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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 Y6 trips to Kuching and Yilan
- We learn about events in Reception
- Pirates are everywhere in the French Section
- Read about the recent German Head Teachers Conference
- Learn all about Book Week and the visit to school by author Emily Gravett.

## We also have ..

- Our regular news from Mrs Martin and Ms Corry and...
- The British PTA give us the latest news and an important announcement is made about this year's AGM and elections to the British Section Council.

## 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](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](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](http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/key_stage_two_curriculum_units.php)

# Section Française

## DS et MS profitent de la semaine du livre avec la British Section!

La semaine du livre est une occasion pour faire des activités en commun entre les 3 sections, et c'est ce que la section britannique a proposé de faire cette année encore!

Le principe: on se retrouve le matin dans la *nursery* pour écouter une histoire en anglais sur... les pirates bien sûr!!

On s'est déguisé pour l'événement et toute l'école est envahie de petits pirates, de rois et de princesses!! Quoi de mieux pour donner à ces futurs lecteurs l'envie de lire?



**« Mêmes les maîtres, les maîtresses et les assistantes sont déguisés, ce qui fait bien rire tout le monde!! »**



Ensuite les plus grands devaient proposer un livre aux plus petits et leur lire l'histoire.

Les allemands, les français et les anglais se sont bien mélangés, regroupés autour d'un livre en anglais bien sûr!

# Deutsche Sektion



## Schulleitertagung der Deutschen Auslandsschulen im südlichen und östlichen Asien und Australien zu Gast an der Deutschen Schule Taipei

Vom 18. bis zum 20. März 2010 fand die jährliche Schulleitertagung der Fortbildungsregionen 20 und 21 der Deutschen Auslandsschulen in Taipei an unserer Schule statt. Neben dem üblichen Geschäft und dem Austausch war das zentrale Element der Tagung die Schulleiterfortbildung zum Thema „Methoden der effektiven Rekrutierung von schulischem Führungspersonal“.

Um unseren Gästen einen umfassenden Einblick in die Besonderheiten der Deutschen Schule eingebettet in die Europäische Schule zu liefern, war die Tagung auf die beiden Standorte an der Wenlin Road und auf dem Yangmingshan aufgeteilt. Am Donnerstag fand sie neben dem normalen Schulbetrieb im Primary Campus statt. Freitag wurde im wegen

Am Donnerstag-Abend waren die Teilnehmer der Tagung vom Deutschen Institut zu einem Austausch eingeladen, zu dem Frau Ory auch die erweiterte Schulleitung, die Mitglieder des Elternbeirates und des Vorstandes sowie an der Schnittstelle zwischen Deutschland und Taiwan tätige Persönlichkeiten eingeladen hatte. So bekamen die Tagungsteilnehmer in



zahlreichen Gesprächen intensive Eindrücke von der Rolle des Deutschen Instituts und unserer Schule im Rahmen der außenpolitischen Kultur- und Bildungsarbeit.

Am Freitagabend lud der Vorstand der Deutschen Sektion die Tagungsteilnehmer zu einem Austausch ein. So konnten viele Erfahrungen ausgetauscht werden.

Für die mitangereisten Ehepartner hatten wir ein touristisches Programm organisiert, so dass sie schöne Eindrücke von unserer interessanten Gastgeberstadt Taipei und der

# British Juniors



Dear Parents,

This has been a very busy term with the many events running alongside our normal curriculum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your tremendous support in helping with Carnivale, Sports Day, the Music Concert, Class Assemblies, Book Week, the Chess competition and trips. The teaching staff feel that whilst these extra activities do promote learning and enrich our curriculum they also have an impact on



the time spent teaching and learning in some areas of the curriculum. We are already planning the academic calendar for the next academic year and have decided to make some changes in order to spread some of the events over the year. Do let me know your thoughts on this.

Please visit the area outside the music room for more photographs of the children at the music concert.

## **Go Green Initiative**

This initiative, which aims to support the education of the whole community in environmental issues alongside the existing curriculum, is one which was brought to my attention by Lesly Mohr (mother of Briana Y5 and Elaine Y1). Parents of children in the Primary Campus were contacted and invited to a meeting yesterday morning to discuss the cornerstones of the initiative and determine how we could adopt the principles here at TES. However many people were not able to attend and Lesly and I decided that the timing for such an initiative is not right. We have decided to wait until after the completion of the CIS accreditation process, which takes place in March 2011, before discussing how we could kick-start this programme. Thank you to Lesly and other parents for their support.

