

# This Week at TBS!

## Dear Parents,

Last week we had rain, hail, thunder, lightning...and a partial solar eclipse - All in one day! Thankfully the weather seems to have settled and planning is under way for our Sport Mornings, more class trips and more outdoor activities. With the start of COP27 next week we are delighted that TBS has already been represented at a local junior event and more students will be taking part in an event at El Allson School later this month.

Make sure that you are all eating lots of fruits and vegetables to keep your immunity strong as there are still a lot of seasonal colds and flus going around. It is strange that we all seem to have forgotten about all those sniffs and coughs that we took so much for granted before COVID came along!

## Coffee Mornings are back!

Apologies that I could not be at Coffee Morning last week but, as most of you know, I had lost my voice and finally gave up and went to the doctor. Thankfully I am feeling much better and have my voice again...most of the time!

This Thursday let's have a Mother's Pink Day in recognition of our Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Every Thursday morning at 800am you are invited to join myself and my leadership teams for a cup of coffee or tea.

## Tie your hair back!

A gentle reminder that all long hair should be tied back when students are in school. We are entering the hair lice season and there is nothing like better than loose hair so make sure that your child has their hair tied back securely everyday to try to prevent any transfer of these very itchy bugs





## Winter is Coming...

A huge thank you to everyone who came to shop with BTM when they were with us on campus. We are already planning to invite BTM back to school in the spring so you can buy summer uniforms – we all know how quickly they grow!

If you still need to buy winter uniform items, you can still visit BTM's website here or visit their store.

A gentle reminder that only TBS uniform jumpers and sweatshirts may be worn in class so make sure your child has the right uniform with them every day.

## Parent Workshops: We are a Community of Learners

Thank you to those of you who came along to my workshop last week. I talked about the challenges of creating a curriculum for tomorrow that is inclusive for all learners. I also talked about how to help your children deal with the many frustrations that they face and your role as a parent – take the Wimpy Parent Test below if you are brave enough...

This week it is our Head of Arabic, Ms Alia, who will be leading our workshop as she outlines the changes that have been made to the Arabic curriculum country wide and the new assessment system that many of our children will be part of over the coming weeks. Make sure you come along to find out more.

## Think Pink

- This month is our Breast Cancer and Women's Health month. Unfortunately, most of us have been affected by cancer either personally or someone we know and love. We have learned that one of our TBS family has been diagnosed with early-stage cervical cancer and we all hope and pray that due to the early detection a minor procedure will ensure this does not spread. It is often a difficult subject to talk about but make sure that everyone in your family is undergoing regular screening as early detection and treatment is the key.
- On 31st October we invited all staff, parents and students to either dress in pink or wear a pink ribbon to show their support. We also ask that you give generously as all proceeds of this fundraiser will go to Al Behaya Cancer Hospital. We will continue collecting any donations until the end of this week so please give generously. Our target is to be able to buy a much needed piece of equipment for the hospital so we need your support to make this happen – 80K is our target working with our sister schools.
- Thank you to everyone who took part in our House Competition on our Social Media challenging you to take a family selfie with everyone wearing pink to highlight cancer awareness – 20 points for every entry: who were the winning house – results soon.
- The month of November will focus on Prostate Cancer and Men's Health culminating on 30th November with a 'Moustache and Odd Socks Day' with all fundraising proceeds towards Prostate Cancer research.



## Updates from around the school!

### An update from Ms Rachel Hardwick, Head of Primary

This week saw a change to the weather with noticeably colder mornings and even some thunderstorms. Our Uniform Distributor was in school for parent's convenience and I wish to thank all for ensuring that students are coming to school in the correct TBS attire.

Our recently nominated Student Council representatives have been busily preparing for 'Pink Day' to raise awareness and funds for Women's Health. I am proud to see the community spirited and enthusiastic students participating in events to support such charities.

Coming up in Primary, we will be hosting the annual 'Walking Museum' where parents will have the opportunity to visit and tour the school viewing work created by the children. All classes are busily preparing for this by demonstrating knowledge and skills from all subject areas in a cross-curricular manner. We look forward to seeing you all there.



