

This Week at TBS!

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you to everyone for their participation during Book Week. You have shared some amazing pictures of children reading in some very unusual places and your ideas for character day were of such a wide range. We all enjoyed Miss Rachel going round ringing her 'Drop everything and read' bell and the Book Fair saw a constant stream of visitors. The Secondary Book Quiz Assembly had us all thinking about characters and themes as well as the favourite books of our teachers. Overall, a great opportunity to highlight the importance of reading and encourage children to try reading different genres.

Last weekend I took part in the Tree Lovers Association's 38th Annual Tree Walk. Founded in 1973 by members of the community around Ma'adi, the association has been actively involved in preserving the trees around the city and planting new trees. Our walk took us around the canal area. The canal is now piped underground and this Association campaigned against a road being put through this green area. Thankfully the historic trees, many over 100 years old, are still there for everyone to enjoy. Why not take a drive to Ma'adi starting your tree walk at the intersection of Road 83 and Kanal where you can see an old Indian Banyan Tree and smell the Australian Eucalyptus trees towering above. At this point you can walk through the gardens and see more trees from all over the world. There is a great free phone app called Picture This. You can take a photograph of any plant or tree and it will tell you all about them.

Colours of Spring around New Cairo

Last week I wrote about the stunning Jacaranda trees that are still in flower around the city. However, as the colour of their flowers darken you will start to notice other flowers beginning to show off. The Yellow Trumpetbush is one such flower. An evergreen bush with broadleaves the Yellow Trumpetbush has clusters of bright yellow trumpet-shaped flowers. Native to the southern states of America, Central America and South America it has become a garden favourite around the world.

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

Parent workshop-9th May
focus -whole school.

Arabic Exams start-9th May

Friends of TBS Coffee
Morning - 11th May

French Day-5th June

Health Week-18th June

End of Academic Year- 26th
June



Examination Updates

This week sees our Year 9 students continue with their Pre-iGCSE. Feedback so far from them is positive and good to hear that they feel well prepared for these examinations. We also have students who will be sitting examinations for these courses: AS Mathematics, IGCSE Travel and Tourism, AS Computer Science, A2 Business Studies IGCSE Biology, IGCSE Physics, IGCSE Chemistry, IGCSE French, AS Physics, IGCSE ICT, IGCSE Computer Science and AS Language and Literature in English. Many of these examinations have more than one section.

All student who are taking international examinations will be doing so in an examination centre in New Cairo.

We know how hard they have been working to prepare for these exams and we wish them all good luck.

CIS Community Survey

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the survey sent to you last week. If you have not done so yet, please take some time to access the link as your feedback is much appreciated. Deadline is 15th May.

If you have not received the link by email, please contact our Front of House Team. CIS is a membership community working collaboratively to shape international education through professional services to schools, higher education institutions, and individuals. The CIS vision is to inspire the development of global citizens through high quality international education: connecting ideas, cultures, and educators from every corner of the world.

The CIS Accreditation process has long been recognised in international school circles as a highly effective means of initiating and maintaining school improvement while adhering to globally-benchmarked standards. Approximately 665 international schools are served by the membership organisation known as the Council of International Schools (CIS). Since 1970, it has accredited member schools, and many nations around the world hold a high regard for its accreditation process. During 2021-2022 GEMS TBS welcomed the Council of International Schools (CIS) to visit us virtually as part of our international accreditation. The evaluators from CIS were impressed with our school and have provided much valuable feedback for us to advance to the next stage in the accreditation process: the school self-study.

Part of this self-study is a Community Survey which involves all stakeholders of the school. At GEMS TBS we want you to experience excellence, and we know this means continuously evaluating what we do. In addition to our GEMS Parent Satisfaction Survey, the CIS Community Survey will help us better understand how we are doing as a school in different areas and from all stakeholders. The more parents, students, teachers and support staff we hear from, the more confident we can be in our development plan.

A Message From Ms Rachel Hardwick, Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

It was a wonderful Book Week at TBS. Children particularly enjoyed my visits with the special bell to signify that they should D.E.A.R (Drop everything and read). I received multiple requests to visit again and children from all year groups got very quick at pausing lessons and selecting their books. We also enjoyed a great character dress up day where I was impressed to see children using their imagination to come up with individual costumes.

