Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

We have had a great week of learning (as always!) and we have an exciting weekend to look forward to with the TBS Owls’ picnic and the volleyball tournament. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the picnic and cheer on the parent, staff or student volleyball teams. It has been an unusual week for a number of staff as we have been in and out of school as we finalise our visas and work permits. We always get there in the end with these things but I would like to praise the staff who have covered for those out of school over the last couple of days. The smooth running of the school is a testament to their adaptability and effort. We are very fortunate to have such a hard-working and talented team at TBS. Thank you also to the Board of Governors who always give generously of their time but who have been particularly proactive this week in supporting us with all the administrative work we have to do behind the scenes.

John Moore
Principal

Recent & future events

**TBS Owls Picnic - change of date**
This Saturday (3rd Feb) sees the TBS Owls' **New Year/Welcome picnic** (10am until 2pm) and the **volleyball tournament** (starting at 8.30am!). All are welcome! Please bring a ‘potluck’ picnic lunch (this means everyone brings food to be shared with others). TBS Owls will provide the drinks!

**Holi Extravaganza**
TBS’s Community Club would like to invite all students (Year 3 and above) to their **Holi Extravaganza fundraiser** on Sunday 25th February. There will be separate times for Primary and Secondary students. All proceeds will go to TBS Community Projects (see the posters around school). Tickets will be available from Miss Jenny Pinder, Miss Claire Patterson and Primary reception.

**Year 5 wrote letters to their favourite authors just before Christmas, persuading them to visit TBS. Our first airmail has arrived from J. K. Rowling (who visited TBS herself not so long ago)!**

Links to further information pages so you can see what children are learning
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- TBS IPC webpage
- Learning Support
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- TBS Sports
- TBS Drama
- TBS OFSTED report 2016
- Community Projects
- Learning at home links for Year 7, Year 8, & Year 9
Qatar THIMUN 2018

Last week eleven students from Year 11 and Year 12 traveled to Doha in Qatar to take part in THIMUN 2018 - an international model United Nations conference, now in its 7th year, that attracts schools from all over the world. Model United Nations is a simulation of the real UN, in which student delegations are assigned different countries that they must represent throughout several days of lobbying, resolution writing and debating. This year TBS was representing Algeria in a conference focused on promoting gender equality worldwide.

Assigning to the different committees of the UN, our students debated issues ranging from reductions in small arms to climate change to preventing tax avoidance by transnational corporations. They worked with students from schools all over the world, forging simulated political alliances and real friendships in the process. Despite long, busy days, the conference still allowed some time for sightseeing, with the students visiting the Museum of Islamic Art and a traditional souq or marketplace. With plans for a Middle School MUN trip later in the year, we hope that the senior delegation can now share their new, improved skills in international diplomacy with our younger students.

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. For the moment, we do not have enough students to run this trip. Should you want your child to potentially participate in this fantastic opportunity, please contact Ms. Karine Eudes urgently.

Big Read Information

Often all it takes for a child to fall in love with reading is sharing a good book. So with all this in mind we are launching The Big Read! Your child’s class will have a set of books that they need to read with you plus a quiz booklet they need to fill in after reading each book. When you and your child have read all 4 books together and completed The Big Read Big Quiz, hand the quiz booklet into your child’s class teacher. Your child’s name will then be entered into a prize draw. The winners will go on a special trip to Wisdom Bookshop to buy a new book for our library! The deadline for entries is Friday 14th May!

Welcome to Mrs. Ambika Maskey & Mrs. Shrijana Pujari

We welcomed two new members to the TBS team last week. Mrs. Ambika Maskey (right) joins us from Ullens to work with Ms. Harman with Year 2H and Mrs. Shrijana Pujari joins our dedicated and hard-working ground staff team. We hope they will both be very happy working here!

ECTC Visit by Sixth Form Students

Sixth form students visited ECTC, a local counselling service who deliver therapy, counselling and training, to develop ideas and discuss funding options for a sustainable mental health awareness programme for young people. Funding from sales of the school magazine will go towards implementing PSHE sessions and a programme that could be delivered at TBS and in schools around Kathmandu. Students also planned to be part of training and workshops in listening skills, so they are better equipped to be more effective peer support for younger students at TBS. Well done everyone involved!

Circus Extravaganza… Dhauligiri Community Fundraiser (5th - 9th February)

Come and see TBS students and staff perform alongside the impressive skilled performers of Circus Kathmandu. Friday 9th February 3.00pm - 4.00pm in the Hall. Tickets (800NRs primary and 800NRs secondary & adults) can be purchased either from reception or from Ms. Patterson.

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