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# The Wen Lin Journal

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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, the last week's journal of 2012-2013...

- Don't miss out on the British Infant Summer scrap book competition
- The British Junior Section look back on some fun times this year
- The German Section get creative through story and music
- The French Section say 'au revoir'
- Check out the Summer borrowing programme in 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.taipeuropeanschool.com/tbs/index.php>

British Section



**British Junior Section**

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

British Section



**French Section**

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

Section Française



**German Section**

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

Deutsche Sektion

# 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 2013 SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION (Nursery to Year 2)**

I would like to announce that I will be holding my annual "Holiday Scrapbook" competition again this year. 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 30th 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.

Thank you for another wonderful year. I adore your children, and have taken much pleasure watching them learn and develop over the course of the last 10 months. I think the staff have done a great job, but they can only do their job well when they have the support of the parents, so thank you.

Good luck to all the families who are leaving TES this summer, but to those of you who are staying, I look forward to another great year next year.

Best wishes

Ruth Martin

Head of the British Infant Section

# British Infants

## About Our School

### Structure of British Infant Section

#### Leadership Team:

Head of British Infant Section: Mrs. Ruth Martin

Assistant Head (Foundation Stage): Miss Karen Rowe

Assistant Head (Years 1, 2 and 3): Mrs. Gillian Richardson

#### Foundation Stage (F/S Stage):

Consists of a Nursery Unit with four home groups and four Reception classes

#### Key Stage One (KS1 Stage):

Consists of four Year One classes and four Year Two classes

| Nursery | Room no. | Class name      | Teacher's name    | Learning Assistants |
|---------|----------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| BN.1JC  | I-108    | <b>Dolphin</b>  | Jenny Chien       | Su Long Ho          |
| BN.2SS  | I-109    | <b>Turtle</b>   | Shanthi Shingam   | Karina Tung         |
| BN.3BV  | I-110    | <b>Seahorse</b> | Beate Van Niekerk | Jill Lin            |
| BN.4KR  | I-111    | <b>Octopus</b>  | Karen Rowe        | Judy Chang          |

#### Reception

|        |       |                 |                |               |
|--------|-------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| BR.1DT | I-112 | <b>Frog</b>     | David Treston  | Li-Chin Chang |
| BR.2CC | I-113 | <b>Jaguar</b>   | Carol Christie | Fennie Ke     |
| BR.3TC | I-114 | <b>Elephant</b> | Tina Chang     | Joyce Su      |
| BR.4LK | I-115 | <b>Toucan</b>   | Lindsay Kanis  | Ginger Wang   |

#### Year 1

|        |       |              |                |              |
|--------|-------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| B1.1JW | I-212 | <b>Snake</b> | Jeni Wong      | Sherry Huang |
| B1.2JW | I-213 | <b>Bear</b>  | Jane Walden    | Linda Lin    |
| B1.3KT | I-214 | <b>Eagle</b> | Katrina Tarpay | Helen Gamble |
| B1.4HT | I-215 | <b>Serow</b> | Hilary Trehern | Yvonne Chia  |

#### Year 2

|        |       |                      |                       |   |
|--------|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| B2.1GR | I-207 | <b>Armadillo</b>     | Georgina Robinson     | Teng (Rosario) Castillo<br>Elena Bondarenko<br>Wen-Tse Chou |
| B2.2GR | I-208 | <b>Chameleon</b>     | Gillian Richardson    |   |
| B2.3MS | I-209 | <b>Bilby</b>         | Mike (Michael) Smith  |   |
| B2.4PW | I-210 | <b>Desert Spider</b> | Patsy (Patricia) Webb |   |

# British Infants

## EAL

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Lead EAL                     | Annie Bagley   |
| Reception                    | Michaela Stevens and Katerina Klimes   |
| Year 1                       | Annie Bagley and Corne Coetzee   |
| Year 2                       | Jennifer Chou and Peter Atkinson   |
| <b>CLC</b>                   | Julia Kao (Head of Primary CLC), Yun-Ye Tsai, Ariel Tsai, Sherry Sung, Sally Lin, Nancy Liu  |
| <b>SEN</b>                   | Mojdeh Burrison (SENCo) & Sil Lee (Teacher)<br>Sophia Fang, Silva Leung, Lily Chen, Prerna Gurnani, Sophie Lee & Nicole Jin (Special Needs Assistants) |
| <b>ICT Specialist</b>        | Melanie Hall   |
| <b>PE (Rec, Y1 &amp; Y2)</b> | Steven Milner  |
| <b>Music</b>                 | Patricia Lin   |

### Please note 2 things:

- Jeni Wong will be on maternity/family leave for the whole of autumn term and will be covered by Peter Atkinson who in turn will be covered by Jennifer Chan.
- Tina Chang will be on maternity leave until Monday 14th October.

