TBS opens new building at Sungava

On Sunday 7th February, TBS staff and students travelled to Sungava to attend the opening where Dr. John Moore (Principal of TBS) was invited to formally open the new school building. Dr. Moore was shown around the new building, including the TBS classroom that we were surprised to see has been named in our honour! 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. (Right - Miss Patterson with Year 9 students at the opening ceremony)

Sungava is a day school located within the Kathmandu valley that focuses on rehabilitation and basic life skills training for young girls with learning difficulties, especially down's syndrome. It is attended by 16 girls with the supervision and help of 7 of their mothers. Children with Down’s syndrome in Nepal experience social marginalization as they can be considered by society as a blemish on their families and an object of shame for their parents. As a result such girls are especially at risk of exploitation, neglect and abuse. Sungava is one of the charities in Nepal working to change these social attitudes and reduce the stigma associated with children with learning disabilities (Left - The new school building at Sungava)

The new building consists of 5 new classrooms, a staff room, and a open plan communal area that will be used for the day to day needs of the students of Sungava. With the completion of this new building, it more than doubles the space available to be used by the students of Sungava. It also allows for the girls of Sungava to continue their education in a safe and secure environment with buildings that are earthquake resistant as possible. (Right - The inside of the new school building)

We are incredibly pleased to announce this completion of this building and wish to thank you our donors for your support. The positive effects of this new building will be immense and will felt throughout the whole Sungava community.