poisson frit



EPC Library



Dear Parents,

The BOOK WEEK is coming in two weeks!

Children from German Section will have a spooky reading night with goose bumps while British Primary students will be enchanted by twisted fairy tales during lunch breaks. Please send your little ones to join us in a world full of surprises and wonders!

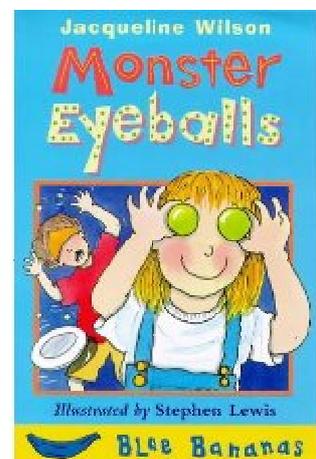
Happy Reading!

Primary Library Team

Monster Eyeballs

Mark is the class bully. He loves scaring everyone. But has he met his match with Kate and the monster eyeballs? He's terrified and needs a cuddle. After that, Kate's not scared of Mark, in fact, she feels quite sorry for him.

Suggested Year Group:
Year 1



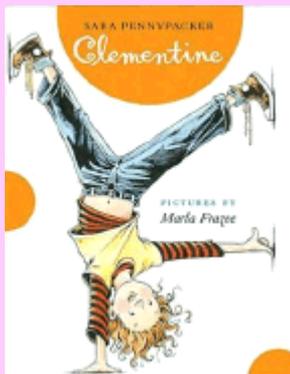
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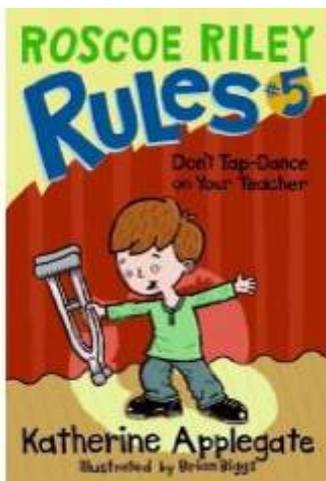
Clementine

Suggested Year Group:

Year 2



Clementine, a not-so-common third grader, knows her way around the principal's office as well as she does the art-supply closet. Daily rituals take on a different view when seen from her eyes. She's constantly being told that she needs to pay attention, but to her mind she is paying attention and making astute observations. Whether looking out the window during the Pledge of Allegiance at the janitor locked in an embrace with the lunch lady or dealing with a pesky pigeon problem at her apartment building, her concentration is always focused. Clementine goes to great lengths to be friends with fourth-grade neighbor, Margaret, but more times than not, both girls end up in trouble. Humorous scenarios tumble together, blending picturesque dialogue with a fresh perspective as only the unique Clementine can offer. When the protagonist pleads to skip school because of a self-inflicted haircut fiasco, she tries to convince her mom that she must have caught arthritis from old Mrs. Jacobi or has possibly come down with the heart-break of sore irises. Frazee's engaging pen-and-ink drawings capture the



Roscoe Riley Rules #5: Don't Tap-Dance on Your Teacher

Tap shoes make the best noise ever! But tap *dancing*? The big boys say that's just for girls. Roscoe promised to tap in the school talent show. When the teasing starts, will he keep his word?

Suggested Year Group:

Year 3

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Suggested Year Group:
Year 4

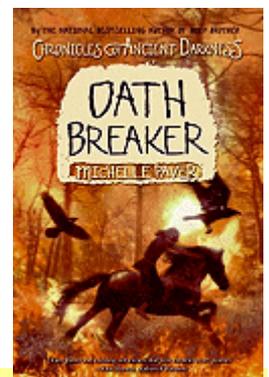
Thirty Days Has September: Cool Ways to Remember Stuff



Packaged like the New York Times bestselling "Best at Everything" series, this informative guide is full of tips and tricks for remembering everything from math and spelling rules to tricky science, history, and geography facts. A lovely gift from parent to child and a perfect learning companion to help any student who has ever strug-

Dath Breaker

Suggested Year Group:
Year 5



Torak is living with his foster father Fin-Kedinn and the Seal Clan when his friend Bale is murdered. Vowing revenge against the soul-eater who killed him, Torak and Renn discover that there is a bigger plot at work, one that threatens all of the clans of the forests. Torak must see past his hatred and vengeful quest to stop the evil that has taken root. Once again Paver blends her knowledge of animals and the ancient European landscape with magic and legend to add a new chapter to this story. Fans of the series will not be disappointed.

