Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

The excitement in Key Stage 2 this week has reached record heights with children attending their expedition weeks. Looking at the pictures on twitter, the children have had a great time and taken part in some fantastic enrichment activities. These are the rich experiences that will hopefully stay with them forever and it is great to be out and about in this beautiful country. Thank you to all parents for helping them prepare and for supporting our expedition weeks.

Although 2017-18 has only just started, planning for 2018-19 begins at around this point of the year. The term dates for 2018-19 were discussed by a parent governor group last week and the finalised dates are here. Similarly we begin recruitment by advertising our potential staff opportunities this week. We will be joined by Brian Platts, TBS Principal from August 2018, for the interviews in late November/early December. I will move on to be Head of School at St. Andrew’s International School S107 in Thailand in August.

I am attending the FOBISIA Heads and Senior Leaders’ Conference this weekend and we have also arranged for Brian to attend so we can continue our handover discussions. As you know, TBS are very active members of the federation. In recent years we have attended a wide variety of FOBISIA student events and we are conscious this is an additional cost to parents. We will continue to offer the opportunities but will never be offended if parents feel there are too many trips and/or the cost of foreign trips and competitions is too high. There are many opportunities in Nepal, and through the online competitions, so students will always have lower cost opportunities too.

John Moore
Principal

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.
Notice from Admissions Office: Leaver notice
Could you please let Ms. Manisha Bajracharya know if you are planning to leave at the end of Term 2 as soon as possible. Early notice not only helps us to plan ahead for Term 3 but it also enables us to work with children and students on their transition to a new school. In terms of the return of deposits, the last date to notify us if children are leaving TBS is Friday 10th November 2017. If you are planning to leave within the term then you must provide us with half a terms’ prior written notice as per our fee policy.

U15 FOBISIA
The U15 FOBISIA team are in Phuket this week for the multi sports FOBISIA games. Hosted at the Thanyapura Sports resort, seventeen TBS students are competing in Swimming, Athletics, Basketball and Football competitions. Read the full report here next week. Go Yetis!

TBS Owls Book Club: All welcome!
A TBS Book Club will begin on Friday 24th November 8.30am by discussing Buffalo Soldier by award winning author Tanya Landman. If you are interested then all you need to do is read the book and come along on the day (exact location will be confirmed!). For more information contact the TBS OWLS.

Poppy Appeal 2017
Poppies are on sale at the various offices at TBS for those who would like to wear a poppy as a sign of remembrance and/or contribute to the British Legion appeal. A minimum contribution of 100 NRs per Poppy is appropriate.

Ground staff Employee of the month
Well done to Mr. Ratna Bahadur Gurung who is our ground staff employee of the month. Although the rankings were so close amongst the ground staff that we had to select this month’s prize winner by a ballot, Ratna Bahadur emerged as the first ever winner of the monthly award. Well done to all the ground staff team who quietly keep the school running smoothly and safely and keep it looking so nice.

TBS Library news
The TBS Librarians had been opening on Sunday mornings for parents and children to use the library but this has seen limited visitors so we will suspend Sunday openings for a while. However they would like to encourage parents and children who would like to borrow additional books to come to the library on Friday afternoons and they will be happy to issue books then!

TBS Bus availability
If you would like to know more about the bus routes and availability on school buses then our Bursar/Head of Finance Mr. Uday Shrestha is the person to see. At the moment the are available seats on the Bhaisepati/ Khumaltar route and he has organised extra buses where there has been demand. Do see Uday if you are interested or want to find out more!

F1 enjoyed their first forest school trip to Chobar. They explored digging the mud, looking for bugs and eating a picnic snack outdoors. It was a wonderful experience!

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