

This Week at TBS!

Dear TBS Family,

Last weekend I had the honour of accompanying some of our talented Under 13 footballers as they travelled to Doha to take part in the British Schools in the Middle East (BSME) tournament. Despite the challenges faced getting visas for everyone, Captain Redo from our PE Department and myself boarded the plane with nine very excited boys. For some it was their first time leaving Egypt, for most it was their first time away from Mum and Dad. The tournament was held at Doha College with a total of twelve teams playing – you can imagine our surprise to find out that our first match was against BISM! Although we lost our first three games, our team played very well and were even complimented by the home team as worthy adversaries. We did go on to win the following two games making us ninth out of the twelve schools – a great achievement for our very first overseas tournament. I would like to say how proud I was of each and everyone of our team: their resilience, positive attitude, time keeping, resourcefulness, shopping skills, sense of fun. Thanks for the great football, the many laughs and a memorable adventure – where next?



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

27.11 - 3.12 Y4-12 - November Arabic Examinations (during class times, see link and email for more details and VLE for exam topics)

28th Nov - Partners in Learning Primary Science workshop: focus all Primary from Pre-school to Year 6.

28th Nov - Year 2 Dress like a Superhero Day

30th Nov - Y6 Educational Trip

30th Nov - Moustache Day

30th Nov - Y9 Educational Trip

30th Nov - Coffee Morning with the Principal - 'Managing bedtimes'

3rd Dec - Sitara Winter Show at TBS for EYFS and Y1

4th Dec - Secondary Science Fair (open to all parents from 3pm)

7th Dec - Y7-12 Sports Day

Week beginning 10.12.23 - Presidential Elections: lessons online for full week

18th Dec - Y1 Concert at 1pm

18th Dec - Y2 Concert at 3:30pm

19th Dec - Y3&4 Concert 3:00pm and 5:30pm Performing together twice

Director of AI GEMS Education visit to GEMS TBS

Dr Sreejit Chakrabarty visited TBS last Tuesday to find out about our current integration of technology and innovation in the curriculum and gave us some great ideas of how to move forward.

After he visited, he shared the following comments: 'It was truly enlightening to witness firsthand the vibrant atmosphere of your school and the innovative practices being implemented in the classrooms.' 'The dedication of your team and the enthusiasm of the students were particularly impressive. It is evident that TBS is committed to fostering an environment of learning and growth, integrating technology and innovative methods into the curriculum. Such an approach is commendable and aligns well with the goals of our innovation audit.'



As a staff, we will now complete an Innovation Audit that will allow Dr Sreejit to provide us with further recommendations.

First EEP Teacher's Conference

Last Wednesday all our teaching staff attended the first EEP Teacher's Conference held at GISC entitled 'Growing Together for a Brighter Future'. The day began with a welcome speech from our GEMS Egypt Vice President, Dave Pontich followed by an introduction from EEP CEO, Ahmed Wahby. The keynote



GEMS TBS Partnership with Adidas

This week welcome local artists Aya Tarek and Amina Yahia to GEMS TBS. From 29th November, these talented artists who, in conjunction with Adidas, will be painting a mural on one of our Quad walls of Sarah Essam. Sarah, who is a TBS Alumni, is currently a professional footballer with Rugby Borough in England and part of the Egyptian Women's Football Team. The artists will be speaking to our Secondary Students during assembly about their art. For our school, we are looking forward to more projects with Adidas.

Presidential Elections

GEMS TBS has been selected as a polling station for the upcoming elections on 10th – 12th November. As a result, we will be switching to on-line learning for the whole week. You will receive more information about how to access lessons through GEMS Classroom and the sessions that your children will be required to participate in during the coming weeks.

Partners in Learning Parent Workshops

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

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Thursday, 30th November when we will be discussing the challenge of bedtimes. It is our Festive Jumper day so make sure you come along wearing yours!

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.