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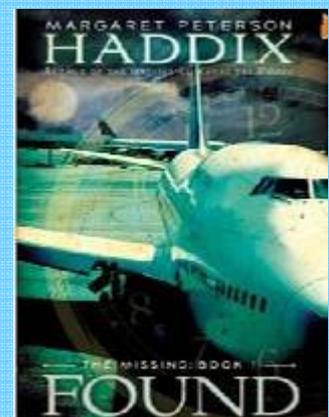
Haddix, *The Missing: Book 1*

Found

Haddix's latest science fiction series starts off with a bang in this nail-biter. A plane arrives at an airline gate unnoticed by radar and most personnel. There are no flight attendants, no pilot, in fact no adults at all, but there are 36 passengers—each seat is inhabited by an infant. Thirteen years later in Ohio, teenage adoptees Jonah and his friend Chip begin receiving ominous messages declaring that they are among "the missing" and that someone is coming to find them. Frightened yet intrigued, the boys begin a search for their real identities with the help of Jonah's younger sister. Their search leads them to a discovery that strains credulity and leads them into danger greater than they ever imagined possible. The story is driven by an exciting plot rather than extensive character development, and the teens act independently of the adults, who appear as "bad guys" or are basically useless. If used in a classroom, the revelation of the babies' identities can be used to kick off a history lesson or two. This book's exciting premise and cliff-hanger ending will leave readers on the edge of their seats and begging for more.

Suggested Year Group:

Year 6



BS PTA

Calendar



2010 TES Summer Fair - CHANGE OF DATE

We know that many TES parents prepare early for the Summer Fair. This prime opportunity for swapping gently used toys and household items now has a new date. Please disregard the date published in the *PSC Calendar* for this year; the new date is **Saturday, May 29th, 2010** (one week earlier than advertised in the *PSC Calendar*). As usual, we expect the presence of vendors with interesting goods as well as community members with books, toys, CDs and many more items for sale. An exciting array of foods and drinks will also be available.

Next BSPTA Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, **March 15th at 8:30 a.m.** at the Junior conference room (ground floor across from the nurses' station). Among other things, we will discuss the Summer Fair. We welcome all parents who have new and fresh ideas for the Fair. We are planning to introduce some significant improvements in the format of the Fair while maintaining its best features.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE HERE!

The Book Club orders are in Taiwan just awaiting customs clearance. The BSPTA and the numerous parent volunteers will be working hard next week to get the orders sorted and delivered to your child's classroom.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE BSPTA BOOK FAIR!

The BSPTA is happy to announce that we will be holding a school wide book fair which will offer students and parents an opportunity to buy new English books. The fair will be held at the EPC during school hours and is tentatively scheduled for late April. Stay tuned for more information and updates!



BS PTA



TES Saturday Football Tournament

March 13, 2010



Traditionally, in March, the TES Saturday Football Committee welcomes other teams to play ball at our school. This year, the Tournament will take place on March 13th from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Over 80 TES players have already registered for the event and they will play against the following teams: Taipei Japanese School, Taipei Tienmu School, Soccer Benz Academy, and Master Football Academy.

Children in years 2 and 3 will play on the Astro turf field at the back of the Junior section. Older players, divided into two year groups — 4 with 5 and 6 with 7 — will compete on the main grass pitch, near the parking lot.

Parent volunteers will set up stalls with food and drinks at the far side of the Astro turf. They will sell burgers and Hot Dogs from 11a.m. They will also sell drinks and snacks throughout the day.

The TES Football Committee expressed their gratitude to all parents for registering children for the event and to all the parent volunteers for agreeing to help during the day. The BSPTA, as well as the PSC, have happily donated drinks to the event. Many among us plan to attend the tournament and we hope to see you there!