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Welcome to the 7th 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...

- What are the French Section cooking up?
- The British Infant children were brightly shining stars in their Christmas performances
- Who are the Orange Dumplings?
- Learn more about Dyslexia through our SEN support team
- What are the Christmas favourites in our Library this year?

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

ACTIVITE CUISINE EN PETITE SECTION COOKING ACTIVITY IN PS



Fabrication de la première lettre de son prénom avec de la pâte à tarte.

How to make the shape of the first letter of their name with cooking dough.



On mélange de la farine, du beurre et de l'eau pour faire de la pâte à tarte.

First we pour flour, butter and water to prepare our cooking dough.

Des boules sont formées.

Balls of dough are made.



Les enfants reproduisent la première lettre de leur prénom avec un modèle.

The children copy the shape of their first name's letter.

Section Française



Fabrication des lettres avec la pâte.

We make letter shapes with the dough.



Ca y est! les lettres sont terminées.

Here we go! The letters are done.

On met au four 30 min.

Baking time is 30 min.



Règlage de la temperature.

Temperature is set.



Et voilà! On laisse refroidir et bon appétit!

We let it cool down and bon appetite!

British Infants



Dear Parents

Well, it's the last newsletter of the term, so all I want to do is thank you for your support over the term, and wish you a relaxing Christmas break, and a safe return on Tuesday 3rd January.

Your children amaze me on a daily basis, and the two Christmas Shows we have had this week are two examples of how they do this. I was so proud of what the children achieved, and here are four photos that I chose to reflect why!



My husband and I are off to Australia to explore the Perth area in a camper van!

Happy holidays!

Ruth Martin, Head of the British Infant Section.

British Infants

SPECIAL

2011 Christmas Show



Thank you to all the parents that came to watch the Christmas Show and supported our talented children. We hope you had a wonderful time.

The Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 practised really hard for their own Christmas Shows. They worked diligently to memorise their lines. I think you will all agree that they put a tremendous amount of effort into their own performances.



Nursery and Reception had lots of fun on the stage and were very brave to sing in front of all the parents. They were all lovely.



The angels looked adorable and sang beautifully. In fact, they were angelic!



All the children sang *You will find a baby* again with their lovely voices and brought a tear to Mrs. Martin's eyes.

British Juniors



Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed our Carol Concerts this week. The children raised the roof with their singing of 'Let it Shine' and it was good to be reminded of the message in the song of spreading peace 'all over the world'. Thank you to the parents who helped provide refreshments before the show.

Next Wednesday, Year Five perform 'Sulky Santa and the Boy Who Didn't Believe'. There are a few tickets left so please contact the office if you would like to attend (you don't have to have a child in Year 5 to come to the show).

Today was 'Crazy Christmas' dress-up day, which was organised by our Student Council. This was a fund-raiser for Harmony Homes, an orphanage in Taiwan. Thank you parents and children for your generous donation,

Next week each year group has a class party. Thank you to the Class Reps and parents for supporting the teachers with these events and all for all your help in class and with trips so far this year.

This is the last newsletter of the term so I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to those families who are moving after the Christmas holiday. I wish the children well in their new schools and hope the transition goes smoothly.

We also say good-bye to Mr Mike Norris, who is taking leave of absence for one year. Mr Norris is returning to South Africa to continue with his studies in Education. We wish him well and hope he enjoys being a student again. He will be replaced by Mr Nikolai Deaves.



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School finishes for the term on Friday 9th December and resumes on Tuesday 3rd January. For all of you travelling to be with family and friends over Christmas, I wish you a safe journey. I am looking forward to visiting my brother in Thailand and spending time with a pile of novels.

Have a peaceful and joyous holiday.

Kind regards

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Please see the message of thanks below



On behalf of the Good Shepherd Social Welfare Foundation and the St. Lucy's Center in Tainan, we would like to thank you for your support by buying entrance tickets to the fundraising bazaar,

raffle tickets and generous cash donations. TES is a very generous and giving community.

