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Welcome to the 14th 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 the Dutch children celebrate Queen's Day at TES
- Don't miss the Primary CLC curriculum information presentation for parents
- What fun the British Section Nursery have had this year
- A great Year for British Junior Section Music
- The German Section go science mad!
- The Library celebrates mothers day

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>

CLC



Dear Parents

On Tuesday 29th May Julia Kao and I will be holding a CLC parent information session in the Amphitheatre for those of you who missed the CLC curriculum launch evening in March. It will be the same presentation as the launch evening itself, so if you attended the evening you do not need to come to this one.

The times will be as follows:

Infant Parents CLC presentation – 1:15 to 2pm

Junior Parents CLC presentation – 2:15 to 3pm

Kind regards

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Dutch Class



A Fun Morning with the Dutch Provinces....



Saturday morning 17 March at 9 am all the Dutch pupils gathered outside the Dutch classroom on the Primary Campus. They were about to spend the morning learning more about the twelve provinces that make up the Netherlands.

Everyone indicated on a map which part of the country they came from and were asked to share one thing they knew about each province. Five different age groups were formed and each group had to complete a total of six activities about the provinces, ranging from local food, landscape, and architecture, to songs featuring parts of the country and the places famous Dutch singers come from. Activities included games and puzzles, story-telling and reproduction, colouring, model building and singing, as well as completing computer quizzes and producing word-webs. The younger pupils had great fun constructing ancient 'Hunebedden' (burial chambers made from enormous rocks) which can be found in Drenthe (North-Eastern Netherlands), while everyone joined in the blindfold food-tasting activity, where they all had to indicate from which part of the country they thought this food item originated.



Dutch Class



Dutch Queen`s Day at TES

On Friday the 27th of April 2012, the Dutch pupils at TES celebrated *Koninginnedag* / Queen's Day. Queen's Day is a national holiday in the Netherlands. Officially, *Koninginnedag* is celebrated on 30 April. Though Queen Beatrix was born on 31 January, the holiday is observed on 30 April as it was the birthday of her mother and predecessor, Juliana. As many of the traditional activities are held outside there is a much better chance for suitable weather in April.



At TES, all 27 Dutch pupils came to school dressed in orange. Orange is The Netherlands` national colour. What's the deal with the colour orange? The colours of the Dutch flag are red, white and blue, there's no orange at all. So what is the Netherlands' relationship with the colour orange?

Orange is the colour of the Dutch Royal Family. The lineage of the current dynasty, the House of Oranje-Nassau, dates back to Willem van Oranje

(William of Orange). But while the color orange has royal roots in the Netherlands, today it symbolizes a broader pride in the country and in being Dutch.

Because of the rain the activity was moved inside to the MPR where the Dutch children played a traditional Dutch game, called *Levend ganzenbord*. The pupils were divided into five groups. A parent joined each group, to verify that all tasks were carried out accurately. The goal of the game is to be the first to arrive at the finish. Each group takes a die. They throw the dice and carry out the task belonging to the post on which they arrive. The following tasks were included in the game: a jigsaw puzzle of the Queen, quiz about Queen`s Day, creating a live painting, carrying the princess, dressing up as the Queen, identifying the correct prince, sack race, pictionary, memory, singing a Dutch song, etc...



British Infants

Dear Parents



The Infant Section classrooms did not take part in any official school based Europe Day celebrations on Wednesday because over the next couple of weeks we are going to be doing a couple of art projects involving the children from all three sections.

Project One—On Monday 28th June the children will be participating in "THE BIG DRAW". This will involve the staff covering the corridors in big sheets of paper, and then the children spending 40 minutes moving around the school drawing whatever they like wherever they like, as long as there is paper there to draw on ofcourse! They will be working across the three sections and across all four year groups, and they will be using a variety of different media to draw with. Thank you to Jenny Chien in Nursery and Linda Lin in Year One for organising this, I am sure the children will have a great deal of fun, while learning about cooperating with their friends.

Project Two—At the moment, each class across the British, French and German Sections are working on producing a 3 dimensional segment for a giant caterpillar. On Friday 25thth May, we are going to be having an assembly where the children are going to fit the segments together. The giant caterpillar will then be displayed for the community to enjoy—we're not sure where yet, so start looking out for it!