Year 1 and 2 have launched a competition to Read Around the World. Children are challenged to read a certain number of books each week to move their picture around a large world map.

We have also begun to see more contributions for the Challenge of the Pharaohs. Children are submitting as individuals, groups and classes and we hope by all of us doing 'Just1Thing' we can make a considerable impact to support the Sustainable Development Goals. Now that we are back to our regular school hours, please note that the last lesson finishes at 2:45pm. We want to maximise every opportunity for the children's learning and so ask for parent's kind patience at pick-up time. Teachers endeavour to get to the pick up points promptly but, if your child is not at the gate, please know that it is because they are finishing some important learning activities.

Best wishes,

Head of Primary
Rachel Hardwick



Focus on Primary

Y2

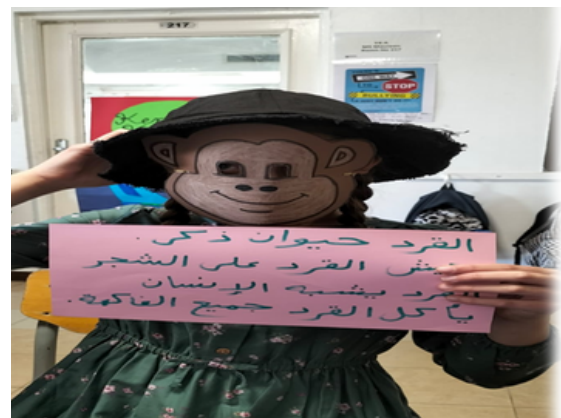
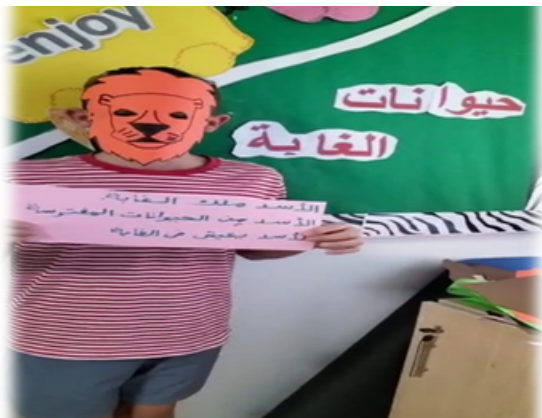
Y2 children had a wonderful time celebrating the end of their 'Superheroes' topic last week. Throughout this topic, they learnt about superhero characters in comic books, making a difference to their community by learning about the importance of recycling, the importance of staying healthy and fit, as well as superhero qualities and character traits in PSHE lessons.

On Tuesday, Y2 children came in to school wearing their favourite superhero costumes, including real life superheroes like doctors, nurses, police officers, engineers and fire fighters. They started off the day taking part in a costume parade on the field, showing off their colourful and creative costumes. Children then participated in a number of exciting art & DT activities. They also had an exciting time creating superhero capes, masks as well as designing their own superhero logos. Finally, they hosted a special superhero assembly, where a number of Year Two parents spoke about their special roles in the community, being real-life superheroes. A dentist, a nutritionist and an orthopedic surgeon took over our TBS stage and delivered some interesting presentations about their careers.



لغتنا العربية

ها وقد وصلنا للفصل الدراسي الثالث ونستعد لامتحانات نهاية العام لنبدأ التركيز على مهارات اللغة بكل الأنشطة المتاحة وعلى الجانب الآخر تستمر الأنشطة داخل الفصول فى جميع المراحل ولكن هذا الأسبوع أود مشاركتكم لأنشطة غير الناطقين بالعربية لنرى تأثير لغتنا العربية .



A Message From Mr Nigel Wilsonlock, Head of Secondary

Dear parents and students,

We now enter the last term of the year and have lots planned. For most students this term is mainly about 'exams', be they external or internal. For the first time our Y9 students are taking the Pre-IGCSE exams in the core subjects ensuring our students meet MoE academic requirements to move to the next academic year. Our internal assessments are very important to us as they allow us to find a student's strengths but also the areas that need further development. We are using language in school that moves our students away from the pass/fail mentality that adds unnecessary stress to the process and holds students back as a consequence.

