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Welcome to the 51st edition 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...

- Monsieur Trividic reports back on news from the recent Asia-Pacific French Heads Conference.
- We find out about a visit by musician Claire Mallet to the French Section.
- We learn about the culinary expertise of Year 5 children.
- The Reception children learn about staying healthy.
- Read about the work of the British PTA and meet the members of the committee.
- Find 3 pages of book recommendations from our fantastic library staff.

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.

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



British Infants Curriculum

Information on Maths and Literacy/Topic Units for 2010/11

<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

Information on Literacy, Maths and Topic Units for 2010/11

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

Section Française

Des nouvelles de l'AEFE



Du 13 au 15 octobre, les directeurs des écoles françaises de la zone Asie-Pacifique se sont retrouvés à Kuala Lumpur avec trois inspecteurs de l'Agence pour l'Enseignement Français à l'Étranger (AEFE).

Le représentant de l'Agence à Paris a rappelé l'objectif des établissements de l'AEFE : **l'excellence pour chaque élève**, selon son potentiel et son profil, mais **pas l'élitisme** au prix d'une sélection.

Quelques **priorités**: les dispositifs d'enseignement plurilingues (nous y sommes en plein à la Section française), l'histoire de l'art (Julien Laneyrie va suivre un stage à Tokyo pendant ses vacances pour s'y former et informer ses collègues), le développement de l'utilisation des tableaux blancs interactifs (toutes les classes du secondaire et trois classes de WenLin en sont équipées et nous allons continuer).

Notre section œuvre donc bien en harmonie avec l'esprit de l'AEFE.

Nous avons également analysé les **résultats des évaluations nationales 2010** de CE1 et CM2 dans la zone et j'ai pu constater avec bonheur que les scores de nos élèves étaient bien au-dessus de la moyenne. J'espère qu'il en ira de même en 2011, nous y travaillons quotidiennement.

Autre point important : **le livret personnel de compétences** publié cette année par le Ministère de l'Éducation nationale (disponible sur Google), livret qui suivra chaque élève du CP à la troisième et sera remis à la famille en fin de CE1, CM2 et troisième. Ces compétences sont la trame de l'enseignement et sont travaillées et évaluées régulièrement en classe. Afin d'informer les familles des progrès de leurs enfants, il revient à chaque établissement d'élaborer des livrets scolaires adaptés à ces objectifs. Nous y avons travaillé en équipe, aussi bien au primaire qu'au secondaire, et vous avez déjà reçu un premier livret d'évaluation à Wen Lin.

L'observation du « **tableau de bord** » de la zone Asie : population scolaire, fonctionnement des établissements, enseignement des langues et bilingue permet encore de noter l'originalité de notre école plongée dans un environnement anglophone, ouverte sur la culture de son pays d'accueil, riche de toutes ses nationalités et suivant néanmoins méticuleusement les programmes français. Vos enfants n'y perdent ni leur temps, ni le nord...

Bonnes vacances de mi-trimestre.

Patrick Trividic

Directeur de la Section française



Section Française

Des contes pour la section française



Mardi 12 octobre, la maternelle et les classes du primaire ont été très heureux de rencontrer Claire Mallet, une conteuse qui est venue raconter des histoires aux enfants.

Ce fut un moment magique durant lequel Claire Mallet nous a emmenés au pays de la musique celte grâce à sa harpe celtique. Elle a ponctué ses contes par quelques notes à sa guitare et sa musique a été très appréciée des enfants.



Les CP-CE1 à la bibliothèque.



Les CE2 dans la salle de musique.

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British Juniors

Dear Parents,



Thank you to all of you who were able to meet with your child's teachers this week to find out how well they have settled into their new classes. If you were unable to come on Tuesday or Thursday please remember you can make an appointment to see your child's teacher at any time throughout the year. We have two more formal parent/teacher meetings in this academic year which follow the children's academic reports sent home in February and in June. Please note that we have changed the dates in June from the 14th and 16th to the previous week on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th June. This is due to the fact that we are hosting the FOBISSEA competition and some of the teachers will not be available during that week.

