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Welcome to the 65th 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...

- Come to the TES Autumn Festival on 1Friday 6th September from 6pm –9pm
- A huge welcome to our new Head of the French Section
- What new books are the library recommending this year?
- Read all about the British Section PTA

### 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>

# TES News



# TES Autumn Festival

## *Have Fun with us at the TES Autumn Festival Delicious Food and Fun Await you*

Our annual Autumn Festival is here again to celebrate the beginning of the school year. There will be a wide variety of entertainment, delicious food, musical performances, art, craft exhibitions and more. We sincerely invite you and your family to join us and have an enjoyable evening.

Join us and have some fun. Guests of all ages are welcome. Admission to this event is free.

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Date : Friday 16th September  
Time : 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Place : Swire European Primary Campus (EPC)  
Taipei European School  
727 WenLin Road, ShihLin District, Taipei  
台北市士林區文林路727號  
Tel : 8145-9007 ext. 1000



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

# Come and join the fun!

# British Infants



Dear Parents

This is the first official newsletter of the week, so I would like to officially welcome all of you to the new academic year 2011-2012. I hope you all enjoyed a pleasant summer break. I went back to England for 5 weeks, and thoroughly enjoyed catching up with friends and family.

The children are coming to school looking really smart in their school uniform, so thank you for your support in this. Now all we have to do is get all adults to remember to wear our security badges to school. If you have not yet got your security badge, please come to see Mavis or Debra in the school office. The security badges are a vital part of keeping our children safe. They help the guards to recognise the adults who are allowed to enter school and those who are not, and so we ask you to wear them every day. Many thanks.

This is a busy term, but here are a few of the most important dates:

- Autumn Festival—Friday 16th September at 6pm (poster included in newsletter)
- British Infant Section EAL Meeting - Friday 4th November at 1pm
- Nursery and Reception “Next Steps” to be sent home—Thursday 10th November (Cycle 1)
- Foundation Stage Sports Morning (Nursery and Reception) —Wednesday 16th November
- British Infants Parent / Teacher Meetings—Wednesday 16th November between 3pm & 7pm
- Key Stage 1 Sports Morning (Year 1 and Year 2) - Thursday 17th November
- British Infant Foundation Stage Christmas Show—Friday 2nd December at 11am
- British Infant Key Stage 1 Christmas Show—Monday 5th December at 1pm
- Nursery and Reception “Next Steps” to be sent home—Friday 16th December (Cycle 2)
- School finishes for Christmas Break—Friday 16th December (Christmas Parties from 11:30)

I look forward to working in partnership with you all.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section

# British Juniors

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,



British Section

The beginning of a new school year is an exciting time for the children as they settle into their new classes. There are new teachers to meet, friends to make and, for those new to the Junior Section, lots of places to get lost in! In the first week of term the teachers invest time in teaching the children the classroom and school routines and being clear about expectations of behaviour and work habits. It is very important that your child arrives at school before the start of lessons to ensure they have time to prepare for classes. Although you are welcome to accompany your child to the class we do try and encourage children in the Junior section to be independent.

## Welcome Evening

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our 'Welcome Evening' last night. I do hope you found it informative. Each year group has produced a guide for the year and these are now posted on the website. Please click on the link below

Parental Guides: [http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/key\\_stage\\_two\\_yearly\\_overviews.php](http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/key_stage_two_yearly_overviews.php)

You will have an opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into school and their progress during our Parent/Teacher meetings from 3:30 – 7:30pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. However if you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's education please make an appointment to see their teacher as soon as possible. You can request an appointment through the office or just write a note in your child's Home Link diary.

## New Staff

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members of staff:

Mr Ken Page - Assistant Head of Juniors and Head of Primary EAL

Mr Paul Harding - Year 6 EAL teacher

Ms Siobhan Barker - Year 6 teacher

Ms Lia Winfieldale - Year 5 teacher

Ms Diana Doo - Senior Secretary

## ECAs (Extra Curricula Activities)

Our exciting lunchtime ECA and after school activity programme starts on Monday. If you have any questions please contact the organisers as listed in the ECA booklet or contact the office.

