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Welcome to the 50th edition (our half century!) of the Wen Lin Journal - the almost fortnightly newsletter for the European Primary Campus.

Inside this newsletter you will find all the latest goings on for the French Section, German Section, British Infants Section and British Junior Section. We also frequently have articles from other parts of the school community such as the library, the British PTA and the PSC.

Inside this week's rather huge journal...

- Look at the art work produced by the French Section
- Read about Year 3's trip to the zoo and their work on non-chronological reports
- We meet the staff and children of the British Nursery
- Read about the work of the British PTA and meet the members of the committee.

We also have...

- Our regular contributions from Mrs Martin and Ms Corry with all the important news you need to know for the British Infant and Junior Sections.
- The Executive Summary from the Review Team 2010 (British Section Nursery to Key Stage 3)

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

Section Française

COURS D'ARTS PLASTIQUES

EN CP ET CE1



Les classes de CP et de CE1 ont terminé un travail sur leur autoportrait photographique. Chacun devait faire un fond de couleur et coller leur photo découpée dessus. Ceci constituait la première partie du travail.



La seconde partie, bien plus ardue, mais plus intéressante consistait à repasser les contours de son portrait sur un calque et le reproduire sur une feuille de papier en repassant le trait sur le dos de la feuille pour qu'il s'imprime sur la feuille blanche.

Une fois le tracé imprimé sur la feuille les élèves ont colorié leur portrait avec les couleurs réelles en utilisant des pastels secs.



Section Française



COURS D'ARTS PLASTIQUES

EN CP ET
CE1



Voici les deux classes devant leurs œuvres affichées sur le mur de la classe au 3ème étage.

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British Juniors



Dear Parents,

In June 2010, the British Section invited three Inspectors from the UK to visit our section and carry out a review of the education we provide for our pupils who are between 3 and 14 years of age.

The three Inspectors are all Ofsted trained (The Office for Standards in Education) and they spent four days with us. They observed many of our teachers teaching, they looked at our pupils' work and talked to them, they investigated many of our policies and procedures, they interviewed many of our staff, and they analysed some of our data. While doing all these things, we asked them to pay particular attention to the work of our EAL departments (English as an Additional Language).

At the end of their four days in school, the inspectors wrote their findings in a report. The report was extremely positive, but also contained some areas for our future development. As well as writing a full and detailed report, we also asked them to write what we call an "Executive Summary", which you can find within this newsletter as well as on our website.

If you would like to find out more, or just talk to us about what the Inspectors had to say, please feel free to make an appointment with Stuart Glascott (British Secondary), Ruth Martin (British Infant), or me, Adele Corry (British Junior).

No School Monday 11th October There was a cheer in assembly this morning when the children were reminded that this Monday is a holiday for them but not for the teachers. The staff will be working in committees in preparation for the CIS/WASC accreditation and also working on improving our target setting process looking at how we inform children and parents about learning targets.

Maths Workshop Thank you to all of you who attended the Maths workshops on Thursday 30th September. For those of you who were unable to attend please follow the link below to see a list of useful websites you and your child can use at home to support and enhance learning in Maths, and information about the methods of calculation we teach the children. After the workshop some parents asked Mrs Elrick to organise similar events to give information about fractions and problem solving, particularly for Year 6. Please let us know if there are other areas of maths we can help with or you would like information about.

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

British Juniors



Parent/Teacher consultation evenings

A letter was sent home informing you of the Parent/Teacher consultation meetings to be held on **Tuesday 19th October** and **Thursday 21st October**. If you have not received a letter please contact the office or your child's class teacher.

Birthdays Children are always very excited when it's their birthday and particularly enjoy sharing their special day with their friends at school. Many parents like to send in a cake for the class as part of the celebration. Please remember that if you would like to do this then you must negotiate a time with the class teacher. Cupcakes or tray-bakes already cut into slices are preferable as cutting and serving a large squidgy, creamy sponge cake takes up too much of the teaching and learning time. Do remember that some of our children do not eat certain foods for either health or religious reasons so please let the class teacher know the ingredients of any home baked or store bought goods. We also ask you to not send in party bags or gifts for the class when it is your child's birthday.

