Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Thank you to all those who came to the start of term meetings and briefings this week. It is very good for parents and teachers to meet so that we can start working together harmoniously. For those that could not make any of the meetings, I attach a link to my talk here (which focuses on the TBS ethos) and to the presentation (which lists some of the key people you may wish to contact at various points in the year).

The children and students have made a great start to term and if you follow us on twitter (@TbsKathmandu) you will have already seen the sheer variety of tasks the children have been engaged in already. We have also had a whole school fire drill, earthquake duck and cover practices in classes, and the children and students seem glad to be in school learning with their friends!

The students who took public examinations in May and June should all be congratulated on their hard work. Sitting these examinations during a very unsettling period was not easy, yet all our leavers have gained the grades they needed to obtain their further education places and to move on to even greater things in the future. It was wonderful to see them so relieved, excited and happy on results day!

Information for Parents

This newsletter has a number of links which are designed to help parents. On the bottom left of this page you will see the primary webpage links where class teachers will upload class specific information about what children are learning and some of the key dates relating specifically to each class. The emails of key members of staff can be found by clicking on our names at the foot of the newsletter.

“Excellence at the Top of the World!”

21st August 2015

The British School Kathmandu

TBS Newsletter

Upcoming Events & Recent Happenings!

For all 2015-16 dates please visit the calendar on the TBS website.

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Upcoming... PRIMARY

AUGUST

- Friday 21st - 2pm Primary Family Assembly (Hall) - All welcome - Speakers from various classes
- Friday 29th - 2pm Primary Family Assembly (Singing) - All Welcome

Upcoming... SECONDARY

AUGUST

- Wednesday 26th - Year 7 team building day
- Thursday 27th - Year 9 English trip to the ‘Of Struggles and Dreams’ exhibition
- Monday 31st - Year 12 & 13 Charity week begins

Links to Primary webpages

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Foundation 2 enjoying their new superhero costumes and using some high quality binoculars!

“The beginning is always today.”
Mary Shelley

UPCOMING EVENTS...

AUGUST

- Friday 21st - 1.30pm Welcome tea for parents
- Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th - Group of TBS staff will visit the Dhading schools for a final site visit and to check safety ahead of expedition week
- Monday 31st - TBS Club and activities begin!

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Staying healthy!!

There have been reports in the media about a small number of people suffering from cholera in Kathmandu. Although this is under control and limited to earthquake affected displaced persons in the city, we will monitor the situation and do have contingency plans for a disease outbreak of larger proportions in the city. At present we would not want anyone to worry overly about this, but to reduce the spread of all infectious diseases we would advocate the regular washing of hands, taking care to use safe water (boiled, bottled or treated) and whilst preparing food. Cholera can be treated successfully with oral rehydration salts and antibiotics. If any parents would like more advice our school nurse, Pabitra Deula, can be contacted and she will be able to either advise parents or share contact details of medical professionals in Kathmandu (pdeula@tbs.edu.np).

2015 examination results news

May 2015 saw students in Years 10 to 13 sit IGCSE, AS and A Level examinations in the most trying conditions possible following the earthquake and even during smaller aftershocks. Despite these difficulties, the students have performed as well, and in some cases better, than in previous years. This in turn has led to all of our Year 13 students getting to university and some to the most prestigious around the world such as Kings College London, Warwick, British Columbia and Le Sorbonne. The results for each subject can be found in the PDF file called Exam Summary.

Clubs and Activities email & SPAK activities

The SPAK activities will all take place at TBS until at least the end of Term 2. SPAK had planned to offer their clubs at their premises but it will be easier for parents and children if they run here until January and we will make a decision about the venue for Term 3 in December. All parents should have received an email regarding signing up for clubs and activities for Term 1. Please contact Rachana Adhikari (radhikari@tbs.edu.np) if you have queries or suggestions for clubs and Dipika Pariyar (dpariyar@tbs.edu.np) if you need to update contact details or emails.

TBS Building and Retrofitting News

The 4 new classrooms continue to take shape nicely and the contractors have measured up for an additional two temporary classrooms which should also be delivered for our use in mid-September. Planning for the retrofitting of all our buildings has also been done and we have detailed bids for the work which the Board of Governors Building committee are currently assessing. We are very fortunate with our site and with our buildings and we will continue to improve them still further with these developments.

New toilet block for the Foundation & Early Years classes!

Solid wood flooring being installed in the new primary classrooms