Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

We always seem to be saying that there is a lot happening and this week is no exception. There have been so many trips abroad and in Kathmandu in the last two weeks that this newsletter could be twice as long. So for all the information do check the website and follow us on Twitter.

Happenings & Events

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 considered a school day so all should attend. It should be a fun and active learning experience!

Learning about learning - parents session
There have been a few replies regarding our offer to run a one hour (relatively) fun learning session for parents to share our understanding of the latest learning research and to discuss how it is informing classroom practice in all good schools on Thursday, May 7th. The session is about the ‘big picture’ and is related to the influential work of researchers such as Carol Dweck, John Hattie, the Sutton Trust, Shirley Clarke. 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. (At the moment numbers are small, but we will retain 3 separate sessions if there is demand)

USA University applications @ TBS
Approximately a third of our students go to the USA for university and there is a well trodden route from the British School to some of the very best American universities and colleges. To make the application process even easier, we are delighted to announce that TBS now has Level II clearance from College Board which allows us to administer PSAT/NMSQT tests, receive students' SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PLAN and ACT scores, as well as receive official SAT publications. In addition, Ms. Caines is now on the "Favoured Counsellor" list for Kathmandu, which will open TBS up to even more visits and communication with elite American institutions. To underline this, we are welcoming Chicago University, Johns Hopkins and Barnard College (national rankings of 4th, 12th and 32nd respectively) on 1st May. Ms. Caines will be talking to students in Year 10, 11 and 12 about what this means for them, and will be happy to take any queries from parents in any phase of the school about anything relating to university applications.

IMPORTANT - Please be considerate when driving to school. Class reps have asked that all drivers take more care in the car park.

UPCOMING EVENTS…

MARCH
• Saturday 21st - Sports Day at APF Halchowk
  (See the letter from the PE department and the website for the location)
• Thursday 26th - Parents E-safety session 5pm in the Secondary ICT room
• Friday 27th - Term 3 Ends
• Wednesday 15th April - Term 4 Starts

Upcoming… PRIMARY
• Friday 20th - No Family assembly - Book Week activities will replace this!
• Monday 23rd - Primary Badminton vs KISC (H)
• Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th - Key Stage 2 Production (1pm and 6pm shows)
• Friday 27th - Primary Family Assembly led by 1E (2pm in the Hall)

Upcoming… SECONDARY
• Friday 20th - French, Dutch & German A Level and IGCSE Speaking examinations
• Tuesday 24th - AS Level Art examination starts
• Wednesday 25th - Year 8 Drama Day
• Wednesday 25th - IGCSE Art examination

For all dates and to double check the above, please visit the calendar on the TBS website.

Follow us on twitter @TbsKathmandu for daily updates!
Year 2 visit to ICIMOD!
In celebration of our ‘Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!’ unit, Year 2 visited ICIMOD to explore sustainable living in mountain and wetland habitats. A highlight of the trip is a visit to the bees. A special thank you to Dr. Naomi Saville whose incredible knowledge of bees makes it possible for Year 2 to have an up close and personal experience with the bees.

Book Week so far……
We have had some fantastic activities during Book Week. Thanks to all the parents who have come in to read to the children - this has been a very nice activity and the children have really enjoyed it. We have a number of quizzes and competitions running and Friday will see us have an assembly at 2pm for the children (there is no parent family assembly) to award prizes for these. There has been a great deal of enthusiasm and enjoyment generated by all the special activities and the Book Week committee deserve congratulations for their creativity.

Photo Booth at Sports Day
As you will know we are keen to move ahead with photo badges for parents which we hope will help us in our continuing efforts to keep the site and the children safe. For those who do not have photos and would like us to take a picture of them, we will operate the photo booth at Sports Day 10am-12noon (as well as continuing to operate on Mondays and Fridays).

Primary Topic Discussion 2015-16
Every year we review the curriculum and begin to plan topics for the next year. If there are any interested primary parents who would like to find out more about the new exciting topics for 2015-16, we will be very happy to organise a discussion on Thursday June 18th (please email Mrs Swift jsswift@tbs.edu.np with a preference for either 8.20-9.00am or 5.00-5.45pm if you would like us to run these sessions).