“Whenever an individual or business decides that success has been attained, progress stops”

Thomas J. Watson

UPCOMING EVENTS...

FEBRUARY
- Monday 13th - Half term break starts
- Friday 17th - 5.30pm onwards - Year 9 Charity presents The Lego Batman premiere in Labim Mall
- Saturday 18th - 11.00am onwards - British Council WOW Festival
- Saturday 18th - 7.30pm onwards - Eddie Izzard bringing his Force Majeure show to TBS - Strictly adults/over 18s only
- Monday 20th - School opens after half term break @ 8.15am as usual
- Tuesday 21st - 6.00pm-8.00pm - Board of Governors’ Meeting

Upcoming... PRIMARY

FEBRUARY
- Tuesday 21st - 8.30am to 12.00pm - F2 Outdoor Learning
- Friday 24th - 8.30am to 2.30pm - Year 5 Trip to Ashapuri - Building a Village Trip
- Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th - 8.30am to 12.00pm - Year 6 Entry Point Half Day Visits to Kirtipur & Boudhanath

Upcoming... SECONDARY

FEBRUARY
- Monday 20th - Mock examinations week for Years 12 & 13 (normal lessons for Year 13 on Monday)
- Monday 20th - 3.40pm to 5.45pm - Year 11 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 22nd - 10am to 2.00pm - Community Science Teacher Day
- Monday 27th - 3.30pm Year 9 & 10 China trip meeting

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Thank you to the TBS Owls who organised the picnic last weekend. It was good to see so many people attending and a very enjoyable event. I hope all those who came into school had fun. The school hosts activities seven days a week now and we have plans for holiday courses over the Easter and Summer break alongside a return of Saturday opening hours at the library after half term. Obviously everything happening on the TBS site needs to consider health & safety, child protection and the careful use of our resources and equipment, but it is a pleasure to see TBS children and families using the site at the weekend and in the holidays.

Organising clubs and activities in any school ranks amongst the most challenging roles. Every week at TBS there are over 150 club sessions with an average of 15 children in each session. So, in a quiet week, there are a minimum of 2250 logistical moves to plot to keep all our children and students happy. It is a never-ending challenge. However, we are aiming for excellence, so do continue to offer feedback. We are working with the Parent Portal developers to make the process easier (the ICT team are on hand every morning to help with any ICT issues) and we will try to open up duplicate clubs in those activities with high demand. Do email Ms. Rachana Adhikari with feedback and she will work with Mr. Wambeek to try to please all of the people all of the time!

Recent & future events

Sungava Training Visit

Year 10 hosted three of the ladies from Sungava Girls' home last Friday for a full day of observation and training. The Sungava ladies provide activities and life lessons for the girls who attend the home, which is located in Swayambhunath. During their day at TBS they developed their sewing skills and practised their delivery of physical and classroom activities. Year 10 presented them with two new electric sewing machines for the home and and their first order for 15 blankets. This was a school wide effort so many thanks to all teachers and classes who hosted our visitors during the day!
WOW Festival @ Staff College Jawalakhel

The British Council are supporting a Women of the World Festival at the Staff College Jawalakhel on Saturday 18th February. Further details about the event can be found here.

Senior ROBISIA Games 2017

Regents’ International School in Pattaya was the venue for the highly anticipated Senior Games tournament. TBS entered a girls and boys team with a selection of our best footballers and basketballers from Year 9, 10 and 11. The girls narrowly missed out on semi-final positions in both football and basketball which was a huge improvement on last year’s performance. The boys team were in very challenging company in the basketball competition, but made their mark in football with some good performances. Next up for our seniors is the NISSA Girls Football and Boys Basketball leagues. Good luck to both teams!

Year 5 Trip to Asapuri village

On Friday, 24th February, the Year 5 class will take a day trip to a village in Asapuri. They will learn about sustainable building and farming practices. They will also use their sketchbooks to map and illustrate what they see. All of this is part of their IPC unit, Building a Village. Year 5 parents are asked to review the information letter, and ensure children arrive at school on time at 8.00am sharp so we can leave on schedule.

Health checks: head lice screening

The school nurse, Mrs. Pabitra Deula, recently sent out a letter regarding screening all primary children for head lice on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st February. If you could do a pre-check during half term and a check later on in the week it will help us try to minimise the cases we experience. There is absolutely no stigma associated with head lice and all schools have cases. However, it is an irritation so it would be good to work together to try to ensure children remain as comfortable as possible!

Reminder about option choice forms

Year 9 and 11 should be returning their option choice forms tomorrow (Friday 10th) so that we can begin the process of timetabling for 2017-18.

Volleyballers in action

The TBS Senior Girls’ and Boys’ volleyball teams had a series of friendly games on Sunday against two TBS staff teams. The ICT department and dais gave a great challenge to our ever improving volleyballers on the newly lined courts. The Senior boys lost out to a consistent staff ‘A’ team, but the TBS Senior girls recorded a great victory over the ‘B’ team. Well done to all involved!

Third Quality Kathmandu Schools (QKS) headteachers’ conference at TBS

TBS was honoured to host 40 headteacher delegates of similar minded Kathmandu schools on Tuesday. Heads from all over Kathmandu came together to share best practice, plan networking events for our teachers and to discuss how best we could help each other as we all strive for the very best for our students, teachers and communities.