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Welcome to the 61st 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 staff and Tribe Council.

Inside this week's journal...

- See how Nursery celebrated the coming of Spring
- Read all about the FOBISSEA Primary Performing Arts Carnival
- Find out about the TES Junior Concert
- Join the Dutch children enjoying Queen's Day
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- Check out the new arrivals in the Library

We also have...

Our usual letters from Mrs Martin and Ms Corry and contributions from the library staff.

Useful School Links



**British Infants
Calendar & Events**

For all those dates you need to know for your little ones!

http://www.taipeuropeanschool.com/tbs/events_infants.php



**British Infants
Curriculum**

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

<http://www.taipeuropeanschool.com/tbs/KS1.php>



**British Juniors
Calendar & Events**

All those dates you need to know for your slightly bigger ones!

http://www.taipeuropeanschool.com/tbs/events_juniors.php



**British Juniors
Curriculum**

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

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

British Infants



Dear Parents

Thank you for supporting our 'filling of the tap' in support of earth quake victims around the world. I am delighted to announce that we raised a total of NT\$14,435— a great result bearing in mind it came in the form of collecting loose coins. The children enjoyed watching the tap fill up, and I think it meant something to them as we were able to talk to them as they placed their coins on the tap.



On Friday 29th April, we celebrated our very own Royal Wedding. In England, Prince William married Kate Middleton, but here at the British Infant School, Kate and William from Miss Gibbs' class helped me talk through with the whole school what was happening during the real ceremony. Thank you to Kate and William for being such good sports. Thank you too for supporting England's special day by sending the children dressed in red, white and blue.

Finally, can I use this opportunity to announce that all year groups' end of year parties will be held on the last day of the school year, this being Friday 1st July. Class teachers and class reps will be sending more details home later.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section



British Infants

The Nursery celebrated the coming of Spring with a fun packed Carnival, bringing 'A piece of Europe to Taiwan'. This was a great opportunity to see all our European friends from the German and French section and eat yummy homemade crepes with sugar and jam.



We had a fun packed day of a variety of activities such as threading, lacing necklaces, making a colourful class bunting, team games with the parachute, dancing and limbo. Remember to pop into the Nursery's display!



As we ended the Term 2, we talked about 'Our Friends' and thought about who our good friends were, and what we liked about them. There were so many friends to choose from!



Starting Term 3 has been very busy. 'Changes' and 'Mother's Day' have been focused upon and the children made lollies and beautiful 'handprint' flowers. The children are being encouraged to become more independent ready for their next stage of learning in Reception and, in preparation, the full day children no longer sleep after lunch. The children are now taking home reading books, using the pictures to create their own stories, and another introduction is 'Plan, Do, Review' twice a week with Reception!



British Juniors



British Section

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of the School,



British Section

Thank you to all of you who supported our Music Concert last Friday. It is not only an opportunity for the children to showcase their talent but to also develop confidence in performing in front of an audience.

Also a huge thank you goes to the members of the British Section PTA (Parent/Teacher association) who gave up their time to provide refreshments. They stayed behind after the concert clearing up and even came in on Monday morning to finish the job. These parents are volunteers and have given freely of their time to support the many events we host over the year. However we do need more volunteers so the workload doesn't become too much of a burden - please think about how you can help next academic year. Mr Malcolm made a video of the concert and will upload it to a website. As soon as this is done I will email you the link.

Europe Day We celebrated Europe day with an assembly followed by team building activities. We were treated to presentations about Germany, France, The Netherlands and Norway. Thank you to Jakub, Lilian, Mr Laneyrie, Yu-Ting and Kristian. The purpose of Europe day is to foster good relationships amongst the children from all sections.



British Juniors

Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of the school,



2011 has been a very exciting year for TES Primary students. It is the first year, we took our students to FOBISSEA Primary Performing Arts Carnival held by St. Christopher's International Primary School in Penang, Malaysia.



The theme of the Carnival was "Amazing Asia", giving the opportunity to appreciate the variety of music and culture in this great continent. It is to provide the children with a variety of enjoyable learning experiences within the fields of dance, drama, singing, and musical.