## Events

Year groups plan a variety of exciting events over the year including trips, assemblies and special curriculum days. Next week your child will bring home a calendar of events with dates that are specific to the Junior section.

## Access cards and Contact details

All visitors are required to wear an access card when visiting the school. Jessie has processed all new access cards so if you haven't yet applied please send in your form as soon as possible.

# British Juniors

## Birthdays



If it is your child's birthday and you would like to celebrate it by sending in cake please note that we ask you to contact your child's class teacher first to arrange an appropriate time. Teachers find cutting and serving large creamy cakes very difficult as it 'eats' into teaching and learning time. It is much easier to give out cupcakes, sliced traybakes or cookies at break time rather than cakes at the end of the day. Please note we don't allow presents or sweets to be given out. school.

Thank you for your support in helping your child settle into school over the last two weeks. There is a lovely calm working

atmosphere in the school.

Kind regards

Adele Corry

Head of British Juniors [BritishJuniorhead@tes.tp.edu.tw](mailto:BritishJuniorhead@tes.tp.edu.tw) Tel 8145 9007 Ext 501

# Section Française

## Le mot de la Directrice



Chers parents,

C'est avec grand plaisir que je prends les fonctions de Directrice de la Section Française de l'Ecole Européenne de Taipei. A ce titre, je serai le garant de l'enseignement français et le référent privilégié de l'ensemble des parents d'élèves de la Section Française, en étroite collaboration avec les directeurs des autres sections, l'équipe administrative de la Section Française et avec les enseignants qui demeurent bien entendu les interlocuteurs quotidiens de votre relation avec l'école.

La Section Française poursuit cette année le développement de son cursus bilingue français-anglais avec l'ouverture de la classe de CE2. La scolarité bilingue est l'opportunité pour les élèves d'inscrire les spécificités françaises dans la dimension européenne de l'école et d'ouvrir des perspectives sur le monde d'aujourd'hui, dans lequel la maîtrise de la langue anglaise est une des clés de la réussite scolaire et professionnelle. Le chinois est également bien entendu une composante importante de notre enseignement et de l'identité des élèves, tant sur le plan linguistique que culturel. La Section Française a définitivement choisi la voie de l'ouverture plutôt que celle du repli identitaire.

Cette volonté d'ouverture a été validée par l'Agence pour l'Enseignement Français à l'Etranger qui a reconnu la structure pédagogique du collège comme une « Section européenne », dans laquelle une partie des enseignements est dispensée en anglais, en commun avec les élèves des sections britannique et allemande.

La rentrée 2011 a vu également le prolongement de la scolarité en Section Française à la classe de 1ère, offrant ainsi la possibilité à nos élèves de lycée de préparer à Taipei l'examen du Baccalauréat et la perspective d'une scolarité complète au sein de la Section Française, de la Petite Section de maternelle à la Terminale.

Je suis fière d'avoir été choisie pour accompagner le développement de la Section Française et je vous souhaite à tous une année scolaire enrichissante et pleine de réussite.

Catherine Buatois,

Directrice de la Section Française

# Deutsche Sektion



Einschulungsfeier 2011

Am 23.08.2011 um 8 Uhr morgens sprang Pipi Langstrumpf über die Bühne des Amphitheaters und sang ihr Lied um die neuen Schüler der 1. Klasse zu begrüßen. Darauf kon-terten die Schüler der 2. - 4. Klasse mit einer veränderten Version des Liedes und versuchten für



Mit welchen Übungen wir unser Gehirn trainieren und wieder fitt machen können, wenn der Schultag mal zu lang geht, zeigten die Kinder danach durch zahlreiche Überkreuzbewegungen begleitet von „Anne Kaffeekanne“. Diese reitet

Nach Herrn Fritzens kurzer  
Ansprache nahm der neue  
Klassenlehrer, Herr Oliver Günter,  
die acht aufgeregten ABC-Schützen  
in seine Obhut und schon begann



Nach der Einschulung im Februar war dies die zweite Einschulung 2011 und der  
Rahmen ein kleiner, feiner. Die Eltern der neuen Kinder saßen anschließend noch im

# EPC Library



Dear Parents,

## NEW ARRIVALS!

It's another new year and, like always, we have new books to welcome our children back to school! You'll find children's favourite, such as *The Forests of Silence*, *The Magykal Papers*, and *The House At Pooh Corner* in our New Books areas. Have you read a book with your NOSE? Join Mo in Infant Library and explore a new world with his (and your) nose!

