Welcome to TBS 2017-18!

August 2017
Dr John Moore, Principal

- Welcome & TBS Vision
- Parent opportunities and communication
- Latest news & updates
- Introducing key colleagues
- Upcoming dates
- Future meetings for parents
The British School Kathmandu is an inclusive school where staff, students and parents work together in a safe, caring and tolerant community so that each achieves their optimum in terms of learning and emotional, social, physical, moral and spiritual development. In this partnership, we seek to develop healthy and happy, well-rounded individuals who are confident, thoughtful and adaptable, able to embrace and influence an ever-changing world. Our students will act with integrity, care for communities and the environment, and seek social justice for all.
Parent Involvement
Parent Governors, TBS Owls

We try to communicate in as any ways as possible
Newsletter/class pages/in the playground/email
reminders/website/noticeboards/occasional notices on the
whiteboard near the entrance/twitter/facebook etc

Attending events, exit & entry points etc

Volunteering opportunities

Anti-Bullying Parent sessions (Robert Pereira) - register interest!

Consulting on the next phase of the TBS journey!
We welcome all feedback!
Exciting things!

Year of Literacy and Oracy

Examination results

Nepali and Modern Foreign Languages

Author visit: Tanya Landman 4th, 5th 6th September with a Parents’ talk ‘Books are Dangerous’ on Tuesday 5th September 3.30pm

15 new teachers, 2 new CLS, 1 Head of Administration
Administrative colleagues

**Mr. Uday Shrestha**, Head of Finance

**Mr. Aniruddha Shakya**, Head of Administration

**Mr. San Awale**, Operations and Site Manager

**Office Managers**

**Ms. Sajiya Maharjan** - Year 12 & 13

**Ms. Sona Chhetri** - Years 7-11

**Ms. Lumina Shrestha & Ms. Mahima Manandhar** - Years 6 and below
Primary Deputy Heads

Ms. Maifa Filion
Early Years & Key Stage 1
Children in Foundation 1 to Year 2

Mrs. Jenny Swift
Key Stage 2
Children in Years 3 to 6
Secondary Assistant Heads

**Ms. Alex Hands**, Key Stage 5, Year 12 & 13 students with **Mr. Sean Moore**, Higher Education coordinator

**Mr. Gary Wambeek**, Key Stage 4, Year 10 & 11 students

**Mr. Rohan Jayatilake**, Key Stage 3, Year 7, 8 and 9 students

**Ms. Gemma Caines**, Safeguarding, Calendar & events with **Ms. Nancy Khetan**
Class Learning Support and Learning Support teachers

Mr. Daniel Swift
Head of Learning Support
Non-teaching support

**Ms. Sophia Groom**
School Counsellor

**Mrs. Pabitra Deula**
School Nurse
This afternoon

Meet the teachers

Primary open at 2.30pm and
Secondary open at 3.30pm and all
the non-teaching staff will be available from 2.30pm
Upcoming dates

- Stay and play opportunities & Entry and Exit points

- **17th August** 8.20am - Tour of Primary in Action

- **18th August** 1.15pm - Brainwaves exit point & Primary Family Assembly @ 2pm

- **26th August Saturday** - 10am-2pm TBS Owls picnic @ school

- **31st August, 1st September** Anti-Bullying sessions for parents

- **4th September** Tanya Landman ‘Books are Dangerous’ parent talk 3.30pm
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• How much homework should children be doing?
TBS Newsletter

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,
As we reach the end of a very successful year, I would like to thank all TBS students, children and parents for all the excellent effort and progress this year. Just looking back through the calendar is an exhausting experience given how much the children have done and it has been a fantastic 50th anniversary year! I have said before, but it is worth repeating, that many of the events, trips, expeditions, weekend and evening activities would not happen without incredibly engaged and adaptable TBS staff who give so generously of their own time to support TBS students and the wider community so they deserve a good summer break! Thank you to the parents who organised and supported the staff appreciation event a few weeks ago and there is a link to some nice photos and videos on our website here.

Although we are at the end of the year, we are planning for 2017-18. Secondary swimming lessons will start the first week back so we can get more swimming into the PE curriculum and students should bring their swimming kit to PE lessons from the very first week. Year 10 (who will become Year 11) will have examinations in week 1 and the summer is a chance for them to gently revise all work this year.

John Moore
Principal

Recent & future events

Anti-Bullying Speaker: Invite for Parents
Next term we are inviting Robert Pereira to TBS to give anti-bullying training workshops to key staff across the school. Robert is an international consultant, author of a number of books on the topic including Why We Bully and he has worked with other FOBISIA schools (see his website for more details). Anti-bullying is a key focus for all schools and something we can never be complacent about. Whilst he is at TBS, Robert has offered to run a workshop day for parents on Friday 1st September 2017 (2500NRS per person) and an evening session 6-8pm (850NRS per person) for parents who cannot attend the full day workshop. Please email Ms. Nazma Shrestha if you would like to attend either session. Feedback from colleagues and parents who have worked with Robert before has been excellent - this is really not to be missed!