## **Earth Hour**

Tomorrow during our celebration Assembly we will be launching our own version of Earth Hour. In 2009 hundreds of millions of people around the world showed their support by turning off their lights for one hour. Earth Hour 2010 will continue to be a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community. A call to stand up, to show leadership and be responsible for our future. In order to pledge our support all classes will be turning off lights, projectors and computers for one hour in classrooms. If you would like to show support then you can turn off your lights for one hour at home at 8.30pm on Saturday 27th March.

# British Juniors



## Maths FOBISSEA

Earlier in the term Mrs Elrick went with a team of four Year Six students to Kuala Lumpur to participate in a maths competition for FOBISSEA (Federation of British International Schools in SE Asia) schools. The children had to compete as a team, as well as individually, in problem solving activities which tested their knowledge of a whole range of mathematical concepts. They took part in a maths trail around the KLCC park, followed by an intensive day of maths challenges back at the Alice Smith School. In total, there were 21 teams from 16 different schools across the region. All four of our students did exceptional well, and as a team came 2<sup>nd</sup>! They were absolutely exhausted by the end but very proud of their achievements – as we all are.



## Red Cross Appeal for Haiti

On the front of this term's zOOm magazine is a photograph of three of our Tribe Councillors, Matthew, Jenny and Libby, who accompanied myself and Dr Weston to the Red Cross offices in Taipei to hand over a cheque to the Chairman, Dr C.V. Chen. Please read our special article written by Jenny Gunnarson (Year 6) for information on how the money was raised.

On the 5th March, Matthew McKelvie, Libby Forsyth and myself, Jenny Gunnarson, went with Ms Corry, Dr Weston and Patricia Tseng to the Red Cross office and met Dr C.V. Chen. Mr Reddon brought some secondary school students, and the Junior and Secondary students both gave Dr C.V. Hen a cheque.. The Junior Section gave around NT\$19,000 to the red cross for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. We raised NT\$19,000 by holding a bring-and-buy sale. The Tribe Councillors decided on some ideas for raising money and the children from Years Three to Six voted for a bring-and-buy and cake sale. The children brought in books and toys in good condition and delicious homemade pastries, cakes and cookies. The Tribe Councillors set up the sale in the atrium and invited a year group at a time to attend. We sold nearly everything and were very pleased to raise NT\$19,000. This money will help people in Haiti and we send them our good wishes and hopes for a better future.

## Easter Holiday

In response to queries from parents as to whether or not children can use the school playgrounds during the holiday periods I am afraid the answer is no. Our site is only covered by a Third Party Liabilities Insurance which only applies when authorised employees of TES are supervising activities at school.

There is an air of excitement in school today amongst the children with the prospect of two weeks holiday. For those of you travelling, I wish you a safe journey, and to the children I would like to say thank you for your hard work this term both in class and in the way you support the school as Playtime Friends, Library Helpers and ICT Technicians.

I am going to Singapore for a long weekend to meet up with my daughter who is working at the IB Conference and will hopefully see a bit more of Taiwan on my return. Have a very happy holiday.

Kind regards

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# British Juniors

# Cool

# Kuching



We said goodbye to our mums and dads.



We're on our way! YEAH!



Once again, Year 6 embarked on an action-packed trip to the Kuching area of Borneo (Malaysia). The students were excellent ambassadors for their school.

From experiencing the depths of a rain forest and a mystic cave trail, to seeing, up-close, the rare and threatened orangutans of Borneo, Year 6 students certainly were exposed to a diverse and rich trip. Having looked at deforestation issues in Geography and Literacy beforehand, getting to see a rainforest first-hand, made the trip that much more special.



Herewith a brief outline of the highlights of the trip:

## Day 1

After a smooth flight and airport pick-up, we arrived at the stunning Damai Beach Resort. The hotel is ideally set right on the beach, with majestic, forested mountains as a backdrop. We were hoping to be able to collect shells and investigate the multitude of living organisms on the beach, but the weather really wasn't good enough to do any of that! The stunning sunrises that we experienced last year were not happening this year! It did mean extra time in bed for some though!





### Day 3 (Wednesday)

It was an early start to the day. We boarded our motorboats and set off for Bako National Park. It's not every day that students get to experience virgin rainforest. We trekked through the tranquil forest until we came to a beautiful serene cove. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side again and we got a bit wet (some of us were absolutely soaked!)



### Day 4 (Thursday)

Into the Fairy Caves we went. Up and over, around and under... the walk into these caves was like entering pixie land. Stalagmites, stalactites, cave crickets, bats, secret staircases... we saw and experienced it all.



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