Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,
Next week it is TBS international week. Teachers will be weaving international themes into their lessons and there will be a special focus on global citizenship and international-mindedness. The international day parade, assembly and food on Wednesday will be a nice way for the children to end the Term.
The building and renovation is going well at the moment (See new Sixth Form common room - right). Over the holidays the contractors hope to apply the final push and are still confident they will have everything finished or at least be very close. To help the workers make unimpeded progress, as soon as the Food fair is over (3.30pm-ish) we all need to avoid coming on to the school site unless it is essential that we are here.

**This week!**

**First Aid training at TBS**
The First Aid training last weekend was a great success. Thanks to Nicola from High Peak training and to all the staff and students who participated.

**Primary Parent teacher meetings**
The Primary Parent teacher meetings also appeared to be another very positive occasion. I hope that these regular meetings are useful to keep us all working together harmoniously for benefit of the children.

**Next week!**

Little Angels Swimming competitions - Saturday & Sunday

Well done to the Little Angel TBS Swimmers! There were a clutch of medals and fabulous performances but it is not the winning. It is the taking part, being part of a team and the experience of competing and learning to be gracious in victory or defeat that is important. More letters have gone out this week regarding FOBISIA competitions and other sporting activities and I hope these will prove to be as popular.

**For the future!**

- Monday 22nd September 8.30am Tug of War *(PE Kit required for all! Parents welcome to spectate!)*
- Tuesday 23rd September Board of Governors AGM 6pm - all welcome!
- **Wednesday 24th September** International Day - 8.15 normal start time, 8.25am Parade, 1.30pm Assembly, 2.30-3.30pm Food Fair
- **Wednesday 24th September - End of Term 1** 3.30pm
- **Tuesday 14th October - Term 2** begins at 8.15am *(Staff Study Day Monday 13th October)*

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Awards Evening Tuesday 16th September 2014

Tuesday saw TBS host its 11th annual Awards Evening for the achievements of the Secondary students in academic, sporting, service, musical and dramatic spheres were celebrated. The event was, as ever, ably hosted by our Senior Prefect team and was graced by Chief Guest, the Honourable Minister for Education Ms Chitra Lekha Yadav, and Keynote Speaker, Colonel Sean Harris OBE, the Commander of British Gurkhas Nepal. The hall was packed to capacity by students, parents and staff who were there to celebrate the awards and listen to students performing musically and reading prose and poetry. As part of the event, Dr Moore handed over a cheque to the Chief Guest for the Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund. Photographs of the event can be found on our website.

Buzz Careers Talks

TBS parent and DFID statistician, Mr Andy Murray came into school this week to talk about his interesting career and how he chose to follow this path. It is great for the Year 11-13 students to hear about a wide range of careers and thanks to Mr Murray for giving up his time. If you would be able to offer a talk of this nature (15 minutes at 8.20 on a Wednesday morning) please contact Nancy Khetan (nkhetan@tbs.edu.np).

Disabled New Life Centre visit tomorrow

Year 5 & 6 children host the Disabled Newlife Centre children tomorrow morning. This is a regular link and we always have a great time making new friends, having fun and eating snacks. It is fantastic that TBS children are so supportive of this termly event and that they prepare for it so well. Thanks to Mrs Malla and the team of teachers who support her.

Next week!

House Tug of War!

Don’t forget house T shirts and PE kits on Monday! Everyone in the school will have the chance to compete in the House Tug of War on Monday (as long as they have their kit!). It runs from about 8.30am until break time (c.10.30) and parents are welcome to come and spectate from the mound. It will be loud!

Reminder - No clubs 22nd-24th September

As next week is a short week, there are no clubs running. This has been on the calendar for a while but just in case……..
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TBS Eco Blog
http://tbsecoblog.wordpress.com/author/tbseco/

Gold Duke of Edinburgh International Award training weekend
Our Gold Award students left for their training expedition to Panauti this morning. They will spend a challenging 3 days honing their skills in preparation for their assessed trip later in the year. Good luck to them all and lets hope the thunderstorms are not too fierce!

The University of British Columbia and Grinnell College visit TBS
We had visits from the University of British Columbia on Tuesday and Grinnell College on Thursday. These visits are essential in enabling students to find out about what different colleges offer and also in inspiring them to work hard enough to get in!

International Day preparation and performers!
Wednesday 24th September is TBS International Day. School starts as normal at 8.15 but at 8.25am there will be a parade and all children and adults are asked to come in national costume and join in a parade around school. There is a Special Assembly which begins at 1.30pm where children and adults will perform their short cultural pieces. After the assembly there is a Food Fair (2.30pm-3.30pm) which is a chance for all nationalities to showcase their cuisines. Students will also try to run some food stalls for their chosen charities. Please contact Mrs Sthapit-Priest if you would like to contribute to the International Day with a food fair stall. All help is greatly appreciated.

In an extra special addition to the programme, Foundation 1 children will be dancing to a Nepali song in the Foundation 2 classroom after the International Day assembly. We will be asking for contributions from people who come to watch their performance and that will also go to our charity Suryodaya School. It is sure to be a joy to behold!

TBS AGM & Ballot papers for Governor elections
The Board of Governors Annual General Meeting (AGM) is approaching (6pm, Tuesday, 23rd September). The Ballot papers do not have to be returned until the AGM meeting but there is a ballot box in primary reception for those who have made up their mind about their Parent Governor choice. We have also placed the 2013-14 Annual Report on the website (http://www.tbskathmandu.org/about-the-british-school/governance-and-inspections/annual-report/) alongside the financial reports (and also sent the link via email).

Year 2 D/T day
On Tuesday, Year 2 will be challenged to junk model their own light house, complete with a working circuit. They will work throughout the day on their magnificent creations.

For the future!
Photography Competition – Mathematics in Nature
This Autumn TBS will be running a photography competition entitled “Mathematics in Nature”. This is open to all students, staff and parents. Parents will need to give it a title which must include a mathematical word, (e.g. ratio, symmetry, parallel, proportion, circle, sequence, parabola, Fibonacci etc), explaining their photograph. Please hand your entries into Primary or Secondary reception. On the back of your photograph you should include your name, the title of your photograph (which must include a mathematical word) and your age category (year group or “parent” or “staff”). The deadline for entries is Monday 20th October.

Secondary Progress Grade reports
We have revamped the secondary termly reports and are now calling them Progress Grades. They will come home with students on Wednesday. We hope they are simpler and clearer than previous reports. If you would like to give feedback please email Ms Ruth Radlett (email link above) who is chairing our Reports & Awards working party.

Have a good weekend!
(And don’t forget that all children/students need PE kit & house T shirts for Tug of War on Monday!!)