

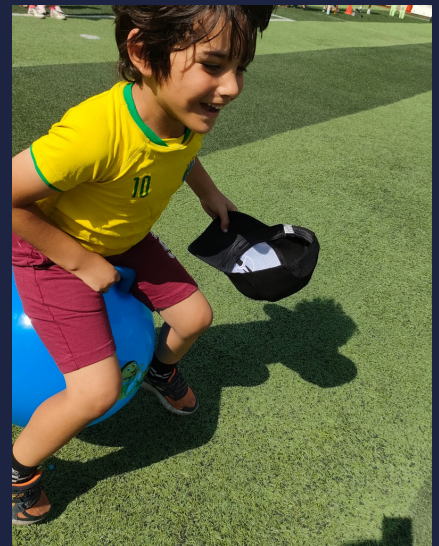
This Week at TBS!

Dear Parents,

When I was visiting our sister school, BISM, last week I was struck by the colour of the blossoming trees. While here in Rehab the prominent colour at the moment is orange, in Madinaty the colour is yellow. The reason for this burst of colour is this amazing tree with it's cascading yellow flowers and delicate green leaves. Commonly known as the Golden Shower Tree, Cassia Tree or Indian Laburnum. Native to India, Pakistan and Thailand it thrives in hot, dry climates. Traditionally this tree has been a source of food and herbal medicine. Have you seen one of these amazing trees in the garden areas in Rehab?

Due to your positive feedback, we are continuing with our daily 'Stay TBS Healthy' posts on our social media as part of our June is Health Month campaign. As well as sharing quotes and tips on healthy eating we are also looking at environmental impact, mental health and fitness – please share them with your friends and family and let's spread the word that being healthy has many different facets.

We will be carefully monitoring the heat index for the remainder of the term as the long-term forecast shows the temperature rising higher than the average for the summer. The Heat index is a figure which combines the air temperature and either the dew point or the relative humidity. As a guidance, the advice for a heat index of over 37 degrees Centigrade would be to stay inside. I would recommend that you send your child with a labelled hat to school, no matter what the heat index is, for UV protection.



72 Hour sickness bug

We have been receiving messages from other schools that there is a rather nasty sickness bug affecting both adults and children. Advice from doctors is to stay hydrated and when you or your child starts to eat again stick to foods such as dry toast, apple, banana, plain rice and black tea. These foods are a great way to settle the stomach and get the digestion system working again. Please note that if your child does get this bug, they should not return to school until 24 hours after the last sickness or loose bowel movement to prevent infecting others.

World Environment Day

Last Sunday we celebrated World Environment Day by engaging our students in a range of activities to raise their awareness of the challenges facing the world today. Many of our Year 4 students lead some of the activities sharing with their peers the importance of the messages being shared. Although this was a focus day, the theme of environmental awareness is something that permeates all of our topics in the Primary classes and through our Global Perspectives courses in the Senior classes.



Parent Satisfaction Survey

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our second Parents Satisfaction Survey of the year. We are looking forward to reading all your comments and suggestions on how to further develop learning at TBS and we will be sharing our 'what you said and what we are going to do' information as soon as we can.

Sports Mornings

Thank you to everyone who attended one (or more) of our Sports Mornings last week. We started the week with our very youngest students who outran, out played and outlasted all of us! As the week moved on the fun races got more challenging and the focus moved to House Competitions for our Year 5 and 6 students. For me, one of my highlights was the parents and teachers race at the end of the event: I must commend each and every one of you for your resilience and determination to take part and to win! For those of you who were not able to attend in person, I hope you enjoyed our live feed on Facebook.



Challenge of the Pharaohs Presentation

Thursday was the presentation of the winners of the GEMS Challenge of the Pharaohs for this year at BISM. There were different categories for all age groups and we were in awe of the different projects our very own TBS students came up with – all related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and making a real difference to peoples lives today for the future. The winners for each category in each school were then voted on by all the leadership teams of all the schools participating. I am very happy to announce that TBS won the Year 4 and Year 5 Powerpoint categories with entries on Clean Water for Africa and Sustainable Cities.





Attendance

We have seen a drop in attendance in some of our Senior School classes. This is understandable when there are busy exam weeks for Years 10-12, all other year groups are continuing valuable curriculum work in preparation for the next year. Please note that the Ministry of Education requires a minimum of 85% attendance for all students. Summer may be coming closer but we are 'school as normal' right up to the last days and expect all students to attend all classes.

Reports

We are now completing all of the GL Progress Tests as well as end of unit assessments and the data from these, along with ongoing teacher assessment of course and daily work will feed into the End of Year reports your teachers are currently writing. The End of Year reports will give you a clear indication of where your child's attainment lies in comparison to end of year expectations in line with the English National Curriculum and exam course work. The report will also include key targets that your child needs to work on to make the next steps in learning. These targets will be reviewed at our Meet the Teacher day at the start of the new academic year along with any more targets for organisation, independence, tardiness and attendance.

Gentle reminder

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

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PTG

We will also be looking for some new volunteers to join our Parent Teacher Group (PTG) as class or year group representatives. Our PTG are a vital support for new families joining TBS as well as the community as a whole. In previous years, the PTG have organised many different events and activities both in and out of school: from bake sales to family picnics. Let's start our new academic year with an even stronger PTG – why not get involved and be part of our TBS community.

13th June,2022

Term 3 Week 6



St. Mary's Catholic
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Dates for your Diary

- 12th June – Y6 Parent Workshop (for those unable to attend last week)
- 14th June – Y9 Day Trip to Fayoum
- 16th June - Join me for a coffee at 0800 – everyone welcome
- 19th June – Y7 Day Trip to Fagoon
- 21st June – Secondary Enrichment Day
- 22nd June – FS2 assembly
- 22nd June – Y6 assembly
- 23rd June – Join me for a final coffee at 0800 – everyone welcome
- 26th June – TBS Y12 Graduation Ceremony – Kempinski Hotel
- 27th June – Last day of the school year – 1200 finish

Have a great Week!

School principal

MS Jane Knight