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# The Wen Lin Journal

## The EPC Primary Newsletter

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Welcome to the current 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...

- The British Foundation Stage and KS1 performed beautifully as Christmas draws near
- Choose a Festive book to read from the School Library

### 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>

# British Infants



Dear Parents

Well, as you can see from the photos, we have been busy with Christmas over the last fortnight.

Mr Malcolm is busy at the moment preparing videos of the Foundation Stage Show and the Key Stage 1 Show. He is hoping that these will soon be available through "Vimeo". However, some conversations are taking place at the moment around protecting our young children regarding these videos being in the public domain. I will let you know how these conversations impact on the videos being made available. For now, I just hope you can enjoy these photos!

The Foundation Show:



# British Infants



The Key Stage 1 Show.



Some Year 2 children singing at the Grand Regent Formosa Hotel.



# British Infants

SPECIAL

## 2012 Christmas Show



Thank you to all the parents who came to watch the Christmas Shows and supported our talented children. We hope you had a lovely time.

This year the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 performed lots of songs and both groups worked incredibly hard to memorise their words. I think you will all agree that they put a tremendous amount of effort into their performances. The songs certainly got us all into the Christmas spirit and started the festive season with lots of joy and smiles. Well done to all the children!



Foundation Stage children had lots of fun and enjoyed their performances.



All the KS1 children sang beautifully and confidently on the stage.



Year Two children performed at the Grand Regent Formosa Hotel for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

# British Juniors



Dear Parents, Students and friends of the School,

What dreary weather we have been having lately! We were very lucky that the rain held off for the Christmas Bazaar, which was a great success. Congratulations to the team of dancers, who entertained us at the bazaar. They have recently won a Taipei City dance competition and later in the year they will be competing with other regional winners in Taiwan. I was very proud of the children from BJ who performed on the stage during the bazaar and am very much looking forward to our choir singing at the ECCT Christmas luncheon this Friday. I hear that if we are good there might be an appearance by Santa, however if he is listening he needs to know that the students (and staff) in BJ are still managing to work hard despite the excitement of the forthcoming Christmas holiday getting ever closer.



**CHRISTMAS SHOWS Year Three/Four Show:** I am typing this to the sound of beautiful singing which floating out of the amphitheatre. It is the students from Years Three and Four who are practising for their Christmas Show. The children will be performing their show 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' next week, on **Wednesday 12th December**, and parents will have received a letter explaining about the tickets which will be issued for the show. Last year we put on two performances of the show - one in the afternoon and the other the following evening. However many parents did not want to come to the afternoon performance so we have decided to only do one show. If you are disappointed because you unable to attend the evening performance then please let Ms Diana or Ms Jessie know as we may be able to squeeze you into the dress rehearsal, which is on Tuesday 11th December at 9:20am.



**Year Five Show:** On **Wednesday 19th December**, the students in Year 5 will be performing 'A Very TES Christmas Carol'. Tickets will be issued to parents on **Monday 10th December** (4 per family). After extra tickets have been offered to the families of Year 5 children there may be some tickets available. Please email the office if, despite not having a child in Year 5, you would like to come and see the show.

**FRIENDSHIP ASSEMBLY** Last Friday saw the culmination of our PSHE work on building good relationships. Each class came to school dressed in a colour they deemed to represent friendship. In assembly the Student Councillors presented a variety of scenarios which showed bullying behaviour and explained what students could do about it. Key to ensuring that all students feel safe and happy at school is to not only educate our children to be kind to one another but also to develop the strength and confidence to deal with bullying if they see or experience it. The key message from the assembly was that if students feel they are being bullied then they should tell someone about it. Although we pride ourselves on being a very caring school community we cannot be complacent about this issue. Always contact your child's class teacher if you think they may be a victim of bullying or if they are showing bullying behaviour to others.



# British Juniors



**STAFFING** This time last year we were getting ready to farewell Mr Mike Norris who was an EAL teacher for Years 5 and 6. Since last January Mr Norris has been on sabbatical leave for a year in South Africa to gain his post graduate teaching qualification. He has passed with flying colours and will be starting back at school in the new term as the EAL teacher for Year 6. Mr Richardson has been covering for him this term and I would like to thank him for the excellent job he has done.

## **FUTURE DATES:**

Date	Event
7th December	ECCT Luncheon—school choir to attend
9th December	Chess Competition
12th December	6:30 –7:30pm Year 3/4 Christmas Concert
13th December	6:30pm British primary Section Council meeting
19th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas parties
19th December	Year 5 Christmas Show
20th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas parties
20th December	Student's academic reports sent home
20th December	End of term
7th January	Start of Term 2

I look forward to seeing you at one of our Christmas Shows over the next two weeks. Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards

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# EPC Library



Dear Parents,

Are you still doubting which books to get for this Christmassy season?? CHRISTMAS BOOKS, of course!!! By the time you read this message, most of the books might be gone, because, started from December 3rd, all are welcome to borrow our Christmas collection! So... HURRY UP!

With the approaching of Christmas, Santa sent his little elves who gave our beautiful Library a festive touch overnight! Everyone is thrilled by the sight of the colourful Christmas tree, snowflakes on windows, and tinsels around the rail, even the puppets are dancing around!

What's more, you may find some inspiring ideas for celebration from the selected videos shown on the screen outside our Library. I learnt not only how to say "Merry Christmas" in 30 different languages, but also how to make Christmas decorations from various materials that might surprise you! Let's have some Christmas fun together!!

Lastly, please be reminded again that a library is a place for quiet reading, a library is not a playground, and a library is definitely not a place for parties. We cannot help but notice that there are always children who don't follow Library rules. They are running around, throwing our books, playing with our cushions, toying with puppets... We are sad to discover one of the puppets that was donated by PTA not long ago was broken. Please remember watching your children and make sure they are respectful to other users when you are in the Library.

Happy Reading!!

Primary Library Team



# EPC Library

**Merry Christmas!!**