As 'The British School' we always have our eye on events in the UK and it is hard to ignore the media coverage surrounding the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday. To commemorate the event, we will have our own surprise in store for students on Sunday. Other news in the UK centres on recent local elections, the upcoming Eurovision Song Contest and the last stages of the football leagues.

Our key event for the term is our Graduation Event for graduating students in Y11/12. This will be hosted at the Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski Hotel on Thursday 22 June. This is a day of mixed emotions as we are sad to see our students go but our delighted that they are ready to take the next steps in their journeys.

Kind regards

Nigel Wilsonlock
Head of Secondary

Focus on Secondary

TBS Students Take Part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Junior Challenge

The United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) was founded in 1996 with the aim of advancing the education of young people. The UKMT Individual Mathematics Challenges are intriguing multiple-choice question papers designed to stimulate interest in mathematics. The Junior Challenge attracts over 300 000 entries each year and is the United Kingdom's most popular mathematics competition. The competition is also open to international schools that offer a properly accredited British education.



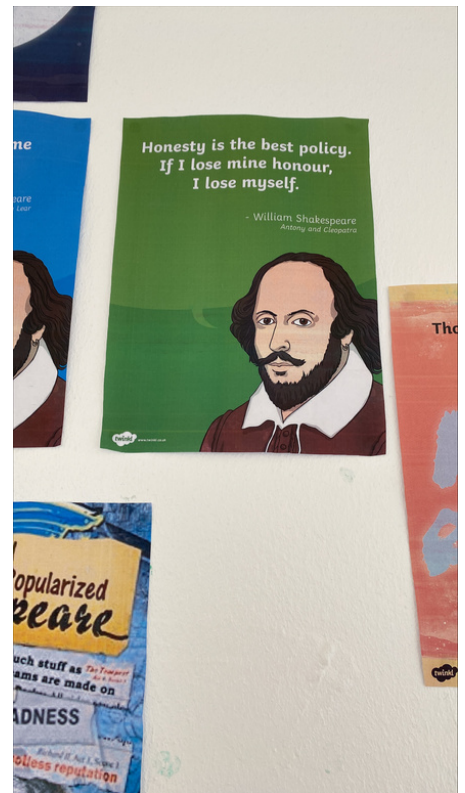
The papers contain 25 multiple choice questions. Of these, the first 15 are more accessible whilst the final 10 provide more food for thought. Gold, silver or bronze certificates are awarded to only 40% of participants.

This year the Junior Challenge was sat at TBS, and a number of TBS students were selected to take part. Some of those students had been preparing since the beginning of the year through the Mathematical Challenge After School Activity.

English Department

It's been a big week for English this week. Book week is a wonderful start to term 3, students have shared with their peers their most cherished novels and characters that they are inspired by. It has been great to see some of those characters in dress up day- thanks to those who joined in the fun.

Assembly time saw the students join a mini book knowledge quiz as part of the house competition, the students were very excited by this. This month is also Shakespeare day, and its amazing how many phrases and idioms derive from his work. Here are a few to discuss with your son or daughter.



Top Tips for Studying Science

Summarized from www.greatschools.org

It's exam season!

Studying for science is very different than studying for history or English. Strategies that work for those classes may not work well in a science class. You probably won't have time to try all of these strategies, but pick a few you think will help and try those. The key is to find as many different ways to work with the information and use as many of your senses (visual, auditory and tactile) as you can to help you retain the information.

1. Schedule study time

Use a study planner to organize your study times.

2. Take breaks

After 45 minutes of studying, take a 10 minute break to refresh you brain/body.

3. Read the detail, but read for meaning.

Writing summaries in your own words will improve your understanding of the concept.

4. Flashcards

Use flashcards to learn terminology.

5. Use drawings and diagrams

Employ imagery such as drawings, diagrams, and mind maps to make the most challenging processes easy to remember.

6. Use mnemonic devices

Remember, MRS. GREN 😊 It works because it is effective.

7. Teach it!

The reasons teachers are experts in their courses is because they teach it regularly! Teach a topic to your fellow friends and you will understand the topic better.