We are very pleased to report that this year's event netted approximately NT\$850,000 for the St. Lucy's Center in Tainan. These funds will be used to purchase formula,

diapers, non-staple foods, pay for well-baby vaccinations, as well as for improvement to the facility as needed.

Your support helped to make this year's fundraising tremendous success.

Thank you and kindest regards,

Kirsti Crnjac

And The 2011 St. Lucy's Charity Bazaar Committee



Dutch Class



New name and logo



Visitors to the Christmas Bazar may have noticed a group of children wearing white T-shirts with an orange dumpling on it. In between the fun and games and performances, the Dutch Language Teaching Foundation celebrated the launch of its new name: De

Oranje Dumpling (The Orange Dumpling).

Although the Foundation has been active in Taiwan since 1989, it was only since 2006 that the Dutch language and culture programme is offered exclusively at TES. At the beginning of this school year the Board of the Dutch Language Teaching Foundation held a competition among our pupils to come up with a new, exciting name for the Dutch Language Programme. To mark this festive occasion Heineken Taiwan designed a beautiful new logo to go with it.



The Dutch pupils and their parents, teacher Paul Warnants, members of the Board, gathered outside the Dutch classroom (Infant Section, I-205D) at 12:00 noon. They were joined by Ruth Martin, Adele Corry and Daniel Engler, representing the sections with Dutch and Belgian pupils within TES, to officially launch the new name. Mrs Martin and Laura Ahlheid unveiled a plaque outside the classroom which proudly displays the new logo, amidst cheers in English and Dutch. Leve de Oranje Dumpling, Long live the Orange

SEN

TES is very proud to have active and well resourced SEN departments in both the primary and secondary sections to support students with a wide variety of learning needs. We decided to share some interesting information about SEN with the wider school community through the newsletter.



British Section

Barriers to learning – Dyslexia

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability which is neurological in origin, and characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. In other words, dyslexia results from differences in how the brain processes information, but it, in no way, stems from any lack of intelligence. In fact, people with severe dyslexia can be brilliant!

Research suggests the condition can be found across cultures and languages.

Internet links:

What is it like to have dyslexia? Animations & Illustrations –

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwZLFTW4OGY>

Dyslexia Success Tips: Kids/Teens –

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Gq_ShwrSsU&feature=related

<http://oddsrus.org/successtips/>

Hints and tips -

<http://www.hale.ndo.co.uk/dyslexia/hints.htm>

Does dyslexia make you more successful?

Did you know that dyslexics have bigger brains?

Some of the cleverest people on the planet have been dyslexic. For example, **Albert Einstein**, the father of modern physics; **Alexander Graham Bell** who invented the world's first telephone; and **Thomas Edison**, the creator of the light bulb and regarded as the 4th most prolific inventor in human history.

Being dyslexic means that school is likely to be one of the hardest times of your life but many dyslexics do well when they leave school. With determination and creative ideas, many dyslexics become successful entrepreneurs. In fact 40% of self-made millionaires are dyslexic, including **Richard Branson**, **Steve Jobs** and **Ted Turner**.

Dyslexics are often creative people – **Pablo Picasso**, **John Lennon**, **Steven Spielberg**, **Leonardo da Vinci**, **Walt Disney** and **Tom Cruise** to name a few.

Of course, not all dyslexics are hyper-talented geniuses. Many are just ordinary people. Check out the links below to find out more.

Internet links:

Does dyslexia make you more successful ?:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gFsmEZ6mSk&feature=related>

Famous dyslexics:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8SiuPoFWfQ&feature=related>

Dyslexia – an unwrapped gift Part 1

EPC Library



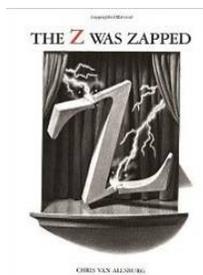
Dear Parents,

Ding-ding-ding, Christmas is around the corner! Have your little ones nagging you around with a Christmas book in hand already? Started from December 1st on, everyone is welcome to borrow from our Christmas collection. Act fast before the shelves are empty!

