Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

What a fantastic year it has been for TBS! Students have been involved in more clubs, more trips and more sporting and creative events than ever before. Just looking at the number of clubs illustrates the development of the wider provision for TBS learners. In 2014 there were 46 afterschool clubs and we now offer 171! Alongside this our current Year 13 won 13 of the CIE Outstanding Achievement Awards for their AS Level results and we were the most represented school (the next best won 11, but has several hundreds of candidates - TBS had 21) despite having the smallest number of students. And as an inclusive school, we are also the least selective on academic grounds. Achievements like these have been common in recent months and we were very happy to be judged outstanding on our BSO OFSTED report. However we are going to do even better in 2016-17 and look forward to returning in August!

Recent & future events

Staff Appreciation Day - TBS Owls message!

Lots of THANK YOU's were said in different ways last Friday at the Staff Appreciation Event. Most staff were able to attend, lots of parents helped and together we enjoyed the colourful malas, shawls and smiles. A last thank you here for all who helped so enthusiastically in one way or another. We look back on a great event and wonderful school year and look forward to a new one after the summer holidays! The TBS OWLS.

Visit to Kanti Hospital

TBS community representatives visited Kanti Children's Hospital Burns Ward on Thursday. Our Year 3 and 4 students have raised money for the hospital and increased their awareness of fire safety this year. We look forward to continuing our liaison next academic year!
Baby clothes and gift bag donation.
The TBS Community working party rounded off the year with a visit to the National Maternity Hospital in Thapathali on Monday. All the donations from our TBS friends, teachers and parent community were organised into 52 gift bags and distributed in the general ward of the hospital. Many thanks to all our generous donors and also to Dr. Madhu and the hospital matron for extending a warm welcome to us.

Key Stage 1 Turtles, Dolphins & Starfish!
The Key Stage 1 Swimming Gala was held at Flexpool last Friday and there was great excitement amongst the Year 1 and 2 students in the run up to this event. There was a large range of races for the Dolphins, Starfish and Turtles. Events included the obstacle races, running races, back and front crawl over 5m, 10m and 20m and all swimming abilities were catered for. The points race was close throughout the morning, but Kanchenjunga were announced as champions when the final tally was made. Well done to all KS1 swimmers!

New school facilities - progress
There is good and bad news with our new school buildings and their readiness for August 15th (the start of Term 1 2016-17). The good news is that we will have a new Performing Arts building fully operational and additional basketball/tennis courts, and the secondary block is due to be finished on the 15th. However, the Library and DT room is due to be finished on 22nd August so we will ease possible congestion by having a slightly staggered start. We will catch up this time elsewhere in the year!

Best wishes to our leaving colleagues
TBS has grown to over 150 staff with over 50 teachers and the list of leavers and new staff each year grows accordingly! Thanks to the following colleagues who have done a great job this year. We are sure they will enjoy the next stage in their careers and lives and we wish them all the very best!

The first thanks must go to 5 longer-serving members of our team. Mrs. Meena (Ranu) Rai & Ms. Snehta (Dolly) Moktan joined in 2003, Mrs. Sunita Chitrakar & Mrs. Aruna Rai joined in 1997, but beating them all for longevity is Mrs. Sonya Das who leaves after 21 years of service having joined in 1995! A special thanks for all their hard work over the years. They will all be missed but have certainly earned a break!

Mr. Sunny Thakral Ms. Susma Gurung Mrs. Finola Middleton
Ms. Trishna Rai Ms. Dipika Pariyar Mr. Robin Backhouse
Mrs. Karen Backhouse Ms. Rachel Kennedy Ms. Casey Deng
Mr. Yohan Graham Ms. Jyoti Amatya

Sixth Form Dhading Project
Last Thursday and Friday, year 11 and the Sixth Form team shook off examination weariness to head to Dhading as part of the Bridging Course. The Dhading Project is a key part of the Sixth Form curriculum and we were very impressed with our students on their first visit. They really got stuck in despite a hot and tiring walk. Activities included card games, musical statues, Twister, reading and colouring in. It was great to see the Dhading students using the new buildings provided by TBS Charities, and we also introduced ourselves to a new partner school in the region. They are very excited to be part of an expanding Dhading Project and were delighted with our students thoughtfulness in their consultation with them and their energetic and generous interaction with the children. It was a sincere pleasure to see Year 11 in action, and a nice reminder at the end of a tiring term of just how special TBS students are.