

# The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

**Theme for the week**

The theme for next week is “Foundations”. I have written about it at the back of the newsletter.

## TSS Summer Fair this weekend

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017**

We hope we will see all the pupils, parents and friends during what promises to an exhilarating summer fair weekend

### Pramukh Cup



Shyam Vyas and Param Parekh from Senior 3 joined a group of boys from other schools to inspire their team to win the 2017 Pramukh Cup in the annual 5-a-side football tournament organised by the Mandir. Our congratulations to both the boys. We are all very proud of you for representing TSS in the competition.

## Brent Gymnastics Competition



For the very first time, TSS has entered this competition as a student was interested in attending this competition. So the PE department provided this opportunity for Simran Bodh to show her gymnastics talent. She was nervous at the start of the competition whilst watching the other competitors competing. But when it was her turn, she performed really well and it was an aesthetically pleasing routine. I am pleased to announce that Simran bagged the RUNNERS UP title in this competition. Well done.

## Brent U14 (Boys and Girls) Badminton Tournament



This tournament took place at the Jewish Free School. As always, our students were nervously excited. They competed in every match with total commitment and drive. They did not give up, which is a great quality and fought till the end with all their games.

The boys' team played extremely well, winning all their matches in the qualifying rounds and hence managed to get to the finals. It was an extremely tight competition as three of their games resulted in a tie with a score at 14 all. Although our boys lost these games, they should be proud of their fight to try to win these games. So this year, the U14 boys are the Brent U14 Badminton Runners Up 2017. Well done, boys. The girls played really well and also made it to the finals even though we were missing our top singles player. The girls played hard and

continued to impress me with their team work and determination. The TSS U14 girls won two games and so did Claremont. So they went into the deciding game and that game was so nerve racking as the girls were under pressure from the start. However, we lost the deciding game with a score of 13 -15. It was another close game. Well done to the U14 girls as they are now the Brent U14 Badminton Runner Up 2017.



### **Brent Year 9 Rounders Tournament**

The Brent Rounders tournament took place at Kingsbury High School. The girls were all ready and geared up for their matches. They demonstrated some excellent fielding and batting skills throughout their matches in their pool. They only lost one game and were second in their pool which meant they qualified for the semi- finals. The girls played the winners from the other pool, the game was really exciting as it was such a tight game and the final score was 3 ½ to 3 to the opposition. Our TSS girls should be commended for their fighting spirit to keep the game so tight.

However, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> play offs, our girls played well but the opponents were lucky (Mrs Austin being biased), so the TSS Year 9 girls came 4<sup>th</sup> in this competition. Well done, girls.

### **GCSE and GCE Level Exams Results and Enquiries About Results (EARs.) – Mr Cotton writes:**

The External exams for this summer have now finished. We hope that all children have been successful, and do enjoy the summer now. Please note A and AS level results are published on 17<sup>th</sup> August and GCSE results are published on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. We hope that everyone will be happy and pleased with these. Please be aware that it is possible to make various forms of EAR formally to the Exam Boards; the main one being to apply for a Re-mark. This is done On-line through me to the Exam Board/s concerned using the secure area of their Website. Please be aware that such enquires cost money. They are not cheap! Also payment to the school is required in advance. In certain circumstances it may be refunded. You should also be aware that re-marks can result in a **decrease** as well as an increase in marks and the consequences. So any EAR should be carefully considered and you may wish to discuss this with staff. The dead-line for EARs is 20<sup>th</sup> September, but I would request that if possible these are done much earlier near the beginning of September. Only Priority Re-marks will be done on the day of the examination results. They are more costly and should only be requested under “exceptional” circumstances (e.g. When University places are "at stake"!)

*If you feel that your son or daughter was disadvantaged during the exams due to extenuating circumstances then it may be possible to apply for Special Consideration from the exam Boards concerned. This should not be undertaken lightly. But if a student either missed an exam through such or sat an exam under such adverse circumstances then you should consult your son/daughter's House-tutor in the first instance. If it is decided to go ahead with such an application, then this needs to be done by appointment with me. Where appropriate formal evidence would be required; for example for illness or injury a Doctor's Note or similar would be required. The Application is usually done On-line via the Exam Board's secure website. Under normal circumstances it would need to be submitted before the end of next week.*

## **Foundations**

### **Think**

This week I want to speak to you about building a strong foundation. You may find this hard to understand but a firm foundation for your life prepares the groundwork for your future. All civil engineers will tell you that the ground below a tall tower block has to be strong and well prepared to withstand the huge weight of the tower that will rise above it. If it is poorly constructed, the ground will subside, sink and collapse as the weight of the material of the tower block presses down on it. Life is like that. When you are young, you want to enjoy life, play with your friends, go to parties, crack jokes, laugh and generally feel happy. While these are things that you should do, do so in moderation and keep one eye on your future.

### **Feel**

Going to school, playing sports, learning to play an instrument, paying attention in class, learning to read and write, doing homework, revising for examinations are all things you should also pay attention to and take seriously. While they may seem dull and tedious, they are helping you to grow, helping to lay the foundation upon which you can build your future.

### **Do**

Watch the students in your class and study how each of them conducts their lives and soon you will realise why some of them are at the top of the class and others lagging behind; watch also why some students are good at sports and others just playing. If you have aspirations to be a musician you will have to learn to sing or play an instrument; if you want to go to university you will have to spend time studying; and if you want to be a footballer you will have to spend time training. Whatever you want to achieve in life can be achieved if you start doing these things from an early age and lay the foundation for your future success. I always say to students, "There are no easy roads to success". Every successful life requires preparation, a strong foundation that they begin building when they are young.

Yours sincerely,

**Nilesh Manani**

## **Volunteering For Your School – Summer Fair 1 & 2 July 2017**

Every year schools up and down the country hold summer fairs that raise funds to contribute towards equipment or facilities, etc. for children at their school. Please visit some of the fairs at your local school and you will see how these fairs/events are brought together with a mixture of enthusiasm and fun by a team of volunteers and parents from each class who take up an allocated task to man a stand or run an activity.

It is the one time that you can really contribute and get involved to help the school. The children are so proud to see their parents helping out (outside of the school trips). This collaboration builds the relationships between all members of the school and the families, as they enjoy coming together on these events - together...hopefully in the sunshine!

Our fair is like NO other! We attract a huge crowd over the 2 days! For this, an army of manpower is needed. We are always grateful to the Mandir for supporting us with additional volunteers to help us at our fair, however, would love to see more of our parents host the activities or help in any other way. Our parents have vast talents, skills, contacts etc. that can help bring even more to the fair and to the school community as a whole. This is where YOU can help make a difference! Every year we work hard to build up the number of school volunteers to make it a great experience for all our visitors.

This year ...a heartfelt request please to help us take the hard work out of building the volunteer teams and come forward and sign up as a volunteer for either or both days for as little as two hours to as much as the whole day. Whatever works with your commitments, we are confident that with the 300+ parents we have at the school, if we all do a little bit, then we will exceed our target of recruiting 200 parent volunteers for the weekend. You can sign up on the tear off slip at the bottom of this newsletter or email [admin@tssuk.org](mailto:admin@tssuk.org)

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### **SUMMER FAIR VOLUNTEERS 1 & 2 July 2017**

Name:.....Child's Class.....

Times Available (between 1-9pm).....

Days Available (Saturday and/or Sunday).....

Email Address:.....Mobile Number:.....