Our TES Junior Concert was held on 6th May. It has included performances by the Primary Orchestra, Primary Choir, Yr 4 Orff groups, GS Guitar group, GS Dance group, School Rock Bands, and some other combined numbers from across the French, German and British sections. Many of children signed up to audition for the concert and the quality and talent has been recognised.



Dutch Class



Queen`s Day in The Netherlands

On Friday 29th April the Dutch children celebrate Queen's Day at TES. Officially, the celebration of Queen's Day is on April 30th! Because April 30th this year is on a Saturday, the Dutch class celebrated it on April 29th in school!

In the morning the Dutch children and their Dutch language teacher, Mr. Paul Warnants, gave an assembly about the importance of Queen's Day. However, this year it was shared by another very important event, the marriage between Prince William and Kate Middleton. All children of the British section were nicely dressed in blue, white and red colours. However, the Dutch children were dressed in orange.

Why were all children in the blue-white-red and the Dutch children dressed in the orange? The link to Queen's Day was immediately laid. Paul talked about the origin and celebration of Queen's Day and why this was an important day in The Netherlands. Then, all children in the Primary Campus got real Dutch waffles with syrup which they found extremely tasty. For teachers, there was homemade apple pie waiting in the staff room which was gratefully received by all the staff.

In the afternoon, all 18 Dutch pupils at TES played a traditional Dutch game. The 18 pupils were divided into four groups. A parent was sent with each group to verify that all tasks were carried out accurately. The goal of the game were to be the first group to arrive at the finish. The groups took one dice each, they threw the dice and carried out the task on which they arrived. These were the tasks set out by the game: ping pong ball run, sack race, football slalom, making a puzzle of the Queen, quiz about Queen`s Day, live painting, etc.

It was a fantastic day and it was wonderful to see all the Dutch children working and playing together!



EPC Library



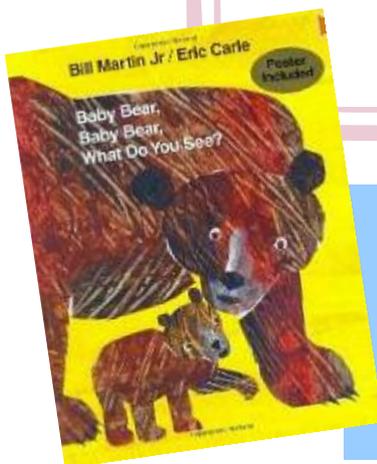
Dear Parents,

NEW ARRIVALS!

It's almost the end of the year and we'd like to inspire our little readers with little Summer Reading ideas. You'll find ***Twice As Nice***, ***The Devil with the Three golden Hairs***, and the latest edition of ***Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See*** by popular illustrator, Eric Carle, in our New Book areas!

For curious readers who always start a sentence with how, who, what, when, where, and unmistakably, why, there is this complete series called ***Questions Kids Ask About...*** to fulfill our eager learners' curiosity.

Lastly, we'd like to remind you about how easy it is to preserve our environment by donating your unwanted books, DVDs, and CDs to the TES Summer Fair. Not only our Library but also the Mother Earth will benefit from your generosity. Because we reduce wastage and its impact on the environment when used books are sold and cir-



Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See? is the final collaboration from this bestselling author-illustrator team. Young readers will enjoy Baby Bear's quest to find Mama, and they'll revel in identifying each of the native North American animals that appear along the way. The central focus on the special bond between

Suggested Year Group:
Infant

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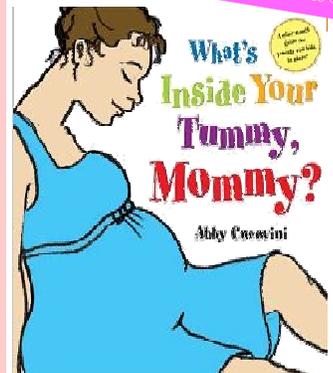
What's Inside Your Tummy, Mommy?



This is the perfect book for introducing a young child to the concept of how babies grow. Every month the life-size drawings give parent and child a fantastic opportunity to explore how big the baby is in comparison to everyday objects, along with providing information about the umbilical cord, the womb, and the baby's developments each month.