During Friday Assembly we celebrate children's achievements in a wide range of areas - academic, effort, friendship, good behaviour. Last week we were treated to a showcase of talent from our ballet students who were presented with their certificates and medals from the Royal Academy of Dance examinations held last July. Congratulations to all!



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Year 5 Pizza Cafe!



As a culmination of the five week literacy unit '*instructional writing*', Year 5 put their note-taking and recipe writing abilities to the test to make, from scratch, a pizza base and then completed the masterpiece with toppings of their choice. The results were fantastic and we certainly believe that they were good enough that if ever we go into the restaurant business, year 5 will be an amazing culinary success! Well done to all the students and a huge thank-you to the

parents who sent in toppings for the pizzas. An even bigger thank you to those parents who came to assist or watch the lesson on the day. It was a lot of fun and we're sure that the students not only enjoyed themselves thoroughly, but learnt a lot from the experience.



British Infants

Dear Parents



I can not believe it, but we are already coming to the end of our first half term, and what a busy half term it has been!

A couple of dates to remind you of, including a few actual changes!

- Sports Mornings—Nursery and Reception on Wednesday 17th November and
Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday 18th November (details to follow)
- Christmas Performances—we are trying something new this year mainly due to the lack of space in the amphitheatre. Nursery and Reception will do a performance on Friday 3rd December at 11am in the amphitheatre and Year 1 and Year 2 will do a performance on Monday 6th December at 1pm. Again, details to follow.
- PLEASE NOTE Parent Evening dates for June have changed from the dates that appear on your calendar from the PSC. They will now take place on Wednesday 15th June 2:30 to 4:30, and Thursday 16th June between 5:00 and 7:00. This change has been made due to the fact that TES are hosting the Junior FOBISSEA Games in June, and complications arose.

We have organised quite a few parent workshops this half term on issues such as Transition, Reading and the Foundation Stage Curriculum. These were extremely well attended and we received a great deal of positive feedback about them. We would now like to organise some more workshops, but I would like to know what you think is the best time to put them on.

Please number the following options in the order you would prefer (1 being your first choice) and return this letter to the office.

8:15 start

1:00 start

3:30 start

6:30 / 7:00 start

Many thanks

Ruth Martin, Head of the British Infant Section

British Infants

Welcome to Reception.

This term we have been very busy learning about staying healthy by investigating healthy eating and exercise.



The lovely dentist Sahar- teaching the children about caring for their teeth.



Tai chi is fun with our very own master Mr. Stapleton.

The children have enjoyed role playing restaurants; creating their own menus, grocery shopping, serving and waiting tables, which has given them lots of opportunities for developing language skills while having fun!



EPC Library



Dear Parents,

Do you feel the chill air in the morning? Before we know it, summer had bid farewell and autumn is upon us.. The most comfortable season both for weather *and* for reading.!

Grab a book and snuggle on the comfortable sofa at our special designated *Parents and Teachers Area*. With the full view of Yangmingshan, read to your heart's content—books, teaching resources, newspapers and monthly resources from ESC are there for you.

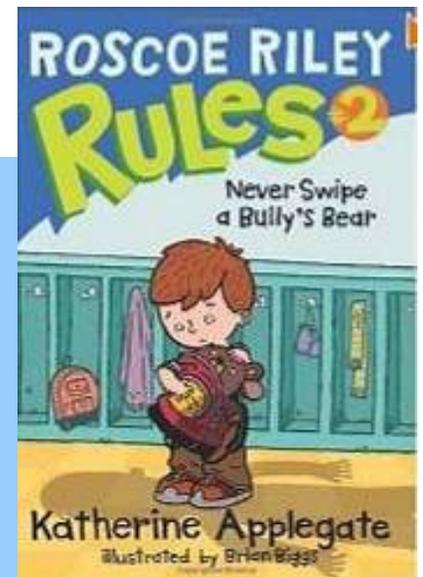
Near by the Parents and Teachers Area is the new *Dutch Books Section*, a recent addition to the Primary Library family. We now have 5 languages represented!

