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# The Wen Lin Journal

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Welcome to the 56th 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 journal...

- we find out the big events in the British Nursery
- discover 'still life' with the British Junior Section
- See how the French Section light the way for 'Year of the Rabbit'
- Which Newberry Honour books have the Library recommended?

### We also have...

- an important notice regarding a visiting author from New Zealand
- A letter from Mr. Lewis in place of our regular contribution from Mrs. Martin with all the important news you need to know for the British Infant Section

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

# British Infants

Dear Parents



This week we have been very lucky with the weather, allowing us to facilitate two fantastic sports days. I would like to say a huge thank you to all those parents who came and supported the events. I am sure you'll agree, the children had a lot of fun (and so did many of the parents who joined in with some of the activities!)

Below and on the next page are montages of the sporting excitement of Wednesday and Thursday:

## Wednesday - Foundation Stage Sports Day



# British Infants

Thursday - Key Stage I Sports Day



## Important Reminder:

Below are two very important dates for your diary. They relate to the bringing forward of the start and end of the 2011-2012 academic year (next year).

- Autumn 2011-12 term begins - Monday 22nd August 2011 (children's first day back)
- Summer 2011-12 term ends - Friday 15th June 2012 (children's last day before the summer holidays)

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# British Infants

Visiting Author



As part of Taipei European School's ongoing commitment to inspiring our young learners as writers and readers, Ann Bowler, author of *Gecko's Complaint* and *Adventures of the Treasure Fleet* visited the Primary section in early January.



Ann's books were of great interest to us not only because they are carefully researched and beautifully illustrated, but also because they were set in and around Asia, helping our children to relate the stories. In addition, the two titles studied closely matched current curriculum areas.

Ann worked during the two days of her visit with children across the Primary School in both Infant and Junior Sections. We were treated to two wonderful whole school book reading assemblies, followed by workshops with individual classes and year groups. Ann rounded off her visit by sharing her ideas with a keen group of parents, about the importance of reading for our children. Her cumulative wealth of knowledge as a result of research, being a teacher for many years and being a mother of five, was a great inspiration to all present.



Feedback from children about the day was excellent. To have a real life author come to visit has a huge impact on the children. It also helps them to understand that becoming a successful writer takes time, hard work and reflection.

Next month we are very lucky to have a further opportunity of this kind. Well known New Zealand author Gavin Bishop has very kindly offered to visit the school in early February. Following on from the wonderfully organised Book Fair in the Autumn term, these two visits have made this year a great year for reading.

Thank you for your ongoing support of these events and for the time you give to reading with your children.

Mike Smith

KSI Curriculum coordinator



# British Infants



Hello everyone!

There are two big events this term: Sports Day and Chinese New Year.



The children practiced the circuit for the Nursery Sports Day. They had opportunities where they gain confidence in, and



Practising for Sports Day. Look how nicely we line up for our turn!

We have learned a lot of new skills: balancing, jumping, climbing, sliding, rolling...



Teachers and children have had a great time experiencing Chinese culture and activities where they learn about how people celebrate Chinese New Year. We learned that red means good luck and happiness. We listened to the story of the “Nian” monster and made



Happy Chinese New Year!

# British Juniors

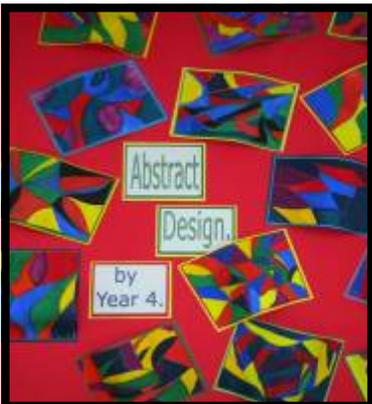


## Art

is a starting point to what a child's creative appetite, arouse his or her senses and invoke an individual response. Art of course is tremendous fun but it should also be a challenge. It is important for children to learn new skills and experience working with different tools and materials.



'Abstract art' by Year 4



By studying the styles and techniques of famous artists they will be inspired to develop their ideas. As artists themselves the students' work will be a source of inspiration for others.



'Concentric Circles' by Year 3



During the course of this year students will experience making collages, modelling in clay, refining their painting techniques, improving their observational sketching skills as well as using their imagination. They will work in both 2d. and 3d.



'Pop Art' by Year 6

'Still Life' by Year 5



## LES CP-CE1 FABRIQUENT DES LANTERNES

La classe de CP et celle de CE1 a fabriqué des lanternes pour le nouvel an chinois.

Ils ont appris à reproduire les faces de la lanterne en utilisant du calque et à reproduire



Ils ont ajouté des caractères chinois comme la pin, bonheur ou printemps. Ils ont montré leur maîtrise de l'écriture chinoise qu'ils apprennent en cours de chinois.

