Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Yesterday we received the final British Schools Overseas (BSO) Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) report. A copy will be send to all parents and the report is also on our website (TBS OFSTED report 2016). A very small percentage of international schools meet the standards required by a BSO OFSTED and everyone connected to the school has contributed to this extremely positive outcome in their own different ways. However, we now move on from this judgment and will be working on ways to keep improving.

Next week is Book Week at TBS from the 18th to 22nd April 2016. It is a great opportunity for us to show how highly we value children developing a love of reading and writing. A separate letter has been sent to all parents detailing the wide range of exciting activities that will be taking place across the week.

Next Friday we hold our Eco Fair at 2.30pm. This is a chance for the children to organise stalls (a very good learning experience) and for parents and TBS friends to run stalls on a broadly Eco theme. There is a sign up board in the school playground or you can email Ms. Sona Chhetri (sochhetri@tbs.edu.np) if you would like a table. NB - For children in clubs we will repeat the arrangement from the Christmas Fair where the coaches will run their clubs, but will be flexible in allowing children to miss that week, leave a little early or just continue depending on parental wishes.

Dr. John Moore
Principal

Recent & future events

Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award

We mentioned the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award at the recent Parent Forum. It is thriving at TBS and we were the first school in Nepal to have a student complete the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards three years ago. At the current time we have 60 students undertaking the Award at the various levels and it incorporates 4 sections: an adventurous journey, a service, a skill and physical recreation. If you would like to see our young people in action there are more details on the TBS website.
Parents Session - Learning at TBS
It is probably a while since any of us adults were at school and methodology is changing all the time. This year we introduced a learning policy to clarify and share best practice amongst school staff and at one of our learning sessions for parents there was a request to hold a discussion group to explore what parents might do at home to help children's learning. Ms. Anna Young will lead a session for parents on Friday 29th April at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome and, if there is interest for a session at an alternate time, we would be happy to accommodate this as well. Please let Ms. Jyoti Amatya know if you would like to attend (jamatya@tbs.edu.np).

CIE Outstanding Learner Awards
Every year Cambridge International Examinations announce awards for exceptional achievement in CIE AS and A Level examinations. Of the 47 students awarded, 9 are from TBS - a great achievement given our relatively small cohort size. Congratulations to the following Year 13s for their “High Achievement” awards at AS Level: Rosie (Biology and Geography / June), Himanshu (Business Studies / June), Hugues (Chemistry / June), David (French / June), Abhishek (History / June), Shubhayan (Thinking Skills / June) and Aasha (History / November). Also well done to class of 2015’s Kritika for her “High Achievement” award for A Level Geography. A special mention must go to Vedant in year 13, however, for this impressive haul from his June examinations: “Top in Nepal” (Mathematics), “High Achievement” (Economics and Physics) and, most impressively, being awarded “Best Across Four Subjects” which essentially means he got first place in Nepal! It is great that our students did so well and across such a range of subjects, in particular given the very difficult circumstances of the June 2015 examinations. The Awards Ceremony is on the 21st April at Hotel Himalaya, look out for photographs in the next week or so.

TBS Community Facebook Page
Please join the "TBS Community" Facebook Page. This is a forum for TBS parents to share and enquire about child or family related information. It is a closed group requiring approval for addition. Know of a neat athletic competition, music concert, art exhibit or family-friendly event happening around town - please post details. Have questions about extracurricular lessons, best places to find kids' stuff or family-friendly spots around town - ask the TBS parent community. We will also post some reminders for school events and other happenings. Search for “TBS Community" and join today!

Lost and Found Property
There is a good deal of lost property building up in the boxes in both primary and secondary. If you or your child know you have lost clothes or equipment recently there is a good chance it can be found in these boxes. We will lay out the items on Friday afternoons so that parents and children can have a look and hopefully we can reunite lost items with their owners!

Thank you to the team at Lego for our new Lego Duplo Pen which they gifted to us this week - it is already proving very popular!