Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

It has been a short week this week, but lots happening as always. Soon I will be able to stop writing these construction updates as it will all be finished and, as you have seen, the final layer of top soil is being put down on the primary field with the engineers working on ensuring the slope will provide us with good drainage. The very last touches are happening with the Sixth Form Centre and furniture is being delivered today; so hopefully Years 12 and 13 can move into their lovely new space towards the end of next week or Monday of the following week. The primary classrooms are also within touching distance of being finished and once these are done we will get to work on sprucing everything up around the site. Whilst there is a tendency to dwell on facilities and buildings, it is worth noting that the lessons and children have been excellent in ignoring changes happening around them and learning has gone on without any sort of disruption; so many thanks to all the school staff and especially those secondary teachers who have been slightly nomadic whilst the works have been finished.

We have always had a great emphasis on celebrating children’s effort and achievement and the house point certificates are an entrenched part of the weekly Primary family assembly on Fridays. This year, Mr Phillips and Ms Radlett have introduced some new ways of rewarding effort, attendance and punctuality in the secondary section of the school as you will read below. It is having a great effect and attendance so far this year is the highest it has ever been. As we all know, attendance at school and achievement have a direct correlation so hopefully this trend will continue.

This week!

Discovering Chitwan

13 Geography and Biology students spent last weekend with Mr Priest and Ms Hands in and around Chitwan National Park. The aim of the visit was to support their A Level courses by looking at the different ecosystems, conservation management, ecotourism and the impact of tourism. This was accomplished through visits to social projects, the Tharu cultural village, meeting with National Park rangers and jungle safaris on foot and on elephants. There was also some fun to be had through bathing elephants, feeding a baby elephant and traditional dancing!

Foreign Currency

We are well on the way to reaching our target for the year, but I know that a number of children, parents and staff have been out of Nepal during Dashain. Don't forget to send in any unwanted small change for the Dhading Project medical fund.

Key Stage 2 Job-a-thon

Thanks to all the KS2 students who made a huge effort with our community fundraising Job-a-thon. Congratulations to 5C for the
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highest class total and well done to everyone for the amazing fundraising efforts. The money raised from Year 5&6 will go towards DNC supplies. A discussion has already taken place with some of our Year 6 students and the hostel manager of DNC about what is needed most. The funds raised by Year 3&4 will go towards the Burn’s Unit at Kanti Children's Hospital. Well done to all involved!

International Day fundraising
Thanks again to all the parents, students, friends of TBS who celebrated international day with us. The food stalls raised a fantastic total of 127,380 NRS which was the highest ever and more than double last years’ total. The monies will go to the school charities and the student councils will talk to recipients about how to use the money to best effect. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day!

Tihar assembly
I hope everyone enjoyed the Tihar assembly with a wonderful dance performance and lots of information about the behind the upcoming celebrations. Thanks to the students involved and to the teachers who have worked so hard to set it up.

TBS Amnesty International group!
Well done to the Amnesty group who have been running their campaign to support Women in Afghanistan. Our TBS amnesty group are very active at the moment and it is very positive to see these young people engaging with the wider world community.

Celebrating effort and achievement in Secondary!
It is important that students’ efforts and achievements are celebrated at TBS. This year, students in Key Stages 3 and 4 are able to gain two merit points for every lesson if their effort is high and their work is of excellent quality. Additionally, they can gain merit points for attending clubs and for their community contributions. Up to five special bonus points can be awarded for these activities.

Each week in assembly, we announce the previous weeks top five merit scoring students so that recognition is continually being given. Additionally, there is a Merit Point board displayed in Secondary where students who are achieving will have their names displayed. The aim of this is to motivate students across the Secondary school. Student council are deciding on prizes for weekly, termly and the yearly merit point top scorers. The student obtaining the most points will have their named engraved onto an award shield which will be displayed in school.

Next week!
Poppy Appeal
We always support the British Legion Poppy appeal and this year is no different. Poppies are available at both receptions for students, parents and staff. The suggested donation is 50NRS per poppy but of course you are welcome to offer more to this worthy cause.

Primary Trip talks - Monday 27th October
Parents are invited to the primary trip talks for Years 3-6 on Monday 27th October. The purpose is to go through the arrangements for the trips and to answer any questions anyone has about arrangements.

Have a good Tihar break!