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Welcome to the 63rd edition of the Wen Lin Journal - the 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 Infant Section and British Junior Section. We also frequently have articles from other parts of the school community such as the library staff and PTA.

Inside this week's journal...

- Find out what the British Infant Section Year 1 children have been up to
- Why children should read over the summer break

We also have...

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

School Website Links



British Infant Section

<http://www.taipeiuropeanschool.com/tbs/index.php>



British Junior Section

<http://www.taipeiuropeanschool.com/tbs/index.php>



French Section

<http://www.taipeiuropeanschool.com/eft/index.php>



German Section

<http://www.taipeiuropeanschool.com/tgs/index.php>

British Infants



Dear Parents

I would like to start my letter by thanking you for your patience regarding the launch of our online system for the booking of parent evenings. The Secondary School has been using this system for a couple of years now, but it has been complicated for the Primary Section, mainly because the system works best when very detailed timetables can be entered. This is very difficult especially in the Infant Section because we do not have subject specific

timetabled lessons other than for the specialists. For example we do not teach History as a discrete subject. We teach history skills through our Topics but you do not see 'History' as a timetabled lesson. The system for online parent evening bookings does not like this, so we have had to find ways around it all. Hopefully, you will all get to see your class teachers next week at a slot convenient to you.

The children spent some of today with their 2011—2012 teachers and classmates.

Hopefully they will find this helpful as they spend their summers looking forward to the new academic year. At this point, I would like to say goodbye to the 2 members of staff who are leaving us at the end of the term. Hannah Mayhew who has been with us in Reception as a class teacher, and Shuya Cheng who has been in our Nursery as a Learning Assistant, are both going to England. Both Hannah and Shuya are highly regarded members of the British Infant Staff, and I know you join me in wishing them all the very best in the future. The

British Infant Section will be a sadder place without them.

There are going to be quite a few changes for next year, but I will give you more details of these in my next newsletter.

Best wishes

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British Infants

Welcome to the Year 1 newsletter. We have been doing so many exciting things, all the children have been working hard and have been making great progress ready for their step up to Year 2.



On Wednesday 18th May we had a great time performing our plays. It was the culmination of weeks of hard work and the end of the Year 1 topic Once upon a time. Miss Chang's class performed The Jungle Book., Mr Galletley's class performed Peter Pan however the star of the show was Katie as Grandma (see picture) in Mrs Woodall's Little Red Riding Hood and her kung fu routine. It had everyone laughing and cheering and the Wolves did not know what hit them. All the children had a wonderful time learning new skills performing in front of such a large audience and found the whole process extremely rewarding. Thanks for all your kind support in making such marvelous costumes.



We are currently working on our topic Green Thumbs. All of Year 1 had a trip out to buy some plants to keep and help to grow. Each day the children have to water their plants and take care of them so that at the end of term they can take them home and show how much they have grown. We will also be planting some seeds to chart their growth. The children have shown great interest and enthusiasm in this topic. We will be looking forward to rounding a successful year off with a trip to the zoo on the 22nd June.

Helpful Hints for the summer: Writing Routines

Writing depends greatly on routines. By removing the guesswork, children get more time to write. Here are a few hints you may find useful:

- Gather all required writing supplies. Find a quiet place with no distractions. Allocate a set amount of time for each task.
- Decide on a goal: drawing a picture, letter formation, writing sentences for a scrapbook or even a diary. Require the work to be neat.
- Write without rubbers. When your child makes a mistake, let them just put a line through it and carry on.
- Pay attention to letter formation and sizes; use the "Homelink Diary" example. Check capital letters and full stops in sentences
- Write sentences with a finger space between each word.



British Juniors

Dear Parents,



Today the children in Years Three to Five spent six periods with their new class for the next academic year and our Year Six students have spent the last two days at the Secondary campus. Our two new teachers, Ms Barker and Miss Winfieldale, sent presentations so the children in their classes found out a little more about them. Mr Page, our new Assistant Head, also sent a presentation which was shown to all the children. It is an exciting time of the year and the children loved the thought of being in an older year group.

Parent/Teacher meetings Our online booking system has been 'live' since yesterday and I hope you found it efficient to use. There were a few teething problems some of which were due to the fact that parents had not informed us of a change to their email address. If you do change it please inform Jessie and she will update our school database. If you are unable to book an appointment please **email** Jessie rather than phone, with your child's name and class and we will strive to resolve the problem as quickly as possible. At this stage you will not be able to book an appointment online to see your child's Maths teacher (should they be different from the class teacher). The class teachers will be able to discuss your child's progress in Maths, however should you wish to meet with their Maths teacher then please contact them directly for a separate appointment.

Reports Your child's report is due to be sent home next Friday. If your child is in the FOBISSEA team they will receive their report on the following Monday.

FOBISSEA The excitement is building as we get closer to the start of the games. The participating schools arrive in Taipei on either Monday and Tuesday and we will join them in the hotel on Tuesday afternoon. Parents are very welcome to come and watch any of the events and you will be contacted by us to let you know about accessing the stadium. I am sure you will join me in wishing our team the very best of luck. Much work has gone on behind the scenes in preparing both equipment and children and I would like to thank all those involved.

The normal timetable in school will be changed to accommodate the fact that some staff will be needed to help run the events and support the teams.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

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Reminder of dates:

Thursday 16th June: 7:00pm British Section Council Meeting

Friday 24th June: Year 4 Class Party

Tuesday 28th June: Year 6 Leavers' Show

Tuesday 28th June: Year 3 Class party

Wednesday 29th June: Year 5 Class Party

Thursday 30th June: Year 6 trip to Bali Water Park

Friday 1st July: Last day of term

EPC Library



Dear Parents,

Summer is just around the corner!

The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to **THREE months** of reading progress! Furthermore, such loss has a cumulative and long-term effect. That's why we encourage you and your little ones to keep the habit of reading during the long summer holiday.

The summer borrowing program for this year will start from **June 27 to July 1**. EVERYONE is welcome to borrow up to **5 books**. However, to ensure the whole of our Library collections, we'd like to ask all books to be returned **BEFORE** the summer borrowing program starts, that is, **June 24**. All infant students should be under parent's escort to prevent misunderstanding in the future.

All books for summer borrowing program should be returned immediately to the Library on the first day of school year, i.e. **August 22, 2011**. Any items that are not returned by then will be seen as **overdue loans**, and charges of **NT\$ 5 per book per day** may be applicable (for parents only). Please note that everyone should return ALL Library items before the borrowing for next school year. As a good example to our children, we'd like you to take good care of our library books and to return the loans on time.

EPC Library

Taipei European School Primary Campus Library



Summer Borrowing Program

Take some books on vacation!

Starting from
July 2011

27 June to 01

Return all the
by 22nd Au-

borrowed items
gust 2011



You can borrow 5 books
(for EVERYONE!!!)

All existing loans and payment for
any lost books must be returned/

Parents will be invoiced for the full replacement costs
plus postage for books lost or damaged.

Your borrowing privileges may be revoked until all
items are returned or replaced.