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Welcome to the 15th 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...

- French Section's CE2 celebrate achieving their road safety award
- Which books do the German Section children like to read?
- You can be very creative in the British Section Foundation Stage
- Who is this weeks teacher feature?
- How persuasive can you be? British Section Year 6 find out.
- What happened at the Taipei chess championships

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.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/index.php>



British Junior Section

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



French Section

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



German Section

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

Section Française

Cérémonie de remise des permis piéton

CE2



Celebration ceremony for pedestrian licence



Le "Permis Piéton pour tous les enfants" est une grande opération nationale de sensibilisation des enfants aux dangers de la rue. Il enseigne aux classes de CE2, au-delà des règles de circulation piétonne, le sens de la responsabilité individuelle, grâce à un ensemble de précautions, de réflexes et d'astuces supplémentaires permettant aux enfants d'assurer leur propre sécurité.

Section Française



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Remerciements à M. Alain Raza, Chargé de la Sécurité Opérationnelle du Bureau Français de Taipei, qui est à l'origine de cette initiative, ainsi que M. Julien Laneyrie, enseignant français de CE2, qui a préparé les élèves à l'épreuve du permis piéton.

Deutsche Sektion

WELTTAG DES BUCHES

von Oliver Günter



In der Woche nach den Osterferien fand unsere Buchwoche statt. Die Schülerinnen und Schüler der Klassen 1/2 sowie 3/4 gestalteten in dieser Woche ein Plakat zu einem ihrer Lieblingsbücher. Dabei mussten nicht nur die wesentlichen Angaben wie Titel, Autor, Illustrator und Verlag genannt, sondern auch eine Zusammenfassung des Inhalts gegeben werden.

Mit Hilfe der Plakate, die in diesem Jahr im Rahmen eines projektorientierten Unterrichts erstellt wurden, stellten schließlich die Kinder in der darauffolgenden Woche ihre Lieblingsbücher ihren Mitschülerinnen und -schülern vor. Dabei wurden auch kurze Textpassagen vorgelesen. So wurden nicht nur Lesekompetenzen, sondern auch Methoden der Präsentation gefördert.

Einige Plakate wurden zum Welttag des Buches am 23. April 2012 vor dem Amphitheater ausgestellt und rahmten den traditionellen Büchermarkt, den die Eltern unter der Leitung von Lisa Cha organisierten und von unseren Schülerinnen und Schülern belagert wurde, ein. Nahezu alle Kinder wurden fündig und trugen zum Teil auch mehrere neue Bücher nach Hause. Die anderen Plakate konnten vor den Klassenräumen begutachtet werden.

Am Welttag des Buches ermittelten die Schülerinnen und Schüler auch die besten Plakate nach festgelegten und zuvor besprochenen Kriterien. Die Kinder waren schon sehr gespannt, welches Plakat wohl unter ihren Mitschülerinnen und -schülern am Besten ankam.



Für jede Jahrgangsstufe stand ein Buchpreis zur Verfügung. In einer kleinen Feierstunde am 4. Mai 2012 erhielten die vier Gewinner ihren Buchpreis und eine Urkunde. In Klasse 3/4 gab es auch noch Urkunden für die beste Buchpräsentation.

So konnten sich die Schülerinnen und Schüler nicht nur intensiv mit einem Buch beschäftigen,

sondern erhielten gleichzeitig zahlreiche Buchempfehlungen von anderen Kindern, die sicherlich zu weiterer Lektüre motivieren werden.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch unseren Gewinnern Joshua Nau (Klasse 1), Leon Schenk (Klasse 2), Oliver Kraus (Klasse 3) und Nicoas Mauer (Klasse 4) und viel Freude beim Lesen!



