

# This Week at TBS!

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you to everyone for their support with our International Week last week. French Day was a highlight and our students' confidence showing their French language skills was a testament to our TBS French Department. The parade of nations on Thursday was a wonderful display taking us on a journey around the world – despite the threat of sandstorms and thunderstorms. We are already planning for next year's International Week making it bigger and better.

We may be on the run down to the end of the term but there is a lot going on. As well as end of year assessments there are splash days, concerts, farewell assemblies, trips, a graduation for our seniors and two sleep-over camps! This weekend it is a sleep-over camp for our Year 6 students who chose this as a final event to mark the end of their primary journey. I will be one of the adults staying with the students and I know it is going to be a lot of fun but not so much sleeping.

## Communication Tree

Thank you to those of you who have already been in touch and ready to support our new Communication Tree throughout the school for the sharing of reminders and key information to year groups, Key Stages, sections and whole school where required. We now have key communicators confirmed for some year groups but still looking for more volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to be Class Key Communicators and Year Group Key Communicators. Our Year Group volunteers would be linked in a whatsapp group directly with myself and senior leaders. I know many of you are doing a great job with this already and now I want to formalise it as we develop our Friends of TBS support for all our families. If you are interested and willing to be one of our Key Communicators, please email my PA [m.ali3\\_tbs@gemsedu.com](mailto:m.ali3_tbs@gemsedu.com) and we will start to build our TBS Communication Tree. I would like to have this in place by the end of term to be ready for the new academic year.

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

Year 5 & 6 Production - 13th June

ASAs production - 14th June

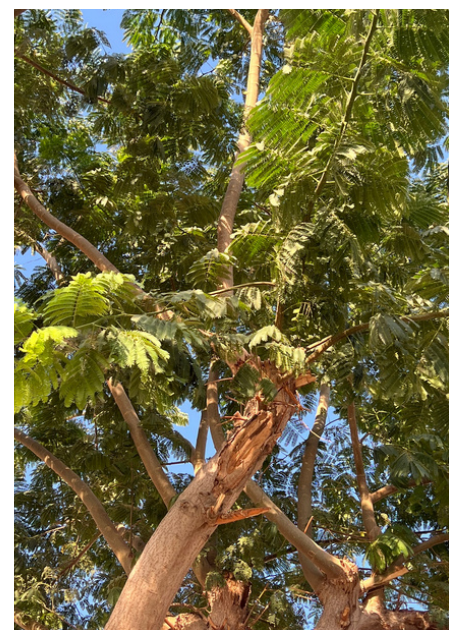
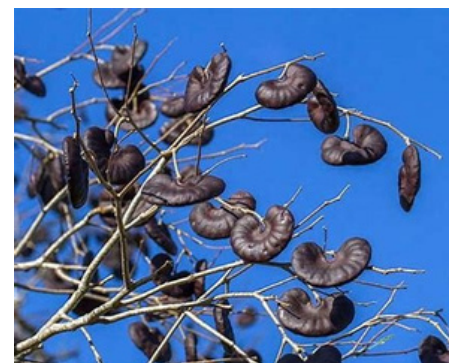
Challenge of Pharaohs closing Ceremony - 19th June

End of Academic Year- 26th June

# Colours of Spring around New Cairo

You might have noticed the new paler leaf growth on the trees in the central reservation of the road at Gate 1. This is a rather unusual tree, not for it's flowers which are spiky white balls but for it's seed pods. Monkey (or Elephant) Ear Tree (*Enterolobium cyclocarpum*) is native to the tropical regions of the Americas, from central Mexico south to northern Brazil. It is prized for its shady canopy as well as it's curiously shaped seedpods. It is the national tree of Costa Rica.

Below the leafy canopy of the Monkey Ear Trees grow two plants: the Golden Daisy Bush and the Golden Dewdrop bush. The Golden Daisy Bush (*euryps pecinatus*), native to South Africa is a favourite of bees and makes a lovely carpet with it's yellow star shaped flowers and gray-green leaves. Alongside the Golden Daisy Bush is the Golden Dewdrop bush (*duranta erecta*), native to tropical America which also attracts pollinators and birds with it's flowers and berries. It is the variegated form that is planted outside school.