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# British Infants

# NURSERY

ended the year with a bang!



THE **CHILD** IN THE **HAT**  
Knows a Lot About That!  
Nursery Summer Show



  
**Why fit in  
when you  
were born to  
stand out?**  
Dr. Seuss



# British Infants



## Reception.

One of the highlights of another busy term in Reception has been “**The Reception World Tour.**” In creating our end of year show we celebrated all the learning we have done this year and shared it with you. The idea grew from the students who were fascinated with the Atlas, the globe and maps. Many conversations have been had about different countries, where children have visited and lived.





**Our Inquiry into Animals enthused the children and they discussed and asked questions about the environment, where animals live and why, what they eat, how they change, how they hide and how they care for and carry their babies. There was also conversation about how some animal habitats are being affected and how we can do something about that.**





**Planting seeds provoked a lot of discussion about how plants and trees grow, what a seed needs to grow, the stages of growth. This led to conversations about The Earth - why we should care for it and how we can do that. "I Am The Earth" the song by Glyn Lehmann, was a fitting end to 'The Reception World Tour.' It very much summed up the connections that the children made in their learning this year - the big idea being that we all, no matter how small can make a difference. We hope that you enjoyed it and that we inspired you to also make a difference.**



# Year One

We've had a great year!



# British Infants

# Year 2 Highlights

Year 2 Highlights



Year Two has had yet another exciting and successful year. Just some of the highlights were...



## Year 2 Musical showcases



## Year 2 Eco Bag Project

The winning artwork used in the final design: **Summer Chen JS, Caitlin Tan CW, Michael Ngai CW and Mia Treston CW.**



## Year 2 Show

# Come Fly with Me!



## Year 2 Eco Project



Students wrote a  
Letter to President Ma

March 27, 2013

Miss Veronica Gibbs  
Year 2  
Taipei European School  
Swire European Primary Campus  
太古歐洲學園小學部  
11159 臺北市士林區文林路 727 號

Dear Miss Gibbs:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your March 18, 2013 letter to President Ma Ying-jeou, together with the letters to him written by your students regarding deforestation of the world's rainforests.

President Ma is pleased to receive letters from you and your young students. Please convey to these lovely children that the president is impressed with their views and shares their concerns for our environment. He ensures that Taiwan will join the efforts of the rest of the world in addressing this urgent matter.

We thank you for your thoughtful gesture and extend our best wishes to you and your students.



The winning Eco Bag design combination with the reply to our initiative from

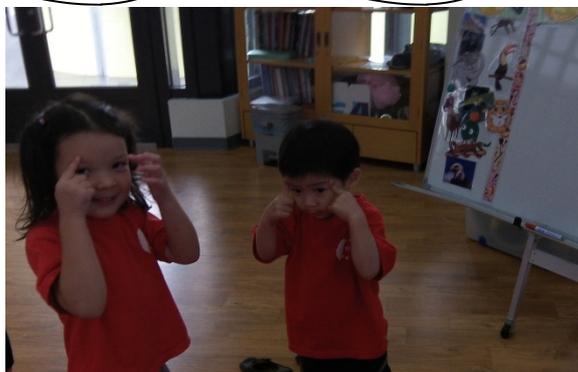
Sincerely,

Yu Hsin-ming  
Director-General  
The First Bureau

The reply from Taiwanese Present Ma Ying-Jeou. After the Children wrote letters about their concerns about the worlds rainforests.

# British Infants

We have had a musical year.



# British Juniors



British Section

Dear Parents, Students and friends of the school,

This is last edition of the Wen Lin Journal for the academic year. The weeks seemed to have raced by this term and it is hard to believe there is only one more week to go until the summer holidays.

I will be travelling back to the UK for the summer and am very excited as my daughter is getting married on the 20th July. That will keep me busy but I hope to be able to spend some time relaxing with a good book.