What's more, there are several award winning picture books, and many more! Many of our new books are suggestions from not only teachers but also our children! Special thanks to Ms Charlene Lai, donator of the fantastic series, *Mo's nose*, *Duck and Goose*, and many picture books. Come and enjoy them!!

We welcome everyone to visit our amazing Library and discover the wonderland in books. However, owing to the fact that the Library is also part of the teaching center, we will only open to parents from 15.00 to 16.00.

Happy Reading!

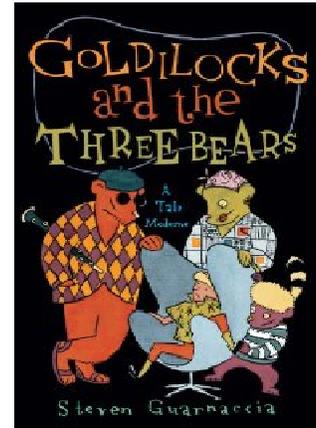
# EPC Library

## Goldilocks and the Three Bears: A Tale Moderne

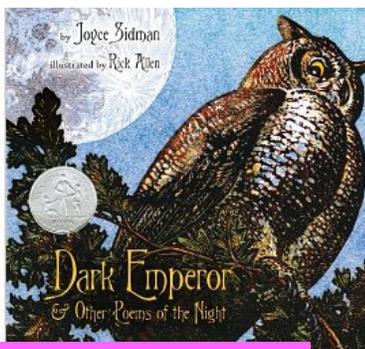


When she discovers the three bears' house in the woods, Goldilocks ventures in and makes herself at home. According to tradition, she sits in the chairs, samples the meal laid on the table, and takes a nap. Yet something is different in this retelling of the classic story of the girl with golden locks.

Though our heroine is the same, our bears certainly are not. These bears are hip; they have a sense of style and a love of design. Their split-level home is filled with furnishings created by an international crowd of celebrated designers, from Alvar Aalto to Charles and Ray Eames to Isamu Noguchi.



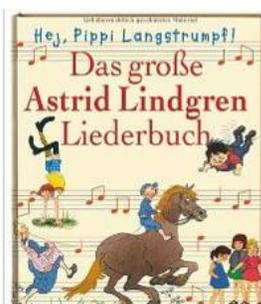
Suggested Year Group:  
Junior



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## Dark Emperor & Other Poems of the Night

Like Sidman's Caldecott Honor Book, Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems (2005), this picture book combines lyrical poetry and compelling art with science concepts. Here, poems about the woods at night reveal exciting biology facts that are



Suggested Year Group:  
German Junior

## Das große Astrid Lindgren Liederbuch

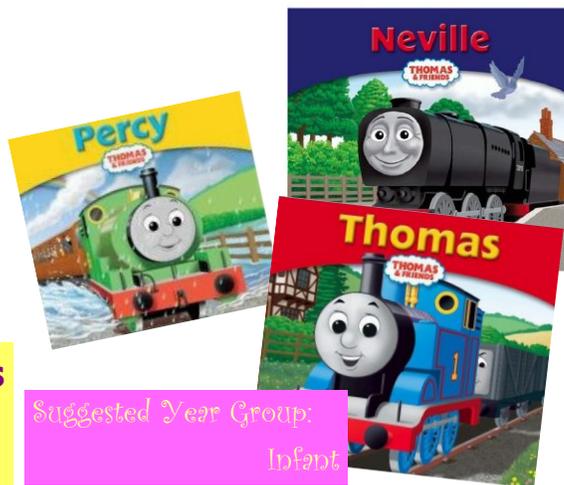
Singen mit Pippi, Michel & Co. Das Liederbuch enthält die Ohrwürmer aus den Astrid-Lindgren-Kinderfilmen wie Hej, Pippi Langstrumpf oder Michel war ein Lausejunge. Reich bebildert mit Originalillustrationen aus den beliebten Kinderbüchern. Und mit allen Texten, Noten und Gitarrengriffen zum Mitsingen und Musizieren.



