



THE PERSE

PREP SCHOOL

CAMBRIDGE

17th September 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been good to see and hear the children getting stuck into their learning this week as they settle into routines. There has also been a buzz with lots of involvement in sport, clubs, music and drama including the singing and acting auditions for the Year 6 Musical *Peter Pan*; well done to everyone for being so game at throwing themselves into this.

In Assembly, thank you to Mr McGregor for talking about sport at the Prep, including kit, organisation, SOCS, fixtures, hosting and managing both winning and losing! This weekend we host the PPP Family Barbecue at the Prep between 12.00 – 2.00pm; there will be parking available at the Playing Fields. I look forward to seeing many of you here on Sunday.



PPP Autumn BBQ – Sunday 19th September 12 – 2pm

Entry Tickets, Tokens and Raffle Tickets for Sunday's Autumn BBQ were handed to your children in school this morning. These have been sorted by the PPP into labelled envelopes and should be in book bags and rucksacks. A big thank you to Stacey Sinclair, Tina Lindemann and Zoe Robson for sorting all of these over the last couple of days so that this can be a cash-free event. Please do not forget to bring your envelope on Sunday.

If you have any queries regarding your order, please visit the Raffle Hamper Stall on Sunday and the PPP will be there to assist you and take additional orders if necessary.

POD Reps

Very well done to all those children who demonstrated great public speaking skills and powers of persuasion in the recent hustings. Congratulations to this year's members of POD who will ensure that every child's voice is heard; Mr Reston is looking forward to working with you in the year ahead. Year 3 children will have their hustings shortly before half term.

Year 4: **Beatrix Dickinson, Adam Agarizaev** and **Maggie Rowan-Robinson** (with **Thea Wiseman, Eilidh Sinclair** and **Conrad Lally** taking over mid-year).

Year 5: **Robert McFadzean-Ferguson, Nivedh Vinodhkumar** and **Alexander Toutoungi** (with **Charlotte Gower, Tilly Anderson** and **Deniz Yakici** for the second half of the year).

Year 6: **Jack De Albuquerque, Maggie Kent, Benjamin Danesh, Anna Kreckler, William Robson** and **Esme Hall**.

For those new to the school, POD is our school council, and is a nod to the collective noun of pelicans (our school crest) and a suitable acronym for Pupil Organised Democracy.



Clubs

It is good to see so many children getting involved in our comprehensive clubs programme. It is worth noting that we have 77 clubs in total over the course of the week, with a total of 1194 individual places taken up each week!

From next week, Year 4 Chess on a Wednesday will finish at 4.45pm (as it is now starting 15 minutes earlier than advertised). The Year 5&6 Chess Club on a Tuesday will continue to finish at 5pm.

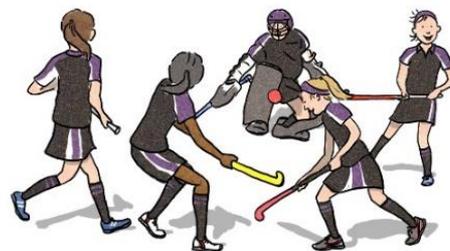
If you know that you are collecting your child early and that they will be missing a club after school, please do let Clare Webb know at prepreception@perse.co.uk.

Prep School Open Morning – Saturday 2nd October

As in past years, all children in Year 6 have been invited to act as guides for the Prep Open Morning in two weeks' time. Prospective parents will have tours in allocated time slots, each lasting up to an hour. Many thanks for all the replies already in; we would be grateful for any more replies to the PersePost that came out last week to let us know if your child is able to attend.

Sport

Please note that sports fixtures are an integral part of what we offer at school and we do expect all children to be involved in these. If you have a clash for an occasional fixture, do please reply to the relevant PersePost; your response will automatically go to Mr McGregor (Director of Sport) and the appropriate Head of Sport, so either Mrs Clark (Head of Girls' Hockey) or Mr Nicholes (Head of Football). A reminder that Year 6 fixtures are usually on a Wednesday, Year 4 on a Thursday and Year 5 on a Friday.