Of course, you will find not only Christmas books, but also **NEW BOOKS!!** Santa came earlier this year to wish TES a happy holiday. He brought us books from popular series such as *Magic Tree House*, *Babymouse*, *Geronimo Stilton*, *The 39 Clues*, and *The Throne of Fire* in our New Books areas. You'll also find comic books like *Asterix* and *TINTIN*. Now, we'll let you in on a secret (ssssssssh!) The **GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS 2012** is in the Library, too!!!!

What's more, there are non-fiction books which are related to the curriculum, for example, investigation, chocolate, explorers, 3D books, and more! Father Christmas didn't forget about picture book lovers. We have a complete series of the most popular Dr. Seuss books for both Infant and Junior readers. They are so many that some might think

it's a
Seuss Month! If you are not fast enough to grab the last Christmas book, you can now take a

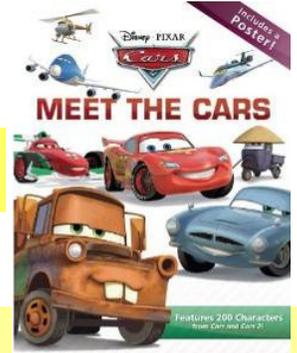


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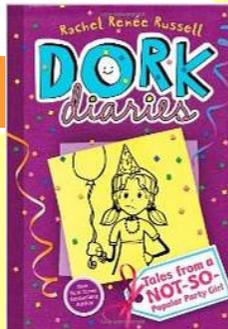
Meet the Cars

Suggested Year Group:

Junior



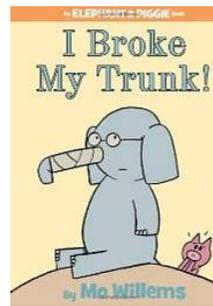
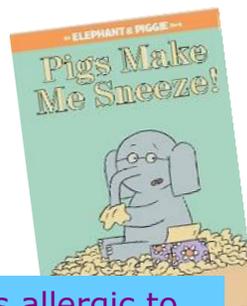
From exotic race cars to spy planes, kids will love meeting a whole new crew of vehicles from the *Cars* world. This updated and expanded second edition introduces characters and "extras" from *Cars 2*, plus even more characters from the first movie.



Dork Diaries (1, 2, and 3!)

This book continues in the same vein as the first, sharing many of its flaws. In this installment, Nikki volunteers to help with the Halloween dance but overextends herself by committing to multiple duties in different places on the same night. Presented in diary format, the lined-paper pages and manga-style illustrations provide levity, but too frequently Nikki's adventures slip from amusing into improbable farce. The simplistic and highly unrealistic story; flat characters; and predictable ending will not appeal to readers who can handle the fairly advanced vocabulary.

Suggested Year Group:
Infant

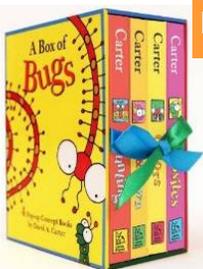


Gerald believes he is allergic to his best friend! Will he have to stay away from Piggie forever?

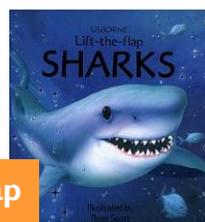
Gerald tells Piggie the long, crazy story about breaking his trunk. Will Piggie end up with a long, crazy story of her own?

Once again, Mo Willems creates another hilarious escapade starring the Geisel Award-winning duo. Vetted by an early-learning specialist, *I Broke My Trunk!* will have readers breaking into laughter left and right!

Pop-Up Books



Lift-the-Flap



Include a DVD!!