Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,  
When I first visited TBS, over 5 years ago now, there were two brass plaques, one outside the Hall and one near the pond, proclaiming TBS as ‘An English Speaking Zone’. Whilst I am sure this was intended to be positive, (learning and speaking English is certainly a good thing), there was something that always felt slightly wrong with this slogan. One of the joys of working and living in an international community is listening to the variety of languages we speak and learning about other cultures and traditions. So it was very nice to celebrate this with our International Mother Language Day on Wednesday. Thanks to all the parents who joined in and especially to those who read stories to the children. It was great to celebrate our differences together (and those plaques disappeared some time ago!).

Holi is one of the most important festivals celebrated in the Kathmandu valley and around Nepal. Given the importance of Holi as a major Hindu festival, TBS traditionally enjoys a holiday on that day. School will therefore be closed on Thursday 1st March 2018 for this year’s Holi celebration. TBS will reopen on 2nd March as per normal.

The Sixth Form students were trying to arrange a special Holi event but due to low ticket sales, the event on Sunday 25th Feb has been postponed. The students will try to organise a similar family event for Term 4 so watch this space.

John Moore  
Principal

Recent & future events

International Mother Language Day  
Thanks to all the children and parents who took part in International Mother Language Day. Thanks also to Ms. Anna Griffin who led the organising team!

Spring Camp  
If you would like your children to attend the Spring Camp during the Easter holidays then do sign up with Mrs. Lumina Shrestha or register at the school shop. These camps have been very successful in the past and if Lumina has an idea of numbers early she can make sure there is as wide a range of activities for the children as possible.
MSMUN Conference

At the beginning of December, Key Stage 3 parents will have received a letter promoting the Middle School Model United Nations conference that is taking place in Doha from 12th to 15th April 2018. Should you want your child to participate in this fantastic opportunity, please contact Ms. Karine Eudes.

Performance by Band of Brigade of Gurkha

Is there a better way to start the day than by listening to a rousing performance by the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas? Thank you to Major Gurung and all our BGN friends for organising this for us!

Primary Sports Day 2018

The Primary Sports Day (which was actually spread over several days this year!) began energetically on Thursday with the Early Years sports morning at TBS. There was great parental support for this event and all the Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 children participated in a wide range of jumping, throwing and running activities. The venue for the Saturday Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Day was the Army training ground in Lagankhel and the professional facilities inspired some fantastic performances. Highlights on the day included the resilient athletes’ awards, the competitive 800m endurance running and the great support from all our TBS community. Well done to all our Primary athletes!

U13 FOBISIA

Best wishes to the U13 FOBISIA team who travelled to Phuket this week for the U13 FOBISIA games. 20 students will battle it out for medals in Swimming, Athletics, Football & Basketball against seven other schools from all over Asia. Good luck to our FOBISIA Yetis!

The Big Read

It has been amazing to see how enthusiastic the primary children are about The Big Read! Some of the children are so keen they have started reading the books by themselves. The rules of The Big Read state that the books need to be read together with an adult at home, this could be you reading aloud to them or them reading aloud to you. Reading together helps children understand stories at a much deeper level. It also has a wider impact beyond reading as it creates moments of connection at home with family members as Rebecca Bellingham discusses in her Ted Talk on Why We Should Read Aloud to Children.

Baker Books

Once again the TBS Library is promoting the Baker Books Spring order list. This time we have a huge collection of stimulating and interesting books for students from Foundation 1 onwards. The link for filling up the baker book form is here. The catalogues are here - Foundation 1 - Year 4 and Year 5 - Year 11 with the price list which has been converted into local currency. The deadline for completing your order is 25th February 2018.

Parenting in the Screen time Era

Technology has made our lives better in so many ways but it also presents new challenges. Parents regularly ask us for guidance on children’s use of technology and this link to the American Academy of Pediatrics has some very useful advice and questions to reflect on. As with many things, balance is the key! Read more

TBS Community Club went out on Friday afternoon to do one of their litter picks. Five full bin bags were picked up in 30 minutes!