Sunday school Nepali
This is an opportunity to supplement the Nepali on offer on the curriculum for all children at all levels of Nepali competence. Contact Mrs. Khadka if you would like your child to attend.
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Links to further information pages so you can see what children are learning

Foundation 1   Foundation 2
Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6
Learning Support TBS Music TBS Sports TBS Drama
TBS OFSTED report 2016 Community Projects
Learning at home links for Year 7, Year 8, & Year 9

Dr. John Moore
Principal
Ms. Alex Hands
Assistant Head (KS5)
Ms. Manisha Bajracharya
Admissions

Ms. Maifa Filion
Deputy Head (EYKS1)
Mr. Gary Wambeek
Assistant Head (KS4)
Ms. Nancy Khetan
Marketing & Events

Mrs. Jenny Swift
Deputy Head (KS2)
Mr. Rohan Jayatilake
Assistant Head (KS3)
Ms. Lumina Shrestha
Primary Office

Mr. Aniruddha Shakya
Head of Administration/HR
Ms. Gemma Caines
Assistant Head (Safeguarding)
Ms. Sona Chhetri
Secondary Office

Mr. Uday Shrestha
Bursar
Mr. Daniel Swift
Head of LS
Ms. Rachana Adhikari
Sixth Form Office
TBS Clubs

twitter.com/tbskathmandu  www.tbskathmandu.org
This is an example of a primary class website

Welcome to Year 6

Meet the Team

Mrs. Jenny Swift
Ms. Anna Young
Ms. Breewen Duffield
This Week's Learning

Week Beginning 14th August

Maths:
We begin our year with the unit *Reading and Writing Numbers to Ten Million*. During the first week of this unit, the children will be focusing on understanding the language involved with numbers of this magnitude, including how to say them correctly and being able to explain what digits stand for and in which place value position they are. They will also be using manipulatives to create and break down the numbers. These include number discs, abacuses and place value cards.

English:
Our first English unit of the year is entitled *Shackleton's Journey*. During the first week, we will be learning about the different crew members, taking on their characters during role play to understand the perspectives, and looking at the setting in which they find themselves. Our writing during the first week will be a descriptive poem based on the setting, which the children will also learn to perform.

IPC:
*Brainwaves* is our first IPC unit of the year. Our focus is on how our brain builds connections through our lives, how we develop resilience and a growth mindset which can help support our learning, and how we can look after our brains. *Please come to our classrooms on 1:45 pm, on Friday 18th of August to take a look at our learning!*


Home Learning

Home learning

Please read our Home Learning Policy which details how we approach homework at TBS. We do not have set home work on set evenings but we do expect our children to read every night. We ask you support your child with their home reading through showing an interest in the texts they have chosen, discussing books and stories with them, reading together and sharing your love of reading and books.

This website has some good advice on how to promote a reading culture at home:

Top Ten Tips to Help Children Enjoy Reading

TBS Home Learning: Guidance for Parents

At TBS we believe that that learning should be enjoyable and that it continues at home. However, research has demonstrated that traditional homework has little or no impact on progress of learning and often causes stress and upset, feelings that are not conducive to high quality learning. Effective home learning is associated with greater parental involvement and support. We encourage parents to engage as far as possible with home learning activities while promoting the development of responsible independent learners.

We believe that home learning should be:

- Enjoyable, interesting and stimulating
- Supportive of the learning taking place at school
- Completed at opportune moments for each learner depending on the learning that is taking place in the classroom. It will not be the same subjects given out at the same time every week.

Learners who spend time reading for pleasure make better progress IN ALL SUBJECTS so in all Key Stages this should be encouraged.

Literacy

http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/

A great app for keeping up to date on new fiction. Download extracts of books and read reviews. This site is really good for anyone with an e-reader.

https://www.goodreads.com/genres/childrens

Another good website to help inspire your reading.

This slideshow has a range of books that we recommend children choose some of their reading from over the year.
Dates and Notices

A full list of dates and events, as well as our school calendar can be found on the school website - www.tbskathmandu.org. However, below you will find a list of dates and important information specific to our year group.

Important Information
The Disabled Newlife Centre is the Year 6 community partner. DNC is a home for children who have additional physical needs that cannot easily be met in their home villages. The children live at the centre and attend local schools. Some children return to their villages during the school holidays, but some live at DNC all year round. In addition to the standard care children receive while staying in a school hostel, the children receive some additional medical care. This can include physiotherapy and hospital treatment.