Roscoe Riley Rules #2: Never Swipe a Bully's Bear

When Roscoe's stuffed pig goes missing, he is convinced that Wyatt, the class bully, is responsible. When Roscoe finds out where Wyatt keeps his teddy bear, he decides to give that old bully a taste of his own medicine. That will fix everything. Won't it?

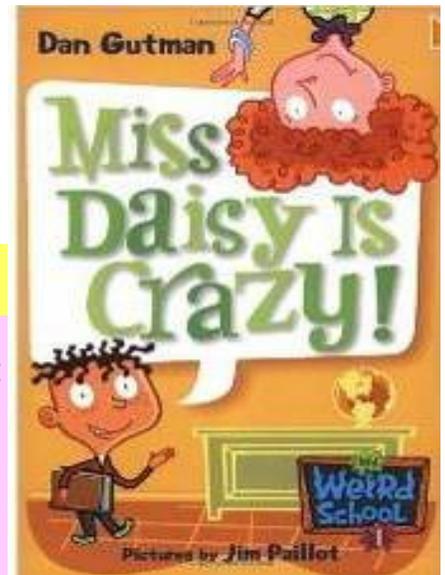
Suggested Year Group:

Year 1



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Suggested Year Group:
Year 2



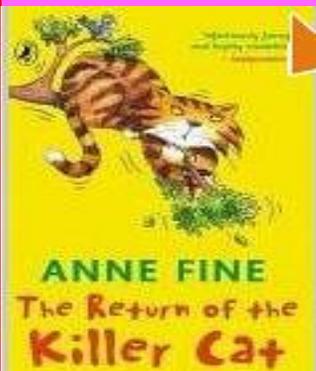
My Weird School #1: Miss Daisy Is Crazy!

Miss Daisy, who teaches second grade, doesn't know how to add or subtract. Not only that, she doesn't know how to read or write either. She is the dumbest teacher in the history of the



Suggested Year Group:
Year 3

Return of the Killer Cat



Tuffy can't wait for Ellie and the family to go away on holiday. He and the gang plan to ignore grumpy new cat-sitter, and run wild all night

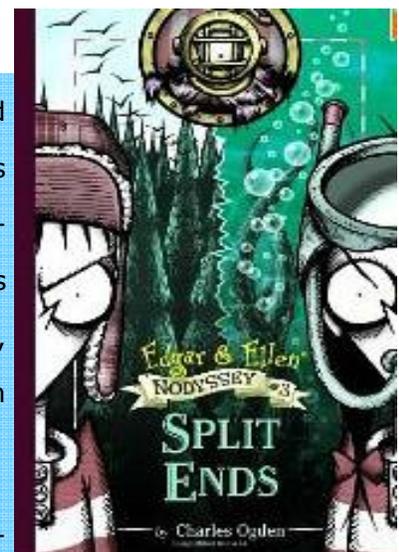
But could that furry bundle, suddenly flying through the air, put a stop to all the fun?

**Perfect choice for a
pet lover!**

Split Ends

With nothing less than the future of humanity at stake, it's up to Edgar and Ellen to thwart Stephanie Knightleigh's dastardly scheme to raid all the world's balm springs -- even if it means separating for the first time in their lives. Edgar's pursuit of the Midway Irregulars leads him to the forests of Cougar Falls and an unlikely partnership with an eccentric professional monster hunter, while Ellen and Pet find themselves in the decidedly inhospitable town of Lach Lufless.

But can Edgar survive without Ellen's quick wits? Can Ellen survive without Edgar's satchel of tricks? And can either of them survive when their most important allies have become deadly enemies?