Thank you for your support this year and I wish you all a very happy summer.

Kind regards

*Adele Corry*

Head of British Junior Section [britishjuniorhead@tes.tp.edu.tw](mailto:britishjuniorhead@tes.tp.edu.tw)

## **Please see below for some important information re class parties...**

As you know we are happy to celebrate your child's birthday at school by sharing out a treat supplied by you. We have asked that if you would like to do this then the treat should be something manageable such as cookies, cupcakes or a traybake. Please do not send in a large cake which the teacher needs to cut as this eats into learning and teaching time. It is not appropriate to send in ice-cream or anything that requires chilling. Also please note that we will not give out sweets or party bags. Please contact your child's class teacher in advance so they can tell you the most appropriate time of the day to bring the cakes in.

## **Dates for next Week:**

Monday 10th June: FOBISSEA team returns

1:40 pm Year 3 Music Concert in the Amphitheatre

Tuesday 11th June: Year 5 Party - trip to Lazer Trek

Year 4 Party - Bowling

Year 3 Party - at school

4:30pm Campus Closed for British primary Section (unless you have a ballet lesson)

Wednesday 12th June: No School

Thursday 13th June: 12:40 Year 6 Leavers' Show

Friday 14th June: Last day of term

Monday 19th August: First day of the new academic year

# British Juniors

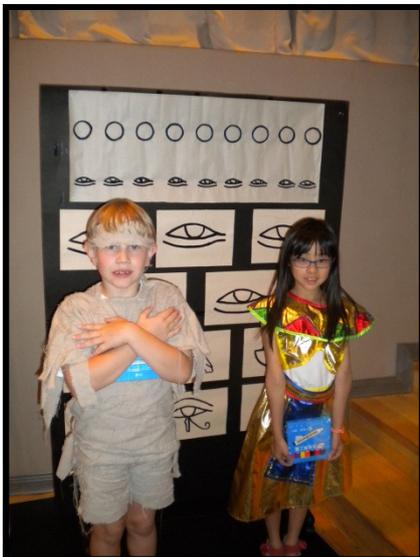


# Year 3 Egypt Day

Year 3 took a trip back in time to 3000BC. Powerful Pharaohs and mad mummies ruled the land. Can you work out who was wrapped up? Even Pride the Lion had a case of Egyptian Fever!



# I want my mummy!



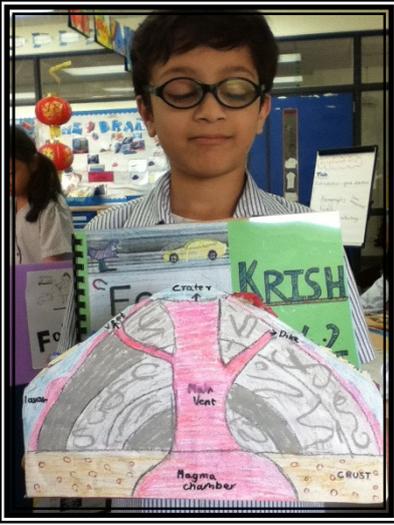
# British Juniors

# Year 3

# Egypt Day



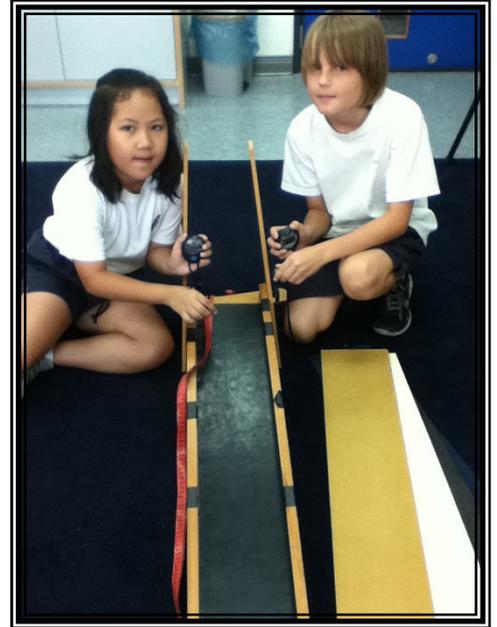
# NEWS



**Earthquake  
model**



**Experimenting with  
forces**



**Using the ramp**

**MAY THE  
FORCE  
BE WITH  
YOU**



Year 4 classes have been very busy working on their forces projects. They must choose from a variety of activities to gain the points they need. Bonus points are awarded for presentation and originality.



