

# This Week at TBS!

Dear TBS Family,

As we come to the mid-point in our first term of this academic year I would like to thank you for your continued support and feedback on our events and workshops. Many more coming up for the second half of the term, so make sure you are up to date on what is happening at TBS.

This week I am attending our annual Egypt Education Platform Conference celebrating 'A Year of Unparalleled Success and Exponential Growth'. This is an event that also allows us to connect with the many other departments who support the schools as well as the other companies who make up EEP. Copies of Volume 3 of EEP Connect are available from our Front Desk if you would like to read more and see how TBS has contributed.

- Last week we had a lot of visitors at TBS. In addition to the evaluators' from the Council of International School, we also had an inspector from PENTA as part of the British Schools Overseas section of membership to the British Schools in the Middle East. Although we will not get the final reports back from CIS and PENTA for 4-6 weeks due to both group's moderation process, we did get some very positive feedback. We were praised for the support we give our students through safeguarding and the standard of teaching and learning. They were all very impressed with our students and the way they were part of their own learning being able to discuss their targets in different subjects. As soon as the reports are published I will share through our newsletter and on our website for everyone to read just how amazing learning is as part of the GEMS TBS family.
- At GEMS TBS we are always learning. We offer a range of Professional Development opportunities for our staff to ensure they are up to date on areas such as exam course work, teaching methodologies, use of data to impact learning and embedding formative assessment. Our Professional Development Day on Sunday, 29th October (no students as per calendar) will continue to focus on these areas whilst reflecting on learning during first half term and planning for the remainder of the term.

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

**31st Oct - Think Pink Day**

**1st Nov- inset Day**

**2nd Nov-grandparents visit to Y1**

**5th Nov- Y3 Roman Show**

- Last year, to support our much valued Arabic Team, we invited EEP English as a Second Language for Adults specialist John Louis into school to run an English Language Course. This practical and fun course focusing on the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing has continued this year. We are now able to offer course to you, our TBS parents. If you are interested in learning English or improving your English, please complete this [form](#).
- I had another golf lesson this week (was hitting the ball over 200 yards with a driver – not really sure what it means but friends who play seemed quite impressed) and 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](#).
- Whatever you are doing over the long weekend, I wish you a relaxing and fun filled time with your family. I am travelling to Rome. I have travelled all over the world but have seen surprisingly little of Europe. I am sure I will have lots to share from my journey in my next newsletter.



# A Message From Ms Rachel Hardwick, Head of Primary

**Dear Parents,**

Primary have had another fabulous week. A highlight has been the amazing contributions to the Internet Safety Poster competition. Please keep sending them in. This is such an important topic in the ever changing world of digital technologies and communications. We urge parents to be vigilant and observant in technology use, particularly new and unknown apps. We are happy to help if you have any questions.

Also this week we have had visitors to the classrooms and I have been impressed with the behaviour of primary students representing TBS values.

Coming up we have our Pink Day dress up, to raise valuable funds for Breast Cancer Awareness and Women's Health. Children will be invited to dress in pink and we have planned various activities such as themed bake sales.

I hope all families have a restful break over the long weekend.

Head of Primary  
Rachel Hardwick

# Focus on Primary

## EYFS

The EYFS children have been exploring shells over the past weeks after reading 'Sharing a Shell' story.

They were delighted to meet Mr. Snail and his lovely family!



The last EYFS Assembly was all about reinforcing good behaviour. It highlighted the importance of being a good friend by taking turns and playing with everyone, so nobody feels left out! The children enjoyed the assembly, and they were so excited to watch their teachers perform on stage!





# Y1

Our Y1 students have had a very eventful week. They have been very excited learning about how toys have changed over time and the differences between toys from the past and present.

This week, the Y1 children are wrapping up their Maths unit of addition and subtraction within 10. They are enjoying using different manipulatives such as ten-frames, number lines and part-whole models to solve word problems. We are also learning to describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials, focusing on the concepts of stretchy and rigid/ hard and soft.

Whether it's finding a missing part from an addition sentence, building structures with blocks, or conducting simple science experiments, our students love being actively involved in their learning process.



In Y1, we would like to end our current topic 'Changes Within Living Memory' hosting a special event, 'Grandparents' Visit'.

Children will hear firsthand stories from their beloved grandparents about their childhood and the changes they've witnessed throughout their lives.

