Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Our thoughts go to the family and friends of Shrijana Pujari, our Didi, who passed away this Monday. It is at tragic times, such as this, when our community spirit and support really come to the fore - thank you to everyone that has come forward and helped the family. It is a big week for the school as we welcome Mr. Laurence Burgess and Mr. Michael Leahy to the school as prospective candidates for the Head of Primary vacancy. Please do take the opportunity to speak with them either at the Parents Information Session on Thursday morning (8:30 am) or around the school over the next couple of days.

Community continues to be the theme as we have our K-Pop Festival on Saturday, followed by the Owls Pot-Luck on Sunday and Mother Tongue Language Day on Wednesday. I look forward to seeing you at one or all three of these events.

Good luck to our Sixth Form students who will be sitting their Mock Examinations next week. This is an opportunity to demonstrate the depth of their learning and identify areas of development for the ‘real thing’ in the summer.

Finally I would like to thank two of our parents (Mr. Satish Joshi and Mr. Ben Spencer) for talking with our senior students about Air Quality on Monday. It will be interesting to see how many of our students take up the challenge of being advocates and campaigners for an issue that affects us all.

Have a lovely end to the week and weekend.

Brian Platts

Recent and future events

Shrijana Pujari

It is with profound sadness that we are informing you of the passing away of Shrijana Pujari on Monday morning. Shrijana had been working as a Didi at our school since January 2018 and had recently been on maternity leave after giving birth to a baby girl, Saanvi in December. Shrijana leaves behind a husband, Sajesh, and two young children, Sayali (10 years old) and Saanvi (2 months old). As a school, we will be supporting Shrijana’s family in a variety of ways. We know that many members of our community would like to help the family during this incredibly difficult time and we will therefore accept any monetary donations for the remainder of this week, which will be passed directly onto the family. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please pass this onto Ms. Nancy Khetan, in the Marketing Office at the front of the school or to the Primary Reception, preferably in a sealed envelope.

Leavers Term 3

Thank you to those parents who have confirmed that your children will be leaving this term. Early notice is really helpful as it does allow us to plan ahead for the new term. Please let Ms. Bajracharya in the admissions office know that your children will be leaving, by Friday 15th March so that we can return your deposits in full & in timely fashion.
**Kpop Festival - Saturday**

After the grand success in the first year, the sixth formers are back again with the KPOP music festival. **On Saturday 16th February**, we will be holding a festival celebrating Korean pop music. All parents and children are welcome to join us in cheering the many performances from local groups doing Korean pop. **The tickets are 400NPRs before the day of the event and 500NPRs on the day.** We hope you will be able to join us! Tickets are available at the school shop or with the sixth formers.

**TBS Owls - Potluck**

There will be an informal potluck picnic on the TBS school grounds on Sunday 17th February from 11:00am to 2:00pm organised by the owls. All parents, children and teachers are welcome. Please bring a dish to share. Owls will bring some footballs to kick around but feel free to bring other athletic equipment. Hope to see you all there!

**USEF Mini-Fair**

On **21st February**, during PSHE time, TBS will be hosting 15 American colleges and universities; this will give students in Years 11 and 12 the opportunity to discuss with the counsellors what options they have in the U.S.A. They will also use this time to research their future if they are interested in studying elsewhere.

**TBS 2K FunRun**

We are joining hands with Himalayan Outdoor Festival and organising a 2K FunRun which will take place on Saturday, 23rd February. Please support us by taking part in the run. All funds raised from the event will support our community partners. Registration will start on Monday 11th February. We hope to see many of you there!

**International Mother Language Day**

The incredible International Mother Language Day is almost upon us! To celebrate this special day, on **Wednesday 20th February from 5-6pm** we will be hosting a multilingual event in the Primary Library. Children and parents are encouraged to join us in their national dress, with story books or poems in their spoken languages. A variety of cultural cuisine will be provided, alongside a host of exciting, multilingual storytelling! Supervision is essential, and all admission proceeds (150NPR) will be donated to our TBS charities. We hope to see you there!

**Year 13 Geography DFID UK Lecture**

To compliment the study of different types of aid in the Year 13 Geography Global Interdependence unit, Dr. Simon Lucas came in to explain the work of DFID UK both globally and then more specifically in Nepal. Students learned about the complexities of trying to budget for aid projects, how projects need to be justified and how they are prioritised. It is amazing to see the improvements that have been made with regards to the Sustainable Development Goals in vulnerable countries with DFID UK assistance. I would like to thank Dr. Lucas for his time and excellent presentation.

**TBS Annual Photographs**

The TBS Annual Photographs (class/house and whole school) for this academic year will take place on 5th and 6th March, the week after half term break. We would like everyone to be included in the photograph so please support us by ensuring your child/ren are in attendance on this day. So that the photographs are of the best quality, we ask that all children come into school dressed smartly (house t-shirts for primary).

**TBS Celebrates World Book Day- 7th of March**

To celebrate World Book Day, all TBS students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. We will also be holding booky competitions, including ‘Get caught reading’: students should take the most creative photos of themselves (or a pet) reading to win! Entries should be emailed to msmith@tbs.edu.np for primary and cvilliams@tbs.edu.np for secondary by the 4th of March.