**Marble run**



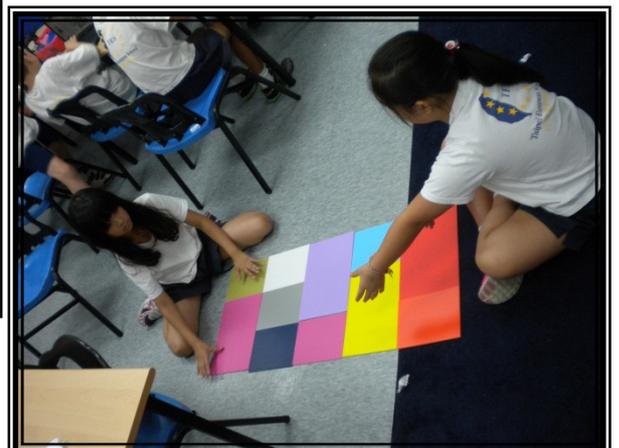
**MAY THE  
FORCE  
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**Parachute experiment**



**planning**



# British Juniors

# Year 5 Camp Taiwan



For our last newsletter of the academic year, we (the Year 5s) just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the mums and dads for letting us go to Camp Taiwan. It was heaps of much fun and we all had such a great time we didn't want to come home! Unfortunately, all good things come to an end and we now look forward with eager anticipation to what is sure to be a hugely successful and exciting year 6. Have a great summer holiday!



# British Juniors

Towards the end of May, if not before, the Year 6 students start to get excited about the prospect of moving on to the next phase of their education. It is a time of very mixed feelings for both students, and their parents.

In order to prepare and equip all students to best cope with what lies ahead, TES Year 6 students participate in an extensive Transition Programme. Below is a selection of experiences offered at TES:



*Kyle, Chloe, Hannah and Peter hanging their Wishes*

- For some weeks before, the topic of Changes was addressed during Yr 6 PSHE lessons, highlighting strategies the students can use to cope with the changes that are going to occur over the coming months
- Classroom visits were made by several key staff from ESC, to see how the students interact and so started the “Getting to Know You” process
- A Google doc was prepared by Yr 9 students, and Yr 6 students posted their many questions about different aspects of life at secondary school
- An introductory presentation was given to the whole of Year 6 at EPC by Mr Woodall the Head of KS3 and Mr Imbleau Head of Yr 7
- Several of the ESC Maths staff came and taught 3 rotations of exciting and challenging Maths activities
- Yr 6 students visited the ESC and completed 2 days of induction at ESC, following time-tabled taster lessons, having break and lunchtime “with the big kids”
- Parents had an Induction Day and a Q & A session with key ESC staff

## Yr 6 Transition



*Jessy, Sofie, Krishi and Sarahi with Anya a Secondary Student*

All of this helps to create a sense of “calm excitement” (if that is possible!) for the students as they prepare for their Leavers Assembly and the end of their Primary School years.

For parents of Yr 6 students, it is also a time of great change, especially if this is the first or only child to move to Secondary School. The move can seem quite overwhelming. Their babies are growing-up and developing independence. Sometimes it can be difficult, as a parent, to adjust to the new systems. However, be assured that the same care is still there, it just takes a different form.

For the Yr 6 staff, it’s a time to meet last year’s Yr 6 students and see just how well they are flourishing ... and how much they have all grown!



*Helena, Shannon Regina, Jan and Renee working well together*

# British Juniors



## Outstanding Maths Results for Year 5 and 6 Pupils

Last month, 20 children from Years 5 and 6 were invited to take part in the UKMT Maths Challenge at the Secondary School. This challenge is normally for Year 8 children, but following our success at this year's Maths FOBISSEA competition, Ms Dale from the ESC kindly let us send 14 children from Year 6 and a further 6 from Year 5 to participate with the older children at the ESC. Here is how the primary school children did:

| <b>Gold Medalist</b> | <b>Silver Medalist</b> | <b>Bronze Medalist</b> | <b>Participation Certificate</b>                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Joseph Lin (6.1)     | JunWen Tham (6.3)      | Charlene Chiu (6.1)    | Arsaln Mir (5.1) Dev Shah (6.1)                         |
| Kevin Chen (6.1)     | Shubh Lashkery (5.2)   | Ivan Lim (5.3)         | Krishi Shah (6.1) Vina Lee (6.2)                        |
| Bhuvan Arora (5.3)   | Neel Bhimani (6.2)     | Matt McKelvie (6.1)    | Joey Liao (6.3) Krisha Mehta (6.2)                      |
| Jessy Lee (6.1)      | Kelsey Wang (6.3)      |                        | Gil Golan (5.1) Justin Huang (6.2)<br>Junhang Soo (5.3) |

