

# This Week at TBS!

## Dear Parents,

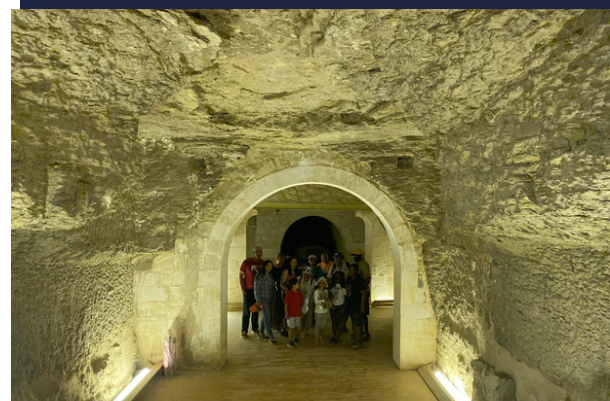
The lilac and purples of the Jacaranda are beginning to fade and it is the turn of the orange colours to take over around Rehab.

This amazing riot of colour is thanks to this amazing tree. You might know it as the Flame Tree or the Fire Tree. For me, the name which matches its amazing flowers is the Flamboyant Tree. However, its real name is the Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*). It is a flowering plant of the bean family (it is the one that gives the long brown pods) and native to Madagascar where it is endangered yet thriving in the tropics where it has been introduced. Look around as you are driving – there are lots around and on fire!

Last weekend a group of TBS staff explorers set out to visit the Necropolis at Dahshur and then on to Saqqara. The Dahshur pyramids were built over 4000 years ago and the three are the third, fourth and fifth pyramids built in Egypt. All were built for the Pharaoh Sneferu. The largest is often known as the 'bent' pyramid due to the change of angle (this was the first true pyramid after the one at Saqqara). The smallest was the first pyramid built for a queen. The other one has a pink/red colour and known as the 'red' pyramid.

At Saqqara we visited the Serapeum: an excavated corridor filled with enormous black granite sarcophagus from around 3000 years ago. We also visited the pyramid of Teti and admired the images of daily life in his vizir's tomb. Our final destination was the Pyramid of Djoser – the step pyramid and first of its kind that set a trend that lasted many following dynasties. After recent work to stabilise the structure, you can now enter the pyramid and look down on the giant sarcophagus of Djoser at the bottom of the high internal hall.

If you haven't been – both are well worth visiting.





## **Parents' Survey**

It appears we have had a bit of an initial 'hiccup' with the link for the Parent Satisfaction Survey but all is working now. By now you should have received a new link – please let us know if you did not get this email or have any problems at all accessing the survey. We are more than happy to arrange a time for you to complete it in one of our ICT rooms with IT support on hand if necessary – just ask and we are there to help you!

## **Important reminders**

- All gates open at 0730.
- For all classes, registration is at 0745 all students are required to be in their classes by this time.
- Any student arriving in school after 0745 is late.

I am still somewhat concerned at the number of students who are regularly late for school. We all run late sometimes and for your child arriving late occasionally will not cause major disruption. However, chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. According to research, missing just 10% of the school year in the early years causes many children to struggle at primary school. Lateness in secondary is associated with lesser performance.

One of the most important aspects of school is that it is organised, scheduled and predictable – students depend on the structure and routines to help them focus on learning. When a student is repeatedly tardy, these vital routines are disrupted – meaning a morning or even the whole day is stressful.

Over time, repeated lateness can impact on your child's confidence and self-esteem. The stress of always arriving when a class has started will have a negative impact on their learning and their overall well-being – no one wants to be known as 'the late child'.

Fortunately, you can help prevent tardiness from becoming frequent enough to impact on your child's life. You are still the primary role model in your child's life so being on time is a very positive life lesson. Make sure that you are modelling good organisational skills such as getting clothes and bags ready the night before as well as modelling being punctual and responsible.

Students are required to be in their classes ready for registration at 0745am – which means entering the campus from 0730am.

## **Parent Workshops**

We have two workshops running on Wednesday this week. One for KS2 parents where Ms Hoda will be focusing on reading and how you can help your child at home to develop their reading skills. The second is for our Secondary parents where Mr Nigel Wilsonlock will be focusing on the use of assessment for learning in the classrooms and an insight into how we use assessment data to impact on student progress. Although aimed at specific areas of the school, both are well worth attending as they give an insight to what we do to support learning at TBS. See timings below.

## Educational Trips

Year 6 visited Fagnoon last Thursday coming back with lots of stories and memories as well as clay pots and tie-dye clothes – we have some very creative Year 6 students from their pot skills and designs on their clothes. They also learned about making traditional bread. What a great place to try new crafts and experience a time before electricity and digital technology.



## Advisory Council

This term we are looking for some new parent representatives for our Advisory Council. The Council is actively involved in all aspects of school life and aims to be a 'critical friend' in upholding the school's vision and values as well as advising on matters of strategy and policy. If you would be interested in being part of the Advisory Council, please email our PRE by the end of this week.

## World Environment Day 2022

On Sunday, 5th June Primary will be celebrating World Environment Day by taking part in a range of exciting activities including:

- An oil spill station enhancing their awareness of environmental accidents in seas and oceans
- An earth model activity using salt dough and food colouring
- A design activity to create helpful reminders to take care of our environment
- A planting activity to learn how to plant and look after a variety of seeds.
- An activity to reuse tetrapacks to create birdfeeders.

Children are invited to come to school in green or flowery clothes – please keep in mind that they will be taking part in some potentially messy activities!





## **Dates for your Diary**

- 1st June – KS2 Reading Workshop at 0900
- 1st June – Senior School Assessment Workshop 1130
- 2nd June - Join me for a coffee at 0800 – everyone welcome
- 2nd June – Announcement of Challenge of the Pharaohs Winners
- 2nd June – COVID Vaccinations for Y7-12 (for those who have already signed up)
- 5th June – Go Green Wear Green Day – EYFS to Y6 event
- 6th June – EYFS Sports Day – parents welcome at 0825am, come dressed to take part!
- 9th June - Join me for a coffee at 0800 – everyone welcome
- 9th June – Challenge of the Pharaohs closing event and awards ceremony
- 16th June - Join me for a coffee at 0800 – everyone welcome
- 19th June – Health Week
- 22nd June – FS2 assembly
- 23rd June – Join me for a final coffee at 0800 – everyone welcome
- 23rd June – Y6 assembly
- 27th June – Last day of the school year – 1200 finish

Have a great first week back.

**School Principal**  
**MS Jane Knight**