## Colours of Spring around New Cairo

[The National Online Safety Group](https://www.thenationalnews.com/schools/online-safety/2020/03/24/online-safety-guide/) have released an updated guide to OmeTV, another release of the kind of App that we wrote to you about recently. These Apps encourage users to 'make friends from all around the world'. Users are connected at random and there are clear dangers about exactly who your child might be talking to as there are not safeguards in place. Click below to read their advice. You can become a member for free and download a variety of guides as well as take free courses to make sure you are up to date with all the latest digital technology available.

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<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

## A Message From Ms Rachel Hardwick, Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well, and that the past weeks have been enriching and rewarding for your children at our beloved school. As we approach the end of term, I wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for your support in providing headphones for the Year 2-6 students to use during the GL assessments.

As discussed during the parent workshop, all the assessments we conduct are designed with a single purpose in mind: to inform our teaching practices and highlight our students' strengths. We firmly believe that assessments should serve as tools to support growth and development, enabling us to tailor our approach to meet each child's unique needs. With your cooperation, we can provide the best possible education and support for our students.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to commend our dedicated teachers for their commitment to creating a positive and engaging learning environment. Their tireless efforts are truly remarkable, and we are fortunate to have such a passionate team guiding our children's educational journey.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting few weeks in store, filled with various events and activities that will further enrich our students' experiences. We recently celebrated International Week, immersing ourselves in a tapestry of diverse cultures and customs. Our students had the chance to learn about different countries through fun and creative activities, promoting global awareness and fostering a sense of unity within our school community.

In addition to International Week, we are also thrilled to announce that French Day was a resounding success. The students embraced the French language and cultural traditions with enthusiasm, gaining valuable insights into the beauty of Francophone culture.

Once again, I extend my sincerest gratitude for your ongoing support and collaboration. Together, we are building a nurturing educational community that fosters growth, empathy, and a love for learning. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. We value your feedback and are committed to working together to provide the best possible education for your children.

Wishing you a wonderful and fulfilling week ahead!

Best wishes,

Rachel Hardwick  
Head of Primary



# Y5&6 production

For the past 2 weeks, the students of year 5 and 6 have been hard at work preparing for their upcoming performance. The rehearsals have been intense, but the students have shown an incredible level of dedication and commitment.

Throughout the week, the students have been perfecting their lines, working on their choreography, and practicing their singing. They have been under the guidance of their talented teachers, who have helped to bring out the best in each and every one of them.

Despite the long hours of practice, the students have remained enthusiastic and eager to learn. They have shown a great deal of teamwork and cooperation, supporting one another through the more challenging parts of the rehearsals.

As the week draws to a close, we can confidently say that the students are well-prepared for their upcoming Matilda performance. They have put in a tremendous amount of effort and we are looking forward to seeing them shine on the big day.

We wish the students the best of luck for their performance . We know that they will do us proud and we can't wait to see what they have in store for us. Well done to everyone involved in the rehearsals!



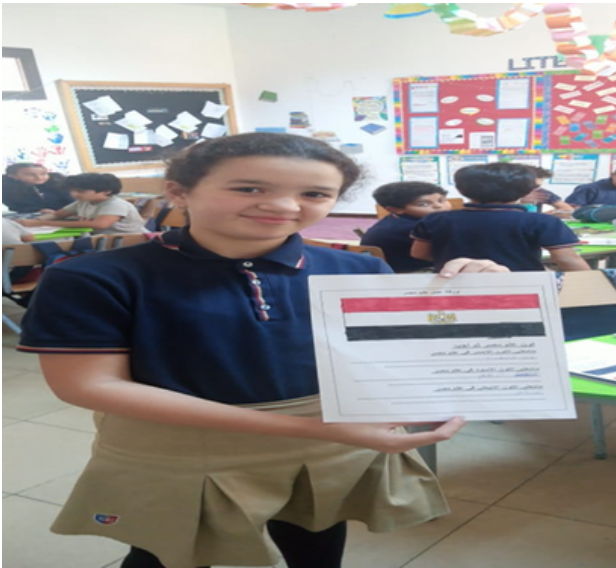
# PE -10 Reasons to Choose and learn Gymnastics:

1. It's FUN!
2. Develops Strength
3. Develops Flexibility
4. Develops Co-ordination
5. Teaches Listening Skills
6. Increases Self-esteem & Confidence
7. Provides Social Interaction with Peers
8. Encourages Goal Setting
9. Develops Cognitive Abilities which help in the Classroom
10. Enhances Other Sports and Great for General Fitness



## لغتنا العربية

خلال هذا الأسبوع أعلننا عن نتائج تلاميذنا الأعزاء وكانت بفضل الله مفرحة لهم ولنا وندعو الله أن يستمر النجاح على مدار جميع العوام وعلى الجانب الآخر تستمر حصصنا بتنمية مهارات اللغة العربية كما يأخذ معلم الدراسات الاجتماعية تلاميذه في رحلات لأماكن سياحية في بلدنا مصر الجميلة وهم بداخل فصولهم ويتخيلون ويرسمون مايتخيلون ويشاهدون .





## A Message From Mr Nigel Wilsonlock, Head of Secondary

Dear parents and students,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the end of the academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude and appreciation to the French team for organizing a highly successful French Day. The event was filled with engaging activities, performances, and an overall celebration of French culture. Thank you to all the students and staff who actively participated and made it a memorable experience.

I would also like to acknowledge the enthusiasm and spirit shown by our students on International Day. It was heartening to see our secondary students embracing different cultures by dressing up in international attire. Your efforts contributed to creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere within our school community.

Wearing different clothes is fun, but our students also benefited from lessons centred around the broad themes of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during International Week. By exploring these global issues, our students have gained a deeper understanding of the challenges our world faces and the importance of taking action to create a positive impact. I believe these lessons have enriched their perspectives and will empower them to become responsible global citizens.

As we near the end of the academic year, I would like to express my gratitude to Miss Donya for her exceptional organisation during the external exams. With only seven exams remaining out of the initial 95, her dedication and meticulous attention to detail ensured that all students were in the right place at the right time, following the British Council exam rules. Thank you, Miss Donya, for your remarkable efforts in ensuring a smooth exam process.

While students may be winding down for the upcoming summer break, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all our staff members. Their commitment and hard work over the year has not let up in recent weeks. They are writing end-of-year reports and diligently planning for the next academic year, their efforts are truly commendable. Their dedication to providing a high-quality education and supportive environment for our students is invaluable.

We are also finalising student awards for our Celebration Assemblies in the last weeks of term. Academic achievement, progress, GEMS Jewels of Kindness and Respect, attendance, sports and leadership will all be rewarded to some of our well-deserving students. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making our school community thrive.

Kind regards

Nigel Wilsonlock  
Head of Secondary

## English Department

Key Stage 3 have been working towards developing written answers using a style of writing that enables them to explain and give reason as to why something is the way it is. For instance, in texts students are often asked to explain the reason why the writer has used specific language. The answer might be to create mood, or to create suspense for instance. Students are then required to extend their answers further through giving evidence from the text that they have read. Ms. Liz wanted to bring the style of writing to life through exploring art. The students have created some beautiful artwork led by Ms. Karmen in the art department, displaying creative portraits using a range of deep colors and perspectives. Ms. Liz asked the students to identify a piece of artwork that captured their eye, and write a P.E.E paragraph to explain how and why the piece inspired and appealed to them. Please ask your son/daughter to explain to you what P.E.E is. The opportunity for them to explain it to you is also a learning moment too.



## Lost property

Since January we have collected a lot of lost, unlabelled including items such as jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes and more. We will be placing the lost items in the garden all at Gate 1 on Sunday 25th June. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

## 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 Presentation of Winners

The final Challenges have now been submitted from all of our sister EEP schools and we are now looking forward to the Presentation Ceremony on Thursday, 15th of June here at TBS. When the judging is complete, we will be issuing invitations to those who will be acknowledged at this event. These invitations will include parents as we know how much support you have given to make these challenges happen. Watch your emails to see if your child's challenge has been chosen to represent TBS.

## 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.



# 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.

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## 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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## 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