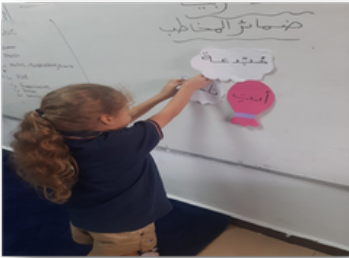
## Here's to an exciting year in Year 1!

Year One has been learning about Queen Elizabeth II. We went on a word hunt and created mind maps with all the fun facts we learnt about her. We have also been learning to identify nouns and writing the names of people, pets and places with capital letters. We have been introduced to the part-whole model where we can split one whole number into two parts. We've had so much fun using the part-whole models to write number sentence and add the two parts together.



## What do you think of our Art? Don't you think they all look fantastic!

Year 3 have been working extremely hard and have produced many fantastic pieces of work this term across all their subject. In Thematic this term, we have continued learning all about the prehistoric monument Stonehenge. Did you know, Stonehenge is one of the most iconic sites in the world, but also still one of the most mysterious? As part of our art lessons, we decided to recreate Stonehenge. First, we practiced sketching Stonehenge using shade and tone. Then, for our final piece of work we created a sky background with a silhouette of Stonehenge on top. For the sky background, we used pastels in different shades of blue or orange depending on whether the students chose to recreate a sunrise or sunset - we blended the colors with our fingers. For the silhouette, we drew Stonehenge on black card, cut it out and stuck it on top. The students tried really hard to draw each stone carefully. Interestingly, the largest stone, the Heel Stone, weighs about 30 tons.



## لغتنا العربية

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## Y5

It doesn't seem too long ago that we were welcoming you all to Year 5, yet here we are already six weeks into the school year. We have squeezed in lots of exciting new learning so far this term, and the children have been eager to improve their skills and challenge themselves further. After exploring what life was like in Ancient Greece, preparations are now underway for our students to share their learning with everyone during their upcoming Walking Museum event.

We would like to send out a huge congratulations to one of our current Year 5 students, Omar Amer in 5A, who recently took part in the Oceanman African and Middle East Championships in Somabai. Omar took second place in his age group, under 12 males. We are so proud of your achievement, Omar!



## EYFS are getting ready for their Sports morning!

Sports day can be a great way to show children how much fun taking part in sport can really be. It also gives children the opportunity to showcase their talents to their families and friends. As well as this, competing in sports days can:

- Improve health and fitness
- Build leadership and teamwork skills
- Improve social skills
- Develop discipline



## What have year four been up to?

This half term... In Literacy, we have been delving into some fantastic readings on "Invaders & Settlers." Students have learned about the Vikings, including who they were, where they originated, and how they invaded Britain. Our pupils' 'The Saga of Biorn'-related writings have been inspired by all this effort. In preparation for the walking museum, we have designed and constructed our own Viking longboats, shields, and swords. In mathematics, we have been practising addition and subtraction with several exchanges and gaining a knowledge of the numerical value of numbers. We have been practising skills with a variety of manipulatives as well as iPads. In addition, we have been examining what makes us unique and expressing our pride in ourselves.



## News from the Mathematics Department

Last week, our maths teacher Ms Ghada represented the school at a Cambridge International Assessments training event in Alexandria. As most of our school community will be aware, we are moving towards Cambridge qualifications at IGCSE, AS and A Level.

The aims of the course were to review the syllabus requirements, explore teaching strategies and understand the assessment process. The latter is extremely important to us as there will be significant changes to the assessments from 2025, with the introduction of a non-calculator examination paper for example

The course also explored changes to the syllabus, how to assess how learners are progressing, provoking thinking and including stretch and challenge in lessons.

Our current year 7 and 8 schemes of learning are designed with the aim of preparing our students for Cambridge examinations. Our students begin studying for IGCSE Mathematics in year 9, and we are confident that in the years before their IGCSE studies begin they will have seen and worked with all the skills and knowledge they need to make a successful start to the IGCSE course.



