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Welcome to the 5th edition of this years 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 how hard the French Section have been working
- The German Section go rollerblading
- What do British Infant Year 1's like to do in 'Plan Do Review'?
- Read about fabulous characters, settings and stories by British Junior Year 6 children
- Find out where British Section Year 6 children went on their school trip
- Find out which author is coming to TES

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>

Section Française

**ALERTE!
ANACHRONISMES EN CM1!**



Section Française

Le Moyen-Âge est entré dans la classe de CM1!

ARTS VISUELS

L'héraldique (ou étude des blasons)

Chaque seigneur a son propre blason; au combat, le chevalier porte le blason de son seigneur.

En classe, nous avons peint nos propres blasons. Avant, il nous a fallu apprendre les règles : Il y a six couleurs qui sont partagées en deux groupes; le premier groupe a deux couleurs : or et argent; le deuxième groupe contient les couleurs rouge, vert, bleu et noir.; on ne peut pas juxtaposer ni superposer deux couleurs d'un même groupe.

L'art du vitrail

Pour fabriquer ton vitrail, il te faut : du papier noir, du papier calque, des ciseaux, de la colle et des encres de couleur.

Comment faire?

- D'abord, découper la fenêtre dans le papier noir et la coller sur le papier calque.
- Ensuite, coller des bandes de papier noir sur la fenêtre pour faire des cases.
- Et enfin, colorer les espaces à l'encre.

C'est simple et très joli !

Section Française

HISTOIRE



Section Français

En histoire, nous avons étudié la vie des gens au Moyen-Âge : les seigneurs, les chevaliers et les paysans.

Les seigneurs étaient très puissants. Ils possédaient les terres et les paysans devaient leur payer des impôts. Ils étaient riches et vivaient dans des châteaux-forts.

Les paysans travaillaient dûr, du lever au coucher du soleil. Ils n'avaient jamais de vacances. Même les enfants devaient travailler... Les fenêtres des maisons n'avaient pas de vitres; en hiver, il faisait très froid et en été, très chaud.

Nous sommes bien contents d'être des enfants du XXIème siècle!

Les châteaux-forts étaient faits pour protéger le seigneur et les habitants de son domaine contre les attaques de leurs ennemis. La plus grande tour du château était le donjon où habitaient le seigneur et sa famille.

La maitresse a amené un château-fort en jouet. En arts visuels, nous allons essayer de fabriquer notre propre maquette de château-fort .

Section Française

LITTÉRATURE



“Un héros pas comme les autres” (A.-M. Desplat-Duc)

C'est l'histoire d'un jeune paysan du Moyen-Âge, Mathias, qui parle avec l'auteur de l'histoire.

L'auteur lui parle de téléphone, de cinéma, d'hélicoptère... Au début de l'histoire, comme il fait très chaud, Mathias demande même à l'auteur de goûter l'esquimau qu'elle est en train de manger en écrivant le livre!

Drôle d'histoire, bizarre, bizarre!

“Victor, le voleur de lutins” (J.-L. Loyer)

C'est une bande dessinée qui se passe au Moyen-Âge mais dedans, nous avons trouvé plein d'anachronismes : des pistolets, des francs, des tee-shirts, des consoles de jeux, des ballons de foot, la télévision, un panneau de sens interdit, un monopoly et même des histoires de Toto...

Section Française



Deutsche Sektion



Skaterprojekt an der Grundschule

Frisch erholt von den Herbstferien heißt es seit dieser Woche: „Lasst uns rollen!“.



Die „Gruppe gelb“ hält sich noch etwas wackelig auf den Beinen und erlernt eine erste Variante zu bremsen.

Die 35 Kinder der Klasse 1 bis 4 sausen an vier Terminen, ausgerüstet mit entsprechender Schutzausrüstung und ihren Inlineskates, um die Wette.



Währenddessen fährt die „Gruppe blau“ bereits gekonnt die kleine Schräge hinunter und weiß auch, wie man diese Talfahrt geschickt verlangsamen kann.

Schließlich zeigt „Gruppe schwarz“, was ein wilder Skater so alles drauf hat. Bremsen durch das gekonnte Fallen auf beide Knie und rückwärts Fahren gehört zu diesem Programm für Köhner.



