Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

As the number of British international schools grows (the number has more than doubled in the last ten years and is set to double again in the next ten!) and teacher shortages continue to worry educationalists and policy makers in the UK, the recruitment of high quality teachers becomes increasingly complex for schools like TBS. We have done extremely well for 2016-17 to have been able to offer contracts to some extremely committed and capable teachers. I share very brief biographies here and I am sure everyone will help them settle in quickly when they arrive in August.

We would like to make another plea for continued unselfishness and care when travelling to and from school! On the car park on Monday morning at 6am, there were only 3 cars dropping off children for their expedition. Yet the 3 drivers still managed to park in each other’s way and ended up sounding horns, gesticulating and experiencing frustration. Whilst we will continue to seek innovative ways to use the car park wisely we all need to be patient, use common sense, listen to the direction of the guards and take great care. The rules are here and if you could share them with drivers it would be appreciated.

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“The first principle is that you must not fool yourself, and you are the easiest person to fool.” Richard Feynman

UPCOMING EVENTS...

FEBRUARY
● Saturday 13th - Library open 10am-1pm
● Monday to Wednesday - SCHOOL CLOSED for Half term break!
● Thursday 18th - School re-opens after Half Term Break
● Saturday 20th - 9am to 2.30pm Community Partners Conference (This is to work with our partner schools on development planning for the medium term. If any parents have expertise and would like to be involved, please do contact lwambeek@tbs.edu.np)
● Saturday 27th - Year 6 to Year 8 Kathmandu Inter-Schools Art Event at TBS

Upcoming... PRIMARY

FEBRUARY
● Thurs 18th - 9am to 12pm Foundation 2 Trip to the Harati grocery shop
● Mon 22nd - 1.30pm Year 4 Arcade exit point
● Weds 24th & 25th - Primary Parent Teacher meetings
● Weds 24th - Foundation 1 Mini Olympics
● Thurs 25th - Year 2 Healthy Pizza lunch @ Mezze
● Fri 26th - 2pm Primary Family Assembly - Year 1Y

Upcoming... SECONDARY

FEBRUARY
● Friday 19th - Mon 22nd - Model United Nations @ Rato Bangala
● Mon 22nd - 8.20am Secondary Assembly (PSHE)
● Mon 22nd - Mock Examination Week (Year 12 & 13)
● Mon 22nd - 3.45pm Year 7 Parent Teacher meetings
● Thurs 25th - FOBISIA Maths competition at elc International School in Kuala Lumpur

Enjoy the short half term break!

Recent & future events

Sungava Building Inauguration by TBS

On Sunday 7th February, TBS staff and Year 9 students travelled to Sungava to attend the formal opening. The completion of this school building would not have been possible without the donations from our supporters around the world so we accept the honour on behalf of all of our contributors. The full report can be found on the website or by following this link here.
App e-safety advice
With the advent of smartphones and tablets, it is all too easy for young children to download apps without realising how they impact their privacy and security. Often apps that look harmless may allow children to encounter inappropriate content through other links and advertisements or even contact strangers. Parents should control and monitor what children download and as our very own Ms Filion advises - "Play the app your child wants!" so that you are well informed. If you need support with this or would like to discuss an e-safety concern, please contact sthakral@tbs.edu.np

Lifesavers Week
As part of the Secondary PSHE programme and in preparation for both the Duke of Edinburgh International Award and Expedition Week, all students have had basic First Aid training last week. The School Nurse and mentors have done a great job sharing valuable skills such as how to place someone in a recovery position and give CPR. A special thanks to Chris in Year 12 for leading the first session for Year 7. KS3 & 4 students have also been working hard on projects relating to First Aid in their Science and Biology lessons. Well done to all involved!

Request for Fabric
On the 27th February the TBS Art Department will be hosting a Community Art Event and we are asking for donations of clean, unused fabric that we can use to create the artwork with. If you have any types of fabric that you would like to donate to our event, could you please drop it off at Primary or Secondary Reception.

KS2 students learn about Burns Prevention
Stop, drop, roll and call for help were the key words the students from Key Stage 2 took away from the Burns Safety Talk on Thursday morning. TBS welcomed the representatives from BVS (Burns Violence Survivors) for a talk about how to stay safe with regard to all types of burns. The students heard about scalds, chemical burns and electrical burns and had a chance to practise stop, drop, roll and call for help. At the end of the presentation Year 3 & 4 students donated medical supplies for the children in the burns unit at Kanti Children's Hospital. The Year 8 DT class were also involved in the donation to the burns victims in the hospital and presented nature themed cushions that they created in class. Well done to all involved and thank you to Wendy and Laetitia from BVS for a very important and informative presentation.

Under 19 Senior Games in Thailand
The FOBISIA Senior games were held in Pattaya last weekend. TBS had a squad of 24 students to play in the Basketball and Football games. Although our senior girls' basketball team did not qualify from their group, they had some great games against very strong opposition. The boys were in action on the football field the first day and their recent activity in the ISL ensured they were prepared for the high level of competition. There were some great encounters for the boys football team, but alas they did not secure a semi-final place.

The second day of competition was more successful for TBS with both the boys' basketball team and the girls' footballers qualifying from their groups. Although neither team progressed to the finals, there were some fantastic performances on the day. Being involved in such events is a memorable and valuable learning experience so thank you to all the senior team parents for their support!