Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

I hope everyone had a good Tihar break and we are now back into the swing of things with a good run up to Christmas. There are lots of exciting events happening in the next 7 weeks before we break up on 15th December and much for TBS children to enjoy.

Although we know international school families sometimes have more complicated travel plans than might be the norm, it is worth reiterating the importance of school attendance. Missing school can have a devastating effect on learning, progress and achievement in both the short and long term. For this reason, in the UK, parents have no legal right to take children out of school for holidays and headteachers can only grant leave in ‘exceptional circumstances’. Although we do not fall under the jurisdiction of these laws, I mention this because we have had a particularly high rate of absence so far this year. Parents do need to be aware that it will have an impact on learning and that we are asked about the nature and frequency of absences when schools and colleges ask us for references.

Just a reminder that there are Key Stage 2 expeditions next week so that means no clubs for Year 3 to 6 all week. EYKS1 clubs continue as normal though. Good luck to all those on expeditions - have a great week!

Recent & future events

TBS Instrumental Lessons

There are a wide range of individual instrumental lessons available in school. Here is the link to the Instrumental Lesson Timetable for Term 2. Please note that lessons now rotate on a weekly basis. This is so students do not miss the same subject or topic every week.

Parents Forum: Building Resilience in Young People

Few of us would disagree that we would like our children to be resilient in the face of challenges. But how do we encourage children to develop this quality? Next Thursday in the Secondary Library (8.30am to 9.30am) our school counsellor, Ms. Sophia Groom, will lead a parent discussion at the coffee and conversation morning. Please email Ms. Shaka if you are joining us.

Links to further information pages so you can see what children are learning

- Foundation 1
- Foundation 2
- Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6
- Learning Support TBS Music TBS Sports TBS Drama
- TBS OFSTED report 2016 Community Projects
- Learning at home links for Year 7, Year 8, & Year 9
Annapurna’s run to Victory
The TBS Secondary Annual Sports Day was held at the Armed Police Force ground in Halchowk on Saturday 14th October. TBS records were broken in running, jumping and throwing, with some students even breaking their own records from last year. The High Jump event was held at the stadium for the first time and saw a record jump of 1.65m in front of a vocal crowd. There was lots of parent support on the day and very accurate officiating by TBS Secondary staff ensured the smooth running of all events. Well done to all students who participated and congratulations to Annapurna who took the overall trophy by a margin of 66 points. Final scores: Annapurna 782 points, Kanchenjunga 716 points, Dhaulagiri 693 points, Makalu 666 points. Please click here for pictures from the day.

Sixth Form Charity
We are asking for help for our new sixth form charity project schools in Chautara, Sindupalchowk. We have a donation box set up at the front of school, by the gate. The donation box will be collecting clothes (including shoes), books and toys for children under 12. Please make sure the toys and clothes are not broken or ripped.

TBS Flickr
Did you know you could view photos for various TBS events directly from our website? Just 2 clicks and you will see our photo albums on Flickr! Please refer to these illustrations to find out how...

Well done to Shreyas
It is always nice when you become a published writer so well done to Shreyas in Year 11 for his thoughtful journalism published in the Kathmandu post. Shreyas writes about his ‘real eye-opener and exceptional experience of poverty and gender inequality’. It is well worth a read and a reminder to do our best to raise awareness and to combat such issues! Read it here!

International Day 2017
On Friday 13th October, TBS celebrated all the different nationalities we have represented in the school. We started the day with the annual costume parade around the school, which parents joined as well. After this, children from Year 1 up to Year 10 worked together converting classrooms into the different countries we have represented at TBS. In the afternoon we had a chance to travel the world and learn more about the different places our friends come from. To finish off the afternoon we had an International Extravaganza Assembly where children showcased a diverse range of cultures and traditions from around the world. Thank you to everyone who became part of the celebration. Please click here for pictures from the day.

TBS Annual General Meeting
Thank you to all those parents who came and contributed. The Board will continue to work on the points raised.