Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

We were extremely saddened to hear news of the US-Bangla plane crash this week and our thoughts are with the families of those affected. We are not aware of any TBS families who have been directly affected but, as always in times like these, if we can support anyone in any way then please do let someone at school know.

Last week, I mentioned that we would shortly be bidding farewell to Mrs. Kamana Shah after a fantastic 21 years of service. Kamana is away at the moment to perform essential family duties but we will say a proper goodbye and thank-you in the last assembly of term. Kamana has recently been teaching Foundation 2 and she has worked in the TBS Early Years team throughout her time with us. She was initially a class learning support teacher, then developed into a class teacher who led Foundation 1 for many years.

As the first teacher many of our children have had, she was always incredibly patient, kind and gentle in getting our young people off to the very best educational start and ensuring they quickly learned to love school. She has been great fun to work with and we will miss her but wish her well on her promotion to lead the Early Years team at Brihaspati Vidya Sadan.

Just a reminder that there are no clubs in the last week of term but plenty of exciting events taking place in their stead including Cinderella & Rockerfella and Secondary House Basketball!

Dr. John Moore
Principal

Recent & future events

Final Call for Spring Camp Registration:

if you would like your child to attend the Spring Camp during the Easter holidays then do sign up with Mrs. Lumina Shrestha or register at the school shop. At the current time we have 9 children signed up for week 1 so we will go ahead with this. However there are only 2 children signed up for week 2 so it is looking like this will not go ahead. We will make a decision on Monday 19th April and email parents to confirm.
Trivia Night
The annual Trivia Night, open for parents and students (Year 10 upwards), will be taking place tomorrow night! (Friday 16th March 2018, from 6pm to 8pm). This is an evening of competitive entertainment and excitement that will test your knowledge on a wide variety of topics. Prizes are available. Tickets are 500NRs per person and can be purchased by emailing prefects@tbs.edu.np. Tickets will also be sold at the front gate in the mornings and in the school shop.

WORDMANIA 2018
Wordmania is back! In the most recent international competition, Year 3 got to third place and won a £100 GBP Amazon voucher! This time, the competition is between the FOBISIA schools in Asia. Round Two begins 26th March (the first week of the 2 week holiday) so lots of extra time to help get The British School to the top of the charts!

Home and Host Countries within the IPC
During conversations with your children about what they have been doing at school, you may have heard them mention ‘Home’ and ‘Host’ countries when they talk about IPC. International Mindedness is an important feature of the IPC and one of the ways we access this is through discussions centred around Home and Host. So what do these terms mean? Our Home country is the country in which we were born, or the country that our parents are from (many children at TBS will have more than one ‘Home’)! The Host country for all of us is Nepal. Exploring similarities and differences between the two - be it through geography, art, history, music or society - is an important aspect of our learning.

FOBISIA Drama Festival
On the 27th February, Miss Cockle and Mr. Sotang took 18 students to the FOBISIA Drama festival that occurred at Garden International school, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The educational excursion lasted for 6 days and culminated by performing to over 300 people. During the festival, students worked collaboratively with around 200 students from 12 other schools to undertake workshops on practitioners, styles and acting. Students also studied one of 10 different literary characters, and developed a performance that focused on presenting a character as if they were a hero or a villain.

TBS Coffee and Conversation mornings
We have been holding a regular series of meetings for parents over the course of the year (coffee and conversation mornings) and this week was the turn of the Modern Foreign Languages team to ‘show and tell’. Thank you to parents who attend and share their thoughts with us. It is really useful to reflect on the views that are expressed and move forward with the best ideas! Term 4 meetings for parents will include a general meeting with the Principal, which will include a PE update (April 19th), What is Safeguarding? (April 26th), Meet the new Principal, Brian Platts (May 3rd) and Nepali at TBS (May 10th). They start at 8.20am (or once you have got a tea or coffee!) and are usually in the library.

Lunch Survey by the TBS OWLS
To all TBS community members, parents, staff and students, the TBS Owls are looking into the lunch system at TBS and how it might develop in the future. We would like input from as many people as possible to better understand the present situation and gather your ideas for the future. There are different ways we are collecting data and one of them is through a brief 2 minute online survey. You can complete it by clicking on one of the following links: Parent Survey, Staff Survey & Secondary Student Survey or you can follow the link that you will receive via email. We will also be at school in the mornings and afternoons next week with iPADs, so that you can complete the survey on the spot. Please complete one survey per household. The links will be open until Friday, March 30th so that information can be shared at the Board of Governors meeting in April. We hope to get many responses from all of you, so that we have a better understanding of the TBS lunch system. Thanks for your help!

Absence from school
From time to time we make a plea to parents to try to minimise children’s absence from school. We appreciate this is not easy for international school parents but there is a significant negative impact on children if their absence rate is high. This information sheet that we have put on our website gives a little more information about our thinking.

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