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Welcome to the 53rd 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 and Tribe Council.

Inside this week's rather huge journal...

- Travel with Year 2 as they go on their trips
- Find out why the Juniors had a blue day
- How can the French Section save a beautiful tree?
- The French Petite Section love chocolate cake
- Make a wish for a library book
- Check out the new Chinese fiction books that have just arrived in the Library

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
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 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
Curriculum**

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

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

British Infants



Dear Parents

Firstly may I apologise once again for having to change the dates of the Sports Mornings twice! Can I also confirm the new dates (weather permitting):

Nursery and Reception—Wednesday 26th January

Year 1 and Year 2—Thursday 27th January

Can I also ask you to put another date in your diaries!

WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY

The opportunity has arisen to have a visiting author in school on that day. Actually she will be in school the day before as well, but working with the Junior Section. Her name is Ann Bowler. She has a great website so if you are interested you can go online and read more about her. Mike Smith is putting together a day of fun activities with Ann, and he will write to you about these later, I just want to let you know that there will hopefully be a parent/child workshop run by Ann after school, hence why I want to give you the date now so you can at least put it in your diaries. She will be focusing on her book “Great Gheko’s Complaint” throughout the day including during the workshop.

Her website is: www.anmartinbowler.net

Another polite reminder from me is about the Reverse Christmas Tree on Thursday. Please can the children bring their gifts into school on Thursday 2nd December, with the label already filled in on the front.

This is an important event for us, so thank you for your support.

Finally, can I remind you that the **Annual General Meeting of TES BOG** is on

Tuesday 30th November. The event starts at 6pm in the Atrium of the Junior School, although the official business starts at 6:30pm. I hope you can come and influence the future direction of our school.

Many thanks

Ruth Martin

NB Please note that my extension number has changed from 600 to 1400. The main line number remains the same 8145-9007.

British Infants



Year 2

Two trips in two weeks!



British Section

Year 2 have been very lucky to have had two trips out and about in the wider community this November. All within the context of our second unit, "Then and Now". The main areas of focus have been an exploration into how Taiwanese schools, buildings and homes have changed, from the past to the pre-



The River Walk

Our first trip was a river walk along the riverbanks, located near school. The purpose of the walk was to teach the children how to compare and sketch old and new buildings as well as follow a simple route on a map.



British Infants



Taiwan Storyland

Our second trip was to Taiwan Storyland Museum, where the children were transported back into time to Taiwan of the 1960s. The children got the chance to browse old style shops filled with sweets & toys. A photographer's studio, grocer's, puppet theater, police station, pharmacy, ice cream parlor, bookstore and movie theater. The narrow lanes were filled with street vendors, antique cars and scooters. There was also an old style classroom school with traditional wooden tables and chairs set out in rows and a lectern at the front of the class for the teacher to stand behind.



British Juniors

Dear Parents, Students and friends of the school,



The children are very excited about the Christmas Bazaar, which opens at 10am tomorrow morning at the Primary Campus. It is a fantastic event with great entertainment, food from around the world and a huge variety of items to buy. The Christmas handicrafts, made by a group of very talented parents, are highly sought after so if you don't want to miss out get there early!

Each year group is running a stall with the help of the Class Reps, parents, teachers and students. Thank you to all those parents for the incredible amount of hard work that has gone on in over the last few months in ensuring that tomorrow is a success.

The main stage is set up outside the atrium and there will be a variety of performances from the talented community of TES. Please see the schedule of events attached to this newsletter. Our Junior Choir, Ensemble and Rock band will all be performing. Last Thursday evening they sang and played in front of a VIP crowd, including Taipei's Mayor, at an official opening dinner for the Taipei Flora Expo at the Grand Formosa Hotel and are now becoming seasoned performers.

Christmas Carol Concert and Year 5 Christmas Show This week, rehearsals for the Year 3,4 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert and Year 5 show have started. The tickets you have requested have been sent home today with your child. On Monday we will be notifying parents of any spare tickets available so if your child didn't bring home their letter with the ticket request form please contact the office.

TES AGM Taipei European School's Annual General meeting will be held from 6:00pm on Tuesday 30th November in the amphitheatre in the Junior Wing. Please follow the link below for further information.