Wenn dann am Ende alle irgendwie gelernt haben zu bremsen, hält sie nichts mehr: Das abschließende Wettrennen wird uns zeigen, wer der schnellste Skater jeder Gruppe ist.



British Infants



Dear Parents

Hopefully by now you have all been able to book your parent teacher interviews for next week. I know a few of you have had a problem, but Mr. Lewis has been working hard to resolve these, and hopefully all problems have been resolved. The staff look forward to meeting you on Wednesday 16th.

We also have the Sports Mornings next week. Nursery and Reception children will be having their Sports Morning on Wednesday, and Year 1 and Year 2 children will have theirs on Thursday. Again we look forward to seeing you at these events.

Another date for next week is the Reading Workshop on Friday at 1pm in the Infant Hall. We were going to meet in the cookery room, but I have had a fantastic response and we won't all fit, so we're going to host the workshop in the Infant Hall.

One last thing to mention is the wearing of face masks. The teachers find it very difficult to hear children when they wear masks in class, so I would like to remind you that children can only wear masks at play times. During lesson times, teachers will ask children to remove them. If you feel your child needs to wear a mask because they are unwell, I would like you to keep them at home until they are better.

Many thanks for your support.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section

British Infants



Welcome Year 1!

We completed our “All About Me” topic , and were thrilled to have so many parents come in and look at the children’s books. The students enjoyed discussing their work with all of the adults and teachers. Our new topic, “Mountains and Motorways” is all about this beautiful island we share and live on—Taiwan! We have found out what the children already know about this fabulous country, and what the children would like to learn about Taiwan in the weeks to come.



We enjoy Plan Do Review every Thursday afternoon. A very popular plan for many of the children is to play dress up in Miss Bagley’s room. Ruben dresses up like a bear and chases the other animals. This is a rich environment for language development.

EAL held a workshop to share strategies for language learning. Over 40 parents joined our rotating stations and enjoyed Year 2’s brownies. If anyone would like a copy of the strategies used



British Juniors



Dear Parents, Students and friends of the School,

Thank you to all of you who attended our Maths workshop on 'Fractions'. As many teachers and parents know, learning the various fraction operations can be difficult for many children. It's not the concept of fraction that is difficult – it is the various operations that you do with fractions and the amount of rules associated with them. In the workshop teachers demonstrated practical and visual ways of helping children develop understanding in this area. The link below will take you to some of the resources that were used and further information that you may find helpful in supporting your child at home.

[Link to website 'Fractions Workshop' ...](#)

http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/Primary_Workshops_for_Parents.pup

Tribe Assembly

Congratulations to Ami, the winners of this half-term's Tribe Golden Cup. The children in Ami have accumulated the most merits so far this academic year. Well done to all those who have worked hard and



kept our Golden Rules.

There will be three more Tribe Assemblies this academic year and at the end of the year the children in the tribe with the most merits have a special treat.

Halloween Party

Ghouls, goblins, witches and monsters jived to the latest pop songs in our first disco of the year. The High School

students did a great job in organising everything and cleaning up afterwards—THANK YOU!



British Section

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Celebrating Achievement



Our Friday Assemblies are a chance for us to celebrate achievement and each week teachers choose up to three children in their class to receive certificates. We also like to recognize children who achieve success in other areas of their lives and two weeks ago were delighted to present medals and certificates to children who entered gymnastics and swimming competitions. Well done to all!



Reminder: We will all be wearing blue next Tuesday as part of Anti-Bullying Week.

Kind regards

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British Juniors



The Mystery of the Candy Factory

“Hey Nikki, shall we explore the forest nearby our house today?” asked Chloe excitedly just after lunch time. Nikki and Chloe were the best of friends. They did almost everything together. Chloe had short jet black hair and she was wearing the Maltech High School uniform. Her uniform was stained with today’s lunch. On the other hand, Nikki had long chestnut brown hair, she was also wearing the Maltech High School uniform but it was stainless. Nikki had her ears pierced. Even though the two girls were different in a way, they also had something in common. They both had a bubbly and adventurous personality. Nikki replied enthusiastically, “Of course! Can’t wait till school ends. Meet you there Chloe!”

