

This Week at TBS!

Dear TBS Family,

This week our Football, Basketball, athletics and, new for this year Volleyball, Teams will be participating in this year's EEP Cup. The event brings together all of the schools that are part of our EEP family so we all wish them luck in their games. By the time you read this our U14 and U16 Volleyball Teams will already have competed as will our U14 and U16 Football Teams – watch out on our Facebook and Instagram accounts for more sports updates from this week.

Also next weekend we see the first of our British Schools in the Middle East sports events with our Under 11 football teams playing other BSME schools in Cairo. Throughout the rest of this term and into January there will be many BSME sports events hosted by other schools around the city.

And of course, not forgetting, that we have our Primary sports days next week when I am expecting to see all of our primary parents attending and joining in. Last year was the first year that we really saw parents actively participating in the many fun events that utilise the many PE skills they have been developing. Make sure you have your running shoes ready!

You Don't Want to Miss Out on...

14th Nov-Al Misr El Kheir Foundation packing event

14th Nov-Partners in Learning Arabic Workshop for parents sharing our new online learning platform Kuttubee.

15th Nov-Y9-10 Options Evening for students and parents from 4pm-6pm

16th Nov-Coffee Morning with the Principal - 'How do you keep your child safe when online?'

16th Nov-International Award Overnight Training

20th Nov - EYFS Sports Day at 8am -parents invited to join in!

20th Nov - KS1 Sports Day at 1pm - parents invited to join in!

21st Nov - Y3&4 Sports Day at 8am - parents invited to join in!

21st Nov - Y5&6 Sports Day at 1pm -parents invited to join in!

Partners in Learning Parent Workshops

On Tuesday Ms Alia, our Head of Arabic will be hosting a workshop introducing you to our new online platform Kutibee. She will be explaining how we are using this platform in school and, more importantly, how students can use it at home to reinforce their Arabic Language skills. Kutibee is the first Arabic Language platform to use diagnostic reading assessments to match students needs and abilities. Although there are sections of the platform that support English and French, our workshop will focus on the Arabic Language.

Our next Parent Workshop will be Tuesday, 28th November focusing on how we teach science in the primary school led by Ms Rachel, our Head of Primary.

Coffee Morning with the Principal

Come and join me for coffee this Thursday, 16th November in the Quad at 8am – topic for discussion is 'how do you make sure your child is safe when online' so come with your suggestions and advice to share.

School Photographs

We are delighted to welcome back the team from Basta Studios who will be in school to take individual and Class Photographs.

This year the package includes a portrait and a class photograph in an exclusive display frame and eight passport photographs at a cost of 320LE.

In addition to this package, this year Basta Studios will also be available to take sibling group photographs that will come in a special wooden frame at a cost of 200LE. If you would like this additional package, please email Ms. Mai Ali [here](#) and we will make the necessary arrangements.

These packages are a great memento and an even better gift for grandparents and other family members.

The deadline for payments for this year's exclusive package is end of day on Tuesday, 21st November.

Exact money is to be handed to your class teacher or tutor in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front.

Al Misr El Kheir Foundation packing event

Thank you to everyone who contributed to help us pack 400 boxes of food items to help 400 families in Gaza who are in urgent need of basic supplies. If you still want to donate to this humanitarian cause, please click [here](#) to make your donation. Alternatively, cash donations can still be made through our PRE, Ms Dalia Saadallah. One box to feed a family for a day costs LS350.

Odd Socks Day and Anti-bullying week

Last week was our Anti-bullying week dedicated to raising awareness and taking action against bullying in all its forms. The week-long campaign focuses on promoting kindness, empathy, and respect, both within schools and the wider community. It aims to educate people about the harmful effects of bullying and encourage them to 'Make a Noise about Bullying' which is this year's slogan from the Anti-bullying Alliance, of which we are official sponsors. Visit their site [here](#) for more information and guides for parents.

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Odd Socks Day was on Monday 13th November and is an annual event on our school calendar that encourages people to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and raise awareness about anti-bullying. The idea behind this day is that it does not matter if your socks do not match; what is important is embracing our differences and promoting kindness and respect for others.

Both Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week contribute to the broader goal of creating a more inclusive and compassionate society, where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected, regardless of their differences. These initiatives help to remind people that we should celebrate our uniqueness and actively work to prevent and address bullying in all its forms.

December and the end of term may seem a long way off but we all know how quickly time flies so I wanted to give you early warning of two events that I know you will want to support:

Festive Jumper Day for Save the Children

This event will be on Thursday, 7th December. We encourage our whole GEMS TBS family to wear a festive jumper on this day and, as it is a charity fundraiser, to bring a new warm jumper for us to share with children in need in Egypt and in our neighbouring countries.

