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# The Wen Lin Journal

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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 football mad French students interviewed by ERA TV on their views of the 2010 World Cup.
- Year 2 invite the parents in for their 'expert' day.
- Find out what Year 3 got up to at Camp Taiwan.
- Learn about Book Week 2010.
- Our Dutch students celebrate Queen Beatrix's birthday.

## We also have ..

- Our regular news from Mrs Martin and Ms Corry and the library.
- The British PTA give us the latest news and upcoming dates.

## Useful School Links



### British Infants

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

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

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

Les petits champions  
Interviewés pour le  
**Mondial 2010**



Une journaliste et son cameraman sont venus spécialement à Wenlin voir les fans de football. Le but étant de faire un petit reportage diffusé à la télévision dans le cadre de la coupe du monde 2010.



Les élèves de l'élémentaire étaient très fiers de pouvoir montrer leurs talents de footballeur et également leurs connaissances sur les joueurs de l'équipe de France.

Yohann, Jean-Paul, Louis, Leo, Pierre et Chao-Chen ont été filmés en train de jouer une équipe contre l'autre, sur le grand terrain de foot du campus.



# British Infants



Dear Parents

I would like to say how much I enjoyed the End of Year 1 show last Tuesday, it really was a joy. The children did particularly well, and I felt extremely proud of them. It was lovely seeing so many of you come to support your children. A big thank you to the parents who organised the refreshments after the show—it was very successful. Just to remind you of the dates of the other shows:

Friday 4th June at 11:30—Nursery

Wednesday 9th June at 1pm—Reception

Wednesday 23rd June at 1pm—Year 2.

I would also like to remind you that reports will be coming home with the children on Friday 11th June, with parents evenings being held the following week:

Tuesday 15th June between 5pm and 7pm

Thursday 17th June between 2:30pm and 4:30pm.

PLEASE NOTE—School is closed on Wednesday 16th June for the Dragon Boat Festival

The British Section will be having their Ofsted Review the week beginning Monday 7th June. The Infant Section will be inspected by a lady called Shirley Billington. If you see her around, please feel free to have a word with her.

Many thanks

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section

# British Infants



Dear Year 2 Parents

The children have been working extremely hard over the last 10 weeks finding out all sorts of interesting facts about their biomes. They have been learning how to find information in non fiction texts, how to read for meaning and note taking skills. They have also learnt how to present the information they have found in many different ways. These are all very tricky skills and we are very proud of what they have achieved!!

The children are extremely excited about our "Expert day" and are looking forward to taking you on a journey through their biome!!

Date: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of May

Time: 1:00pm - 2pm

Venue: Classroom



# British Juniors

Dear Parents,



This morning all sections in the Primary Campus celebrated Europe Day with an assembly and group activities. During the assembly Dr Weston organised a quiz about famous European landmarks between a team of students and teachers. Mr Morton, Mr Palmer and Ms Bagley (all from non-European countries) were narrowly beaten by Charly (British Section), Anna (German Section) and Christina (French Section). Children from each of the sections in the Junior School made presentations about their home countries giving us all an insight to the diverse customs, geography and culture that make up the European Union. After the assembly the children from all sections had opportunities to work alongside each other in activities which either promoted team building or cultural awareness.



## **Primary Campus Europe Day Assembly**

### **Maths Workshop**

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the maths workshops on Thursday morning. Mrs Elrick and I focused on the teaching of multiplication and division and the different strategies we teach the children. Our objective was to help parents have a clearer understanding of not only what we teach, but the reasons behind why we teach different methods of calculation. Your feedback during the coffee morning that followed the workshops was that you would like to see more workshops of this kind in the first term of the next academic year and that running workshops in the evening would open it up to even more parents. This would be very useful to new parents of children coming from non-UK national Curriculum schools. Please contact either of us if you have any further feedback or ideas for other types of

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workshops which you think would benefit parents. Just in case you were unable to attend the workshop you will find some useful information for parents on the school website.

**Optional SATS** Well done to all the children in Years Three, Four and Five for working hard this week to do their best in the SATS. The teachers have been busy marking papers and will use the results to help make judgments as to the level children are working at in the National Curriculum.

Thank you also to parents for encouraging your children to do well but also for helping them feel relaxed about the tests as, particularly at this age, stress has a detrimental effect on their performance.

**Crazy Cups** On behalf of the children I would like to say a huge thank-you to the PTA who generously donated funds with which I was able to purchase a set of sport stacking (also known as crazy cups) cups for each class. Sports Stacking is an individual and team sport which encourages dexterity and improved



hand—eye co-ordination. I thought sports stacking was just a bit of fun but apparently it is a very serious sport as seen on this website <http://www.worldsportstackingassociation.org/>

## **Reminders**

- Our Tribe Council have organised a fund-raising event for next Friday - PJ Day. Children are allowed to come to school in their pyjamas if they wish and make a small donation of NT\$15. The money raised will be used to fund some games for classrooms and also help the victims of Typhoon Morokot.
- Children should not be wearing trainers (even black ones) to school unless they are in their PE uniform.

