Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Walking around the **clubs and activities sessions** this week is to witness a great deal of learning happening and a calm, fun, collaborative atmosphere. Although the first week of a new block of clubs can be very difficult to organise, Mrs. Lumina Shrestha deserves great praise for ensuring this process runs so smoothly. Lumina has also collected information from parents regarding clubs that were most popular and filled up quickly. In the vast majority of cases we have been able to allocate additional resources to give children their first choices but in the few instances where this has not been possible we will arrange this for Term 4 and/or add children part way through this term as others drop out. Lumina is sharing parents’ feedback from Term 1 & 2 with everyone who runs clubs so we can try to make them even better. Thank you to all parents for this valuable feedback. Please do keep an eye on your children. Some parents have signed even the youngest children up for more clubs than the usual recommended number so we will monitor how well they cope with their longer days.

I would also like to thank parents for the continued cooperation in ensuring we do all we can to be safe around the TBS site. Please do thank your drivers for helping the guards keep traffic organised and safe around school and to all parents and carers for wearing our identity badges on the school site. Everyone’s consideration and vigilance is helping to keep the school a safe and happy place for our young people.

John Moore
Principal

**Recent & future events**

**TBS Owls Picnic - change of date**

The TBS Owls will combine the New Year/ Welcome picnic and the volleyball tournament so this fun family event will take place on **Saturday 3rd February** from 10am until 2pm (with Volleyball starting at 8.30am). Also worth noting is that **our primary sports day is on Saturday 17th February** (except for Foundation 1 and 2 who will have a special sports morning in school on Thursday 15th February). We will write to remind you of these events nearer the time but just some early warning so that you can put the date in family diaries!
Health and Safety Update
The health and safety of all students and staff at TBS continues to be a top priority. As part of our health and safety training, we conduct regular drills to practice the systems we have in place and to identify areas of improvement. On Wednesday, TBS conducted an entire school lockdown drill - simulating an intruder on site. Staff and students were very quick to respond to the situation, lock doors and remain out of sight (see the picture above). We carry out similar practices for fire and earthquake scenarios and, in the 2015 earthquake which took place on a Saturday, many of our children went into earthquake drill mode in their own homes, keeping their families calm, so it can be useful for parents to talk to their children about planning through with children. If you would like to know more about all our emergency planning then please do talk to Mr. Rohan Jayatilake, and for those who are interested the student information we share with our older children can be found here.

TBS Musicians examination successes!

Last week we reported about the London College of Music successes in Music Theory and we congratulated students in assembly. Congratulations to the students who passed their Royal Schools of Music exams in piano - Daniel (Grade 4), Meghna (Grade 6), Yashasvi (Grade 4), Anoushka (Grade 5) and Megha (Grade 5). Learning a musical instrument to this level takes resilience, engagement, thoughtfulness (and other TBS learning characteristics) but it is also great fun and a fantastic skill for life. Well done to them all. Great effort and keep going!

NISSA League
The Senior Girls' Basketball team and Boys' Football team were back in action last weekend after the winter break. The girls lined up against league favourites Rato Bangala on Saturday morning and started strongly maintaining a level score in first quarter. TBS were on good scoring form, but Rato Bangala's greater experience told and they clocked up more points to win the game. The Boys' Football team had a crucial league fixture versus KISC at the Church pitch. An assured performance from the TBS defence ensured a clean sheet for Chris. Goals from Sreyams and Arvan sealed the 2-0 victory for TBS. This weekend both Yeti teams play in their respective final four tournaments. The Boys' Football Team are in action at the Army ground in Lagankhel on Saturday and the Girls' Basketball team play at Lincoln on Sunday. Go Yetis!

Employee of the month!
Indra Kala Waiba is Ground Staff - Employee of the month December 2017. Indra has worked at TBS for more than 25 years and this year she works in Foundation 1 perhaps one of the most demanding areas for didis at TBS. Indra has been recognised as Employee of the month for her good work, positive attitude, and consistency. Indra willingly goes the extra mile, has covered for absent colleagues and is always kind and helpful to the children. Thank you Indra!

TBS Community Volleyball tournament
On Saturday, 3rd February, TBS will host the Second Community Volleyball tournament. Six teams will face off for the 1st place position and we are expecting high quality games. There are some well-drilled student, Teacher, Dais and Parent teams. Games will commence on the TBS new courts at 8.30am and will conclude by 4pm. All money raised will be donated to the TBS charities. Spectators are welcome as this event is combined with the TBS Owls picnic. We hope you will be able to attend.