## An update from Mr Nigel Wilsonlock, Head of Secondary

It has been a strange week, especially Tuesday, where the solar eclipse alongside the flooding allowed us to put our health and safety practices into place. Whenever we have a situation that presents a risk to students and staff, we run a risk assessment. This is a standard practice that looks at the severity of the risk and the likelihood of it happening. This then allows us to plan our actions. When the power cuts out, we always check the water pumps so that the fire hydrants and toilets still work! The issue was then about getting students home despite the possible flooding to roads. We couldn't just send all students home early, because not every child would have someone at home to care for them. We therefore arranged for the buses to go slightly earlier with the aim of missing the worst of the traffic. We were happy with the outcomes but know that we need more slip hazard signs to warn people of slippery wet surfaces. I hope your Tuesday ended safely.

The 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly referred to as COP27 will be held in Sharm El Sheikh, November 6-18. We will also be taking part and have two students representing us at the Little COP27 event. The following week we will take part in an international school COP27 symposium with ten students from Y9/10. Climate change is very important to all of us and I am looking forward to hearing from students about what they would like us to do.

This weekend I will be off shopping to get some more pink items and support our students' 'Think Pink' event on Monday, 31 October. Their target is to beat last years' 23,000LE and aim for 30,000LE. Student Leaders have collaborated with Primary students so I am quietly confident they will reach their goal. Please use this as an area of conversation with your children, help them build both their vocabulary and understanding.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing many of you in school at our Student Led Conferences on Sunday and Monday 30/31 October. Please note that these are with the tutor only and are focused on your child settling-in and their well-being. I look forward to seeing you support 'Think Pink' too!

## Meet the TBS Secondary Student Leadership Team 2022-2023

We are really excited to see them develop their leadership skills and displaying GEMS Jewels of Kindness. **#studentvoice**



**31st October, 2022**

Term 1 Week 7



## **Head Boy 2022-2023**

Abdullah Mandil

## **Head Girl 2022-2023**

Nour Mansi

## **Deputy Heads 2022-2023**

Youssif Hayat

Fadwa Elghamry



## **TBS learning Profile**

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to answer our parent survey. I will share with you the top words and our draft profile next week.

Are You a Wimpy Parent?

At my workshop last week I asked the parents these questions. What would your answers be? What does your husband/wife think? Why not ask your own parents what they think? Do your answers differ? Email me with your thoughts.

I will share with you what the suggested answers are next week along with the rationale behind each question.

1. Is your child the centre of your world?
2. Do you set clear rules?
3. Are you over concerned with your child's feelings?
4. Do you enforce consequences?
5. Are you overly concerned with the opinions of others?





**Dates for your Diary:**

- Monday, 31st October – Think Pink Fundraiser Day. Students invited to come to school dressed in pink and bring a donation for Breast Cancer Research
- Tuesday, 1st November – Parent Workshop: Led by Ms Alia, Head of Arabic – New Ministry of Education Arabic Examination Guide
- Tuesday, 1st November – University Fair at TBS with over 20 Universities represented from 1200pm to 245pm
- 1st-3rd November – BSME Language Championships for KS2-4
- Thursday, 3rd November – Coffee Morning with TBS SLT at 800am
- Week beginning 6th November – Primary School Student Led Conferences Week
- Tuesday, 8th November – Parent Workshop
- Monday, 14th November – EYFS Sports Morning 0830-1030 (Parents encouraged to come and participate!)
- Tuesday, 15th November – KS1 Sports Morning 0803-1030 (Parents encouraged to come and participate!)
- Tuesday, 15th November – Career Day for Y9 students
- Tuesday, 15th November – Options Evening for all Y9 students and parents
- Wednesday, 16th November – Y3&4 Sports Morning 0830-1030 (Parents encouraged to come and participate!)
- Thursday, 17th November – Y5&6 Sports Morning 0830-1030 (Parents encouraged to come and participate!)

Have a great week!

School Principal  
Jane Knight