Have a good weekend

Kind regards

*Adele Corry*

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# British Juniors



## Year 3 at Camp Taiwan!

Year 3 had a wonderful time at Camp Taiwan. Preparation was perfect and even the rain stopped for us for the two days that we went. (Year 5 are still soggy!)

We started the day with a song and safety introductions. We then divided into tribes and set off for a full day of fun packed learning activities. These included cooperative team games, bouldering, an ecology hike and Whiffle Ball!

In cooperative games, the children had to work as a team to achieve a goal. To do this, they needed to share ideas to agree the best strategy, and to use the language of cooperation.



Bouldering was an introduction to rock climbing. Children learnt about the importance of safety equipment and climbing etiquette. They learnt good technique for climbing, alongside the importance of being responsible and relying on each other. Bouldering was great for boosting confidence.



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The ecology hike gave the children an insight into the natural world which is simply not available in the classroom. Students were able to identify plants and animals, and

to discuss how they were suited to their habitats. The children were mesmerised by the diversity which Camp Taiwan provided, and learnt the importance of respecting the environment.

Whiffle Ball combined a wonderful introduction to orienteering with a fun throwing game. The students familiarised themselves with the camp through the game.



Overall, Camp Taiwan was a wonderful experience for all involved. All the children came back happily exhausted, full of stories, and all of them, just a little bit taller.

# British Juniors

# What's on?



## Pyjama Day 2010!

On Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, Tribe Council invites all students and staff in the British Junior section to wear their pyjamas to school for the day! We are raising money for the victims of Typhoon Morakot, as well as raising money for games for our classrooms, and suggest a donation of \$15 on this day. Please wear your pyjamas, or loose, baggy clothes that resemble pyjamas (a loose t-shirt and tracksuit bottoms for example) on this day.

## Mr Randell's beard

Monday morning is the last chance to vote whether or not Mr Randell should keep his beard by making a donation in the bottles in the main entrance in aid of Haiti. So far it looks like it will be going but there is still time for a last minute shock. On Monday morning the money will be counted. The winning vote will be clear from Mr Randell's appearance on Tuesday morning—in addition to the totals being written on the whiteboard as you come into school.

Many thanks to everybody for their support (and comments)!



# TES

# Book Week 2010



The TES book week this year was a great success. The idea of Book Week is to promote a love for reading and books, throughout the school. And this year the children took part in a range of exciting activities designed to raise awareness of the excellent titles stocked in our library, share reading experiences and broaden

Choosing a book can be a difficult task for your son or daughter.

Here are some top tips:

- Get a couple of books from the shelf.
- Look at the title and cover. Do they interest you?
- Read the blurb on the back. Still interested?
- Open the book in the middle and read a page. How do you know if it is the right level for you? If there are about three new words on the page, it is about right.

Give it a try!

And another great way is to ask a classmate to recommend a book. Following on from last year's highly successful Extreme Reader competition, the Hero for a Day competition required students to read a book from our library, write a review and recommendation, and take a photograph of themselves acting out a scene from the book. All the entries were simply wonderful, and students had the opportunity to share their recommendations with each other and find out about other books. Some of the best entries, as voted on by classmates, will be displayed in our library.



Each class in the Junior Section paired up with a class in the Infant Section, for shared reading activities. This gave all the children a chance to be experts for the day and to develop links between the sections. In addition, Year 3 and Year 4 met up in the library to help each other find books. Students from the two year groups were paired up, with the older children helping to introduce new titles to the younger ones.



# TES

# Book Week 2010

It is wonderful for children to have a book read to them. A great deal of excitement was generated by class teachers doing just this. Incredible book corners were produced by every class and displaying them in the atrium generated a lot of further interest in, and awareness of new titles.



The whole week was capped off by a fun assembly where reading successes from not only Book Week, but throughout the year were celebrated. Everybody dressed up as a character from a book and had a great time dancing and supporting their school mates' achievements in reading.



We also had a very exciting visit from a famous author, watch out for the next issue of Zoom which reports the visit in detail!

# Dutch



## News from the Dutch Class

On 30 April, the Dutch Class celebrated Koninginnedag (Queen`s Day). It`s The Netherlands` National Day. It`s supposed to be a day of national unity and togetherness!

In the last week of April, Dutch pupils learned about Queen`s Day.

Queen's Day is queen Juliana's birthday on 30 April. In 1980 queen Beatrix succeeded her mother as queen. Although Queen Beatrix's birthday is on 31 January, she officially celebrates her birthday on 30 April in honor for her mother.

Queen's Day is known for its "freemarket" all over the country, where everybody is allowed to sell things in the streets. Other activities during Queen's Day are children's games, individual musical performances, and music concerts. Everyone is dressed in orange and everywhere you see orange balloons, streamers and flags.



Dutch pupils in orange on KONINGINNEDAG at TES!

# EPC Library



Dear Parents,

Save our Earth! Have you ever received overdue book notes from us? Sometimes you might have FIVE identical overdue notes for FIVE weeks, especially if you have a forgetful little one who just keeps his/her overdue book in the school bag for 5 weeks. The Library is working on saving energy and on being more eco-friendly. We are proud to announce that start from next week on, you will gradually receive overdue reminders via E-MAILS!

