Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS, 
It has been another exciting term and I hope all TBS families and friends will enjoy a very pleasant break. For our older students it is probably less of a break than a chance to focus on revision for their upcoming examinations. Students can stay in touch with teachers via the usual electronic methods if they need advice, guidance or support!

Happenings & Events
TBS welcomes JK Rowling!
As I am sure you have been told by your children, Friday 20th March, saw TBS welcome the world famous Harry Potter author JK Rowling and her family to the school. Ms Rowling read a passage from her first Harry Potter novel and answered questions from the children. A packed assembly soon became firms fans, if they were not already, given Ms Rowling's willingness and enthusiasm to answer a range of questions on her life, her inspirations and her work. She was then interviewed in depth by two of our school newspaper journalists. We are very grateful and honoured that Ms Rowling could spare the time in her busy schedule to visit us at TBS and thanks also goes to Colonel Sean Harris OBE, our Governor who facilitated the visit.

Sports day
On Saturday 21st March we held our Whole School Sports Day at the Armed Police Force (APF) Headquarters ground in Halchowk. It is the first time we have held this event on a Saturday and it would be interesting to obtain some parent feedback for next year about whether we revert back to a weekday. The issue is that with a Saturday we can pretty much guarantee the venue and it means working parents are more likely to be able to attend. However, we could run an abbreviated sports day in school even if a full track were not available on a smaller scale if the Saturday is very unpopular.
The Sports Day House Cup was won by Annapurna, closely followed in second place by Makalu. Kanchenjunga captured third place and Dhaulagiri rounded off the day in fourth. Congratulations to all Sports Day participants!

Thanks to Etihad who were proud sponsors and to the PE department for all their hard work!

Penta pre-inspection visit
Last week we were visited by Mark Evans from Penta who will lead a full inspection team in March 2016. He ran a very useful briefing for both the School Leadership Team on Monday and for the Governors on Sunday. The remainder of his time was spent in lessons and talking to students and I am sure you will be delighted to hear that the four words he used to describe the atmosphere at TBS were creativity, innovation, open-mindedness and confidence.

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!
An afternoon of Sport versus KISC
Hot on the heels of Sports day, a selection of Year 5 & 6 students hosted our local rivals KISC on Monday for an afternoon of Badminton and Basketball competitions. The Primary Boys’ Basketball team had a one win, one loss record against KISC going into the game. Both teams started the game with conviction but KISC pulled into an early lead with some great outside shots. TBS defence tightened up in the second half and the interceptions & fast breaks began to reap rewards for our boys. TBS pulled into the lead in the final quarter and managed to hold off a final push from KISC. Final score: TBS 16 KISC 14.
The Primary Badminton team featured some new representatives who were playing in their first inter school sports competition. They had 10 doubles games in total versus the KISC players and, with some great focus on overhead shots and accurate serving, captured victory in 8 out the 10 match-ups! Well done to all players involved in both sports. A fun and successful afternoon all round!

Communication between home and school
One of the areas we are in the midst of pondering is communication from school to parents. We are currently working on more functional class pages that send reminders as changes are made and we will continue to develop the website and other methods of communication. If any parents, with views or experience in this area, could spare the time to meet with Mr Thakral to be part of a small focus/testing group we would be very grateful (sthakral@tbs.edu.np).

U-15 Basketballs record their first win!
The TBS Girls’ U-15 Basketball team have worked hard this term to improve their team game, defence and scoring skills. All of these team traits were evident in our exciting game versus KISC on Wednesday afternoon. TBS have been slow to start at away fixtures and this game was no exception. By the end of the first quarter though, the TBS girls had settled and began to display some great organised defence and finishing on the fast breaks. KISC did not give up easily though and some great outside shooting kept them in the game throughout. As the final whistle approached TBS stood strong in defence and recorded two fantastic baskets in the final minutes to give us a hard fought 23-18 point victory. Well done TBS girls on a well deserved victory!

Year 2 ‘People of the Past’ day!
On Thursday 16th April we would like to ask Year 2 children to come to school dressed as a historical figure. Some ideas might be Florence Nightingale, Vincent Van Gogh, Leonardo Da Vinci, Christopher Columbus, Edmund Hilary or Edward Jenner. Another opportunity to be creative and innovative!

Learning about learning - parent session
Last call for Thursday, 7th May 2015 when Mr Priest and I will run learning sessions about the ‘big picture’ related to the influential work of educational researchers such as Carol Dweck, John Hattie, the Sutton Trust, Shirley Clarke. It should be relatively active and include some discussion of the ideas currently influencing all good schools worldwide! 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 the groups are too small for discussion and it is looking like we will have to select one of the 3 sessions on offer).

TBS Quiz Night - an inclusive event for all abilities!
Are you smarter than a TBS 6th former? Friday 24th April is your opportunity to find out! Year 12 are hosting what is becoming our annual Trivia Quiz Night. All ages are invited to form teams of 5 to 8 people - if you don’t have numbers for a team we will find you team-mates on the night.
Cost is 1000Rs per ticket - snacks and soft drinks included, and there will be a cash bar. Doors open at 6pm, quiz starts at 7pm. Glamorous prizes are available, as well as bragging rights and the respect of the TBS community for the winners! All proceeds are going to the rural primary schools we work with. Please do join us for an evening of intellectual challenge, fun and charitable giving - what better way to spend a Friday evening?

Lost property - last day tomorrow - please check!
There is a fair amount of lost property at the moment. Some items have been there for a long time so if parents and children could check tomorrow we would be most grateful. If no-one has any strong objections we would like to donate this to our school charities over the holidays and they will be very grateful for these unwanted items.

Year 2 Sankhu trip
Year 2 had a very successful overnight camping trip to Sankhu. Exciting activities included map reading to navigate through a local village, river sculptures based on the work of Andy Goldsworthy and hiking to the top of the Vajira Yogini temple. Despite threatening skies, the rain held off and almost all slept soundly through the night!