Year 6 support DNC in a number of ways. Our primary fundraising is to support the DNC with their food bill each month, which can be around NPR 60,000 or more. Around one third of this is the vegetable bill. One of things we are doing to raise funds for the DNC vegetable bill is to sell ‘vegetable boxes’ each Friday after school. People can contribute whatever amount they would like, and in return they will be given a thank you note to stick on their fridge at home. The money raised goes directly to pay for real vegetables for DNC.

Another event that takes place a few times a year is a shared activity day with DNC and TBS students. On these days, DNC students come to TBS and the children take part in a number of fun activities and eat lunch together. These visits are as beneficial to children attending TBS as they are for children living at DNC. Our next activity day is on Saturday 1st April, 2017. Happily, this coincides with the TBS Owls Picnic. If your Year 6 child will be attending this day, please ensure that you have emailed the Primary Office to inform them.
Evidence for Learning

One of our priorities as a school is to keep parents up to date with all the amazing learning opportunities your children are experiencing on a daily basis. As an integral part of this we use an online service called Evidence for Learning.

Evidence for Learning impacts your child’s learning in two important ways. Firstly, it allows us as teachers to have an up to date record of the progress of your child, giving us the information to continually adapt and tailor our lessons to meet the learning needs of all the children.

Secondly, and equally important, Evidence creates an online learning journal of the learning opportunities your child is experiencing in the school, giving parents regular updates on what is happening in school, specific to your child. These can be great conversation starters with your children about their learning or an excellent keepsake to share with family.

All photos and videos are saved on Evidence’s own secure encrypted servers, ensuring the privacy and safety of your child’s data. Page links and passwords to access your child’s learning journal are specific to individual parents and the family members with whom you may share login details with.

As a school we aim to upload at least one piece of evidence of your child’s learning every two weeks. This will be supplemented with regular updates from your child’s specialist teachers too. We recommend checking Evidence at least every other week to see these updates. We encourage you to leave comments related to the updates too.

You should have already been sent login details to Evidence, but if you have lost/forgotten your login details or need any help with the service then please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher, the ICT help desk or Mr. Chamberlain.
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Clubs & Activities

Clubs sign up refresher
Tuesday 22nd August 2017 @ 8.20am
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**TRIAL PERIOD TIMETABLE**

All students are welcome to attend any of the trials sessions. Students may attend one or all of the trials sessions.

All students will need to sign up in advance for trials. Please do this by emailing pe@tbs.edu.np before the day of the trials. Please state your name and the name and date of the trials you would like to attend.

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Progress in learning

- Formal Parent meetings, open afternoons
- Tapestry & Evidence in primary
- Traffic lights & regular reports in secondary - Parent Portal
- Individual meetings can be arranged

NB - Progress in learning is rarely even - it is beautifully random and we add and withdraw support as children need it.
 IPC advice for parents

Helping children develop a growth mindset! How parents can support learning!

Parents often ask us how best to help children and there are thousands of sources of information for parents. The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) team have produced a concise list of ten things parents can say to children to help support learning.
## Parent Information Sessions & Parent Forums 2017-18

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### Later in the year!

| Year 9 IGCSE options information session                            | All                                                                 | 3    | 3.40pm Monday 15th January 2017                                           |
| Key Stage 2 Reading                                                 | Mr. Wood                                                            | 3    | 8.20am-9.15am (Library) Thursday 1st Feb                                  |
| Learning at TBS and developments in schooling for the future?       | Dr. Moore & A.N. Other                                               | 3    | 8.20am-9.15am (Dr. Moore’s office) Thursday 15th March                    |
| Physical Education at TBS                                           | Mrs. Wamboek & Dr. Moore                                            | 4    | 8.20am-9.15am (Dr. Moore’s office) Thursday 19th April                    |
| Languages at TBS                                                    | Ms. Lopresti, Ms. Griffin & Dr. Moore                              | 4    | 8.20am-9.15am (Dr. Moore’s office) Thursday 3rd May                       |
| Meet the new Principal (t.b.c.)                                     | Dr. Moore & Mr. Plattes                                              | 4    | 8.20am-9.15am (Dr. Moore’s office) Thursday 10th May (t.b.c.)            |
| Preparing for University talks - nano talks                         | Ms. Hands & Ms. Caines                                               | 4    | Week beginning 11th June                                                  |
| a) What’s the difference? Comparing systems worldwide               |                                                                     |      | Sessions run for 25 minutes from 8.20am each morning of the Year 11 into 12 bridging course (all parents are welcome though!) |
| b) Applying to UK & European universities                          |                                                                     |      |                                                                         |
| c) Applying to USA and Canadian universities                        |                                                                     |      |                                                                         |
| d) The 5 Year Plan: What should my child be doing?                  |                                                                     |      |                                                                         |
| e) What does university cost? An International comparison          |                                                                     |      |                                                                         |

NB - If parents would like a meeting to discuss any other aspect of TBS life we would be very happy to arrange this.
Thank you
Any questions?