Une fois les lanternes allumées les élèves ont également appris à étouffer le feu pour éteindre la bougie. Ce fut un cours d'art très riche pour

# EPC Library

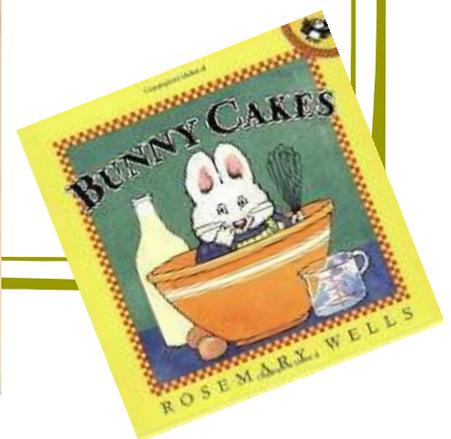
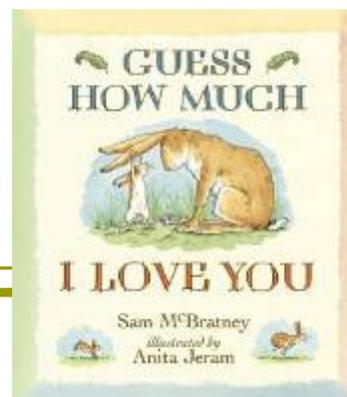
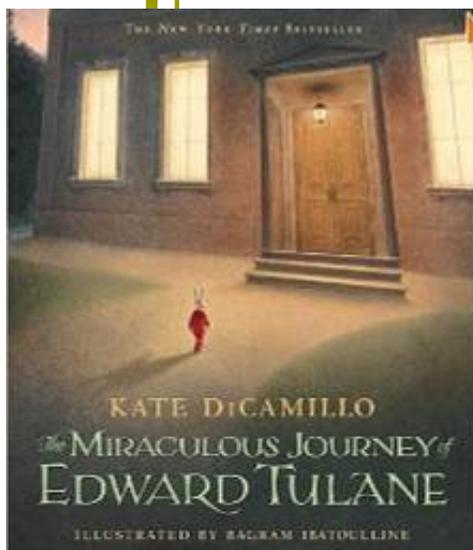


Dear Parents,

Gon Xee Fa Chai! Happy Year of Rabbit! Do you know some of the famous rabbits in the history? The very naughty cousins *Peter Rabbit* and *Benjamin Bunny* by Beatrice Potter, the adorable *Max and Ruby* by Rosemary Wells, the loving parent and baby hares in *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam Bratney, and the courageous Edward in *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo...to name but a few. You can find these rabbits sitting on our bookshelves and ready to tell their stories...

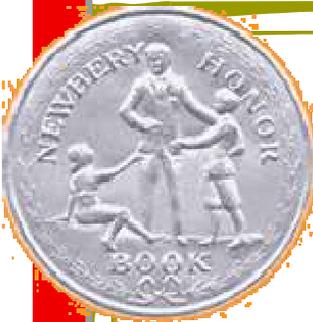
New books have arrived this month, joining both the Infant and Junior Libraries are German, French, Chinese and English books. You can find them display on the "New Books" area, or even on our TV screen by the Library entrance. In this issue's newsletter, we'll highlight just a few Newberry Honor winners, hope you enjoy the reading.

Have a nice holiday!

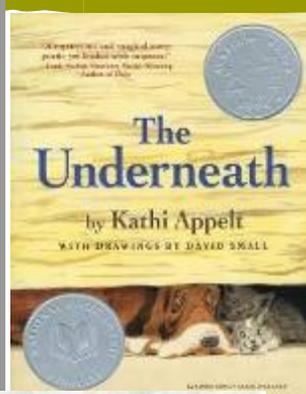


# EPC Library

## Newberry Honor Books



The **John Newberry Medal** is a literary award given by the [Association for Library Service to Children](#), a division of the [American Library Association](#) (ALA). The award is given to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. In addition to the Newberry medal, the committee awards additional citations referred to as the **Newberry Honor** to worthy runners-up.

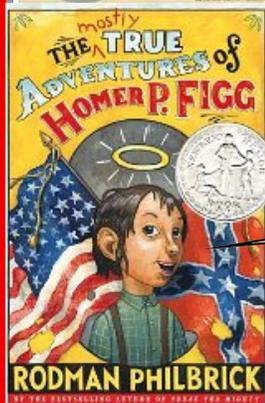


### Newberry Honor Book

National Book Award Finalist

Fiction

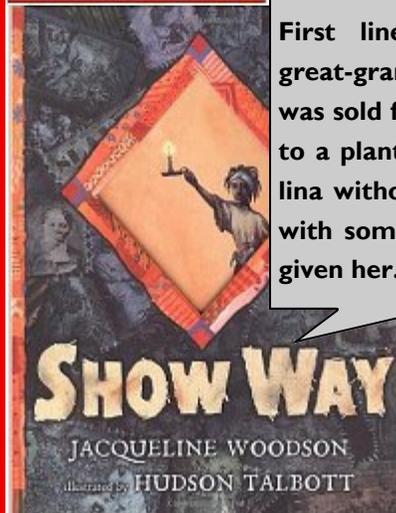
First line: There is nothing lonelier than a cat who has been loved, at least for a while, and then abandoned on the side of the road.



### Newberry Honor Book

Fiction

First line: My name is Homer P. Figg, and these are my true adventures.



### Newberry Honor Book

Picture Book

First line: When Soonie's great-grandma was seven, she was sold from the Virginia land to a plantation in South Carolina without her ma or pa but with some muslin her ma had given her.

### Newberry Honor Book

Non-Fiction

First line: This is not a book about Adolf Hitler. This book is about the children and teenagers who followed Hitler and the National Socialist (Nazi) Party during the years 1933 to 1945.