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Zum Welttag des Buches empfehlen wir:



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Ausflug der KIGA+Gruppe

Besuch im Goethe Institut

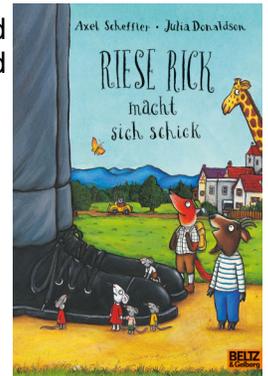
Am 26.04.2012 besuchten die Nachmittagskinder mit ihren taiwanesischen Mama´s das Goethe Instiut. Wir wollten den tawanischen Müttern, die Möglichkeit geben, sich mit der deutschen Mediathek vertraut zu machen, so dass Sie in naher Zukunft deutschen Medien für ihre Kinder ausleihen können.

Mitarbeiter vom Goethe Institut erklärten Ihnen, welche Ausleihmöglichkeiten und welche Such-Funktionen es gibt. Die Kinder schmökerten in den den Bilderbüchern und konnten von der großen Auswahl gar nicht genug bekommen.

Anschließend trafen wir uns alle in einem leerem Klassenzimmer und es wurde das Bilderbuch „ Riese Rick macht sich schick“ auf Deutsch für die Kinder und zeitgleich auf chinesisches für die Eltern vorgelesen. Es wurde viel gelacht und allen hat es großen Spaß gemacht. Zum Abschluss durften die Kinder noch eine Janosch DVD angucken.

Anschließend haben wir alle beschlossen, zusammen in einem traditionellen taiwanesischen Restaurant essen zu gehen. Wir alle waren sehr vom Goethe Institut beeindruckt und ganz besonders von der vielfältigen Auswahl der Medien.

Herzlichen Dank an alle Mitarbeiter vom Goethe Institut für die interessante Führung.



Ausflug zum Bauernhof

Woher kommt eigentlich die Milch?

Am Freitag vor den Osterferien besuchten wir den pädagogischen Bauernhof in Phu-Shin.

Schon seit einiger Zeit beschäftigten wir uns intensiv mit Tieren vom Bauernhof und haben auch gelernt, dass die Milch nicht aus dem Supermarkt kommt sondern von der Kuh. Die Kinder freuten sich besonders auf die Kühe, denn sie durften die Kühe füttern und sogar melken, was gar nicht so einfach ist.

Wir nahmen an einer Ziegen Rallye teil, bei denen die Kinder wetten konnten, welche Ziege als erstes das Ziel kommt. Die Stimmung war großartig und es haben sogar einige Kinder Preise gewonnen.

Weiter ging es zu den Hasen, die sich sehr über unseren Besuch freuten, da wir Ihnen Karotten zu knabbern mitgebracht haben.

Zum Abschluss machten wir noch einen Abstecher zu den Pferden, die sich ebenfalls über unsere mitgebrachten Karotten erfreuten.

Nach so vielen Besuchen waren wir alle auch recht hungrig und suchten uns eine gemütliches Plätzchen zum Piknicken.

Die Erwachsenen und auch die Kinder waren sehr von diesem Ausflug begeistert. Die Phu-Shin Farm



ist weitläufig und leider konnten wir an diesem Tag nicht alles sehen, werden aber mit Sicherheit nocheinmal zurück kehren.



British Infants



Dear Parents

As you know the British Primary PTA are trying to build up their stock of good condition second hand school uniform. They would like to do a final collection on the last day of the school year. Therefore I have said that the last day of the school year will be a non-uniform day. The children can wear their party clothes to school, and then parents can use the opportunity to bring in any items of school uniform that their children do not want any more. Please bring these items of school uniform to the Infant Office.

SUMMER 2012 SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION (Nursery to Year 2)

I would like to announce that I will be holding my annual "Holiday Scrapbook" competition again this year. Last year, my husband was ill in hospital, and I completely forgot about the competition, but this year, he is fighting fit, and I have remembered to write to you about it! All the children have to do is put together a memoir of their holiday. They can write about what they do and where they go, draw pictures, stick in photographs, include entrance tickets, postcards etc etc. They can decorate their scrapbook and basically take ownership of it, make it unique, take pride in it, and enjoy doing it! They will then have to return the completed scrapbook by Friday 31st August. I will put a table outside the Infant Hall for them to put their scrapbooks on. Please ensure their scrapbooks are clearly named with their NEW class on the front as well.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section

British Infants



Transition

Below is an interesting link for parents to look at regarding helping children transition out of a school / country and transition in to a new school / country.