Apart from saving the earth, we are encouraging all library users to perceive our collections better by different color tapes on book spines. The color tapes are not, of course, for a better looking of our books. Each color stands for a different genre of fictions. You'll learn more about it in the following pages!

Come to the Library and discover more!

Primary Library Team

Mystery Fantasy  
Romance  
Fiction  
Science Fiction  
Historical Fiction  
Horror



# EPC Library



## What is **GENRE**?

- Genre is a French word meaning 'type' or 'kind'.
- Genre is a fancy way to classify fictions into a category or type. For example: horror, adventure, humour or fantasy.

BLUE	<i>Fantasy</i>
GREEN	<b>ADVENTURE</b>
GOLD	<b>Friendship &amp; Family</b>
RED	<b><i>Animal</i></b>
YELLOW	<b>Humor</b>
WHITE	<i>Historical</i>
BLACK	<i>Crime &amp; Detective</i>
PURPLE	<i>Horror</i>
ORANGE	<b>Graphic</b>

# EPC Library

BLUE

*Fantasy*

Stories with an emphasis on magic, imaginary things, and/or other worlds.



GREEN

*ADVENTURE*



stories where there is an element of danger and risk. This category often overlaps the others, so that you have a fantasy novel with lots of adventure, or an adventure story with a mystery.

GOLD

*Friendship & Family*

These fictions present a problem to be examined that could be from anybody's life. They concern family situations, peer relationships, growth and maturity, and acceptance of cultural differences.

Stories in which animals are the main characters. Animals are given human characteristics, such as speech. We learn much about ourselves from and through them.

RED

*Animal*

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YELLOW

Humor

stories that make us laugh.



WHITE

Historical

stories set in the past and describing the events and characters' lives.

This category often overlaps the others, so that you have historical fantasy or historical romance.

BLACK

Crime & Detective

stories that contain a crime, puzzle, or confusing situation.

PURPLE

Horror

stories dealing with things that frighten us.

ORANGE

Graphic

a fairly new category which includes the art as well as the story writing.



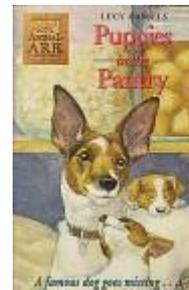
Do you know the genres of those books?

Look for the answers in the Library!!

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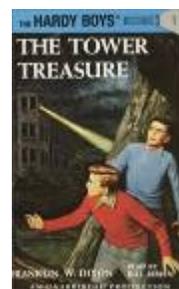
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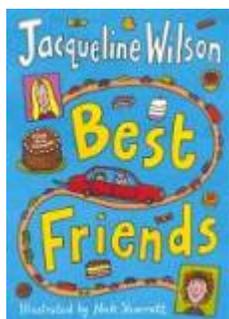
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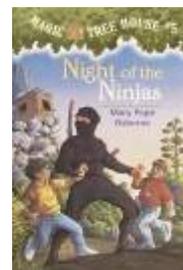
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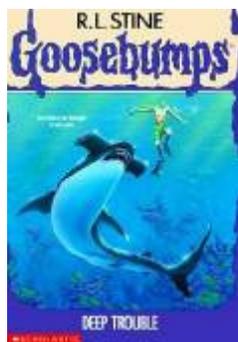
GREEN | ADVENTURE



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ORANGE | Graphic



GOLD | Friendship & Family



PURPLE | Horror

# BS PTA



## BS PTA Book Fair Results

The first BS PTA Book Fair was a resounding success. Every class in the Infant and Junior Section attended the Book Fair with their teachers last week, and over NT\$170,000 was raised. One of the beneficiaries of these funds will be the library, where the BS PTA will purchase library-quality books for all to enjoy. A big thank you to all the teachers and administration in the BS for their support of this event.



## Calendar

- \* May 29, 2010, 11am-3pm— Summer Fair organized by BS PTA and PSC
- \* May 31, 2010 at 8:30am — BS PTA Final Annual Meeting (Junior Conference Room)
- \* June 11, 2010 at 9:30am — BS PTA Coffee morning to close the year

# BS PTA



The TES Summer Fair this year promises lots of attractions. In addition to all the well-liked events such as Flea Market and used book sales, we are organizing numerous new activities and games. Together with the TES Saturday Soccer coaches, we invite you to try your skills at a soccer clinic. We will also offer timed obstacle races with affordable entry tickets and a generous award for the best time of the day.

Remember, the Fair is at the Elementary School Campus on Wen Lin Road. Parking in this area is always a bit tight, so please consider taking the MRT to the Fair. Activities begin at 11 am and last until 3 pm on May 29th. We hope to see you there. In preparation for the event, BS PTA asks that you volunteer your help. Please contact Lyndall Taylor at 0988760811.

May 29, 2010  
11am-3pm

Wen Lin Rd. Campus

A vertical banner featuring a close-up photograph of sunflowers. The text "TES Summer Fair 2010" is written vertically in white, bold, sans-serif font over the image.

TES Summer Fair 2010