Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS, I hope all TBS families enjoy the Holi celebrations tomorrow (and just a last reminder that school is closed for the day!). Occasionally newer parents ask me what FOBISIA is. It stands for the Federation of British International Schools in Asia and there are 55 member schools who can evidence their high quality through successful inspection reports. As a Head of a FOBISIA school I liaise with other Headteachers, staff also collaborate with online and face to face training events. For parents and students, the most significant aspect of being a member of FOBISIA is the opportunity for the children to attend sporting, musical, dramatic, or academic events and compete or collaborate with learners of a similar mindset but with different contexts and experiences. For a small school we are extremely active (thanks for all the parental support): this week our Key Stage 3 children are at the FOBISIA Drama Festival in Malaysia, last week our U13 FOBISIA games team competed in Phuket, are sending a Mathematics team to Shanghai next week and will be competing online in the Word Mania FOBISIA competition which starts soon. Earlier in the year we hosted a Choral Festival at TBS and you can read about this and find out more in the FOBISIA newsletter.

On a different note, Sanepa is largely very safe and we do teach the children about ‘Stranger Danger’ to encourage safe travel to and from school. However this week we have had a few reports of some odd behaviour from individuals around school. We always inform the police and remind children to take care, but it would be worth parents reiterating this, especially if children make their own way home from school.

Recent & future events

FOBISIA U13 Games

Last week a team of 20 Year 7 & 8 students competed in the U13 FOBISIA Games in Phuket. Their hard work and dedication paid off and every member of the team came home with at least 2 medals. The competition began with swimming and athletics, some wonderful individual performances resulted in personal bests and many trips to the podium. The team sports saw even more success; the girls’ team finished as runners up in both football and basketball. The boys’ team were runners up in the football and were crowned champions in the basketball. Well Done Yetis!

Links to further information pages so you can see what children are learning
- Foundation 1
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- 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
TBS Annual Photographs
The TBS Annual Photographs (class/house and whole school) for this academic year will take place next week on Wednesday 7th March. We would like everyone to be included in the photograph so please support us by ensuring your child/ren are in attendance on this day. So that the photographs are of the best quality, we ask that all children come into school dressed smartly (house t-shirts for primary). We will notify you as soon as the photographs are ready for order.

NISSA LEAGUE

The Senior Boys’ Basketball team and Senior Girls’ Football team were in action at the weekend, both playing in the opening games of their respective NISSA leagues. It was a double header versus Rato Bangala hosted at TBS on Saturday morning. The boys started strongly and had three great quarters of basketball but lost narrowly on a 30-33 point scoreline. The girls’ footballers had a fantastic opening game winning 6-1. Well done to them for a dominant performance and a comprehensive victory.

Primary Boys’ Basketball
TBS Primary Boys Basketballers, coached by our own Head Boy, had a great performance against Rosebud School on Monday evening. This fast paced game saw lots of fast breaks and decisive offensive play. Rosebud were victorious on a 21-16 point scoreline but our Primary Yetis battled until the end. Well done to the whole squad and Coach Chris!

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.

International Mother Language Day
On Wednesday last week we celebrated International Mother Language Day. We enjoyed tasty treats from our international community thanks to the OWLs, learnt about how International Mother Language Day was so important to our students and families from Bangladesh, and listened to stories in Turkish, Dutch, Bengali, Chinese, Welsh, French, Italian, Spanish and Nepali. We realised that it was so much fun listening to stories in any language!

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. They have a big collection of stimulating and interesting books for students from Foundation 1 upwards. The link for the baker book order 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 Nepali Rupees. The deadline is 5th March 2018.

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