After school ended, the two girls scurried quickly to the mysterious forest. As fast as lightning, the two girls reached the forest. They were sweating profusely. Exhausted, they leaned on a tree reaching for their water bottle. All of a sudden, a loud thundering sound boomed across the forest. A beautiful large door opened. Outside the door was an edible gingerbread man and on the other side was a gigantic candy. The candy was edible too! On the top, it read “Candy Factory.” They were shocked, yet surprised! A sudden noise rustled behind a bush. Nikki walked towards it but Chloe pulled her into the factory. The girls walked in cheerily. The factory was filled with buckets full of chocolates and candies, you name it they had it! “This candy factory is awesome!” exclaimed Chloe joyfully. The wonderful factory was gigantic and clean, colourful and extraordinary. Bells rung and many workers were chattering happily. The factory had a pleasant smell. Suddenly, all the workers stopped working and stared at Chloe and Nikki. The workers were completely stunned. The two girls were still enjoying the view of the amazing factory. They stopped when they were greeted by a friendly and energetic boss. The boss was wearing an old hat and was quite short. “Hello! My name is Mr. Johnson. Welcome to my candy Factory. We produce the best candy in the world! I think... But I suppose you are not spies?” greeted Mr. Johnson.

“Thank you for greeting us, but for your information we are not spies,” called Chloe and Nikki.



Mr. Johnson heaved a sigh of relief. He said sadly that he was quite afraid of people stealing his candies and recipes. Then, Mr. Johnson took Chloe and Nikki for a trip around the factory. The girls liked the delicious and delicate chocolate like the best. A worker scurried to Mr. Johnson and cried, "The bubble gum that never loses its flavour is gone!" Chloe and Nikki both knew that disaster was striking. Another worker also ran to Mr. Johnson and shouted, "The recipe for making the all time favourite gummy stars is gone!" Mr. Johnson frowned. He sighed and replied, "I knew it! Everyone wants to steal my recipes and candies and...." Mr. Johnson was interrupted by another stressed-out worker. This worried worker grumbled, "Look at this newspaper! The Sweet Tooth Factory is making our famous candy cane." Mr. Johnson scowled in despair. He glared at all the workers suspiciously. Chloe and Nikki looked at everyone unhappily. Nikki thought about the time when they arrived at the factory.

A sudden thought rushed through Nikki's mind. There was a rustling sound behind the bushes before they got into the Candy Factory. Chloe had pulled Nikki away when she was walking towards the sound! The rustle behind the bushes had to be some spies. Nikki grabbed Chloe's hand and ran to every corner of the factory. "I need to catch my breath! Stop running Nikki," shrieked Chloe mercilessly.

Nikki bellowed "There are the spies!" Chloe and Nikki ran towards the spies. The spies spotted the girls and started running too. The two spies ran as fast as their legs could carry them. The two pesky spies snuck outside by a storage room. Chloe and Nikki also made their way to the storage room. The spies were laughing hysterically until they opened the storage door, as spoilt machines and old candies started to fall out. Nikki picked up an old machine off the ground. She pressed the wrong button and candy canes, strawberries dipped in chocolate and fruit gummies start bursting out. Chloe exclaimed "Why do you get to have all the fun?" Nikki stuck out her tongue at Chloe and both of the girls smiled.

"Catch those spies! They are running to another room!" Nikki screamed. Chloe and Nikki continued to run helplessly. The two spies ran into another bigger storage room. This time the girls had to catch the spies. This particular storage room was filled with pots and pans. Chloe and Nikki each took up a pot and sneaked behind the spies. "1, 2, 3!" whispered Chloe. They lifted their pots and banged them on the spies' heads. Chloe and Nikki did a high-five and shouted, "We caught those meddling spies!" Mr. Johnson scurried to the girls happily.



Mr. Johnson's face turned from a frown to a big wide smile. He said thankfully, "Thank you! You girls saved the whole factory. How could I ever repay you?" The girls smiled. "Perhaps you could give us some candies?" replied Chloe happily. Mr Johnson agreed willingly to Chloe's deal. A worker phoned the police station and the spies were sent there to be questioned. Mr. Johnson whispered to the girls, "This factory is our secret!" As for the two heroes, they had to go home but when they left the factory there was a rustle in the bushes. They ignored the sound and skipped home cheerily.

