Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

We are in the final few weeks of term and the children have continued learning very well and continue to do exciting and challenging things. Although, we are still not using the primary building, at parents request, we are using the other spaces well and everyone has been very patient - teachers, children & students, parents - in making the most of what we have. I am sure this will be the case in the coming days. We are also well advanced in planning for next year and I hope to be able to share the final staff lists on the website and to circulate a list of new colleagues joining us in the next few days too. We have made some great new appointments and are very excited about the new ideas they will bring to TBS.

There will be fairly extensive building and retrofitting on the site this summer and we will try to start some of the work before the end of the year. Your children’s safety is paramount as we do this so thank you to all parents for being understanding about leaving the site promptly at the end of the day and for showing kindness, patience and supporting us all so well during these times when we are certainly more stretched than is usually the case. There are many positives to emerge from times like these and we are all learning a great deal from having to be adaptable and imaginative.

NB - Follow us on Twitter @TbsKathmandu  - it is another way we can get messages to parents if we need to.

Happenings & Events

FOBISIA Events for next academic year
Mr O’Sullivan has written to all parents regarding FOBISIA events for next year. Hopefully this advance warning will help people plan if there is a demand for these events. Our recent trips have been great successes and thank you to all those parents and children who have supported the various events. They have been great learning experiences for the children and rich experiences.

Year 12 University Preparation & Year 11 Bridging Week
This is an important time for Year 12 and they do need to start thinking about where they will go next. Next week we will run sessions for students (and any parents who want to come) who should be beginning applications over the summer. There is a lot of work involved, but it is an exciting time. Similarly, we will start Year 11 students thinking about how their lives will be even more challenging and fun in our Sixth Form. Ms. Caines has written separately about both these programmes to the relevant students and parents, but please of contact her if you need more information.
TBS Charities - Dhading Planning
The British School in conjunction with our engineer have agreed on a design that is earthquake resistant and can be used for the schools in Dhading province. The engineer will now revisit the schools in Dhading and draw up detailed and final plans that need to be then submitted to the education authority for final approval. We will then be looking at appointing both a contractor to build these schools and a project manager to oversee the works as construction will be happening at several different sites simultaneously. As health and safety is a priority we estimate that we will start these works after monsoon. Thank you to all the contributors to our TBS charities fund. It will do a lot of good!

Gardens and grounds
We had our school photographer in this week on one of his regular visits and he took some lovely photos of the site which reflect how hard the groundstaff team have been working to keep things looking good. Thanks to our gardeners Prakash and Rakesh for all they have done and to Kalu who has been organising the whole groundstaff team.

Creative Arts Festival
The Creative Arts Festival will take place on Monday 22nd June - Wednesday 24th June inclusive and there will be lots of performance, artistic and dramatic endeavour. Due to the lack of availability of outside bands, we are doing more in house activities than ever, but there will still be a concert on Wednesday 24th at 1.30pm for any parents who would like to come along. (If your child is selected to perform at this we will of course contact you.)

Public examinations are nearly over!
Well done to all those students who have been incredibly resilient in continuing on with their examinations in the most trying circumstances. There is only a final Statistics examination remaining for some students next week so most can enjoy a well-earned rest!

Medecins sans Frontiere
We have been accommodating Medicins Sans Frontieres in the school hall whilst we have not been using it where they stored relief materials. We received a very nice letter from them this week and we were happy to help in this small way towards their efforts.