Winter Fair

With GEMS TBS being used as a polling station for the Presidential Elections and lessons being online for the week, we have rescheduled our Winter Fair to Wednesday, 24th January allowing our enterprising students time to work on their business plans, product designs, marketing, market research and production! They will still be entering the Tiger's Den before the end of term.

Al Misr El Kheir Foundation – supporting families in crisis in Gaza

Currently we have raised an astounding LE113,054 with your generous donations and profit from our very successful Breakfast Bonanzas – our target is LS140,000 so if you have not yet donated 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.

Parent satisfaction survey

Thank you to the 37 of you who have already taken the time to complete our Parent Satisfaction Survey. Please check your emails for the link and let us know if you have not received it. The link will be live for the next three weeks.

If you need any assistance in completing the survey, our IT team will be more than happy to help. The GEMS TBS Parent Satisfaction Survey serves as a vital tool for us to understand the experiences and opinions of our parents, enabling us to make informed decisions and improvements in various aspects of our school. Your honest feedback and suggestions help us identify strengths, areas for growth, and ultimately, enhance the quality of education and services we provide to our students.

Your input not only helps us pinpoint specific areas that require attention but also confirms what we are doing well. It provides reassurance to our dedicated staff and educators who work tirelessly to create a positive and nurturing environment for your child's education.

Furthermore, your participation in the survey reinforces the sense of partnership between our school and parents. We believe that parents are an integral part of a student's educational journey, and your active involvement is a testament to this belief. Your voice contributes to a collaborative effort aimed at providing the best possible education for our students.

As we continue to review the survey results and analyse the feedback, please know that your input will be taken seriously, and we will work diligently to address any concerns and build upon the successes that have been highlighted.

I want to emphasise that your involvement in the Parent Satisfaction Survey not only benefits our school but also plays a crucial role in shaping your child's educational experience. We are committed to ensuring that every student receives the highest quality education and support, and your feedback guides us in this endeavour.

Once again, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for taking the time to complete the Parent Satisfaction Survey. Your commitment to our school community is greatly appreciated, and your involvement has a direct and positive impact on the education we provide to your child and all our students.

If you have any further thoughts, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your input, and your continued engagement is essential in our mission to provide an excellent educational experience for your child.

A Message From Ms Rachel Hardwick, Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

Although last week was a short week, it was as eventful as usual. Our Sports Days were a resounding success – thank you to all parents for attending and supporting the children. Unfortunately, due to the wet weather, EYFS did not get to have their Sports Day. We will rearrange an event as soon as possible. A special thank you to Mr. Mohamed (Head of PE) for the organization of these special events.

Children across the Primary school have also been busily preparing for the upcoming Winter Fair. Children in Years 1-6 will be presenting their product idea, displaying skills across all areas of the curriculum.

As we approach December we look forward to the last few weeks of the first Term. Coming up, there will be Winter Shows and opportunities for children to showcase their talents. Thank you for your continued support.

Winter Shows:

We are really looking forward to our year groups that are presenting Winter Shows. Please see the details below. Arrangements for booking will be confirmed ASAP.

18th December:

Year 1 Show – Ralph the Reindeer – 1:00pm

Year 2 Show – Ralph the Reindeer – 3:30pm

19th December:

Year 3 and 4 show (first performance): 3:00pm

Year 3 and 4 show (second performance): 5:30pm

For the Year 3 and 4 show, each parent will be able to book to attend one of the performances. This will be on a first come first served basis as we cannot accommodate all parents at both shows.

Thank you!

Warm regards,
Rachel Hardwick

A Message From The Safeguarding Team

Dear Parents,

As many of you are aware, Safeguarding is a priority here at TBS. For those who are new to our school, I would like to introduce the Safeguarding Team.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Rachel Hardwick (also Head of Primary)

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Daniel Centeno (Head of Secondary), Jo Riddler (Assistant Head, Secondary), Hoda Said (Assistant Head, Primary), and May Kafour (Assistant Head, Primary)

So what is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding covers all aspects of keeping children safe physically and emotionally, taking care of student wellbeing, pastoral care and support, health and safety and much more!

