Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Next week is the last week of a very busy term and it is a week of celebration. The Primary Parents meetings will celebrate the work of the children so far this year. Please note that school is closed on Tuesday to celebrate Ghatasthapana. We also celebrate achievement at the Secondary Awards Evening on Wednesday (attendance of all secondary students is expected) and secondary parents are warmly invited.

PS - Don’t forget that children need to wear house T-shirts on Thursday morning for the annual Tug of War event.

Recent & future events

Fuel update

Although the latest reports are that fuel supplies are slowly beginning to arrive in Kathmandu, we continue to use our supplies carefully in school. We do have supplies of all the essentials to last until the end of term and we hope to fully restock during the Dashain break.

Eco School Update - We want your plastic rubbish!

At TBS we continue to support Eco initiatives and the Eco club are supporting a Guinness Book of Records attempt to make the longest rope made from recycled materials. This is being led by Vajira School who visited us last week. You can support the students by bringing in any plastic wrapping so that we can use them to make the rope. The aim is to make it long enough to reach around the ring road!

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Adult Photo IDs - Enhancing the TBS safe site!

We still have many parents who need to arrange their photo IDs for Term 2 (see previous letters from Mr. Priest regarding this). Ms. Manisha Bajracharya will be in the TBS community shop at drop off and pick up times for the rest of term to facilitate this process. From Term 2, no adult will be allowed on site without an ID badge or a visitor pass. I hope you will all support this essential safety measure.
TBS International Day! Friday 16th October
Our annual international day celebration is almost upon us. We have a national dress parade at 8.15am and an international day assembly at 1.30pm which parents are also welcome to attend. This year we have less acts than usual so it may start at 2pm (t.b.c. on Monday). The day ends with an international day food fair at 2.30pm and thank you to all those who have offered to run a stall.

Secondary School Awards Evening
Our annual Secondary School Awards Evening will take place from 6.00pm on Wednesday 14th October. The event is a celebration of the achievements of students at The British School for the 2014-15 academic year. All secondary students should attend and parents are invited to attend and celebrate the achievements of our students.

Students are expected to dress formally for the occasion and should be in school from 5.30pm on the evening. Parents are to be seated by 5.50pm. For those students who live too far away from school to make the journey home and back again, the secondary staff are willing to supervise them from 3.30pm onwards (please email Ms. Rajkarnikar to confirm you wish your child to stay). Please also provide a snack and drink if your son/daughter is to remain at school.

Drinks and snacks will be served at the end of the formal proceedings and the entire function is expected to finish at approximately 8.00pm.

Year 2 proudly show their parents what they have learnt on their Buildings topic

Car Park issues
We continuously stress the need for good car parking etiquette, particularly at the start of the school day. It would greatly assist with this if the following measures were taken by parents and drivers:
1. Do not park with the front or rear of the vehicle overhanging the footpath.
2. Drivers staying in cars should park in the middle of the car park and be ready to move if blocking in another vehicle.
3. Parents or drivers who leave their cars and come into school should leave a note in the windscreen with a contact mobile phone number on it.
4. Do not drop children at the school gate, please drive in to the car park before dropping children.
5. Always obey the instructions of the TBS guards.

There is still some ‘misbehaviour’ by parents and drivers which is affecting the smooth flow of traffic and whilst we do not wish to become too officious, but we may have to start levying fines (donated to charity) on repeat offenders. A more permanent solution is…….

Vehicle Registration Passes
The administration team will be sending vehicle registration forms to parents shortly. We will be issuing vehicle passes to ensure we have a secure car parking site. We can also efficiently identify and call vehicle owners in the event of any issues with car parking. This is in response to parent demand and also to ensure we use this valuable space well.

TBS 1 - 2 Pro Wizards Academy
The Senior Boys' football team continued their build up to the new Inter Schools League with another challenging friendly fixture this weekend. The game started slowly for the TBS team and the spirit and hard work from previous fixtures seemed to have deserted them in the opening exchanges as a very lethargic first 30 minutes went by and saw the boys concede a careless goal. This however seemed to wake the team up and in the last 10 minutes of the first half some improvement was made. After some frank discussion at half time, the senior boys showed good character and more heart and desire to put their opponents under more pressure. As a result, the equaliser came soon after the break and as TBS pushed to secure another win, we were cruelly hit on the counter attack. There was a suspicion of offside to the goal, but the referee allowed it to stand and Pro Wizards were able to hold onto the victory in a very tight contest. TBS will look for a positive response in their next match and will have learned that they need to be fully focused from the first whistle to the last!