By WEN XIN KANG, B6MS

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Using some visual stimuli, B6CB students worked on various techniques, including character and setting description. Here are some of their fine examples.



*The light shone on the dark wrinkles on her face as she stared blankly at the cloudless sky above. Her thin lips were squeezed shut and covered her large yellow teeth. Her brown skin were covered with the unwashed white gown, and her grey and black hair was short but neat. Her emotionless face reflected the light of the glowing moon. Her hunched back was sore and ached at every movement she made. Her sadness filled her hear, the tragic memories of her history washed over her. **Written by Brian***

*She leaned over the window that had green shutters. The sunlight shone on her many wrinkles. The darkness behind her held many shadows, old and new. Her hair was like salt and pepper, her shirt pure white. Her tanned skin was shadowed by the overhead clouds. The wood that surrounded her was aged as if to say it went through many years of hardship, just like she did. Soon, the old lady slipped back slowly into the shadows. **Written by Matthew***

“Start your engine!” exclaimed a jolly man as I made sure that my harness was tightly fixed on me, even though it was hurting my tummy. I swallowed hard. My hot dog that I just ate tried to escape out of my dry mouth but I just managed to keep it down. The ride had now started to travel upwards. I closed my eyes and started to pray that I would be alright! I was regretting that I chose to sit on these seats. Suddenly, the cart sped down as fast as



*a lightning bolt even before I had time to finish my prayer. People behind me screamed and I felt that I was sure going to die. The twists and turns were making me turn green. I had to fight back my tears, and my hot dog, while the red track kept my cart on its rattling path. **Written by Hannah.***

British Juniors



British Section

. Year 6 Field Trip to Feitsui Reservoir and Walai Waterfall

Monday 19th October, Year 6 was full of excitement for their first field trip to visit Feitsui Reservoir and Wu Lai Waterfall. The reason that we went was because we are learning about water in class. First we went to Feitsui which is located in northern Taiwan about 1 hour outside Taipei City. Soon we arrived at the reservoir.

Feitsui is a National Park so you can't swim or fish there. The reservoir is known as a place of beauty and nature with lush green forests filled with varied and thriving wildlife. The reservoir provides clean water for about 5,000,000 residents of Taipei, in addition to providing water for water parks and fire fighting. Taipei Feitsui Reservoir provides water for Taipei City along with Sanzhi, Dansui, Sanzhong, Yonghe, Zhonghe, Xindian, Xinzhuang and Banqiao districts. The dam was approved in 1979 and completed in June 1987. It was built on Benshe Creek which looks like an energetic dragon from a birds eye view

After watching a short DVD about the reservoir, we walked up the road following our tour guide to the massive reservoir itself. Looking down into the murky depths, I had to admit I really wouldn't want to drink from that (don't worry folks, they clean it before you drink it!). Then our guide led us off to see the dam it was humungous; the water is 122.5 m deep (that's 45 stories!) The dam is 510m in length along the crest. It also has eight radial sluice gates to let the water out.





The dam is owned by Taipei City and the dam was finished in 1984. If you haven't been yet I strongly advise you to go - it is so awesome!

We got back on the bus to continue our adventure to Wu Lai Waterfall. It is located near the town of Fuxing in Taoyuan County. Wu Lai is famous for the hot springs and the Atayal aboriginal tribe. Eventually, we arrived at the magnificent waterfall. It was a tremendous sight filled with beautiful scenery. At the tip of the mountain, there was a stupendous