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the children for doing their best to solve some very tricky maths problems. I was particularly pleased that over half of the participants from the primary school won a medal. Here are the medal thresholds:

Bronze—top 20% to 40%      Silver—top 6% to 19%      Gold—top 5%

Following on from his victories in the individual and team events at the Maths FOBISSEA Games in March, Joseph Lin once again showed what a talented mathematician he is by scoring 117 points out of a possible 135. This meant that he came in the top 1,200 entrants around the world and qualified for the next round of the competition, the Junior Olympiad. Joseph will join 4 children from Year 8, who also qualified for this prestigious round of the competition, on 11th June at the ESC to answer some even harder questions. Good luck to Joseph and once again well done to everyone who took part! Why not have a go at a question from this year's test (see below)? The whole test paper can be downloaded here:

<http://www.mathcomp.leeds.ac.uk/>

By Matthew Fagg (Year 5 Class Teacher and Primary Maths Coordinator)

*Question 23. In our school netball league a team gains a certain amount of points if it wins a game, a lower whole number of points if it draws a game and no points if it loses a game. After 10 games my team has won 7 games, drawn 3 and gained 44 points. My sister's team has won 5 games, drawn 2 and lost 3. How many points has her team gained?*

A      28                      B      29                      C      30                      D      31                      E      32

# British Juniors



## TES Pupils Demonstrate Chess Prowess



Last month, two TES pupils provided more evidence of how well the chess development programme is progressing at TES. Ethan Liang (Year 1) took part in a Kindergarten competition in Xindian and finished 2nd out of 27 participants. Moreover, in the national Under 10 chess championships, Aidan Mayall (Year 5), the TES primary school chess champion, finished 4th out of 49 children. If it hadn't been for an unlucky draw in the fourth round of his competition, Aidan would have won the tournament and been the national under 10 champion!

Aidan and Ethan, along with many other TES primary school children, regularly attend the coaching sessions of our professional chess coach, Tony Lee. Due to popular demand, from September 2013 Tony will be coaching an extra session at TES for beginners in the Infants. This will mean that children will be able to learn chess four times a week after school. Tony Lee will be offering coaching sessions at his paid ECA 3 times a week (2 sessions for advanced players and 1 for beginners in the Infants) and I will be running my free ECA once a week for junior school children.

If your child has some free time over the holidays and you would like your child to play chess, Chase Chess regularly hosts chess competitions in different venues around Taipei. Chase Chess also offers chess lessons to children and adults of different levels. More information can be found at the following website: <http://taipeichess.com/>

Finally, I'm pleased to let you know that the Chinese Taipei Chess Association have announced that after the success of the chess competition we hosted last year, TES will be hosting another prestigious chess competition on Sunday, 3rd November, 2013. More details will follow next term!

By Matthew Fagg (Year 5 teacher and Primary Maths Coordinator)



# I.C.T.

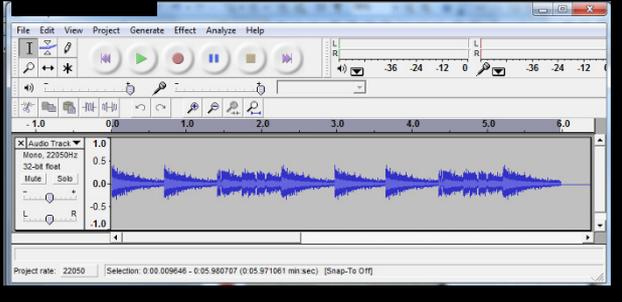


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**Year 2**

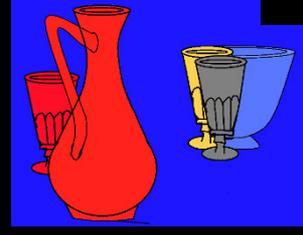
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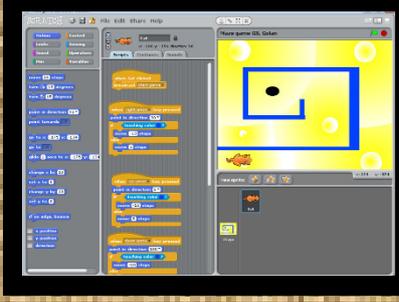
**Year 4**



**Year 5**



**Year 6**



In ICT this Year the students have been working on a wide range of different projects.

