Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

As I wrote last week, we urge all parents to fill out the survey which we have bought in from a COBIS (Council of British International Schools) approved company, Kirkland Rowell. We need to complete the surveys by next Tuesday (17th March). For anyone who cannot go online, the primary ICT room is available to parents on request.

I hope parents have found the various primary meetings and the secondary consultations useful. Please do let the relevant Head of Key Stage know if you have any suggestions to make these meetings even more productive and thanks to everyone for making time to attend.

On another note, it may be a fair amount of time since you went to school. Learning and teaching may have been quite different in those days. The research that we can turn to in these modern times to inform our teaching is much more easily available. It has been enhanced by new technology (for example, the research on the workings of the brain that we can access now was simply not possible 30 years ago) and meta-analyses that have amalgamated research findings from a vast array of contexts. This has helped clarify what really works in the classroom. Of course, there is still much debate. If there is a demand for a one hour (relatively) fun learning session for parents to share some of this latest learning research and to discuss how it is informing classroom practice in all good schools then Mr. Priest and I would be delighted to run a session in early May.

Please email me jmoore@tbs.edu.np if you would like to attend specifying which time you would prefer - 8.30-9.30am, 2.30-3.30pm or 6-7pm.

Happenings & Events

Eco Fair Success

Thanks to all those students and children (and to those parents who supported them) for their Eco Fair efforts last week. There were some very creative ideas and a really good turn out. Thanks to Mr. Rowe and his team for organising the event and it would be great if parents could encourage children to walk to school if possible. Our hope is that everyone who lives less than 15 minutes walk away from school will walk every day. The TBS Eco approach can be summed up by People, Planet, Fair Share and this small effort would be good for health, the environment and allow the car park to be shared by those who really need it!

Sports Day reminder

On Saturday 21st March we will be holding our Whole School Sports Day at the Armed Police Force (APF) Headquarters’ ground in Halchowk (on the ring road near Swayambhu), please see the school website for more details regarding the location. We are trialling a Saturday as we can guarantee the venue and it may mean more parents can attend. It is a school day and should be great fun!
Well done to Futsal tournament teams!!!!
Well done to all the TBS football teams in the TBS Futsal tournament last weekend. All 3 teams - Senior Boys, U14 Boys and Girls - reached the finals and the Girls emerged as the victors in their contest with Lincoln. It was a fun and friendly event played in good spirit and thanks to the PE department for organising it!

Key Stage 2 production of Scheherazade
The posters are up for the Key Stage 2 production Scheherazade - Tales of the Arabian Nights and tickets are on sale from Monday at the front gate. All children are free and the adult tickets priced at 250NRs. Get yours early to avoid disappointment! All proceeds go to the school charities.

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