Visiting Student teacher

I would like to welcome Ms Judy Bai who started her final teaching practice in Mr McKelvie's class this week. Judy is in her third year of teacher training and will be with us until 26th November.

Using the Cafeteria SMARTCards We started using the new system this week and with anything new there are always a few hiccups. To help us ensure everything runs smoothly please could you ensure that you select the meals for your child as many of the children had their meals paid for but their parents didn't choose a meal. This meant that we had to check everything manually and select a meal for your child, which rather defeats the purpose of having an electronic card. If you have any problems with ordering the staff in the student services office are very happy to help. Please contact Gloria Chen if you need assistance. gloria.chen@tes.tp.edu.tw

Disco There was much wiggling and shaking and 'grooving' on Friday evening at the disco, which was organised by H3 students from the High school. Parents hit the floor with their best 70's moves for YMCA and the Macarena - can't wait for the Gala ball!

It is Taiwan's National Day on Sunday so if you are new to the country watch out for wonderful firework displays on Sunday evening.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about any items in the newsletter.

Enjoy your weekend.

Best regards

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We're going to the zoo...

Year 3 students had a treat on Wednesday at the zoo. The weather was perfect and their learning was really assisted through the fun times we all had discov-



Myself and other animals

What do all animals have in common?

*What do **we** have in common with all other animals?*

How are different animals suited to different environments and lifestyles?

What do different animals eat, and what sorts of teeth do they need for their diet?



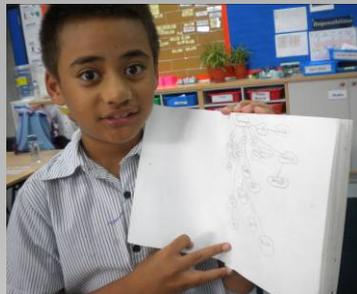
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British Section

Non - chron·o·log·i·cal

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Non-chronological reports

These are factual texts, which describe a topic in different categories. They are not related to time, so the order of the paragraphs can be changed without affecting the report. Students summarised information about many of the animals using the 'single bubble' visual tool, where one animal was placed in the centre. Around this main topic they collected information in four categories; Diet, Habitat, Appearance, and Behavior.

The zoo is a big place. We walked a long way, saw many great things and didn't have much time to rest. We expect Year 3s slept very well

British Juniors



TES SCOTTISH DANCERS

Last Saturday, 2nd October, Taipei European School, along with other international schools in the area, was invited to participate in an event called **'The Shihlin International Cultural Festival'**.

This exciting event was held at the local Shihdong Elementary School and many people came to watch, on what turned out to be a 'very' sunny day. Each school was asked to perform and present a dance of their choice.

There was a splendid array of performances, ranging from 'Hip Hop', Hawaiian to TES's very own Scottish traditional dance: 'The Dashing White Sergeant', a tune about a handsome soldier dressed in a white uniform. All the children had sacrificed their break times through the week to practise and perfect the dance.

The result of their efforts was a marvellous performance which obviously delighted all those who were watching judging by the hearty applause that they gave the children.

All the children should be proud of their performance and it certainly helped to raise the profile of TES within the community.

Congratulations to the following children for their efforts:

Kalita Hon, Megan Chen, Ann Chang, Elsa Liao, Michaela Lintott, Hannah Kwuo, Joelle Lim, Vanessa Su, Elizabeth Lin, Audrey Lam, Jessica Lee, Nidhi Mehta, Martin Lu, John Li, Samir Mahtani, Rosh Ho, Shinya Kida, Taka Matsumoto, Matthew Crossman, Nirav Agarwal, Loyse Queau

Teaching English as a Second Language in the Mainstream (Early Years)

For 4 days this week 9 teachers from across the Asia region took part in the intensive and intellectually challenging Teaching English as a Second Language in the Mainstream (Early Years) Tutor Training course. This means that those teachers are now qualified to return to their schools to deliver the training to all staff. Congratulations to our very own Hilary Trehern and Jeffrey Stapleton who took the course and will be running the training for the Infant School staff in the Spring Term

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