Suggested Year Group:
Year 4

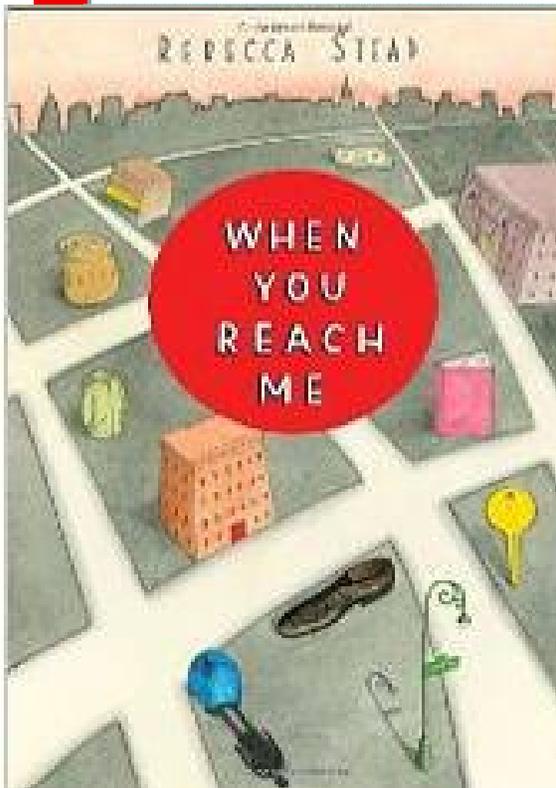
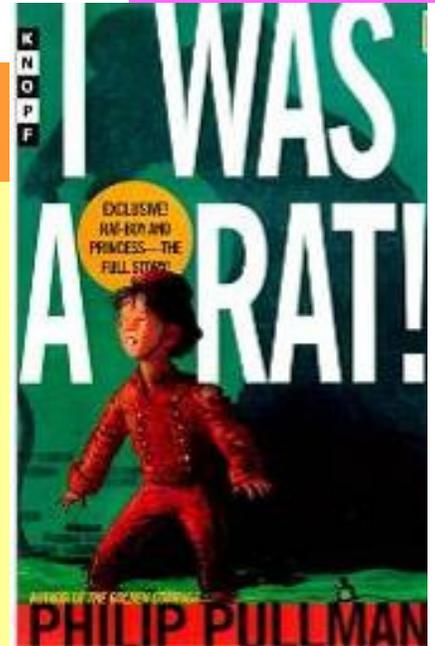
Suggested Year Group:
Year 5

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I Was a Rat!



When a grubby young pageboy knocks on the door of Bob the cobbler and Joan the washerwoman's house, the kindly couple hardly knows what to think. Could this delusional boy be the answer to their prayers for a little one of their own? And was he really once a rat? It seems so. He shreds his bedding, for example, and he chews his toast swiftly with his front teeth. He eats an entire pencil and bites his teacher. Despite the fact that he is a little ratty in his habits, the old couple grow quite fond of the young fellow.



Sixth-grader Miranda lives in 1978 New York City with her mother, and her life compass is Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*. When she receives a series of enigmatic notes that claim to want to save her life, she comes to believe that they are from someone who knows the future. Miranda spends considerable time observing a raving vagrant who her mother calls the laughing man and trying to find the connection between the notes and her everyday life. Discerning readers will realize the ties between Miranda's mystery and L'Engle's plot, but will enjoy hints of fantasy and descriptions of middle school dynamics. Stead's novel is as much about character as story. Miranda's voice rings true with its faltering attempts at maturity and observation. The story builds slowly, emerging naturally from a sturdy premise. As Miranda reminisces, the time sequencing is somewhat challenging, but in an intriguing way. The

setting is consistently strong. The stores and even the streets—in Miranda's neighborhood act as physical entities and impact the plot in tangible ways. This unusual, thought-provoking mystery will appeal to several types of readers.

Suggested Year Group:
Year 6

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PTA AGM FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Thank you so much to all the parents who turned out for the AGM. We had a quorum, which was great and the new committee officials were voted in unanimously.

Dr Weston gave us a great overview of the corporate plan for the school, told us about the local government development plans for the land surrounding the school and reminded us that we should read the Zoom magazine as this is the main communication vehicle for keeping us up to date with developments.

WELCOME to the first newsletter from your new committee. We are all delighted to be involved in this organisation that has contributed so much to the Primary Section of the British School at TES.

