There is so much happening in school that I know I am going to make a mistake and leave out something great that has happened this week and/or something important that is about to happen. The children and students have done some really exciting things and I have been very pleased with the vibrant lessons and the diverse activities happening in lessons across the school. Next week will be even better as all the clubs will be running and I am sure will stay as happily busy all year!

**This week!**

**Play equipment**
The new play equipment is fantastic. The children are clearly loving it. Children have been queueing nicely and being kind to their friends. However, it is very crowded at the moment and, whilst this will reduce as we open other areas, we will have to limit numbers playing on the new equipment in the morning and after school for the time being (see below). If parents can support us it will help maintain the current 100% safety rate. I will also discuss with the primary school council how they think we should manage things safely in the longer term and at other breaks. They are good at making their own rules when this sort of issue comes up!

**Upcoming events**
- Monday 25th August 2014 - Clubs begin for all!
- Tuesday 26th August - Class reps meeting at 2.30pm
- Wednesday 27th August - Year 7 team building day!
- Friday 29th August 2pm - Primary Family Assembly led by 4B
- Saturday 6th September 2014 - The Big Lunch

**Board of Governors Meeting this week**
The Board of Governors met this week. We discussed the progress of the exciting building projects and the ongoing strategy to secure the legal status that will allow us to own our own buildings etc. (we are already legal in other respects of course!). With unanimous support, Mr Ivan Scott was elected as the new Chair of the Board and we thanked Mr Bas van Doesburg, the previous Chair, for his work. The Board will report back, lay out its plans for the future at the forthcoming AGM and elect new members. Next week we will send out letters giving full details.

**TBS Key contacts**
- Dr. John Moore Principal
- Mr. Steve Priest Vice Principal
- Ms. Rosie Elphick Head of Early Years & Key Stages 1
- Ms. Jenny Swift Head of Key Stage 2
- Ms. Ruth Radlett Head of Key Stage 3
- Mr. Matthew Phillips Head of Key Stage 4
- Ms. Gemma Caines Head of Sixth Form
- Mr. Basanta Silwal Bursar
- Mrs. Tumika Sthapit-Priest Admissions/ Human Resources/ Principal's PA
- Ms. Manisha Bajracharya Primary Office Manager
- Ms. Shradhha Rajkarnikar Secondary Office Manager
- Ms Nancy Khetan Sixth Form Office Manager

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Model United Nations!

It was great that the Year 11-13 students could participate in the residential Kathmandu Model United Nations last week. MUN conferences demand skills such as negotiation, teamwork, global understanding, compromise, public speaking, critical thinking and clarity of written expression. The students had a great time and will tell the rest of the secondary school all about it on Monday’s assembly. Congratulations to Ruth Butterworth in Year 13 who was named best speaker/outstanding delegate of the MUN.

Student Councils

Student councils are up and running and it is a pleasure to speak to the council representatives in both primary and secondary. There is a great enthusiasm from the students about their school and they have some fantastic ideas about what we should work on to help their learning and to make their daily lives stimulating, interesting and happy. For secondary students, we have increased the time of these meetings by making it a weekly hourly club. This should allow students to be even more deeply involved in school decisions and school life this year.

Traffic! Congestion!

Thanks to everyone for their patience. We are lucky to have a car park of any kind, but it is crowded so we all need to continue to be careful, patient and extremely vigilant. If it is possible for those who live close by to walk or cycle that would help us maintain our Eco School status and relieve the pressure on the limited parking space!

Next week & Future Events

Parents/Grown Up TBS Friends wanted! Buzz Careers talks!

A plea to (grown-up) parents and friends of the school! Mr Phillips in KS4 and Ms Caines in KS5 are setting up a series of "Buzz Careers" talks on Wednesday mornings here at school. We are looking for willing volunteers to be available in school for between 10 and 20 minutes at 8.15 on Wednesday mornings to do a very brief introduction to their job, how they entered the field and why they love it! The idea is to enthuse Year 11,12 and 13 about the range of career options available, offer some insights into routes into different jobs and generally raise awareness of the wonderful diversity of the TBS family. We are interested in all job-areas, past and current, and are looking to enjoy an initial snap-shot into as many working lives as possible. The brief 8.15 slot is designed to appeal to parents dropping off children at school (why not stay an extra 15 minutes and come and meet our delightful older students) or anyone who likes the idea of doing something inspiring in the time it takes to drink a cup of coffee before work. Willing visitors, colleagues and friends are also very welcome. If you would like to find out more, please do contact the Sixth Form Office Manager, Ms Nancy Khetan on nkhetan@tbs.edu.np, and she will help you work out the details.
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Year 7 Leadership & Team-Building Day
I will not reveal too much about what Year 7 are doing on Wednesday next week for fear of spoiling the surprise. Ms Radlett, Head of Key Stage 3, has organised a challenging and exciting day where students will work together on a variety of tasks. They already have the information about what to bring that day and it includes a change of clothes!

Key Stage 2 Swimming
For a variety of reasons, we are adjusting the timing of Key Stage 2 Swimming. Curriculum wise it will work better in Term 4 rather than Term 1 and it also means our timetables can remain stable this term whilst students are still getting used to the routines of the school. This also means the Key Stage 2 swimming gala will also be in Term 4 as well! Of course swimming clubs and swimming competitions will continue for all this Term and we look forward to the HIMS competition this weekend and then the Little Angels competition after that.

Year 9 Charity week - September 1st
During the year all the secondary year groups will have a dedicated charity week (and possibly two) where they organise events to raise money for their chosen charities. Year 9 have the toughest job as they are the first to go. However, they are in the final stages of planning and are hoping to confirm a Film Premiere event, various cake sales, face painting for primary children and some ‘fun’ staff challenges.

Repeat Reminders
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. Obviously any donations of Rupees are also welcome! Please send any donations in an envelope addressed to Mr Priest to either of the school’s receptions.

Yorkshire sings at TBS
There is quite a large contingent of Yorkshire folk at TBS amongst the children, staff and parents. If you are from Yorkshire, one or more of your parents (or grandparents) are from Yorkshire or you are married to a Tyke, please let Mr Priest know. As part of the International Day celebrations at TBS on 24th September, the Yorkshire community will be on stage singing their national anthem. So please don't be shy, there are about 20 staff, parents and children we already know about and I am sure there are some more hiding out there who know what happens if you go courting a girl without wearing a hat!

Have a good weekend!