# EPC Library



## Thomas & Friends (My Thomas Story Library)

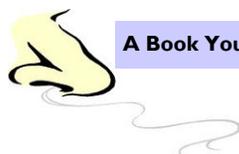


Suggested Year Group:

Infant

This 50 volume box set is a great present for all Thomas fans! It featuring exciting stories on all these characters in one fantastic product: Thomas, James, Donald and Douglas, Toby, Bulgy, Elizabeth, Cranky, Terence, Skarloey, Mavis, Percy, Bill and Ben, Sir Handel, Oliver, Bulstrode, Gordon, Edward, Duncan, Salty, Stepney, Duck, Henry, Harold, Peter Sam, Emily, Trevor, Bertie, Diesel, Daisy, Spencer, Arry and Bert, George, Jack, Rheneas, Annie and Clarabel, Fergus, Mighty Mac, Harvey, Rusty, Molly, Arthur, Caroline, Murdoch, Mighty Mac,

## Mo Smells Blue: A Scentsational Journey

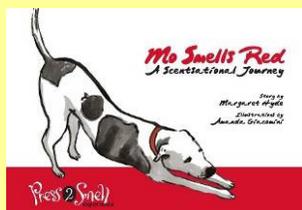


A Book You Can SMELL!



This award-winning Mo's Nose Scentsational book series follows a rescued dog named Mo on his journeys as he discovers the beauty and wonder of colors through his nose. The third book in the Mo's Nose series is a seaside "tail" in which rescued dog Mo and his puppy pal Lucky, frolic in the expansive beauty and freedom that the sea, salt air and sandy beaches inspire in us all. This book features a unique Press-2-smell feature that allows readers to smell and experience all the

blue aromas Mo discovers in this Scentsational journey. Featuring 100% pure essential aromatherapy oils by the scent gurus at Aura Cacia.



Suggested Year Group:

Infant

# BS PTA NEWS

## A word from the chair

Welcome to all new and returning families.

The beginning of the school year is such a busy time for everyone and the BSPTA is no different. The final meeting for the current committee will take place on Monday 5 September. As always any British Section parent is most welcome to join us.

We will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday 23 September at 9am.

If you are new to the school and would like to know more about the fund raising activities of the BSPTA please contact us on [tbspta@gmail.com](mailto:tbspta@gmail.com).

Sahar



BSPTA Committee Meeting  
Monday 5 September, 2011  
9 - 11 am  
Conference Room J117:TES EPC



## Buckle Up!

From 1 August, all back seat passengers must use seatbelts. The penalty fines for adults will start from 1 February 2012, and for children from 1 August 2012.

The taxi driver is only liable for themselves and any front passenger. People sitting in the rear seat without a seatbelt are personally liable. For more information: [www.iff.immigration.gov.tw](http://www.iff.immigration.gov.tw)

## CLASS REP CORNER

Welcome to new and returning Class Reps.

Please note in your diary that the briefing meeting for the 2011/12 Class Reps is on

**Thursday 8 September at 10am**

In June, the BSPTA committee hosted a thank you lunch for class reps and other friends who had contributed to another successful year.



## PTA Committee

### 2011/12 School Year

For a variety of reasons the majority of last year's members will not continue onto this year's committee.

Without a committee we won't be able to organise a book week or spring festival this school year. This will mean fewer funds raised for projects such as the new playground area: BSPTA contributed NT\$500,000 to this project.

Please consider nominating yourself to fill one of elected official positions on the BSPTA Committee:

Chair – Vacant

Vice chair - Vacant

Secretary – Vacant

Treasurer – One nominee

Or, why not consider taking on one of the other roles:

Non-elected positions include:

Class Rep Coordinator

Publications Officer

Event Coordinator