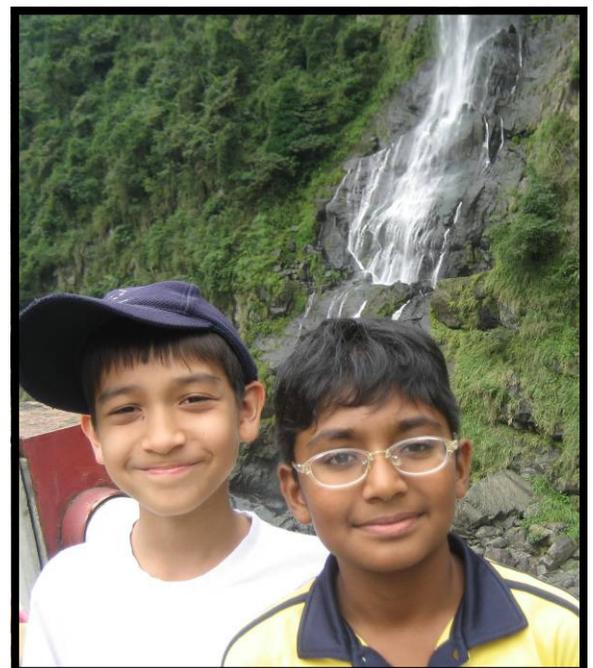
waterfall; eighty meters in length and ten meters wide, all shiny and brightly streaming down the mountain. At the bottom, there were huge jagged boulders. Flowing through was a wide and glistening river. While we were at the waterfall, we learned many things. It is important to be careful about pollution and conserving water. Everyone has to be careful not to waste water. If we are careless, then there might be a drought. In past years, Taiwan has had a few droughts and this reminds us not to waste water. Also, we have to be careful not to create pollution. Pollution is getting worse and worse because people are not being careful enough. If you pollute the water then people could get very sick. So we learned to make sure we don't waste any water and don't pollute water!

The waterfall was majestic and magnificent, but sadly we had to get back on the bus and return to school. It was too bad we had to go so soon! The trip wasn't long but we learned many interesting facts that helped us in our Topic lessons and we surely have many fond memories. Next time I will go there with my family and once again see the beautiful scenery. But that is for next time!

Written by:

Daisy Lynn, John Li and Kalita Hon

of B6SB



EPC Library



Dear Parents,

It's **STORYTELLING** time!! The Normal storyteller, **Dr. Mike Lockett**, is coming to TES on November 15th!!!

Dr. Lockett is a teller of traditional tales in a non-traditional manner. He is a life-long storyteller. He has been telling stories for over 38 years in his positions as a storyteller, teacher, principal, central office administrator and educational consultant. Because he lives in the small town of Normal, Illinois, he enjoys being called "The Normal Storyteller." But there is little that is **NORMAL** about Mike! Our children will soon discover the **MAGIC** in him!!!!

Just a quick reminder from our previous issue that we encourage children to use the Library resources and promote various Library activities to create a teaching-learning friendly environment for one and all. We expect all the Library users to use our resources well and to respect books. Yet, no single child is punished or banned from using the Library for neither overdue nor damaged books. Hence, please contact our Library staff immediately if there is any problem occur concerning the usage of the Library.

However, we insist that parents may not leave Infant students unattended in the Library. Please be considerate of the needs of other Library users, and be aware of our Library policy. Disruptive children, attended or unattended, Infant students or older may be asked to leave the Library after one warning. Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their children in the Library, whether or not the parent is present.

Have a storytelling **FUN!**

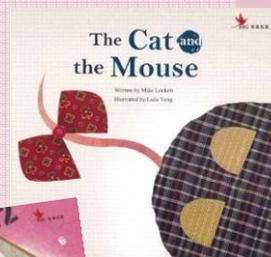
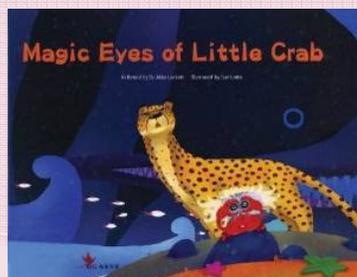
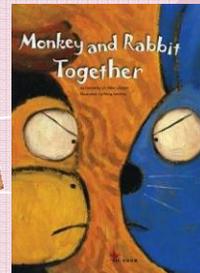
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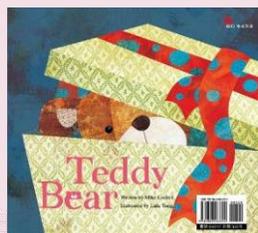
**Let's read or listen to some of his amazing
stories in our Library first!!**



Storyteller: Dr. Mike Lockett

Date: 11/15/2011

Time: 11.40-14.40



Schedule:

11:40 – 12:40 Years 3&4

12:40 – 13:40 Years 1&2

13:40 – 14:40 Years 5&6

(Scheduled time may vary)

STORYTELLING FUN