The article is titled 'Top tips for emigrating with children' and has been written for The Telegraph newspaper:

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/expateducation/9225419/Top-tips-for-emigrating-with-children.html?goback=%2Egde_3154975_member_111777951

Leaving Staff

We are sad this June to be saying goodbye to four of our dedicated Infant staff as they head off on new adventures. Whether it be back going back to their country of origin or continuing their educational journey in a new country, it is a time of endings and new beginnings!

Goodbye to Judy Bai, Joe Galletley, Jane Rajaratnam and Shakira Rumjaun.

British Infants



Reception



In PE the children have been learning to lead their own cool-downs, remembering to always use slow and controlled



The Foundation Stage curriculum gives the children time to explore, investigate and experiment according to their own interests. Check out some of the themes our creative designers, artists, inventors and performers have come up with!

We are dragons. I have fire in my mouth.



I'm painting a fire-crackers with cardboard.



We are taking our dogs for a walk.



I made an England queen flag when she is at home taking a cup of tea.



British Infants



Teacher Feature!

Name: Katrina Tarpy

Code Name: Miss Party!- “because if you mix up Miss Tarpy’s name it becomes Miss Party and she loves parties!”

Likes: Live music, TV shows, Jaguars, ancient ruins and lots of cha cha cha.

Favourite thing: Travelling the world and meeting new people.

When she grows up... She will dance a lot!



British Juniors



Dear Parents, Students and friends of the School,



Our recent PSHE topic on 'Changes' highlighted that at this time of year we often have conflicting feelings about the changes that lie ahead. This week Mrs Martin and I held a workshop for parents, exploring the potential impact changing schools can have on children and things parents can do to support them. Thank you to those parents who attended as it was very helpful to share previous experiences.

Exchange Day: Next week the children in Years 3 –5 will spend half a day with their new teacher for the year 2012-13. The classes have been remixed and the children will be told on Friday morning as to which class they will be in. Parents will receive a letter with their child's report informing them of their child's new teacher.

Staff Changes: This is always a sad time of the year when we say goodbye to staff. We only have three members of staff leaving this year: Mrs Elrick, Mr Sullivan and Mr Furman.

New staff appointed are as follows: Ms Gillian Smith (Year 3) and Mr Kyle Stebbing (Year 6). We have yet to appoint a replacement for Mr Furman. A new post has been created for the British Primary Section, namely an ICT/Design technology teacher. This position will be filled by Mr Colin Dawes.

Parent/Teacher meetings: This will be the third time we have used the electronic booking system for Parent/Teacher meetings. From feedback we received after the last set of meetings it was evident that parents felt unsure as to whether or not to book an appointment to see a Specialist teacher. Many parents felt that they would rather wait until receiving their child's report before making an appointment, as then they could decide whether or not there was anything in particular that they needed to discuss. For this reason we have decided to use the old system of parents being able to sign up to see Specialists on arrival at school on Monday. The sheets will be available in the atrium from 7:30am on Monday morning. Unfortunately it is not possible for Specialist teachers to see all parents during the meeting times and therefore if you are unable to see a teacher on Monday please contact them by email to make a separate appointment.

British Juniors



Mathletics This exciting online Maths learning platform was purchased by the Junior Section recently. All the children in BJ have been given a password and username and have already been accessing the programme at school and at home. The children will have access to Mathletics over the Summer holiday period, including students who are leaving TES (however their access will finish when school restarts in August). Yesterday I worked in Mrs Glascott's Maths class during 'Mathletics time. I told the children that I had chosen to spend money on the programme and wondered whether or not they thought it was a good investment. Here is what they said: **Emma:** It was a good choice as Mathletics is fun and I can do it at home.

Soojin: You can earn gold bars when you get a perfect score.

Lulu: You get to play while you learn and learn while you play.

Aidan: You get to play against players from all over the world .