Students and teachers in the school know who they can speak to if they need any support and we are here to help parents also. I will be writing a section in the newsletter each month with any Safeguarding updates. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,
The Safeguarding Team

Focus on Primary

Y3

We are delighted to share that the Year 3 students had an unforgettable experience during their recent visit from the Nutty Scientists! As part of our current unit, 'Blood, Bones and Body Bits,' the Nutty Scientists team provided an entertaining and educational day for our students. Engaging in a variety of exciting STEAM-related experiments, the children explored different aspects of the human body.



One of the highlights was learning about the respiratory system. The students had the opportunity to create a simulation of lungs using a straw, balloons, and a cup, deepening their understanding of how our bodies breathe. They also delved into the muscular system, with a particular focus on the hand muscles. Through a hands-on project, they drew a hand and segmented it with straws, then used strings to simulate muscle movement and understand how it enables us to make a fist.

In addition, the students learned about the vital process of inhaling oxygen and exhaling carbon dioxide. The Nutty Scientists concluded their visit with an intriguing experiment, demonstrating the transformation of solids into liquids using dry ice. The combination of fun and educational activities made the day truly remarkable.

Not only were the experiments and projects engaging, but the Nutty Scientists' team members also brought a great sense of humor, filling the classroom and hall with laughter and smiles. The Year 3 students thoroughly enjoyed this memorable experience.



Y5

We are delighted to share with you the incredible progress and achievements of our Year 5 students as they continue their exploration of the vast wonders of space.

Using their innovative minds, the children had a blast creating their very own space inventions using plasticine. They created their very own futuristic spaceships that truly showcased their unique perspectives on what lies beyond our planet. It was a joy to witness their excitement as they proudly presented their inventions to their peers.

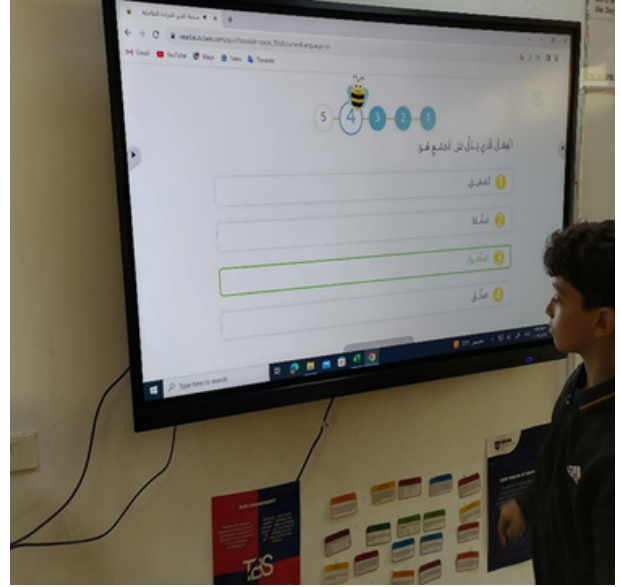
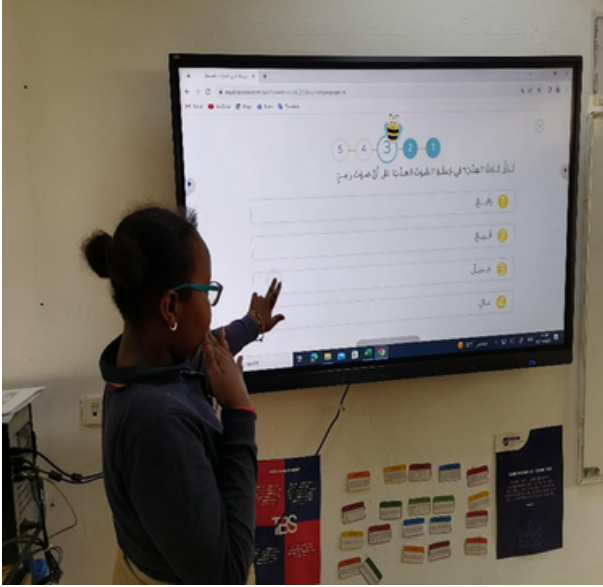
In both Science and Thematic lessons, the children embarked on an illuminating exploration of day and night phenomena. They deepened their understanding of how day and night occur in different parts of the world. During thematic lessons, our young explorers delved into the captivating world of Ancient Egypt. As part of this immersive experience, they had the opportunity to create sundials - ancient timekeeping devices that beautifully captured the essence of day and night during this civilization.