A Visitor in Red

Every year we have been very lucky to have a very special visitor dressed in red visit our younger classes in the last week of this term, we are hoping that this year will be no different. To help our children understand how truly blessed they are and that not all children are as lucky, I would like to encourage the whole GEMS TBS family to go shopping to buy a toy for a less fortunate child. The gifts should be wrapped and labeled whether it is for a boy or girl as well as the age range. We will then distribute these gifts with children in need in Egypt and our neighbouring countries.

Important reminders

A reminder that we are now able to offer English Language courses to you, our TBS parents. If you are interested in learning English or improving your English, please complete this [form](#).

A reminder that my golf pro, Sammy would like to offer a special GEMS TBS Parents discover golf session for the special price of LD250. If you are interested in taking part, please complete this [form](#).

A Message From Ms Rachel Hardwick, Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

As usual, we have had another busy week in TBS Primary.

I have enjoyed celebrating student achievements with two very special certificates this week:

OTIS:

Otis is our school tiger and his name stands for 'On Time In School'. He has now become such a popular figure in the school that children call his name as they see me across the playground. I gave certificates to children who, during the first half of this term, attended school every day and were on time every day.

Internet Safety:

Children were asked to design posters to educate their peers on ways we can keep safe when using the internet. I received some wonderful entries and all children who entered should be proud. Heads of Year and Teachers helped me to select a few per year group that really illustrated this important concept and certificates were given. Well done all.

Student Led Conferences:

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend our Student Led Conferences. The Home-School partnership is something that we value very much and greatly supports the children's learning. If you were unable to attend, I do encourage you to contact your child's class teacher and arrange an alternative convenient appointment.

Student Council and Special Committees:

This week I enjoyed the first gatherings of our Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) Student representatives. This year, we continue to involve students in all aspects of the school and have nominated roles of Student Council and Special Committee members. Our Special Committee's come from areas that children wish to champion such as 'Environment', 'Playtimes', etc. I look forward to working with all of our children to continue to make TBS Primary the best it can be.

Upcoming Dates:

Please do make sure to carefully read this newsletter and weekly roundups from your child's teacher to be aware of important upcoming dates. We have a very busy term ahead!

Best wishes,

Rachel Hardwick

Focus on Primary

Y4

“Think Before You Click”

Over the past few weeks, our Year 4 students have been actively engaged in various educational endeavors. One of their key focuses has been on internet safety. Under the guidance of their teachers, the students have diligently learned about internet safety and have even created a collaborative digital poster to promote awareness and safe practices online. <https://padlet.com/nihalmibrahim2112/year-4-online-safety-poster-uhwiucm2swyjogg>).

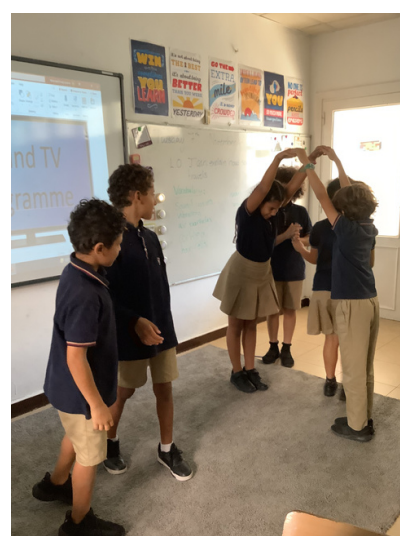
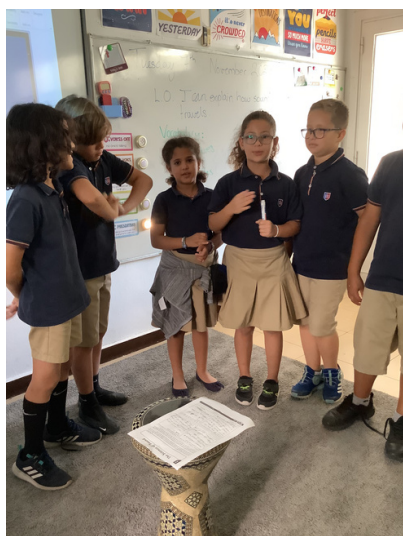
The effort put into this project is commendable, as it not only showcases their understanding but also highlights their commitment to keeping themselves and others safe in the virtual realm.

“Sound Waves”

Science education is of utmost importance to us, and the Year 4 students have embarked on a fascinating journey exploring the concept of sound waves. Through a hands-on science experiment, they have gained a deeper understanding of how sound travels through the air to reach our ears.

“Make Noise about Bullying”

In our continuous efforts to combat bullying, the Year 4 students played an integral role in launching the "Make Noise about Bullying" campaign. During our assembly, a group of dedicated students presented facts and different scenarios, educating their peers on how we can "make noise" against bullying. This important initiative aims to spread awareness about the various forms of bullying and empower our students to stand up against it.



