Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

We are so close with all our building work and it is great to be able to use the spaces we have created. The Year 6 classes are loving being on top of the school and the Sixth Form are starting to personalise and enjoy their own Sixth Form centre. The astroturf for primary is a whisker away and should be ready for use on Monday. A special thanks must go to the Bursar, Mr Silwal and his team who have worked tirelessly in urging our various contractors forward over this period of rebuilding and renovation. Well done!

I attended the FOBISIA Senior Leaders meeting last weekend alongside the Vice Principal and Head of Key Stage 2. Although it was a busy weekend, it was a great opportunity to network with our colleagues and to share ideas as well as to have the opportunity for some quality training. It was an extremely worthwhile conference. Please remember that parents can contact us if there are ever things you want to report. From minor gripes to major issues, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you want to talk to any of us. It is also nice to have an occasional email if you are happy with something or feel something is going well as it will encourage us to work even harder for you and your children! The class teacher or mentor is usually the first point of contact, but all the staff names on the left can be contacted (and if you want to email us our names have a hyperlink).

NB - Visit www.tbskathmandu.org for all the latest stories and future events and follow us on twitter @TbsKathmandu for daily updates!

This week!

U15 Games in Bangkok
The U15 team arrived safely in Bangkok on Wednesday and they are loving competing in the games. They have also done some cultural sightseeing and even found time for a bit of surfing. I am sure they will return with tales of success and glory.

Expedition week - part 2!
Year 3M were in Shivapuri this week and had a wonderful time. Reports back from Year 4 are also very positive and the children are being a credit to the school and their parents apparently!

Primary Enrichment afternoon
The primary children had a very enriching afternoon making their Rangoli designs in groups. It is nice to break off from the normal routine and to work with different people and the children had a creative and artistic afternoon.

Year 12 & 13 Art gallery trip
A Level Art students visited Park Gallery on Thursday to see the work of Primilia Bacharya and speak to the artist. It is always inspiring to go on such visits and I am sure it will help inform their own work.
Reading morning
One of our most firmly held beliefs is that students should gain a love of reading. We have a wide range of strategies to help us try to achieve this, but one is to have a weekly reading morning and this week Year 1 read their own stories to Year 7. It is great to see all the children and students in the school involved in this activity.

Traffic & Travel!
Please continue to be patient in the morning and at the end of the school day. Although it must be frustrating at times, please do not use car horns and avoid making things worse by performing u-turns and other manoeuvres that will slow down the traffic flow. As an Eco school we want to reduce car use if we can. Daily exercise on the way to school will also help encourage lifelong healthy habits in our children. If children know they are not using the school bus they need to let the monitor know. The bus monitor has been instructed never to leave without the children or, in the case of primary children, to drop them where no-one is there to collect them. Therefore it is important communication flows to the monitor if someone is doing something unusual, otherwise all the children have to wait needlessly. Thank you.

Remembrance Day Assemblies
Thanks to the students and staff who did assemblies last Monday. It was also very good to have the support of the bugler who helped set the tone in the secondary assembly.

ICT e-safety session - Thursday 13th November
Thanks to those that came to the session on Thursday. We can tailor these sessions to parents needs and I do urge you to make sure your online safety knowledge is high. Mr Thakral and his team are here to help. As the turnout has dwindled, we will look at running the next session after drop off in the mornings and please do sign up with Manisha for this.

Next week!

Disabled Newlife Centre (DNC) Tomorrow
Our Year 5 and 6 students travel to the DNC tomorrow to have their termly catch up with our DNC friends. As well as playing games and doing creative activities, the group will also discuss how to best use our funds to help the centre and look at how we might apply our Eco skills to help them design their garden. It will be a great morning and thanks to the teachers led by Mrs Malla who will also join the event.

Exciting trips for Year 2 & Year 6!
There are trips next week, real and virtual! Year 6 visit Kopan Monastery on Wednesday and the children had a fantastic day out last year, so I am sure this will be a great learning experience. Year 2 will be making TBS history with the first ever virtual field trip and their museum quality experience will take them to the top of Mount Everest. It should be absolutely amazing, so follow Year 2 on twitter if you want to see how it works (@TBSyear2).

Expedition reflection assemblies
It is essential for good learning that we try to ask children or students to reflect on their learning experiences. We are looking forward to the expeditions assemblies that will happen during the early part of next week for secondary and a week on Monday for primary.

Have a good weekend!