Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS, I wish all TBS families a restful half-term break. For many students, they will not really be having a break as they will be preparing for mock examinations, catching up on work from the last term or revising for public examinations that will swiftly be upon us. However, even for these students, it is a chance of pace and a good time to reflect. When we return to school, we will look forward to our Eco Festival at the end of Eco Week (begins 2nd March) and our annual Book Week (begins 16th March). Both of these promise to be bigger, better and more fun than ever before. A separate notice about all the Book Week events will follow this newsletter, but every week should be Book Week and I hope everyone will have a chance to read some interesting books over half term! NB - Follow us on twitter @TbsKathmandu for daily updates! Great for a glimpse of some of the daily highlights!

Happenings & Events

University Application Information Evening on Thursday at 6pm.
Tonight is our Universities information talk. The admissions procedures for Higher Education institutions change constantly so it is important that parents and students do understand how the process works and how to research destinations that will suit them. Please give Ms. Gemma Caines, Head of Sixth Form or Ms. Nancy Khetan, Sixth Form Office Manager, any feedback or contact them if there are questions.

TBS host the children from the Disabled Newlife Centre
On Saturday 7th February, 17 TBS students and a selection of teachers hosted the children from the Disabled Newlife Centre for a morning of activities. With some new activity stations and double the number of children visiting this time, it proved to be double the fun.
The TBS students provided a musical activity, photo collage, sports & play equipment fun, Lego building and an investigating iPad station. There was also a gardening activity throughout the morning in conjunction with the Eco team. Well done to all the students and teachers involved for ensuring our friends from DNC had a memorable morning.

TBS Year 5 & 6 students also made a donation to DNC on behalf of the school, this included stationery supplies, books and a fully kitted out First Aid Kit.

For all dates and to double check the above, please visit the calendar on the TBS website.
School Photographs
As I am sure you have seen, class, house and whole school photographs are on sale from the new TBS Community Shop. They are 300NRs each. The idea of a shop was requested by parents last year, so we have worked on reorganising the buildings at the front of school to accommodate this and we hope it makes things easier for parents. At the moment there is a narrow range of goods (on sale at ‘break even’ prices with any small profit going to school charities), but if there are items or TBS branded goods you would find it useful for us to stock, please see Rachana Adhikari.

Principal’s Garden trips on Wednesday and Thursday
Foundation 1 and Year 1 were extremely well behaved and played very nicely on their trips to the Principal’s Garden this week. Foundation 1 found lots of escaped dinosaurs, played games and drew some beautiful rainbow fish. Year 1 had a Teddy Bear’s Picnic and we all had a fun time! (PS - Two very happy cats thank all of the children for the lovely leftovers they scattered around the garden!)

Year 11 Charity week
Well done to Year 11 for their fundraising efforts this week. There have been bake sales and various fundraising efforts that may culminate in a teacher makeover if they reach their target by Friday. There is a growing nervousness from some staff that they might!

Model United Nations Conference in Qatar
Students returned from their Model United Nations conference this week with appetites whetted for more such events in the future. Students from Years 11-13 gave a very interesting assembly on the event and, as you will have seen on twitter, the pictures showed how impressive the event was. There will be a Term 4 club for Year 10 students who would like to begin debating and preparing to join the older students on both Kathmandu and international events in 2015-16. Well done to everyone involved and to Mr. Rimmington and Ms. Hands for looking after and coaching the MUN group.

Watch the short video here!

Year 9 Shakespeare Drama Day
On Wednesday, Year 9 participated in a Romeo and Juliet Drama workshop, facilitated by Deborah Merola and Nepali film actor Divya Dev. Students explored themes, movement, props and building atmosphere. They dressed up in a range of costumes and applied the text to a modern context. A great time was had learning about theatre. The day ended with a death scene performance from Divya Dev and Ms. Radlett complete with candles and a requiem! Here are some images of Year 9 in action!

Saturday 7th - Inter-school Art at KISC
A fantastically creative experience was had by all those who took part in the Inter-school Art Festival last Saturday. The creations were amazing and several TBS students led the feedback explaining their work. Well done to all the students and Ms. Fanthome and Ms. Buckland who helped organise and facilitate the event.

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