Year 6 Students Collaborate on App Projects to Address Global Issues

In an exciting and innovative approach to learning, Year 6 students have been working diligently on their App projects this term. These young minds are not only honing their technological skills but also actively engaging in critical thinking and problem-solving to address real-world challenges.

The students have been exploring the Global Futures curriculum, which aims to prepare them for the technological advancements and global issues they will face in the future. Through this curriculum, they are encouraged to think about the world's problems and come up with creative solutions using applications.

They have been divided into teams, each focusing on a different global issue such as climate change, poverty, or access to education. They have been tasked with developing an application that can make a positive impact in addressing these challenges. This project not only allows them to apply their technical skills but also fosters collaboration, critical thinking, and empathy.

The App projects have sparked a sense of excitement and enthusiasm among the Year 6 students. They have embraced the opportunity to use technology as a tool for change and are eager to make a difference in the world. The projects have also provided a platform for students to showcase their creativity and problem-solving abilities.

They are embracing the Global Futures curriculum and using their App projects to address real-world problems. Their collaborative efforts and innovative thinking are preparing them for the technological advancements and global issues they will encounter in the future. These young minds are truly making a difference, one app at a time.

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تستمر نشاطات قسم اللغة العربية بين الحصص بأنشطة صفية وأخرى باستخدام منصة كتيبي لتنمية المهارات كما نستعد لعمل ورشة عمل لعرض كيفية استخدام منصة كتيبي والفائدة منها حيث تساعد المنصة على تنمية المهارات وتحسين مهارة القراءة تحديداً لذا أرجو التشجيع على استخدام منصة كتيبي وحضور ورشة العمل لمتابعة أبنائنا أثناء الاستخدام.



TBS Secondary Science Fair!

We are excited to announce that our school will be hosting the Secondary Science Fair on Monday December 4th from 4pm. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their scientific knowledge and creativity.

The theme of this year's Science Fair is "Exploring the Scientific Method". Students will have the chance to participate in two different types of projects: Scientific Method investigation projects and building model projects.

The Scientific Method investigation projects will allow students to engage in hands-on experiments, make observations, collect data, and draw conclusions using the scientific method. On the other hand, the building model projects will encourage students to apply their knowledge and creativity to construct models that represent scientific concepts.

The Science Fair will not only help students develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills but also foster their curiosity and love for science. It will be a great chance for them to share their projects with their peers, teachers, and parents. Please review the VLE for the Science Fair Rubric, which judges will use to mark each project.

We encourage you to support your child's participation in the Science Fair by discussing potential project ideas and helping them gather the necessary materials. We believe that your involvement will enhance their learning experience and make the event even more meaningful.

We look forward to seeing you at the Science Fair and celebrating the scientific achievements of our students. Winners will be announced at the event.

The science Team

UPEI Explorer Challenge

On Saturday 12th November five TBS students from Year 11 and 12 attended and competed in the UPEI Explorer Challenge. The event took place at the University of Prince Edward Island Cairo Campus in the New Capital against 24 other schools, for a 10,000 LE prize. The Explorer Challenge consisted of problem-solving, critical thinking and reasoning for Mathematics, Sustainable Design and Engineering activities. The activities consisted of a one-minute pitch to market products, inclusive of a TikTok video, manufacturing decisions, implementing logic circuits for computers, cracking morse code, a physical activity in Golds Gym and so many more!

Luckily TBS students were in safe hands with Deepesh Ra (Year 11), who fast tracked 8 IGCSEs in year 10, and Eyad Ali (Year 11) an A level Mathematics student. Some of our student leadership team were also involved with Abdullah Mandil Head Boy and A2 Sciences and Mathematic student; Omar Abbas, Deputy Head Boy and A2 Mathematics and Economics student and Omar Khan, Deputy Head Boy and A2 Physics and Business Studies student.

TBS came first and won the competition overall, with Abdullah Mandil winning the tie breaker with a problem-solving escape puzzle, in a dramatic conclusion to the day! I was thoroughly pleased with our TBS students' attitude and willingness to place A level subject knowledge to different problem-solving contexts, and they really did TBS proud on the day.

One of our students was quoted as saying: " This is one of the best events I have ever attended! ". Thank you to the University of Prince Edward Island for your hospitality!

Christopher Stock
Assistant Head of Curriculum.



Career guidance -Exciting Announcement!

As part of our commitment to enhancing our students career readiness ,In partnership with Global Studies UK, our school is thrilled to host Professor Mustafa Nagy, the Program Director at UCL (University of Creative Arts-UK), for a workshop on "The Technology in Storytelling." Get ready for an insightful session on the cutting-edge tools in the modern world !

Stay tuned!

Our Week in Photos

