Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS

It has been wonderful welcoming back our students from their various expeditions and hearing their stories about obstacles, challenge, collaboration, success and failure, and tangibly seeing and hearing how much enjoyment and fulfillment they gained from the experience. It is certainly getting a little colder at the moment, so Year 6 parents especially, please ensure that your children are well prepared for their expedition next week with lots of warm clothing!

Thank you to those parents that attended our AGM on Monday; this is certainly an exciting time in the development of our school and as we discussed, we have some incredibly important decisions to make in the foreseeable future. It was great to see many parents at the Maths Information Session this morning; it is clear that we have an innovative, challenging and appropriate curriculum from the Foundation Stage right the way up to Year 13; as Ms. Wood and Ms. Morgan said, “nobody is bad at Maths’.

Last week, we invited two potential candidates to school for the Head of Primary post. Although both candidates were excellent and would have done much to help develop our school in different ways, we felt the ‘fit’ was not right and for this post in particular, this is vitally important. We will therefore be advertising again in the New Year.

Lots of items were sold at the Garage Sale last week and the proceeds will be going to both our national staff benevolent fund and our community partners. We look forward to lots of similar events coming up such as the (W)Intercultural Fair, festive assemblies and of course, we have Secondary Sports Day on Saturday 1st December; these are all great opportunities to come together as a community and celebrate.

Have a lovely end to the week and weekend.

Brian Platts

Recent & future events

Term Dates 2019-20

Although 2018-19 has only just started, planning for 2019-20 begins at around this point of the year. Term dates for the next academic year can be found on our website in this link.

Secondary Sports Day 2018

TBS Annual Sports Day for secondary students will take place from 9am to 1pm on Saturday 1st December at the Army Physical Training and Sports Centre, Lagankhel (a map and directions to the venue is available here). This is a regular school day so all students are expected to turn up. All parents are welcome to attend to watch the students compete in a variety of track and field events. We look forward to celebrating the athletic prowess of our TBS sportswomen and sportmen! Please refer to this link for the schedule of events.

(PS - Primary sports days will take place later in the year!)
(W)Intercultural Fair 2018

The (W)Intercultural Fair 2018 is on Friday 14th December at 2.30pm. If you would like to book a stall please email Mrs. Sangita Pandey. You will have a chance to experience a variety of crafts, foods and games from our international community. This fair is a combination of the Christmas fair and the International fair therefore we are looking forward to have variety of stalls representing the diversity we have at school. Please note that parents need to sign up and book stalls too if they would like to sell their wares. Please contact Ms. Nancy Khetan if you have any queries. Join us with friends and family and make this event more cheerful!

Christmas Gift Collection

During the upcoming festive season, we would like to encourage our students community involvement. We would like to provide gift bags filled with essential items to the children in four of our community partners (Disable Service Association, Hope Rising Children’s Home, Mary Ward - Jhamsikhel and Mary Ward - Lubhu). If you wish to take part in the activity, you will be provided with gift bags to fill. More information to follow on Monday.

Year 7 Expedition experience

The best and fondest memories that students remember from their education is school trips away. The Year 7 Expedition week to Kurintar and Bandipur was one of thrills and laughter where they were scaling heights by rock climbing one minute followed by a trek up a series of steps to gain access to Siddha Gufa cave. This was not your usual entry point, instead they abseiled in from the highest point of the cave onto a ledge and then were belayed down into the pitch black cavern. They then used their head torches to illuminate their path out, working together to assist and support each other back to the entrance to descend. The highlight of the trip had to be the rafting in chilly water, where groups of students enjoyed splashing the teachers and at one point got stuck on a rock! It was a real pleasure for the teachers to get to know Year 7 better outside the classroom, where they challenged themselves, built resilience trying new skills, cooperated with each other and developed leadership qualities. Of course it goes without saying they all had a blast!

Parent information session - School Clubs

Thank you to parents who attended today’s information session on Maths. We are sure it must have been fruitful with some useful tips. This is a gentle reminder that the upcoming Parents Information Session is on Thursday 6th December at 8.30 am, where our focus will be on ‘School clubs' and will be led by Mrs. Lumina Shrestha. We request you to RSVP so that we can organise a suitable space and appropriate refreshments. Please also send in any questions you may have to me, regarding Parenting by Tuesday 4th December, so that we can include these in our presentation. These information sessions are designed to have a focused presentation and discussion about select topics, with an opportunity for parents to ask questions they may have directly to the leadership team. If you have any suggestions or queries regarding these sessions, please contact Ms. Nancy Khetan directly.

Micro Galleries

Do you ever wish that you could see and experience more contemporary Art in Kathmandu? This weekend is the opening event for Micro Galleries which is an event where local and international artists are using Art as a vehicle for change. It presents over 60 creative people who are exploring this years theme of "Empowerment!". Micro Galleries goes live this weekend across Patan with artist talks, tours, music and performances, interactive art and workshops taking place from Friday 23rd- Sunday 25th November. The Micro Galleries can be viewed up until 7th December. More details of events, timings and artists involved can be viewed at www.microgalleries.org.

Library Bags

Replacement book bags for primary students are now available in the school shop.