The British Infant Section will also be celebrating the fact that Queen Elizabeth II has been on the throne for 60 years! Quite an achievement I am sure you will agree. She has served England and the countries of the Commonwealth with an amazing spirit, and we feel that we need to celebrate her achievement. The children will be asked to come to school dressed in blue, red and white, and will be participating in a few fun activities. I will write with more details next week.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin—Head of the British Infant Section

British Infants



Nursery

What a great year we have had in Nursery!
For most of the children this has been their first experience of school. We have had lots of smiles and laughter with scattered bursts of tears as the children have grown, played, learned and made friends with each other and the team.



The Foundation Stage curriculum gives the children time to explore, investigate and experiment according to their interests. Of course, the individual interests of so many children are diverse but this year we have seen three themes occur over and over again: junk-modelling, finding creatures in the playground and face & body painting. The creativity of the children is wonderful to be a part of and to see... do we have a bunch of future architects, inventors, designers and performers amongst us!?



Very soon it will be time to say “goodbye” to most of our Nursery children. We will certainly miss them but look forward to seeing & hearing how they continue to progress in their learning journeys. We know that that the transition to Reception can be exciting and anxious at the same time but are sure that each and every child will cope admirably!

Sadly, we will also say goodbye to some of our children as they move to new schools and countries:



we wish them all the best and know that they will stay in our memories.



British Juniors



British Section

Dear Parents, Students and friends of the School,

This week has been very busy with two major events. On Monday the **Race Against Hunger** took place under beautiful blue skies and hot sunshine. The children, staff and parents ran (and walked) with great determination for this very good cause. Thank you to all of you who have supported this event with either your help or with your generous donations. Thank you also to Mrs Glascott and the Student Council who ran a cake stall on the Friday (the original date for the race which was postponed due to bad weather). They raised over NT\$10,000 and after sampling at least three different types of chocolate cake I really was determined to run the full 10km. We are now collecting the sponsorship money which can be placed in the locked collection box in the BJ office.



Europe Day On Wednesday the children came to school dressed in the colours of their country's flag or in their national costume to celebrate Europe Day. Our purpose was to find out more about the countries of Europe and to learn to work together whilst celebrating our differences. Tom, Axel and Julian from Year Six impressed the audience in assembly with their presentations about Sweden and Holland respectively. The children from all three sections sang two songs - each one in the three languages of the three sections; French, German and English. Following the assembly the children were mixed together in teams to have fun involved in activities related to team building.



British Juniors

Important Forthcoming Events



Monday 14th May 8:10am -9:30am **British Primary Section Council AGM**

There will be short presentations at this meeting from key members of the British Primary Section Council (including myself and Ruth Martin) on the work of the Council this academic year and strategic plans for next year. Light refreshments will be served beforehand and if you haven't had a chance to vote for any of the candidates then please note there will be computers available for electronic voting and staff available to assist.

Tuesday 5th June **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

We will be celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee with a special assembly and would like the children to come to school dressed in either the colours of the Union Jack (red, white and blue) or dressed as royalty.



Other Key Events:

15th - 18th May	Year 5 trip Camp Taiwan
20th May	Chess Competition
21st - 23rd May	Year 6 SATs
23rd May	1:00pm Transition meeting for parents of children who are leaving
29th May	8:10am B4AL's Class Assembly
29th May	2:15pm CLC meeting for parents
230th May	Year 6 reports sent home
31st May	Year 6 at ESC campus
1st June	Year 6 at ESC and Exchange day for children (more details to follow)
1st June	Academic Reports sent home - Years 3,4 & 5
2nd June	Summer Fair
3rd June	FOBISSEA Sunday training
4th June	3:30pm - 7:30pm Parent/teacher meetings

Have an enjoyable weekend

Kind regards

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British Juniors

Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of the school,



British Section

2012 has been a very busy year for TES Primary students. We have had our BJ Music concert, took our students to FOBISSEA Primary Performing Arts Carnival held to Jakarta, Indonesia., and Primary Orchestra performed in National Music Concert Hall, Taipei.



The theme of the Carnival was "Tribe", 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.

Orchestra Rehearsal in BIS Theatre



Gamelan Music workshop



Traditional Indonesian Hand Dance.



Deutsche Sektion



Grundschule

TÜVtel – Das neue Kindermagazin des TÜV Rheinland



Seit vergangenem Jahr gibt es TÜVtel, ein Kindermagazin des TÜV Rheinland, mit vielen interessanten und kindgerecht aufbereiteten Beiträgen zu Wissenschaft und Technik. Uns wurde für die Klasse 3/4 angeboten, dieses Heft kostenfrei alle drei Monate zu beziehen und in den Unterricht einfließen zu lassen.