Alice W: I think I learn more because I can compete with others and I get to know how well I did straight away.

Bryan: If you get a lot of points you get certificates and go into the 'Hall of Fame'.

They all agreed Mathletics was great!

Please look at the website

for more information and to check out the Hall of Fame

www.mathletics.asia/



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Assembly today. We also celebrated the achievements of some star football players and students that took part in the UK Maths Challenge - a competition for year 7 and 8 students.

Kind regards

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see the next page for
photos of our Tribe

British Juniors



... and so are we!

And so is Ami!

This was our last Tribe Assembly of the academic year. Ami Tribe won the competition by earning **8233** merits over the year - Well done to all.



We are the champions!



competition by



Date for the diary:

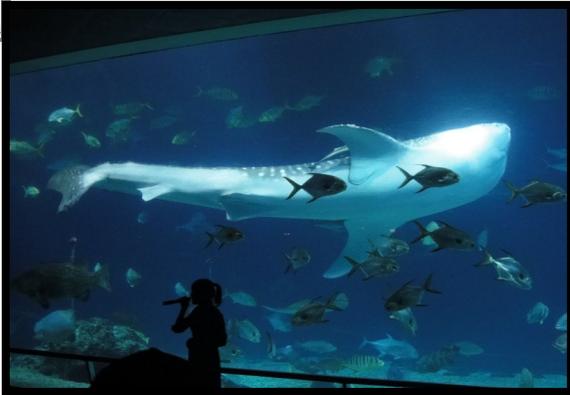
Last day of term is a non-uniform day. The PTA run a second hand uniform shop and would very much like any donations of uniforms that are no longer needed. Further information about where the PTA would like you to bring the uniforms will be sent out at a later date.

British Juniors

Year 6 is the final year of Primary School. Here Michaela from B6SB reflects on the highlights of her year.



Memories of the School Year



Kenting was probably one of the biggest and best things that happened in Year 6. We did all sorts of activities! Firstly, we went to the Aquarium. All of Year 6 spent the night sleeping next to the whale shark tank. The funny thing was that I ended up waking-up to a stingray staring at me. It was cool, but kind of sent chills down my spine. I also touched

The next day, we went hiking up to the mountains to watch the birds; it was very tiring! Our 'Day Group' also had to perform a 3-minute skit to show to the rest of Year 6 on the final evening. My group performed 'The Amazing Enlarging Machine'. We persuaded Ms. Bae to throw a cap full of

Another big event was our class assembly. It was about Explorers, and I played Statue 3, which is the statue that got to travel back in time with the 4 school children. The statues got to choose which explorer they wanted to play, so I chose Amelia Earhart. Our story resembled the movie, 'Night at the Museum'. The outcome of our



By Michaela Lintott, B6SB

As we approach the end of the school year we hope the students will look back on most of their last year at Primary School with fondness. They probably have mixed emotions as they prepare to leave their Primary years behind. They, no doubt, are looking forward to the challenges Secondary School will offer them with a mixture of excitement and trepidation.

British Juniors

Can I Stay Up Late?

A persuasive play script jointly constructed by B6M5

SCENE 1: In this scene, Joe is desperately trying to persuade his parents that he should be allowed to stay up late to watch TV. Dad is sitting in the lounge room as Joe enters the room.



British Section

CAST – Joe, Sarah, Mum and Dad

Joe: (pleading) Dad, can I stay up to watch something special on the TV tonight?

Dad: I don't know, it depends on what it is.....

Mum: (coming into the room) And what time it finishes.

Joe: PLEASE?

Dad: Let me think.....NO!

Joe: Please, I'll clean up my room!

Mum: Tempting.... But no!

Joe: Please? I'll do the dishes. (Joe turns on the TV and then Dad turns it off)

Dad: Joe, no means NO!

Joe: (as he turns on the TV again) I strongly believe that I should stay up late because...

(Joe is cut off by an advertisement on the TV)

TV: Do you want to re-grow your hair to look young and handsome again?

Dad: (yelling excitedly) YES I DO!

TV: Just buy this all new Follicle Shampoo!