The Year 1's have made a story adding picture and text, created an animation, made a booklet and learnt about copy and paste, working between two documents at the same time.

The Year 2's have added text and pictures to make a story, learnt how to use Scratch to draw basic shapes, created Super Hero and a Comic Strip.

The Year 3's have learnt how to manipulate sounds to create their own tune, used Scratch to produce an Interactive Musical Program, made a Movie about the school and learnt how to use word processing and produced a magazine advertisement.

The Year 4's have learnt about word processing, and used a drawing program to produce a book cover, completed a number of activities about using the internet and produced a presentation.

The Year 5's have learnt how to use a modeling program and designed their own Tree Houses, used Scratch to create a Maze Game, used a drawing program to replicate pieces of Art work and produced Whiteboard Animations.

The Year 6's created a Movie about one of their interests, used a modeling program to create and program a Game and produced a Web Site about Taipei.

# British Primary Art

*"I try to apply colours like words that shape poems, like notes that shape music."*

**Joan Miro**

"Pictures speak louder than words." From Reception to Year 6 talented artists have created fantastic art work during the last year.



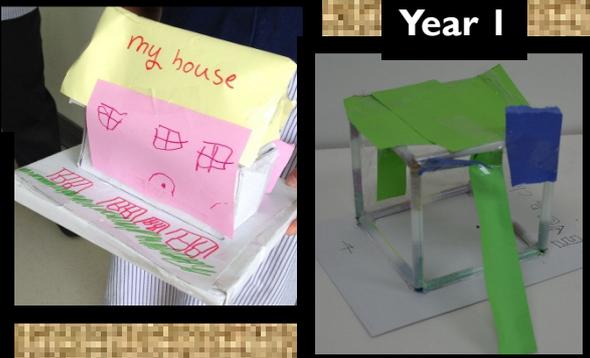
# Design & Technology



Year 2



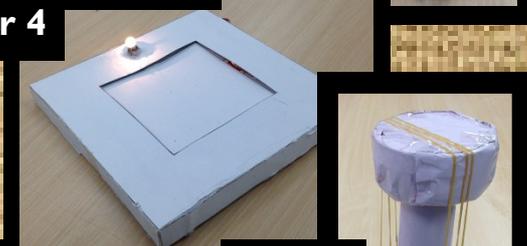
Year 1



Year 3



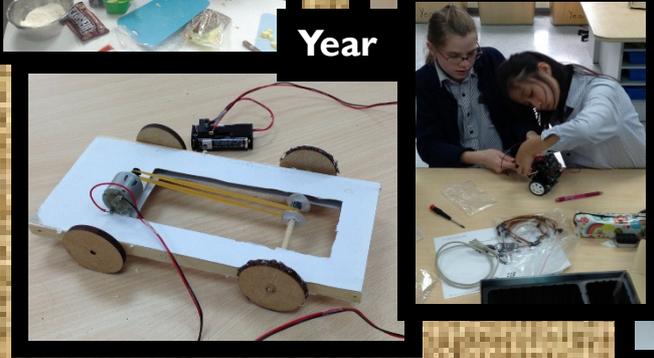
Year 4



Year 5



Year



It has been a very productive year in the Design and Technology Department. Each Year Group has completed two projects.

The Year 1's have made models of Playground Equipment and Fairy Tale Houses, developing their making skill and learning how to make 3D models.

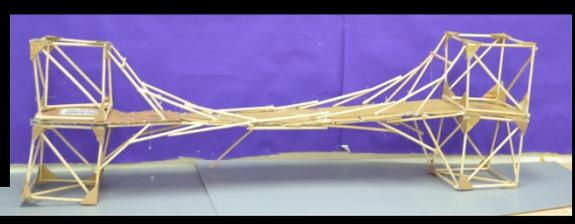
The Year 2's have made a Wind-Up Mechanism and a Crank Mechanism, developing their making skill and learning about simple mechanisms.

