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UPCOMING EVENTS…

FEBRUARY

• Saturday 7th - Inter-school Art at KISC
• Monday 9th - Year 11 Charity week begins
• Monday 9th - School Photographs on sale (300NRS)
• Thursday 12th - Sixth Form Universities Information Evening (but all interested parents welcome) 6pm Hall
• Friday 13th - End of First Half term
• Monday 23rd - Second half of Term 3 begins
• Thursday 26th - Parent ICT information session about TBS email, internet, edmodo (book a space with Manisha)

Upcoming… PRIMARY

FEBRUARY

• Saturday 7th - 9-11am Disabled New Life Centre children visit TBS
• Wednesday 11th - F1 trip to Dr Moore’s Garden
• Thursday 12th - Year 1 Teddy Bear’s Picnic
• Friday 13th - Primary Family Assembly led by 3M

Upcoming… SECONDARY

FEBRUARY

• Saturday 7th - Inter-school Art at KISC
• Saturday 7th & 8th - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh International Award Expedition
• Wednesday 11th - Year 9 Drama Day!
• Wednesday 11th - Senior Boys’ football vs GEMS School
• Thursday 12th - Sixth Form University Application Information Evening 6pm
• Monday 23rd – Year 12 and 13 Mock Exams
• Thursday 26th - Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award Gold Expedition leaves

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Happenings & Events

Thanks to the TBS Litterpickers & Eco club

Thanks to all who came out in force to do a TBS litterpick at Dakshinkali Temple last weekend. It was very nice to see a good number of teachers, children and parents there. I am sure that we would all agree that it is important we do model this sort of socially responsible and eco-friendly behaviour to young people. The Eco Club children and students enjoyed it so much that they want to organise another litter pick later in the term, so do come along!

Year 13 University Offers

This week we had the first offer from the USA (2 months before the deadline). This is excellent news! It is important that parents and students understand both the process and the level of hard work required to gain acceptance which is why we urge all Year 12 parents to come to the University Application Information Evening on Thursday at 6pm.
TBS win Badminton encounter in style.
On Friday afternoon, the TBS senior Badminton team travelled to Lincoln for a friendly tournament. There were many exciting match-ups and some very close encounters on the day. The TBS players improved with each passing set and recorded a 13-11 games victory. Well done to the TBS squad: Jasliana, Akriti, Labhula, Aditi, Hafiz, Luc, Vikhek, Assan and Anindya.

Another close encounter with local rivals Lincoln
On Sunday morning the TBS senior boys’ football team played against local rivals Lincoln. This was their second encounter in recent weeks and the Lincoln boys were looking for revenge after been beaten by TBS 2-1 the last time they met. The sun was shining on the ANFA field in Satobato on Sunday morning for this anticipated rematch. Both teams battled hard, Lincoln scored first followed closely by a TBS equaliser from Nipun. As the game reached the dying minutes, Lincoln retook the lead and almost immediately Nipun once again equalised for TBS. The senior TBS boys made many great attempts to create scoring chances, but alas Lincoln found the back of the net to run out 3-2 victors. We are looking forward to the deciding encounter in this series of games. Well done to all the boys and coaches for a fantastic performance.

Junior Quetta Cup
On Friday 31st January, 12 students from Years 8 to 13 participated in the Junior Quetta Cup tennis tournament at the Phora Durbar American Club. TBS were the holders from last year, but unfortunately were just beaten this year by the team from Lincoln School. However, it is heartening that our team did perform so well when you remember that Lincoln School only had a boys team, all over 15 years of age, and that our mixed doubles pairings played against Lincoln's boys doubles. There were a number of notable performances by our team, but the whole team should be congratulated. The team was Annie (Captain), Aashna, Shivalika, Ishika, Cathy, Kushi, Shreyas, Chris, Baibhav N, Pragalv, Bastien and Benoit. Photographs will be available on the website shortly.

School Photographs
Class, house and whole school photographs will be on sale from the new TBS Community Shop from Monday. They are 300NRS each.

Model United Nations Conference in Qatar
Hundreds of students are gathered in Qatar for an international Model United Nations. TBS delegates will write more for the website and in their student newspaper in due course, but the news coming back is that they are having a really stimulating and interesting experience. The importance of the event is not lost on world decision makers as one country has asked for a resolution to be removed from the agenda! Congratulations also goes to Shubhayuy! Representing Peru, his speech was one of only 5 selected for the opening ceremony from hundreds of entries worldwide.

Primary Boys Basketballers lose by a solitary basket
The Primary boys basketball team played KISC in their second match-up this year. The TBS boys were looking to add another victory to their record, but the KISC boys had other ideas. The opponents started strongly, opening the scoring and then playing a very tight zone defence. TBS responded with some great outside shots and a well executed man to man defence. TBS had the majority of possession throughout the second half, but could not capitalise on their scoring chances. One basket separated the teams at the final whistle. Final score TBS 8 KISC 10.

Year 10 & 11 ‘When Words Fail’
This week Year 10 & 11 historians attended an exhibition entitled “When Words Fail,” organised by the Embassy of Israel in cooperation with the United Nations, the Embassy of the United States of America, the Embassy of Germany and Alliance Française to commemorate International Holocaust Memorial Day. Students met a survivor of the Holocaust who shared her experiences of Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp. It was a wonderful opportunity for students here in Nepal to discover new perspectives on a key topic in IGCSE history and to develop their understanding of the event.