Mum: (laughing) Don't be silly dear, that will never work. Your handsome days are over I'm sorry.

Joe: Dad, I think you still look young and handsome! Can I stay up late?

Dad: Yes of course.

Mum: What! NO!

Dad: Can you turn the volume of the TV up please Joe?

Mum: (shouting at Dad) Have you gone out of your mind? Joe don't you dare stay up late!

Joe: But Dad said I could!

Mum: Well I say you can't!

Dad: (turning to Mum) We need to talk in the kitchen.

ONE HOUR LATER

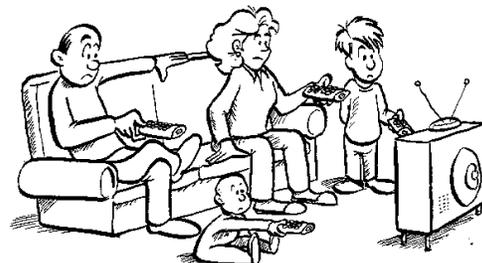
Mum: (enters the lounge room with an irritated look on her face after arguing with Dad)

Fine Joe! You can stay up late even if I don't agree with it.

Joe: Thanks Mum, but the show is finished.

I'm really tired now. Can I go to bed?

Mum: Ohhh!



SCENE 2: It is Tuesday night and once again in this scene, Joe is trying to persuade his parents that he should be allowed to stay up late to watch TV.

Joe: *(pleading)* Dad, can I stay up to watch something special on the TV tonight? It is only until 11.00pm.

Sarah: *(whispering)* But Joe I thought that show was going to finish at 2.00am.

Joe: *(whispering)* Shhh.. Sarah, I will give you whatever you want but please don't tell Mum.

Mum: *(coming into the room)* What are you two whispering about?

Sarah: Joe wants to stay up until 2 am to watch a show. Don't let him, he is always staying up until 2 am?

Dad: *(raising his voice)* What?

Joe: *(pleading)* Please, please, pretty please with a cherry on top.

Mum: You could put a bicycle on top for all I care!

Sarah: Hey let's watch Tom and Jerry. I've heard that it's a really good show on the Cartoon Network and it finishes much earlier than Joe's show at 11.00pm.

Dad: OK. That sounds great. I love cartoons.

Joe: *(raised voice)* What? But my show is educational. I would learn from it and so would you.

Dad: *(in a strong voice)* NO!

Joe: But you will benefit because I will do extra chores, like mopping the kitchen floor.

Dad: Don't you understand the word no? No means NO!

Sarah: I understand the word no. *(laughing)*

I KNOW lots of things, like Tom and Jerry is the best show on TV!

Joe: *(walking over to stand close to Dad)* Fine I will follow you around everywhere and copy everything that you say for the rest of your life!

Dad: You're grounded!

Joe: You're grounded!

Dad: Go to your room!

Joe: Go to your room!

Dad: *(yelling loudly)* STOP IT!

Joe: *(yelling loudly)* STOP IT!

Dad: *(in a thundering voice)* BE QUIET AND GO TO YOUR BEDROOM NOW!!

Mum: *(yelling furiously)* THAT'S ENOUGH!!!

Dad, stop shouting and go to your room.

Joe you can watch TV but this is the last time.

Dad: What? Oh! *(stomping his foot)*

I never get to stay up late! It's SO unfair!

Mum: I am going to sleep. Joe don't forget to mop the kitchen floor before you go to bed.

(Mum walks out of the room)

Sarah: *(turning to Joe and shrugging her shoulders)* Adults! What can you do?

Joe: Yes, sometimes I wonder!



British Juniors



2012 Taipei Chess Championships



The 2012 Taipei Chess Championships took place last week on Sunday, 20th May. There were 14 participants representing TES out of a total of over 200 competitors. The competition took place in a huge hall in Xindian with up to 100 chess games being played at once and with many more people eagerly watching the games and supporting their friends and family. Here is how the TES representatives fared at the tournament.

