Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,
I hope you all have relaxing and enjoyable Dashain holidays.
A lot is happening in school, so hopefully our contractors will enjoy the peace and quiet whilst we are away and be able to finish all the outstanding jobs. The end is in sight; so thank you to all children, students, parent and school staff for your forbearance during the upgrades. There is a great deal happening in Term 2, so do look at the calendar www.tbskathmandu.org to see what is happening at TBS!

This week!
Disabled New Life Centre visit
Last Saturday we welcomed our friends from the Disabled Newlife Centre to TBS. The students from TBS organised some fantastic activities that were thoroughly enjoyed. Year 6 students, Nandini, Naina, Yashawi and Charlotte led a nature collage workshop, Erica, Jana and Trinity helped the DNC children design their own T-shirts and Dan, Tanush and Dhruv ran a very exciting target shooting activity. Year 5 students Surya, Dylan, Ujesha and Bhavya showed the DNC students the ins and outs of our new play equipment as well as organising bowling games. Well done to all the TBS students and thanks to all the teachers who attended on the day.

Y10 visit Umbrella charity
In another of our long-standing community relationships, some of our Year 10s visited their charity last weekend to do some work and planning. Last year they organised film premiers and charity events in school to raise funds and they will plan some exciting events for this year as well I am sure.

House Tug of War!
It was a lovely morning on Monday when we all cheered on the children competing in their houses for the Tug of War trophy. There were some very close contests, a lot of noise and no injuries. Thanks to the PE department for organising it. This photo is during training so without the crowds!

TBS AGM & Governor elections
Thank you also to those parents and teachers who came to the AGM on Tuesday. It was good to be able to share information about what is happening in the school and to discuss some of the issues we face. Three Parent Governors were elected to the board (Mr Chris Decker, Ms Mamta Gurung Nyangmi, Mr Ajit Bikram Shah). Thank you to all those who stood for election and to those who came to the meeting.
Primary Family Assembly!
After Dashain the first Family assembly will have a roughly Dashain and holiday theme. As always, parents are welcomed and the venue (Hall) and time (2pm) remain the same!

TBS Eco Blog
http://tbsecoblog.wordpress.com/author/tbseco/

Gold Duke of Edinburgh International Award training weekend
Our Gold Award students had a great time on their training weekend despite the weather. Although they had to make a slightly premature retreat to Kathmandu, they will be ready for their assessed expedition later in the year.

More success for Christopher!
TBS student Triumphs again! Christopher Keeling, Year 10 student, added ‘Champion of the Palpa Urban Downhill Race’ to his already bulging trophy cabinet. Well done to Chris!

International Day!
We all had a great time during TBS International Day. The parade was an incredibly colourful, slightly chaotic and fun spectacle, we had wonderful performances from some very talented children in the assembly and the food fair was a tasty end to the day. This was an amazing and greatly appreciated effort from the parents and students who organised stalls! Lessons also contained some international themes this week, so hopefully everyone enjoyed being particularly internationally-minded. Thanks to Mr Cannon and the team of teachers involved and to all the parents who helped at the food fair and in supporting the children with national dress.

Year 2 Lighthouse challenge!
On Tuesday, Year 2 were be challenged to junk model their own light house, complete with a working circuit. They were up to the challenge and there were some wonderfully creative sculptures!

During and after the holidays!
TBS Job-a-thon
Over the Dashain holidays all the students from Key Stage 2 are undertaking the annual TBS job-a-thon. This is a great opportunity for all KS2 children to do small chores and jobs around the house as well as raising funds for their class charity. Year 3 & 4 will be fundraising for the Burns Unit at Kanti Children’s Hospital and the money from Year 5 & 6 sponsor cards will go towards purchases for the Disabled Newlife Centre. Please support your child in this worthwhile and fun venture.

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 & Curriculum statements
The Progress Grade Reports should have come home with students in Secondary today. As always, the most important discussion should be about the effort students are making - if effort is high and they are doing their best success and higher grades will eventually and inevitably follow! We will also email out curriculum statements alongside information about what the grades mean on the Progress Reports. This is a new format for us which we hope is simple and clear. Please do give feedback to Ms Radlett to inform our future planning (email link above).

Have a good Dashain break!