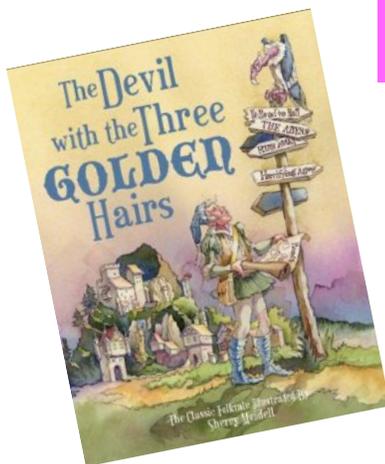
The flexible paperback binding allows for the book to fold gently across a mother's growing tummy, helping to show a young child where the new baby really is. The final spread

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Infant

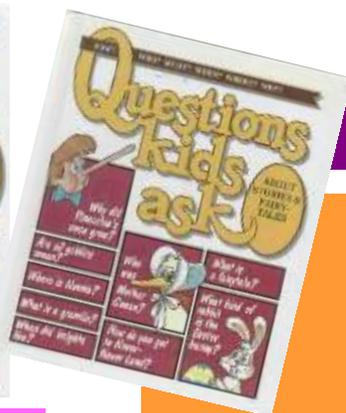
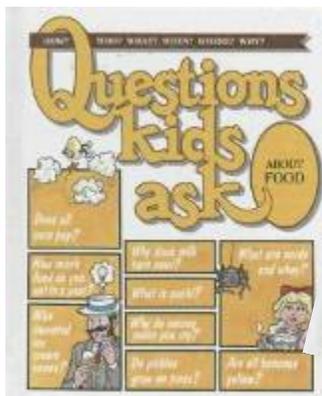


Suggested Year Group:
Junior

The Devil with the Three Golden Hairs



In this classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale that follows the tradition of "Hansel and Gretel" and "Snow White," a young peasant boy is predestined to greatness—once he overcomes an outlandish decree from the king. Demanding that the boy pluck three golden hairs from the scalp of the devil in order to win the princess's hand, the king dispatches him to the devil's cottage in the woods. Along the way many helpers materialize, including the devil's grandmother, helping the boy on his quest and reassuring readers that the peasant boy will prevail. Illustrations of the deep forest creep and crawl thrillingly—



Questions Kids Ask About...

Suggested Year Group:

Junior

Does a rain dance bring rain? Do all snowflakes look alike? Who invented ice cream cones? Why does milk turn sour? What is sushi? Why do onions make you cry? Are all goblins mean? Where is Narnia? What is a gremlin? What is a tutu? Why do bees buzz?

EPC - Jobs



Taipei European School invites applications
for the following post :

TES Primary School
Teacher of Chinese Language and Culture
(Full Time)

We are seeking to appoint a full time CLC teacher able to teach Primary age children
(ages 4 – 11)

Starting Date: 16th August 2011

Candidates must have a minimum of a B.Ed, PGCE, PGDE or Ministry of Education ROC Government Teaching certification and appropriate experience. Experience of working in a mainstream international school with a Western pedagogical background would be a significant advantage.

The above position is on a local hire contract.

All applications must be on the official application form with a photo.

Further information and the application form can be found on the school website:

www.taipeieuropeanschool.com

Send applications with CV to:

Craig Lewis

Assistant Head

Chinese Language and Culture Coordinator

craig.lewis@tes.tp.edu.tw

**The closing date is Friday 20th May. Interviews
will be held on Thursday 26th May.**

ESC - Jobs



Would you like to be a Learning Support Assistant at the Secondary Campus?

The British and High School Section has vacancies for **Learning Assistants** for **August 2011**, full and part-time hours available. This role will involve providing individual and group support to students with learning difficulties both within and outside of mainstream classes. Applicants must be proficient in English. Training will be provided. A love of learning and a caring and thoughtful approach to working with students is required.

If you are interested in maximizing the learning of some very special students, enjoy teamwork and are passionate about supporting others, please send a covering letter including your availability (full or part time work) and Curriculum Vitae to:

Mr. Stuart Glascott
Head of British Secondary and High School
highschoolhead@tes.tp.edu.tw

by Friday 20th May 2011