8. Start a study group

Practice your explanations on people studying the same material, ask and answer questions, and share study tips together.

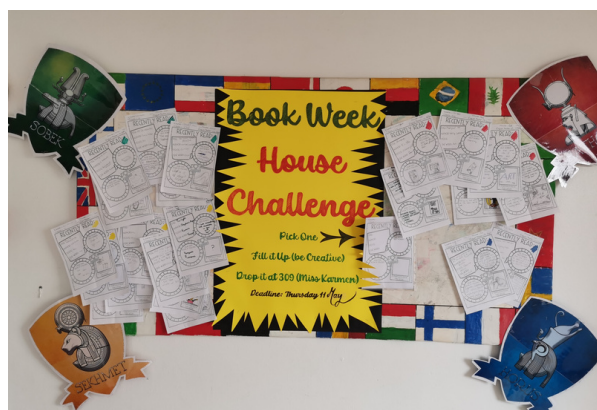
If you struggle with test anxiety, seek the support of your teachers and school pastoral team.

Houses

In line with Book week, students all over school were challenged to contribute in a Reading House Competition. Every reader is encouraged to fill out a sheet about a book that they have recently read.

- Basic information about the book: such as title, author and genre
- One word that you feel best links to this book
- Tell us about the best moment you experienced, reading this book
- Why would you recommend this book to others
- And finally use your creativity to draw and colour your favourite snapshot from the book

Primary and secondary students were excited to share their reads, submissions are currently being collected, and final House scores will be announced soon.



Time for a Spring Clean!

The TBS Senior Leadership Team's JIT focuses on 'Pre-loved Uniforms'. Our children grow so quickly needing new uniform items yearly or even every term. Often the items are still in very good condition and could be reused. We have all had 'hand-me-downs' from older brothers, sisters or cousins but here is an opportunity to reduce the amount of new uniforms being bought and share within our TBS family. We ask you to bring in those pre-loved yet still wearable and freshly laundered uniform items that your children have grown out of for other children to reuse.

Challenge of the Pharaohs 2023 – the deadline is coming...

This year the Challenge of the Pharaohs is not only for our schools but invites you, our TBS families, to get involved too. Developed to highlight the UN Sustainable Development Goals 12 and 13 (Responsible Consumption and Production and Climate Action) the challenge asks you to think of Just 1 Thing (JIT) that you can change in your daily lives that will make a change. Ask your child about this year's challenge as they were talking about it in school last week. Read more about how you can get involved as a family by clicking this link.

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TBS Updated Assessment Policy

Please click link to read our updated TBS Assessment Policy which outlines the many different assessments used throughout the school, how we feedback to you, how we use data to inform learning and our target setting process.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kKh9g0gBavRHG8ReU8iM9WqHUGE9g6rZ/view?usp=share_link

Academic Calendar for 2023-24

Please click here to view and download the term dates and holidays for the next academic year.

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Attendance Policy Reminders

Thank you to everyone in supporting TBS in prioritising the need for all students to be On Time In School everyday. To continue to focus on this we have updated our Attendance Policy which you can read in full.

Dress Code Reminder

Every morning as your children enter school we monitor their uniform to ensure that they are in keeping with our TBS Dress Code. Thank you for your support with keeping jewellery at home and for taking note in regards to facial piercing.

We would ask for your continued support ensuring that all students attend every day in the correct uniform items. Only TBS branded sports items should be worn on PE days. Only TBS branded jumpers, jackets, shirts, tshirts and trousers should be worn on non-PE days. Please note that sports shoes are only acceptable on PE days.

If your child comes to school wearing non TBS uniform items, we will call you and ask for your support to ensure the correct uniform is worn from now on or to bring in the uniform item for your child to change.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping up our TBS Dress Code Standards:

- All children to attend school in the TBS uniform at all times. This also includes suitable footwear.
- All long hair must be tied back at all times. This includes boys with longer hair.
- For girls, small stud earrings can be worn. Nose rings are not acceptable at any time.
- Jewellery is not allowed and should be left at home to avoid any loss or damage.
- No smart watches

Our Week in Photos

