Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Congratulations to our girls basketball and boys football teams who came 3rd and 2nd in their respective competitions at the weekend; I know they have trained hard all season and have made significant progress.

It was great to see so many parents in school this week for the Year 11 and Primary consultations; these are invaluable opportunities to discuss progress and work together on the next steps. Our senior Maths students are doing the UK Maths Challenge this week where they are sitting challenging papers to test their mathematical skills and will be able to compare their results with students from the UK and all over the world.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended my meeting last week where I outlined the school’s mission and vision, along with our strategic intentions and development plan; thank you for your valued comments and participation. The presentation can be located on the Parent Portal.

We have just completed our short listing for the new Head of Primary School. Two excellent candidates, Michael Leahy and Laurence Burgess, will be joining us in school next Thursday and Friday. On Thursday, from 8:30 am, there is a Parent Information Session on the IPC; the two candidates will also be giving a short presentation on their career and educational philosophy and will be open to questions, so please do RSVP to Ms. Khetan asap.

I know we have many runners and joggers in our community, so please do sign up for the 2K Fun Run on the 23rd February: proceeds will be going to Community Partners Fund.

Have a lovely end to the week and weekend.

Brian Platts

Recent and future events

TBS 2K FunRun

We are joining hands with the Himalayan Outdoor Festival and organising a 2K Fun Run 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!

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!
**Employee of the month - January**

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Ramesh Rai from our Security Team has been awarded as the Employee of the month. On this occasion, we would like to appreciate all his hard work on making sure the school site is safe and secure and would anticipate the same passion in coming days.

**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.

**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!

**NISSA Basketball**

The TBS Yetis recorded their best performance in the NISSA League and Cup Girls Basketball to date, with an amazing season culminating in a fantastic victory in their final game on Saturday last. KISC School in Thecho was the venue for the cup finals and although the TBS Yetis were beaten in the semi finals by a high scoring RatoBangala outfit, they played with great commitment in the 3rd/4th play-off against rivals GEMS School. Trailing in the first three quarters of play TBS staged a comeback in the final quarter which brought the game to extra time. Final Score TBS 39 GEMS 36. Well done to Pema(c), Khushi(c), Ndeye, Medha, Zanne, Saba, Sara, Devasri, Anna, Seoyun, Amodini, Hariria, Adya, Gina, Devanshi and Ema on a great league and cup campaign.

**Kpop Festival 2019**

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 400NPR 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.

**THIMUN 2019 trip**

Last week, 11 students from TBS attended the international THIMUN conference 2019 in Qatar. It was a unique and thoroughly enjoyable experience for both students and teachers. THIMUN not only enhanced our students’ public speaking skills and confidence, but also gave them the opportunity to be exposed to an environment with such cultural diversity. The conference was hosted at the Qatar National Convention Centre, with state-of-the-art facilities. TBS students had incredible amounts of fun making new friends and stepping out of their comfort zone to speak in a new and professional environment. All in all, the THIMUN 2019 trip was a beautiful trip that will be remembered forever. The TBS students who went on this trip would like to sincerely thank Ms. Eudes and Mr. Alderson for their guidance and support.

**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.

**Jhamsikhel Youth Club**

JYC is a club formed by locals in Jhamsikhel area and in our continued effort to keep in loop with the local community, JYC plays a major role. They are playing at the ANFA Football tournament from B division wearing TBS sponsored jerseys.

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| Brian Platts | Principal |
| Pauline Gradden | Vice Principal (Secondary) |
| Maifa Filion | Deputy Head (EYKS1) |
| Jenny Swift | Deputy Head (KS2) |
| Jennifer Pinder | Assistant Head (KS3) |
| Rohan Jayatilake | Assistant Head (KS4) |
| Alex Hands | Assistant Head (KS5) |
| Pritee Gurung | PA to the Principal |
| Analisha Dangol | Primary Office |
| Sona Chhetri | Secondary Office |
| Saipiya Maharjan | Sixth Form Office |
| Lumina Shrestha | After School Clubs |
| Daniel Swift | Head of Learning Support |
| Emma Malla | Safeguarding Head |

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