Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,
I would like to wish all the TBS community a very Happy Christmas and New Year! It has been another fantastic term which I hope everyone has enjoyed to the full! There is far too much for me to cover this week, but some more highlights are on twitter and on the TBS website. We have had sporting success, visits from Santa, heartwarming Christmas events and an incredible variety of learning activities. The children have been brilliant!
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the TBS staff. It has been another term of immense resilience, patience and creative thinking to enable us to work round unfinished new classrooms and substantial retrofitting whilst doing more for the children than ever before. It is a pleasure to be able to report on so many wonderful successes and to be involved with such positive people!

Parents Forum 8.15am Tuesday 12th January
One way we can continue to foster good communication is by having some regular Governor, Teacher, Parent sessions where we can do a brief update of what is happening in the forthcoming term and having some informal ‘Question & Answer’ time. Everyone is welcome!

Library Saturday Opening!
From Saturday 16th January 2016 the TBS Library will be open from 10.00am to 1.00pm. We would like to invite all TBS children, parents and students to come along, borrow books and enjoy using the great facilities in the library. If you have suggestions for new books please email our Librarian Mrs. Chitrakar or stop by the Library!

‘History has demonstrated that the most notable winners usually encountered heart-breaking obstacles before they triumphed. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats’ B.C. Forbes

UPCOMING EVENTS...

DECEMBER
● Monday 21st - Friday 25th - TBS Winter programme
● Monday 28th - Friday 1st Jan - TBS Football Camp - Week 2

JANUARY
● Mon 11th - Start of Term 3 - Usual place, usual time!
● Tues 12th - 8.15am Parent-Governor Forum in the Hall - all welcome for a short update followed by Q&A time.
● Sat 16th - Library opening on Saturday! (10am-1pm)

Upcoming... PRIMARY

DECEMBER
● Mon 28th - Fri 1st Jan - TBS Football Camp - Week 2

JANUARY
● Wednesday 13th - 12.20pm to 2.30pm Year 6 & Year 9 receive visiting author, Marc Nobleman
● Wednesday 13th - 1.30-2.30pm - WWF Film screening
● Thursday 14th - 9am - F1 trip to BGN garage
● Friday 20th January - 2pm Primary Family Assembly

Upcoming... SECONDARY

JANUARY
● Wednesday 13th - 12.20pm to 2.30pm Year 6 & Year 9 receive visiting author, Marc Nobleman
● Thursday 14th - 11am Visit by the University of British Columbia (Parents always welcome)
Mixed fortunes for TBS at KISC Friendship Basketball tournament
TBS Senior girls' and boys' basketball teams played in the KISC tournament last week. The boys' team were up against very stiff competition and although they had some fantastic quarters of basketball, they were beaten by both Golden Gate and LRI schools in their group games. The girls' team had a fantastic run in the group games playing some exciting basketball and recording high scorelines versus host school KISC and Gems school. In the semi-finals TBS were drawn against eventual tournament winners Goldengate school. Goldengates' ball handler dominated the first half, TBS defence coped well in the second half, but unfortunately could not narrow the lead. Well done to all the players for their great effort! We look forward to more sport in Term 3!

TBS Mastermind Final!
The Key Stage 3 Mastermind final took place in assembly on Monday. The quiz followed the format of the classic BBC quiz show and saw Dhruv, Tanush, Dorjee and Seoyun battle it out over their specialist subjects Greek gods, Sachin Tendulkar, the life of Harry Potter and Albert Einstein. All did incredibly well. The champion Mastermind of 2015 was Seoyun answering questions about Albert Einstein. Watch out for more quizzes throughout Term 3 & 4 as we will be running an inter-house Geographic Bee along similar lines to the National Geographic Bee in the USA (see NG Bee video).

TBS lose close battle with RatoBangala
Last Saturday the opponents for TBS were close rivals Rato Bangala and the game could have gone either way with many chances for both sides. TBS had two controversial decisions which denied them penalties and a great shot on goal in the second half from Aayan was saved. One solo run from a Rato Bangala player gave them the lead which they held on to until the final whistle. Chris had a great performance for TBS in goal, Tenzin was outstanding throughout the game and the team look forward to more competitive games after Christmas!

Makalu capture House Relay trophy!
This term’s house event was held on Tuesday and there was an air of great anticipation for the very exciting House Relay. Prior sprint trials and training ensured the runners on the day were fit and ready to represent their houses. A huge crowd of parents and students cheered loudly throughout the event. The EY/KS1 races were held on the front Astro and the KS2 & Secondary races consisted of a lap around the school grounds. The competition was neck and neck, up until the final race when the Secondary boys from Makalu crossed the finish line in first place to capture the house trophy. Annapurna took second overall place with the remaining two houses placed in joint third position. Well done to all the runners and supporters!

Tea Time Club
We all need some time out and a break from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives sometimes (especially when our everyday lives are in a school!) so from Term 3 there will be a Tea Time Club every lunch time. Tea Time Club will be a safe space with different teachers and Nicole, our counsellor. There will be peaceful activities each day to help any students who are feeling overwhelmed, are a little shy or just enjoy a more peaceful lunchtime. It will also be open to any students who need help with or some time and space for completing homework. Tea Time Club will be on the list with the other clubs if students want to sign up, but everyone will be welcome and we are open to suggestions from students (or parents) for the sorts of activities that they would like to do. Any questions please contact Miss Hands: ahands@tbs.edu.np

TBS coffee cups
Introducing the newly designed TBS coffee mugs! Safe and stylish - yet another bargain at 500NRs - limited stock available, so don’t be left out!