Key events for the week ahead are:

Wednesday 22nd September

U11 A Girls' Hockey v Framlingham (Tournament) away at 1.45pm. Collection from the main Prep site at 6.00pm.

U11 A/B/C/D Football v Stephen Perse Foundation & Dame Bradbury's at home at 2.30pm. Collection from the Playing Fields at 4.00pm.

Thursday 23rd September

U9 A/B/C/D Football v St Faith's away at 2.55pm. Collection from the main Prep site at 4.15pm.

Friday 24th September

U10 A/B/C/D Football v King's College School away at 3.15pm. Collection from the main Prep site at 4.45pm.



Sadly, the Stephen Perse Foundation are unable to fulfil the U9 Girls' Hockey fixtures next Thursday.

Parents are very welcome to attend fixtures, both home and away. Specific details for each match can be found on SOCS at www.perseport.co.uk. Remember to look for hockey fixtures under 'hockey sevens'.

Music

This year, Year 3 will be introduced to a range of musical instruments with a weekly showcase from one of our music peris. This week, Mark Townend introduced several brass instruments and last week the children saw Mr Addison-Atkinson on the drums. As the children progress through the school, there are many fantastic opportunities for playing in ensembles and orchestras, and performing in concerts; now is a great time to start learning an instrument. If your child expresses an interest to you at home, please do contact Jackie Wright (prepadmin@perse.co.uk) who can liaise with you as to the possibilities of a taster lesson or signing up full-time.

Late Stay

A number of parents have found it helpful to use the Late Stay provision at the end of the school day. If you need to contact the Late Stay staff (Miss Montecalvo, Miss Andrews and/or Mrs de Albuquerque) then do call 07505 012506.

Nut-free Zone

I would like to reinforce the important message that the Prep is a nut-free zone and this includes snacks that children may bring in to school to eat before after-school clubs under the supervision of staff.

Parents' Prayer Group

The Parents' Prayer Group would like to invite anyone from the Perse community to join them for their next meeting. They meet once a half term to pray for the School on a weekday evening in the Margaret Stubbs building, on the Upper School site; the next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd September from 7-8pm. Do contact Cathy Savage (cathyjsavage@gmail.com) if you have any queries or would like to put in any prayer requests; these will be treated confidentially.

Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Sophia Alexander** on her B Pass in her Taekwondo Grading and being promoted to Green Tag; **Beau Martinez-McCune** on being named MT13 Worksop College Player of the Camp and being awarded an Adidas hockey stick in recognition of this achievement; **James Cheng** on his ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory with Distinction and Grade 6 Piano with Distinction; **Olivia Cutts** on her Brownies' Silver Award and Badge achieved at the end of last year; **Leopold de Ris** on his Royal Academy of Dance summer dance certificates; **Lanxi Li** on her ABRSM Grade 5 Piano with Merit; **Joseph Lilley** on his ABRSM Grade 1 Piano; **Ethan Liu** on his ABRSM Grade 5 Piano with Merit; **Annabel Ramsden** on her ABRSM Grade 2 Violin with Merit and her U8 Broxbourne Hockey Club 'Most Improved Player' Award; **Sophie Prewett van Beesten** on her ABRSM Grade

1 Singing; **Theodora Pring** on her LAMDA Level 3 Acting Award in Solo Performance with Distinction; **Liam Veness** on his ABRSM Grade 1 Piano; **Thavish Wickramasekera** on his ABRSM Grade 4 Piano with Merit and ABRSM Grade 3 Violin; **Wilson Wingham** on completing his Stage 2 RYA Youth Sailing Scheme and **Joyce Xiao** on her ABRSM Grade 3 Piano with Distinction.

This leads us on to this week's Scores on the Doors:



Yours sincerely

James Piper
Head

**We value endeavour, intellectual curiosity and scholarship, breadth and balance,
one another and our environment.**