Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

There is a charitable theme in this newsletter and the children and students are doing some great work. I am sure parents will want to support some of these initiatives and events.

On the Eco front, it was ‘walk/cycle to school’ today and, whilst I still think we can do better, there was good support. In the House competition, a point for each person who walked or cycled, it was very close with Makalu, Dhaulagiri and Annapurna (the overall winners) separated by only 3 points!

This week!

Whole School Eco Assembly

The Eco Assembly was a great success this week with the students looking forward to some good events in the near future. One will be a recycled materials fashion show (it had a catchier title which escapes me!) and a litter pick, perhaps at one of our partner local schools. There is a lot of enthusiasm for some of these initiatives.

Next week we launch the Big Draw in assembly and every child in the school will support this.

Play equipment

Last year, the Parents sanctioned the purchase of some play equipment which has now arrived and is in use. The children are loving playing with the hula hoops, footballs, skipping ropes and various other items. Thanks to the PTA for this.

Big Lunch 11am - 2.30pm, Saturday 6th September

Tomorrow is the Big Lunch. For those new to TBS, this is an opportunity for parents and families to get together socially and it is held in school. Families bring a picnic and the children can play safely in the school grounds. The Sixth formers will sell some ice lollies and drinks for their Dhading charity and it a relaxed occasion for all.

TBS AGM & Parent Governor vacancies

The Board of Governors Annual General Meeting (AGM) is approaching (6pm, Tuesday, September 23rd). The closing day for nominations for new Governors was 4pm today and details of prospective Governors will be circulated by Friday 12th September and a ballot which will close at the AGM. Please do put the 23rd September date in your diaries.

TBS hosts the British Council Universities’ Fair - Wednesday 10th September

This coming Wednesday September 10th sees TBS hosting the British Council’s UK Universities’ Fair. Representatives from 10 different universities will be attending and there will be a chance for individual consultations and questions for anyone who would like to know more about heading to an overseas university. The event will
Excellence at the Top of the World!

Primary Family Assembly! No Assembly next week
Thanks to Year 6Z who entertained and educated us on the theme of ‘Passport to the World’. Parents are always welcome (2pm in the Hall) but next week we have an enrichment afternoon in Primary so there is no assembly.

Charity currency exchange
If you have a wallet, purse or pocket full of useless small change from your trips out of Nepal why not donate it to charity? The money raised in Rupees will then be used to hopefully pay the 100,000 Rupees that it costs to take a qualified doctor to Dhading with the Sixth Form students in November. The Dhading Project work with three very poor schools in the area who do not have ready access to medical services. Please send any donations in an envelope addressed to Mr Priest to either of the school’s receptions.

Foundation 2 Play area!
Foundations 2 play area is now open for Foundation 2 children to play in. Things may get a little muddy so please can you send your child in a pair of shoes that you don’t mind them getting dirty or send a pair of wellies in for them to change into when playing in the outside area.

Year 5 Cultural trip
Year 5 went to Patan Durbar Square today. They had a great time soaking up the history, geography, architecture and culture of this amazing location.

Weekly Primary Reading morning!

Fill the Bucket! - Nepal Flood relief
Mr Matt Phillips chairs our Community, Charities and Eco working party. This week we discussed working to help the flood victims across Nepal. Next week TBS (via St Mary’s Alumnae Nepal and Nepal Army Wifes’ Association in coordination with the Red Cross) will be collecting relief items for the victims of the recent flood and landslides across Nepal.

The greatest need at present is tarpaulins, cooking utensils, mosquito nets and camping mats. Each class will be competing to try and bring in the most items as possible by the end of the week (with thousands of house points and merits on offer!). Alternatively donations can be made for the school to buy those items on your behalf. Get collecting!

Next week
Secondary Parents’ Meeting - Year 7 and new to TBS students (Year 8-13)
The first secondary Parents' Meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 10th September. If your child is in Year 7 or is new to The British School this year (Years 8-13) please come along to discuss your child’s progress with their teachers. We encourage all you to attend with your child.

This event will begin at 3.45pm in the Secondary classrooms. In order to ensure that you are able to speak with all of your child’s teachers, we suggest that you arrive no later than 4.45pm.

Parent ICT sessions (6pm) & CAT4 assessment/Enrichment discussion (7pm)
On Thursday 11th September 2014 we will hold the first of the ICT sessions for parents we offered at the Meet the Parents Evening. As these sessions are designed to be practical and ‘hands on’ space is limited to 16. Please let Manisha know if you would like to attend any the ICT session.

On the same evening, Mr Steve Priest (Vice Principal) will hold an information evening to explain how we use our baseline assessments in the school and what exactly they mean. As part of this evening, we would be delighted if parents wanted to come and give us their views on how we should ensure we provide
Enrichment and challenge for all our students.

World First Aid Day - First Aid training at TBS
Although I am sure we did not plan to coincide so effectively with World First Aid Day next weekend, Sixth Form students and all staff who do not possess an up to date First Aid qualification work during their weekend to obtain training from our UK trainer, Nicola, from High Peak training. This shows their dedication to keeping children safe and sound!

For the future
International Day preparation and performers!
Wednesday 24th September is TBS International Day. School starts as normal at 8.15 but at 8.25am there will be a parade and all children and adults are asked to come in national costume and join in a parade around school. There is a Special assembly which begins at 1.30pm where children and adults are invited to perform a short cultural piece (like a song or a dance) during the assembly. Please inform Mr Gordon/Mr Cannon by Wednesday 17th September if you or your children wish wish to perform. Please speak to them sooner if you would like to arrange a practice. Any music that is needed to be played through the sound system should be provided by Friday 19th.

After the assembly there is a Food Fair (2.30pm-3.30pm) which is a chance for all nationalities to showcase their cuisines. It would be great if you could get together with you compatriots and start planning your national finger foods. Please contact Mrs Sthapit-Priest if you want to contribute to the International Day with a stall.

Bollywood Themed Charity evening
Burns Violence Survivors Nepal (BVS-N) is organising a fundraiser at Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza on 13th September. It is Bollywood themed so guaranteed hi-energy music and the outfits will be high energy too, but no pressure! The tickets are priced at 2500NRS and the money will help BVS-N in its work helping survivors of acid attacks and burn violence by providing surgery, counselling, physiotherapy and rehabilitation support.

Message from KISC - Flood relief fundraising event
I’d like to take this opportunity to extend a warm invitation to The British School community to attend our upcoming fundraising concert, on 12th September at 6pm featuring KUTUMBA (www.kutumba.com.np), and auction. We are raising funds for the ongoing relief efforts in Midwestern Nepal where floods ravaged the region in mid-August. Tickets are 1000/- per person. All money raised from ticket sales and the auction will go to the relief efforts. KUTUMBA is playing free of charge. Tickets are available at KISC, INF and Hannah's Cafe, Dhopighat.

Have a good weekend!
Friday 5th September 2014

Dear Parents,

Baker Books Club

We are delighted to inform you that once again we are able to provide you the opportunity to order books of your child's choice from UK, through our association with the Baker Books Club.

We have enclosed the appropriate catalogue along with the price list which has been converted into local currency including the postage.

The children to receive their books in Term 2, we request that you return the order forms along with the money by Monday 22nd September 2014 in the library.

Yours sincerely,

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