<http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/agm.php>

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow - I will be helping at the Dads' BBQ.

Best regards

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British Juniors

TES Anti-Bullying Weeks

2010



TES Anti-Bullying Weeks sent a clear and positive message that bullying is neither acceptable or inevitable in our school community. TES Anti-Bullying Weeks 2010, took place from 8th-19th of November and incorporated a wide variety of activities in which TES students in the Junior School had the opportunity to participate,

The key messages in the campaign were:

- ✦ Bullying will only stop if we take action together
- ✦ Bullying behaviour can be fuelled by the action, or lack of action of the bystander
- ✦ We know that significant numbers of children and young people who witness bullying still don't tell anyone or take action to stop it

Activities that your child may have be involved in include:

- ✦ Writing key anti-bullying messages on a virtual online wall
- ✦ Exploring issues related to bullying in PSHE/circle time
- ✦ Creating their own anti-bullying policy
- ✦ Congratulations to the winners of our anti bullying poster competition.
- ✦ All entries are displayed in the Atrium, please come and take a look!

British Juniors

Anti-bullying Blue day



Ms. Bae's Drama club started the assembly with a very interesting performance. They entertained us with a poem called 'The Bully' by Clare Bevan.

Dr Weston and Ms Corry had a very hard job judging the winners of the anti-bullying poster competition. They were very impressed with all of the posters and congratulated all of the students on their efforts. They finally decided on two winners from each year group and awarded the prizes and certificates in the celebration assembly.



Thank you to all of the staff and students who showed their commitment to anti-bullying by dressing in blue on Friday of last week!



Section Française



Comment le primaire a eu envie de sauver le grand Ficus



Un grand mouvement solidaire est monté des classes du primaire de la section française dans le but de sauver le majestueux Ficus qui se trouve devant l'école. Cette initiative est survenue chez les élèves de CE2-CMI pendant leur travail avec leur maîtresse Fabienne qui les emmenait regarder l'espace avant les grands travaux de construction du tribunal de Taipei. Ils ont imaginé la grande route qui passera devant l'école et ils ont vu que cet arbre majestueux n'avait pas sa place dans ce projet d'urbanisation.

"On aime bien le grand Ficus parce qu'il ne bouche pas la route pour rentrer et qu'il est beau et aussi parce qu'il est super grand et qu'il est élastique."

« Nous avons pris des photos avec les classes de CP, CE1, CE2, CM1 et CM2. Nous étions autour du grand Ficus pour sauver le grand Ficus, c'est-à-dire que nous ne voulons pas que la mairie coupe notre grand Ficus.

Une élève de CM1, Capucine Potier a commencé une pétition avec ses camarades. Nous avons commencé cette pétition le lundi 11 novembre. Nous avons donné cette pétition aux maternelles et aux anglais. Nous l'avons collée sur les murs de l'école.

On aime bien le grand Ficus mais ils ont prévu de l'abattre. Alors nous avons préparé une lettre



Les élèves de CE2, CM1 étaient tellement motivés pour sauver cet arbre qu'ils ont écrit un article pour le journal *Taiwan Aujourd'hui* et ils ont également écrit une lettre pour le maire de Taipei. Finalement, rien n'a été envoyé ni publié sauf ce

Devant ce mouvement de solidarité pour protéger un arbre si majestueux, on ne peut que saluer l'attitude de ces enfants qui se sentent concernés par leur environnement!!

« Le caoutchouc (*Ficus elastica*) est un arbre sempervirent, originaire d'Asie. C'est une plante qui produit du latex et qui est cultivée en pot comme plante d'appartement dans les pays tempérés. Cette espèce est en régression suite à la contamination des cultures par un champignon

WIKIPÉDIA pathogène (en Asie du Sud-
L'encyclopédie libre





LA degustation de

On a appris comment faire du thé. D'abord, il a fallu regarder les feuilles de thé en disant de beaux mot en chinois. Après, on a mis les feuilles de thé dans la théière en mettant de l'eau chaude. Pour que le thé soit délicieux, il a fallu compter 25~30 secondes. Et puis, on a mis le tamis sur le pot et on a renversé doucement le thé dans le pot. On a versé le thé dans le verre qui est différent des autres et on a versé le thé dans le mini