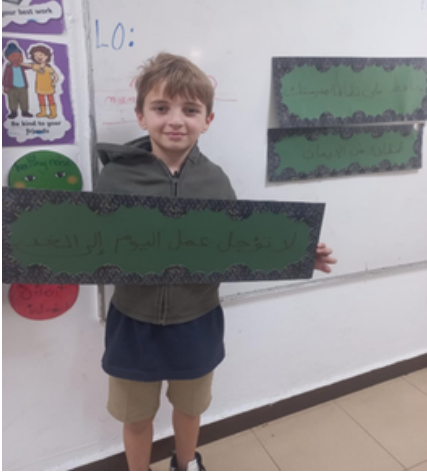
We will have various discussions about different aspects of life, such as toys, food, clothes and school.

We believe that the grandparents' presence will greatly enrich our students' understanding of history and provide them with a deeper appreciation for the world they live in today.

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## A Message From Mr Daniel Centeno, Head of Secondary

Dear Secondary School Parents,

We are delighted to share the positive recent visit from the Council of International Schools (CIS). The visit took place from 15th October 2023 to the 19th of October 2023. As we move forward, we will continue to build on the strengths identified during the visit while addressing areas for growth. Our commitment to providing an exemplary international education remains unwavering. As reflective long-life learners it is important to be open to change and work with others to achieve our goal for educating our children to become successful global citizens

As we approach half term it is important, we take some time to reflect and set our goals to continue towards our aims. This is also true for every student in the Secondary department. Soon we will be releasing the HTA1 reports, and these will be a chance to celebrate success, but also a time to consider future realistic goals. After HTA1 all parents will have a chance to discuss their children with the teacher to look at these goals and the next steps. These meeting will be bookable on Pheonix early November.

As my old tutor at university always told me planning is the key to success. This is so true when we look at study pathways. On the 6th of November 2023 our year 9 have a careers day and mid-November Mr. Chis Stock will be holding an options evening for Year 11 and 10. We hope with these opportunities your children will start planning a clear pathway to careers in the future.

Mr. Rayner will be sending home details of Myimaths.com. This website can be used from home with the student's passwords, supplied by the math's department for consolidation and revision with instant feedback for topics learnt in school.

Kind regards,

Daniel Centeno  
Head of Secondary



# Focus on Secondary

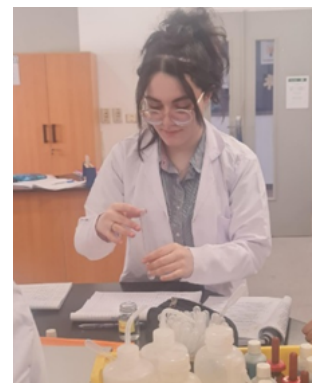
## Engaging Y10 Students in the Lab

### Collaborative Practical Work as the Best Approach for Learning Biology

In the world of science education, engaging students in practical laboratory work is a key component for effectively learning concepts and gaining valuable hands-on experience. Y10 students have been actively participating in such practical work in science. While practicing the importance of lab safety measures, we carried out various food tests emphasizing the significance of collaborative practical work as the optimal way to learn biology.



One of the fundamental concepts explored by Y10 students in the biology lab is food testing. Food tests enable students to examine the presence or absence of specific nutrients in various food substances. For example, students may perform tests for the presence of sugars using



Benedict's solution, proteins using Biuret reagent, lipids using the emulsion test, and starch using iodine solution. Through these tests, students are not only exposed to the scientific method but also gain a deeper understanding of the nutritional composition of different food types. This knowledge proves invaluable in fields such as nutrition and dietetics.



Collaborative practical work has proven to be highly effective in fostering not only a deeper understanding of biology but also the development of critical scientific skills. Working in small groups, Y10 students engage in hands-on activities, encouraging active participation and fostering teamwork. By collaborating with their peers, students can share ideas, collectively solve problems, and develop a stronger understanding of scientific processes. Let us continue to support and empower our secondary students as they embark on their journey as budding scientists.



## Commercial Studies

As we approach the half term break, the Commercial Studies department has over the last two weeks prepared year 10 and 11 Business Studies students for their Enterprise Day. This took place on Sunday 22nd October and was a perfect opportunity to relate theoretical knowledge to practice. Year 10 students have recently studied Enterprise and Entrepreneurship and the Business Plan. Year 11 Students have just completed marketing and the "Marketing Mix". Students had to pitch a business plan and their marketing ideas to their teachers. Our entrepreneurs then sold goods and services to students around the school with 20% of profits going towards charitable causes. It was fabulous to see students gaining firsthand knowledge of finance, purchasing from suppliers and implementing cost plus pricing to ensure they did not make a loss. Overall, the day was a success, well done IGCSE Business students and well-done Ms Roya and Ms Hania, for helping organise the event, a thoroughly enjoyable day!



# Our Week in Photos

