Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

To help us understand what we are doing well and where we could do better, we will be sending out a parental survey next week. It is essential that all families complete this so that we can move TBS forward in the right way. The survey is being administered online by a COBIS (Council of British International Schools) approved company, Kirkland Rowell, who collate all the information and ensure there is anonymity. They will also collect data from school staff and from a student questionnaire. This will help us to prepare for our full inspection in Spring 2016.

It is worth noting that internally we review our practices on an almost daily basis. Alongside this, we have a rotation of in-depth departmental reviews. Last term, learning in Science was reviewed across the school, this term we have looked at ICT, we will review English/Literacy next week, and Learning Support provision next term. Such reviews always involve staff and students, but parental surveys give us further constructive feedback that we can use to either continue to do things as we are or to make changes in how we organise learning and use our resources.

Every 3 years we have a British Overseas Schools OFSTED inspection and we will welcome Mr. Mark Evans from Penta to do a pre-inspection visit and training for governors later this term. He will return in Term 4 to give us further guidance.

A final reminder that school is closed on Thursday 5th March for Holi!

Happenings & Events

Eco Fair and Charities - 6th March 2.30pm
At our Eco Fair, EYKS1 classes will be holding a used book sale at the Eco Fair on Friday March 6th 2.30pm. We ask that children bring in any gently used or unwanted books to donate. All types and genres of books are welcome. From tomorrow, there will be a box at the school office in which to place the books for this sale. All funds raised will go to buy resources for the Sungava project and the Suryodaya Balbikas School.

UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge Success
Earlier this month some of our students from Years 9 to 11 took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge and achieved a number of Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. Special congratulations should go to Joong and Luc who both achieved Gold. Luc also scored highly enough to be invited to take part in the prestigious next round - the Pink Kangaroo! Congratulations to all who took part.
Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards

Wednesday 18th February saw the annual Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards hosted jointly by the British Council and Cambridge International Examinations at the Yak & Yeti Hotel. The event celebrates the achievement of students at AS and A Levels across Nepal where over 1500 students sit CIE examinations. This year TBS students won two of the awards: Rintsen Sherpa for Top in Nepal in Biology and Ruth Butterworth for High Achievement in Geography. Rintsen should rightly be congratulated on gaining the highest score in Biology in the whole country. Ruth's award is for the subjects that do not have as many candidates entered for in Nepal, but is recognition that her achievement in Geography was amongst the highest globally and de facto the highest in Nepal. She also deserves congratulations. The event was graced by the presence of various dignitaries from the British Council, the British Embassy, Cambridge International Examinations and, as guest of honour, the Vice President of Nepal. It is important to remember that as a small school our entries for Cambridge A Levels amount to less than 2% of the total number in Nepal, yet we won 2 out of the 14 awards available at AS Level and 2 out of the 8 awards available for those subjects we actually teach at TBS.

FOBISIA Focus

FOBISIA events are always popular at TBS and this year many students are getting the opportunity to participate in FOBISIA competitions in a variety of disciplines. FOBISIA is the Federation of British International Schools In Asia and TBS sent their first team to attend the junior games in Kota Kinabalu in May 2002. Since then TBS have participated in many competitions over the years and this year we are competing in the U-15, U-13 and Primary Games as well as the FOBISIA Golf challenge and the Primary Maths challenge.

The U-15 Games were held in Bangkok last November with great success for TBS. This second half of the term sees the busiest period for FOBISIA events this year with the U-13 team travelling to Rayong, the Golf team teeing off in Pattaya and the Mathematicians from year 5&6 competing in Shanghai, all within the next few weeks. The Primary Games will round off this year’s events in May. Watch this space for all the breaking news and reports on TBS FOBISIA teams!

Success in the Nepal Golf Championships

Well done to Devasri who was victorious in the prestigious Gokarna Nepal Golf tournament. Hours of practice and dedication have paid off and we also had other students who performed very impressively in the tournament. Well done to them all!

Foundation 1 visits!

Foundation 1 will be visited by the school nurse, Pabitra Deula, by a doctor (Farzin’s mother!) and by Nurse Jill Foster from BGN next week. They are learning about people who help us and I am sure they will enjoy meeting their visitors.

Extra-curricular clubs growth!

In the spirit of reviewing TBS provision, we were delighted with the findings from our ongoing analysis of our extra-curricular activities programme. Compared with Term 3 last year, when we offered 51 clubs with an average weekly attendance of 688 children, we currently offer 91 clubs with an average weekly attendance of 1259 children and students. The comparisons to Term 1 & 2 are even more startling. Attendance has increased across age groups and genders. We will not be complacent though and will keep reviewing the clubs on offer and continue to look at ways to give all children an even wider and richer experience.