Cooking A Chocolate Cake

French Petite Section Bilingual Class

MAKING A CHOCOLATE CAKE

First when we got to the cooking room we talked to the children and showed them all the things we were going to use to make a chocolate cake. We went over the English words for what was in the recipe (sugar, flour, chocolate and butter) and we told the children that they were going to measure out how much we needed. We preheated the oven 200 Degrees Celsius and

measured the 200 grams of chocolate. Once the chocolate was measured we added the chocolate and 50 grams of butter into a pot and Essemah helped to melt the chocolate, while the



Measuring Chocolate



Measuring Flour



Measuring Sugar

Recipe

Three eggs

Chocolate
200grams

Flour

90grams

Sugar 50grams

Ingredients



Utensils

Measuring Scales

Bowl

Baking Tray

Wooden spoons

Whisking Sticks

MIXING THE INGREDIENTS



Mixing Eggs



Mixing Flour

After the chocolate was melted, we poured it into a bowl, and Teacher David cracked the three eggs into the bowl. The children took turns to whisk the eggs and chocolate. We added the sugar and the children whisked some more. Then using a tablespoon the children took turns to add flour as another child whisked the mixture. Once we had finished whisking enough, the teacher used a dab of butter to line the cake trays and the



Pouring into the

children poured the cake mixture into the trays.

We placed the cake trays into the oven for 15 min



Baking Chocolate



Licking the Bowl



What a mess!

DECORATING THE CAKE



Decorating the cake with M&M's



Cutting the cake

Once the cake was finished baking the children decorated the cake with M&M's. The children went to lunch and we woke the children up a little early before home time so we could have time to eat the cake.

We sang happy birthday in the classroom and cut the cake and ate it. The children were so excited about eating the cake and I could hear them talking with each other about how they were going to eat the cake they had made themselves. It was a very rewarding activity that we did with the children and they really enjoyed measuring, mixing,



Singing Happy Birth-



Eating the Cake

EPC Library



Dear Parents,

T'is the season to be jolly!

Christmas collections are ready for your enjoyment at classroom or home, starting next Wednesday—1st December, let the holiday spirit fill your reading. And not so hurry to leave the Library after you got the books... drop a *Book Wish* to the Wishing Box, maybe Santa will grant your wish and fill up our Library with more fantastic books!

Good news for *Chinese* readers— big collections for youth fictions just arrived at the Library. Want to improve your Mandarin? Comprehensive reading is the key. Check out our quality Chinese collections!

Come and explore your Library! See and feel how we transform the place into Winter Wonderland in December!



MISTLETOE



PRESENT



BELLS



SNOWMAN



TREE

TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
 ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME
 27TH NOVEMBER 2010

10.20—10.30am

Lighting of Christmas Tree with TES Infants and MCs' Greetings

10.35—11.00am

Address by PSC Chairperson, Mrs Tracy Koong

Address by TES CEO, Dr Allan Weston

Gold Sponsors Award Presentation

11.15—11.30am	Jazz Band	14.00—14.05pm	Harp Duet
11.30—11.40am	EPC Ensemble	14.05—14.10pm	Piano Recital
11.45—12.00pm	EPC Dance	14.10—14.15pm	Bollywood Dance
12.15—12.25pm	ESC Orchestra	14.20—14.35pm	ESC Rock Band "Back Bages"
12.25—12.30pm	Secondary Choir	14.35—14.40pm	Indian Song
12.30—12.40pm	Secondary / High School Choir	14.45—14.50pm	Belly Dance
12.40—12.50pm	ESC Orchestra	14.55—15.05pm	Y7 Rock Band
12.50—13.00pm	EPC Choir	15.05—15.10pm	Pop Idol Band Winner #2
13.00—13.05pm	EPC Choir / Rock Band	15.10—15.15pm	Pop Idol Band Winner #1
13.05—13.15pm	High School Choir	15.20pm	Raffle Draw
13.15—13.30pm	ESC & EPC Choirs		
13.30—13.45pm	Combined Orchestra & Choirs		

ART AUCTION !!!
13.00PM INFANTS ASSEMBLY AREA