Under 6 Competition

Dhruv Lashkery, playing in his first ever chess competition, did fantastically well by coming 5th out of 16 competitors. He won two games, drew 2 and his only loss was to the overall winner. He was awarded a certificate for his efforts. Well done Dhruv!

Under 8 Competition

Toby Van Mook, Gilbert Jung and Samuel Wang were the TES representatives in the under 8 competition, which had 44 players in total. Toby was the highest placed TES competitor, finishing 17th overall, while Samuel and Gilbert came 21st and 37th respectively. Toby and Samuel both finished with four points out of a possible 7, while Gilbert scored a respectable 2 points.

Under 10 Competition

The under 10 competition was the most popular competition with 63 entrants. Here is how the TES players performed.

Name	Points (out of 7)	Ranking
Neel Bhimani	3.5	27th
Bhuvan Arora	3	34th
Baltazar Ruis	3	39th
Faris Weinrich	3	41st
Shubh Lashkery	3	43rd
Michael Jr Lamson	1.5	54th
Junwen Tham	1.5	57th

It was great to see so many TES entrants in this age range. It was also the first time that Bhuvan, Shubh, Michael Jr and Junwen had competed in this kind of competition, so it was fantastic to see them do so well.

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Under 16 Competition



Alvin Chang was the sole representative from the Secondary School. This was Alvin's first appearance in a chess competition and he should be proud of earning 2 points out of a possible 5 and finishing in 9th place out of 12.

Open Competition

Last but not least, two adult members of the TES community played in the open competition. Iñaki Torre-cilla, playing in his first chess competition for a number of years, finished with a very creditable 3 points out of a possible 5, which meant that he finished in 14th place out of the 33 entrants. Even more remarkable was Ulli Weinrich's 22nd place. Ulli only went to the competition to support his son, but he ended up taking part in the tournament and scoring two points. The chess seemed to take Ulli's mind off the disappointing result for Bayern Munich against Chelsea the night before in the European Cup Final!

Other Chess News

There are two more chess related pieces of news that you may be interested in. First of all, I have received some interest from parents regarding the possibility of the school hiring a professional chess coach. I will still be running a free after school chess ECA next term; we also hope that there will be an advanced skills chess ECA for children who would like to learn the strategies necessary to be successful in tournaments. Please let me know if you are interested in your child participating in this paid ECA.

Secondly, there is another chess competition taking place on Sunday, June 3rd. This tournament will have the same age categories as the competition last week. If you would like more details about the competition, could you let me know as soon as possible and I will contact you.

By Matthew Fagg (Year 5 Class Teacher) matthew.fagg@tes.tp.edu.tw



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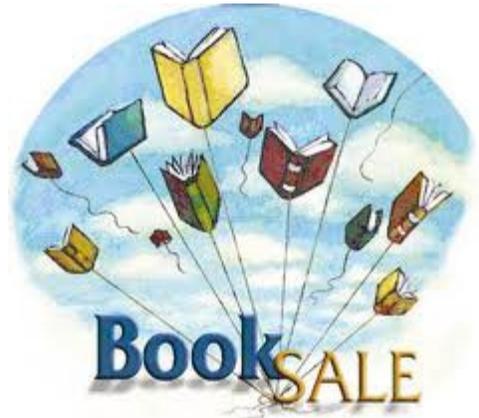


EPC Library



Calling all book lovers!

Be at the TES Summer Fair on Saturday 02 June from 11.00 - 15.00 for the Secondhand Book Fair and grab yourself a handful of quality international books! For one Saturday only!



A huge selection of secondhand books will be on sale at bargain prices in a wide variety of languages including **English, French, German, and Chinese!** Categories of books available including, travel, cooking, fiction as well as hobby and technical books on a variety of subjects.

A good selection of children's books suited to all ages will also be on sale, you just need to come and discover more! Don't miss out! All are welcome and all proceeds will go towards TES Library. Hope to see you there!

Furthermore, **The summer borrowing program** for this year will start from **June 11 to June 15**. 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 8**. All infant students should be under parent's escort to prevent misunderstanding in the future.

Happy Treasure Hunting!

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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