Who are we? All parents are automatically members of the PTA. We have a committee with four elected officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) and two teacher representatives (Ms Corry, Head of Junior Section and Mrs Martin (Head of Infant Section)).

What do we do? We organise a series of events throughout the year such as the summer fair and book week. Through your participation and support for these events the PTA has given money to the Infant Section to enable them to put in the decking behind the reception classrooms and the Junior Section to purchase equipment such as the stacking cups.

How can you help? Be involved. Join in with events and volunteer your time if you can. Come to a committee meeting and find out more about what is going on in the

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Mid-Autumn Festival: Thanks to everyone who bought one of the glow sticks, some tattoos or a windmill from the PTA at this event. [We were able to raise NT 8000, which has been donated to the fund for FOBISSEA 2011.](#)

CLASS REPS

The system of class reps is up and running smoothly as usual. Thanks to all the volunteers for being so proactive. Hopefully, you will have all received your class contact lists and will soon have an opportunity to meet with other parents from your child's class at a coffee morning.

Just a quick reminder that the Class Rep system is a means for the PTA to communicate with all the parents and vice versa; if you want to discuss education issues please do so in the first instance direct with the class teacher.

PARKING AT TES



GO GREEN and use public transport when you come to events at the school. The public car park in front of the school is quite small and fills up quickly especially when there are whole community events such as the Christmas Bazaar on 27 November.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS



CHAIR: Sahar Shaikh

Have 2 children Tarana and Faris at the TES. We've been in Taipei for more than 4 years. We love it here . The people, the culture. We love going around and exploring the different places , walking around the Yangming Shan National Park , cycling and the variety of cuisines the restaurants here have on offer.



VICE CHAIR: BLITHE SANCHEZ-O'DRISCOLL

I am originally from the Philippines but have lived in England, Ireland, the Philippines, and Taiwan. This is our second posting in Taiwan, having lived in Taoyuan for 3 years eight years ago. We moved back to the country August last year; my son, Ciaran, is enjoying his second year at TES as a Year 4 student. I, on the other hand, am enjoying my second year as a BSPTA Committee Member.

Being active in the PTA is a very fulfilling experience. Not only has it brought wonderful people to my life, it has also given me the opportunity to pursue worthwhile endeavors. I



SECRETARY: Anlyn Crossman

I'm an Australian who has been in Taiwan on and off for 7 years. My son Matthew has been in TES for 1.5 years and is currently in Year 5. I joined the British Section PTA last year and am honoured to be able to participate again this year. It has and continues to be a very rewarding experience.



TREASURER: Rhea Schoofs-van de Ven

Hi everyone, I am Rhea Schoofs-van de Ven and I live in Taiwan together with my husband and two kids, who both go to the TES. Daan is in year 4 and Carlijn is in Reception. We are from the Netherlands. This will be my third year in Taiwan and my second year with the BSPTA, as the treasurer again. I enjoy being with the BSPTA because it's a way to get involved with and to get know more about the school, and you

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**COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**



CLASS REP COORDINATOR: Ying-ley Ling

Hi, my name is Ying-ley Ling. I have two sons, John in Reception and Andrew is Nursery. I am a Londoner born and bred and we have been in Taiwan for 18 months. I feel that the PTA is important for parents and the school. It's a great way to make friends and for us to continue to keep TES the great school it already is!



SOCIAL EVENTS EVENTS COORDINATOR: HELEN FUSSEY

I am a Taiwanese who for the past 15 years lived in Ascot, England. My husband Richard is English. We have two children – Emma in year 2 and Daniel in nursery.

We moved to Taiwan this summer to give our kids some experience of Taiwan (and to have some nice food!). We are privileged to be joining TES. I am looking forward to working with other members of the British PTA to support the school and making new friends along the way.



SUZANNE AMBROSINO: PUBLICATIONS

We have been in Taiwan for two years. Our daughter Siena is in Year 1 and son Michael is in Nursery. I am very pleased to be able to help out on the PTA committee this year.



Teacher Representatives:

Mrs Martin (Head of the Infant Section)

Ms Corry, (Head of the Junior Section)