Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,
Thank you to everyone who has struggled with the traffic this week due to our decision to remain open. We apologise for any inconvenience that the various adjustments to the usual schedule have caused during the week. Hopefully things will return to normal next week for the last two exciting weeks of term.
The term dates for 2015-16 will accompany this newsletter. They were reviewed by the the Parent Liaison Governors last week. Please note a change on the return to school date for 2015-16 which was adjusted in the light of parent and staff feedback.
With both these decisions (and many others like them) it is perhaps the case that you can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can’t please all of the people all of the time! However, all decisions are made in good faith with the interests of the children at heart. We hope these school dates and our desire to stay open please the majority.

NB - Visit www.tbskathmandu.org for all the latest stories and future events and follow us on twitter @TbsKathmandu for daily updates!

This week!

Year 13 Parent Teacher Consultation - Monday 1st December from 3.45pm in the Hall
Thank you to the Year 12 parents who came to meet teachers last Monday and we hope the Year 13 consultation is similarly productive.

Primary Informal Open Afternoon
Thank you to those parents who could come into school to look through the children’s work with them on Tuesday. In my opinion, this is even more valuable than the formal parent teacher meetings because you can see the progress and listen to the vivid stories behind the work. To a casual observer, as I wandered around the classrooms, it looked like a memorable experience. For anyone who could not make it, please do liaise with the relevant class teacher and they will try to organise an alternate time and date that suits you.

ICT news
Year 3 are going to have their own email accounts for school use in addition to Years 4 to 13. This will allow teachers to offer a wealth of resources, opportunities for collaboration and enhanced learning experiences. It will also allow us to teach students about staying safe online in an increasingly digital world. All primary teachers and assistants have been given training on e-safety and a number of them have also completed the NSPCC’s Keeping Children Safe online course. If you would like to find out more about e-safety or how we use ICT for learning, contact Manisha to book a place at the next parent session on 22nd January.

TBS Sporting success!
Year 5 & 6 Basketball players have been working hard on their skills since Term 1 in anticipation of their first competitive outing of the year. KISC were our
Excellence at the Top of the World!

28th November 2014

The British School Kathmandu

Opponents and the highly anticipated encounter tipped off at 2.30pm on Monday here at TBS. Both teams were nervous from the tip off but once the initial dust settled, some fantastic play emerged from both sides. The scoreline was close with both teams trading baskets. A number of free throws by TBS edged them into the lead after half-time. As the final whistle approached, TBS held on to their narrow lead and emerged as victors with a 15-14 scoreline. Well done to all ten players from TBS. We are eagerly looking forward to our next game already!

Year 3B Shivapuri trip
Well done to Year 3 (and their parents for letting them go!) whose behaviour and attitude was highly praised by teachers and the staff at Shivapuri Heights. We will hear more about the trip in Primary assembly once they have had some time to recover!

Next week!

EYKS1 Christmas Production! 3rd & 4th December @ 1pm
One of the most uplifting and joyous occasions of the school year is almost upon us. The EYKS1 production takes place next week on Wednesday (3rd Dec.) and Thursday (4th Dec.) and it is sure to be a rare treat! Parents need to buy their tickets from primary reception to ensure a seat. Children go free! (The following week is KS2’s turn).

Year 11 (and younger years welcome) Sixth Form Information Evening - rearranged for 4th December 2014, 6pm in the Hall
Apologies for having to reschedule the Sixth Form Information Evening. Preparing for Sixth Form involves a complex range of considerations and as it was looking as though many parents would have struggled to get to school it seemed sensible to change the date.

Year 10 English trip to Bouddha - Weds 3rd December 1.30pm
The Year 10 students will travel to Bouddha on Wednesday afternoon for a cultural trip to produce a piece of descriptive writing as part of their IGCSE coursework. There is also a chance to reflect on what they write whilst enjoying some pizza before returning to school by 6.00pm (traffic permitting!). It should be a stimulating (and tasty) trip!

Burns Violence Survivors (BVS) talk
For a number of years the TBS Student Councils have supported BVS and also the Kanti Burns Unit. BVS will be in school on Wednesday 3rd December to give a talk on burns prevention to Year 3 & 4 at 9.20am. I am sure they will learn a great deal!

Upcoming TBS Sporting Events & Fixtures
The PE department are constantly looking to expand the sporting opportunities for all age groups. There is a busy few days ahead and the following fixtures are taking place this weekend and next week:

- Saturday 29th November - Nepal Junior Open Lawn Tennis Finals
- Saturday 29th November - Senior Boys’ Basketball Tournament
- Sunday 30th November - Senior Boys’ Football Tournament
- Thursday 4th December - Primary Badminton v KISC (A)

Class reps meeting with Chair of Governors (Tuesday 2nd Dec - 2.30pm in the Year 6 classroom)
The Chair of Governors, Mr Ivan Scott, will be meeting the class reps group on Tuesday to discuss the feedback on how best to run these meetings. Thanks to all who have offered feedback and, in advance, to those who can attend. It is greatly appreciated and the aim is to ensure communication is open, constructive and positive.

Enjoy the weekend!

PS - This newsletter is the tip of the iceberg so follow us on twitter for daily updates - @TbsKathmandu or visit the TBS website!

TBS Students’ Golfing Success!
Well done to Devasri in Year 7 who is the Junior winner of the Qatar Open Golf competition. After being in the production on top of an already busy schedule, this victory is even more impressive so well done Devasri!

Repeat
Reminders

Clubs notice
Just a reminder that there are no EYKS1 clubs next week and clubs finish for this term for everyone on Friday 5th December, also known as Friday Week 8. We have more clubs on offer than ever before and will be releasing next terms’ club choices next week with an online sign up! Please do give feedback to Mr Chris Philips about how we can continue to develop our clubs and extra curricular programme. cphillips@tbs.edu.np

Request for unused Christmas cards - TBS Amnesty group!
The Amnesty group will send Christmas cards to prisoners of conscience around the world. If you are able to donate any unused cards to this cause then please pass them via the Secondary reception.

Christmas Bazaar - December 5th
On December 5th we will hold the annual Christmas Bazaar at 2.30pm on the school grounds. If any member of the TBS community would like to book a table, please see Mrs. Tumika-Sthapit Priest or sign up on the board near the school entrance. All proceeds will go to the school charities which are chosen by the children and students.
Deadline approaching! Our school journalism team has submitted its final pieces for the inaugural edition of our new student newspaper, The Student’s Advocate. Year 12 editors, Shubhayu and Abhishek are putting the final touches to the layout and are looking forward to critical acclaim it seems! Well done to everyone who has contributed from Year 8 upwards. Keep an eye out for the digital release in the coming weeks and happy reading! Any students interested in journalism can sign up to contribute to edition twin in Term 3.