read children's books and you know how lovely the cover designs can be? Well, he has won a particular prize, for the covers of children's books, 11 times! He is also a very clever cartoonist and his cartoons can highlight social issues. One of his characters is called Tokai.

Every way in which you and I are creative involves are hearts and feelings as well as our brains. In the good education we are trying to give you at TBS, we are trying to help you to develop all your gifts and we respect the work of artists and take the teaching of art very seriously – so we look forward to the development of our Art Department very much and we welcome our guest today. It is my great honour to ask Rafiqun Nabi to speak to us and to launch our painting project for our Foundation Day.

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REFLECTING ON ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESOLVING IMPROVEMENTS

Assembly 14 – January 25th 2003

We had a lovely birthday party on Thursday, didn't we? It was the first time this school had had such a big party and I am asking people to make long lists of what we shall do next year to have an even better party! But your families kept telling us how very much they enjoyed themselves and liked the programme so we did lots of things right.

Thank you to everyone who worked so very hard for the success of the Foundation Day Ceremony – the teaching and non-teaching staff and, of course, so many of YOU – including the performers.

The one thing that was very sad was the electricity cut which meant the dancers only did part of their dance then the music stopped. They had worked, probably harder than everyone else, to

prepare their performance so let us give them a special clap.....

I hope we can have a cultural event including Bengali dancing on Ekushey February or Bengali New Year as we really want to see you dancers again. Moreover, because we have learnt from that experience the management are seriously thinking about a back-up electricity supply for the school so that sort of tragedy cannot happen again. We are making a folder of ideas for next year so, if any of you have ideas about how much better it could be next year (could we do this or that?) then please let your Coordinator or me know while the event is fresh in your mind.

This, after all, is one of the things that is meant by being an educated person – not being afraid to do new things, making some mistakes – and learning from those mistakes, rather than refusing to think about them. In this way, educated people are always improving, developing, growing. If you leave TBS able to do that in your families, businesses and society generally, you will be the sort of people who can help Bangladesh to improve, develop and grow – and you will inspire your children and your grandchildren to be like that also.

God bless you.

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'NEW' CAN BE FINE – OR FRIGHTENING

Assembly 15 – January 26th 2003

I want us to think today of the word 'new'. Often the word 'new' is exciting. I have new shoes! We have a new car! That is something to be happy about. I have recently bought a new television. It is the first new television I have ever had in my life. Before, I have only had old or hired televisions so I like my new television!