The Year 3's have made Moving Toy's and Egyptian Themed Photo Frames, developing their understanding of cam's and how computers are used to make an item.

The Year 4's have made Bamboo Boxes and Alarms. Developing their understanding of Sustainable Materials and Electrical Circuits.

The Year 5's have made Healthy Biscuits and Musical Instruments, developing their knowledge and skill making a food product and their understanding of materials.

The Year 6's have made Bridges, Robots and Electrical Buggies, learning about structures, developing their building, programming skill and their understanding of Electrical Circuits.



# Deutsche Sektion



Deutsche Sektion

Kindergarten

Europatag

Am 9. Mai feierten Schüler und Lehrer der TES den Europatag am Yangmingshan und am Wenlin Campus mit verschiedenen Aktivitäten. Wir besuchten die Vorschulgruppe der Französischen Schule und feierten mit Spiel und Tanz den 50. Jahrestag des Deutsch-Französischen Freundschaftsvertrages.

Die Hälfte unserer Kinder traf die Hälfte der Kinder der GS Gruppe in ihrem Gruppenraum. Dort durften alle Kinder sich zuerst selbst etwas zum Spielen suchen. Nach etwa einer halben Stunde tanzten alle im großen Kreis das Spiel „Brüderlein, komm tanz mit mir, beide Hände reich ich dir.“

Die andere Hälfte der Kinder kam in unseren Gruppenraum und die Kinder waren begeistert von dem Klettergerüst und dem Bambushaus.

Zum Ende der Besuchszeit sangen und tanzten alle dasselbe Lied sowohl in Deutsch als auch in Französisch. Alle hatten viel Spaß und wir versprachen gegenseitig bald wieder einmal zu besuchen.



# Deutsche Sektion



## Zweiter Vorlesetag der Deutschen Schule Taipei

Zum Abschluss unserer Buchwoche versammelten wir uns am 26. April 2013 zunächst im Amphitheater. Zur Eröffnung der Veranstaltung spielten Alice, Aileen und Helene aus der Klasse 3/4 die berühmte „Ode an die Freunde“ von Ludwig van Beethoven.



Anschließend wurden die Gewinnerinnen und Gewinner unserer Buchwoche aus den Klassen 1 bis 4 mit einer Urkunde geehrt. Die Besten erhielten noch dazu einen Buchpreis und lasen dem Auditorium eine kurze Passage aus ihrem ausgewählten Buch vor.



# Section Française

# Au revoir !



GS



MS

PS



# Section Française



Section Française

CP



CE2



CE1



# Section Française



**CM1**



**CM2**

**Bonnes vacances!**

# EPC Library



Dear Parents,

**Summer is just around the corner!**

**The summer borrowing program** for this year will start from **June 10 to June 14**. All students are welcome to borrow up to **5 books**, and parents are able to take **10 items!** Please present your access pass to our Library staff. 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 07**. All infant students should be under parent's escort to prevent misunderstanding in the future.

All books for summer borrowing program should be returned immediately to the Library on the first day of school year, i.e. **August 19, 2013**. Any items that are not returned by then will be seen as **overdue loans**, and charges of **NT\$ 5 per book per day** may be applicable (for parents only). As a good example to our children, we'd like you to take good care of our library books and to return the loans on time. For more detailed information, please visit: <http://libguides.tes.tp.edu.tw/content.php?pid=464219>

Lastly, before we all head for the hot summer holiday, the Library Team would like to say "**THANK YOU**" to our 6 wonderful Student Librarians who have worked with us as a team during lunch break and were great help to us: **Ashley Tan, Elizabeth Brown, Capucine Faure, Annika Costello, Vanessa Kang, and Dana Tils**.

Happy Summer!

Primary Library Team

# EPC Library



Taipei European School Primary Campus Library

## Summer Borrowing Program

Take some books on vacation!  
Starting from 10 June to 14 June 2013  
Return all the borrowed items by 18th  
August 2013

You can borrow up to 5 books  
(10 for each PARENT!!!)

All existing loans and payment for  
any lost books must be  
returned/paid for by 07 June 2013

Have a good break and Happy Reading!!