Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

A wonderful week with lots of pictures coming back from the various expeditions. If you follow #TbsKathmandu on twitter you will have seen pictures of some of the highlights. As I have said many times, these sorts of events are often the highlights of a person’s school career and the challenges faced, not least being without parents for a few days, make for a memorable experience. I hope all the students and children have enjoyed it.

For those of us in school, we have seen the new PE space behind the secret garden in operation. The Sixth Form Centre and the new Primary classrooms are ready for action whilst the Primary astroturf is surely about to be laid at any moment. The engineers want to be careful to get the drainage right rather than rushing ahead to finish, which is reasonable, although we are urging them to move as quickly as possible. There has been a lot of good learning going on too!

**This week!**

**Primary Boys’ Football**

The TBS Primary boys’ football team travelled to Gems School in Dhapakhel last week to play a friendly football game. The first half saw both teams battling hard to gain the lead and the Gems players put the first goal on the scoreboard. The TBS goalie and outfield players played competitively and scored some great goals in the first half. TBS were leading 3-2 at the break.

The second half went by quickly seeing both teams defending well. The equaliser for Gems school came in the dying minutes of the game. Final score 3-3. Well done to all the players and Coach Gyawali.

**Expedition week!**

I would imagine it is a nerve-wracking experience for parents to let your children go on expeditions and to travel around the country, but it is clear that they are having a great time, learning new skills and having a positive impact on those around them. Year 5 have been praised for their behaviour by other guests in Chitwan and the students in Dhading have been a force for good in the area. Year 8 came back yesterday with high praise from their teachers and the guides who had been with them and I am sure we will hear similar tales when the other children return.

**Inclusiveness at TBS**

I have written a few times about our various policies to try and give a flavour of the TBS school ethos being put into action on a daily basis. This week I attach a document which is a relatively brief outline on our policy of inclusiveness that was written by the Head of Learning.

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**Upcoming events**

- 10th-14th Nov - Year 3M & Year 4 Expeditions (3B depart 26th Nov)
- 12th November U15 FOBISIA Games team leaves
- 13th Nov - 6.00pm E-Safety session in Secondary ICT
- 14th Nov - Primary Enrichment afternoon (no assembly)
- 19th & 20th Nov - 7.00pm Return to the Forbidden Planet!

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TBS Eco Blog

http://tbsecoblog.wordpress.com
Support, Mr. Daniel Swift. Although we have more formal policies and procedures, I hope this gives parents a flavour of how we support all children and students.

Medical information
Our school nurse, Mrs Pabitra Deula, logs all visits to her clinic and the system we use then issues email notices which now go to parents automatically. The vast majority of these nurse visits do not require treatment or are extremely mild. Please don’t panic if you do get a message as 99% of cases are really nothing to worry about and Mrs Deula will always contact parents immediately if there is a more significant incident (before you receive an email!).

Next week!
Remembrance Day
It is Remembrance Day on Tuesday and we will have a minute’s silence at 11am. The older students regularly discuss such issues in lessons particularly in English or their Humanities subjects. The Amnesty group also discuss such matters in quite a wide-ranging way. Mrs Hutcheon will deliver a special assembly to Primary on the theme of remembrance on Monday and Ms Caines has worked with the Sixth Form to do an assembly for Secondary.

ICT e-safety session - Thursday 13th November
Do sign up with Manisha for the e-safety session on Thursday. It is so important that we are all as knowledgeable as possible about the benefits and drawbacks of using ICT. The sessions are limited to 16 parents each time so that individual queries can be addressed and so parents can have a ‘hands-on’ experience.

Primary Enrichment afternoon
Thanks to 4D for leading the assembly. Next week all Primary will be having a Rangoli making enrichment afternoon so they won’t have time to entertain us. We will have to wait until the following week!

Coming soon! Return to the Forbidden Planet
Take a sci-fi Star Trek vibe, infuse it with ‘60s counter-culture, inject it with Shakespearean steroids, and wrap it up in rock and roll - and you have TBS Productions' latest musical extravaganza. Return to the Forbidden Planet lifts off on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November at 7.00pm here in the school hall. Did you ever wonder how we could beat a musical, murderous, man eating plant? Try a mad scientist, a tentacled monster and a rock ‘n’ roll robot, and you’ve got a show you’ll remember for light years to come. Fasten your seatbelts, set your ray guns to stun and get ready for a moonwalking musical of meteoric proportions! Tickets are on sale at both receptions at a cost of 250 NPR. All TBS students can ride free of charge, and non-TBS under 11s are also free if accompanying a paying adult. Buy your tickets early as they'll disappear at warp speed.

Have a good weekend!

Reminders
The TBS Short Story competition
The deadline is looming for budding short story writers. The rules are simple. You have to write a story in 500 words or less about Christmas, Halloween or Tihar.

Entries have to be handed in to Primary or Secondary receptions by Friday 21st November. There will be prizes galore and the chance to see your story published in the school newspaper. The only criteria is to be original! Let’s get writing!

Request for unused Christmas cards from the 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.

Passport woes!
Due to delays and other problems it took two TBS parents around 12 weeks to get their children’s British passports through the processing agency VSF Global in Kathmandu. Steve Keeling would recommend that other parents try and renew UK passports whilst in the UK, paying for the express service if their time is limited there. If you have to do it in Nepal then get your photos taken in the application centre (costs only NPR 200) to help ensure that they meet the exacting specifications. There is no phone helpline for the VSF Global part of the process. Good luck!

Christmas Bazaar -December 5th
On December 5th, we will hold the annual Christmas Bazaar on the school grounds. If any member of the TBS community would like to book a table, please see Mrs Tumika-Sthapit Priest.