In English lessons, Year 5 children have demonstrated their exceptional talent by producing captivating diary entries, applying the key features of a diary entry, all centred around a day in space from their very own perspective. Meanwhile, in Mathematics, they have been wrapping up their exploration of multiples, factors, square numbers, and cube numbers. Building upon their existing knowledge, they confidently tackled multiplying and dividing multiples of 10, 100, and 1000.

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A Message From Mr Daniel Centeno, Head of Secondary

Dear TBS secondary Community,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. As we navigate through the ever-evolving landscape of education, it becomes imperative for us to adapt and innovate in response to the advancements that shape our world. In this article, we delve into the significant shift in exam questions, spurred by the advent of calculators and technology, and why it signals a departure from factory-style education.

The Rise of Calculators: A Game-Changer in Education

With the widespread availability and use of calculators, the way we approach mathematics and other quantitative subjects has undergone a transformative change. Gone are the days when rote memorization of formulas and lengthy manual calculations were the primary focus. Instead, educators now recognize the need to equip students with problem-solving skills and a deeper understanding of concepts.

Moving Beyond Factory-Style Education

Historically, education has often been criticized for its factory-style approach, where students were expected to conform to a standardized set of knowledge and skills. However, the advent of calculators has prompted a reassessment of this traditional model. The emphasis is shifting towards cultivating critical thinking, creativity, and the ability to apply knowledge to real-world scenarios.

The Evolution of Exam Questions

As we embrace this shift, examination questions are evolving to reflect the changing educational landscape. Rather than asking students to regurgitate facts and figures, exams are designed to assess their analytical abilities, problem-solving prowess, and capacity to think on their feet. This shift acknowledges that in the real world, success is not solely determined by one's ability to recall information but by the ability to apply it effectively.

Preparing Students for the Future

The purpose of education is not only to impart knowledge but also to prepare individuals for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. In a world where technology continues to advance at an unprecedented pace, the ability to adapt and apply knowledge creatively is more crucial than ever. The evolving nature of exam questions aligns with the broader goal of nurturing well-rounded individuals ready to tackle the complexities of the 21st century.

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Embracing Change Together

As we embark on this journey of educational transformation, it is essential for educators, students, and parents to work collaboratively. By fostering a supportive environment that values critical thinking and problem-solving, we can empower the next generation to thrive in a world that demands adaptability and innovation.

In conclusion, the advent of calculators and Artificial intelligence has catalyzed a paradigm shift in education, prompting a departure from the factory-style approach. Let us embrace this change with enthusiasm, recognizing it as an opportunity to prepare students not just for exams but for a future where their skills and abilities will be the driving force behind success.

At TBS we offer more in terms of trying to develop the whole child by our strong pastoral care, our curriculum next year will include EPQ for our older students and Integrated studies for our younger secondary students to improve the depth required during these changing times.

Only last week Ms. Aya Eid our innovation lead spent the afternoon with a representative of GEMs Dubai looking at how we can develop a richer experience for our students. It is always an inspiration to me how driven the staff at TBS are to enrich and make the experiences of all the students constructive to the challenges in the future.

Best regards,
Mr. Daniel Centeno

PE Department

EEP Cup

The first competition for our volleyball team. The first time in TBS history to have a volleyball team and they doing very good they won a lot of matches and the tournament will be continue on April.



Please make some noise for our track and field heroes .. They won a lot of medals individual racing and relay racing .



Our Week in Photos