Mit Begeisterung tat dies unsere Praktikantin Alexandra Halfmann, die für 4 Wochen als tatkräftige Unterstützung in Klasse 3/4 dabei

war. In Gruppen arbeiteten sich die Kinder durch das ansprechend gestaltete Magazin und stellten sich die informativen Ergebnisse am Ende gegenseitig vor.

Unsere Vielflieger-Kinder interessierte vor allem das Thema "Flieg, Flugzeug, flieg...", in dem sowohl die Geschichte der Luftfahrt, als auch die dabei wichtigen Begriffe Schubkraft, Luftwiderstand, Auftriebskraft etc. erläutert wurden.

Wussten Sie z.B., dass am Anfang der Luftfahrt ein Koch mit an Bord war und das Essen in einer kleinen Bordküche frisch zubereitet hat? Und dass das Essen hoch in der Luft viel stärker gewürzt sein muss, damit der durch die Höhe veränderte Geschmacks- und Geruchssinn auf seine Kosten kommt?

TÜVtel hat neben der obligatorischen Witze- und Rätsel-seite auch zwei pfiffige Maskottchen, das Mädchen Tess und den Roboter Roby.



In einer Zeitreise-Serie nehmen die beiden wichtige Errungenschaften der Technik ins Visier und wecken



dadurch bei ihren jungen Lesern das Interesse für genauere Informationen. Entsprechende Literatur- und Internetverweise, sowie die Mailadresse der Redaktion sorgen dafür, dass der Wissensdurst gestillt werden kann.

Nach eingehender Prüfung gibt die Klasse 3/4 der TES daher gerne das Gütesiegel: "Cool,

EPC Library



Dear Parents, and especially
MUMMIES,

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

To honour our mothers and celebrate motherhood, we select a thematic range of books for Mother's Day. They can be found right next to the entrance of our Primary Library. Many of them are the ideal reading to bond with your precious little ones, such as ***Mama, Do You Love Me?***, while some of them are especially for mummies to read alone, like ***Love You Forever***, which no one can read without the tears falling! It is, of course, not a privilege for English readers. There are Mother's Day collections in French and Chinese. You'd better act fast to get one!

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 circulated!

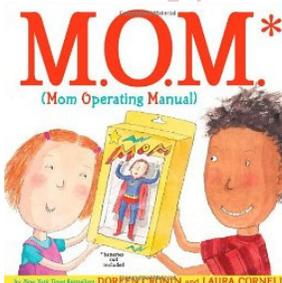
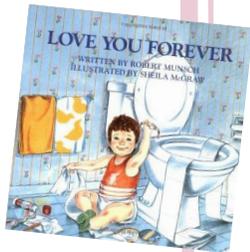
Keep reading and keep GREEN!
Primary Library Team

Mom \məm, məm\ *n.*
[*Homosapiens Momius*]

- 1a. a female parent;
- b. a lady of authority;
- c. utterer of "Because I say so."

2. a complex machine who runs full speed on little fuel and almost no sleep whatsoever

also Wonder Woman



M.O.M. (Mom Operating Manual)

Congratulations! You are the proud owner of a Mum. This means you have someone to make you sandwiches, someone to drive you to soccer practice, and someone—for reasons unknown to man—who is able to hold your snotty, used tissues in her own pocket without gagging. A well-functioning mom is essential to domestic harmony and general wellbeing. Yet despite their status as the most advanced humans on the planet, mums do need some daily care and maintenance to keep them running smoothly. This book explains everything. Mum requirements include, but are not limited to: light watering, the crust of peanut butter sandwiches, and some peace and quiet every now and then for crying out loud. And there's added bonus information! Learn to spot early warning signs of mum-pattern-crankiness and to recognise when mum might need another cup of coffee. A mum's make and model will vary by family, but the simple fact remains: **Take care of Mum...and she'll take care of you.**

EPC Library



Used Book Collection!!

募集二手書!!

Dear Parents

Need space for new books at home? Why not donate your old books or DVDs to the TES Summer Fair and let someone else enjoy them!

All donated items can be given to the library at both campuses by 31st of May (Thursday). The money raised will be used for enriching our library!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help on the day, please contact Marina for further information. Many thanks!

親愛的家長們

若您有不需要的舊書或DVD,歡迎您捐贈給TES Summer Fair!

請將欲捐贈的物品,於五月31日(星期四)前送至學校任一圖書館即可!您的捐贈都會回饋給我們的圖書館。非常感謝您的慷慨協助!

若您有任何疑問,或當天可以協助我們,歡迎您與Marina聯絡

Best regards

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