



THE PERSE

PREP SCHOOL

CAMBRIDGE

7th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Amidst the endless pre-term media swirl, it has been refreshing for all concerned to get school started – children and staff all look refreshed for the new term, and parents certainly seem happy to see the return of term-time routine! Children have adapted well to the staggered lunchtimes and have slotted straight back into lessons, rehearsals, clubs and sports. For those still awaiting their return into the country, we are delighted that you can stay connected via Teams.

We have already started our Entrance Tests, with overseas candidates being tested via 1:1 Zoom sessions this week. In the next two weeks we see our 7+ candidates onsite, followed by the 8+, 9+ and 10+ candidates the following week. Yet again we have record interest in places at the Prep, with 185 children registered for 32 available places across the four year groups. I am grateful for all the positive marketing that current parents continue to do for the School!



With the onset of cold weather likely this term, can I remind parents to ensure that their children have sufficient warm clothing for break times, games and clubs. Coats, gloves and hats might well be the order of the day!

Finally, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Pippa Barbour on the exciting news that she is expecting her second child at the end of May. We are very fortunate that Laura Robertson will be taking over Pippa's 3A timetable for the remainder of the Summer Term. Laura has just concluded two other maternity covers at the Prep and, as she is currently working with us as a TA, this will help to provide a smooth transition for the children.



Melanie Crichton Maitland

I would like to inform you all that Melanie Crichton Maitland has decided to stop teaching at the end of this academic year. As you can imagine, this has not been an easy decision for Melanie after giving so much to the Prep over, what will be, fourteen years. It will also close the chapter on a career across a number of schools. There will be appropriate moments in the Summer to recognise her significant contributions to the School and to countless children and families who have passed through her care. We shall shortly be advertising for the Assistant Head (Pastoral) position so that we can announce an appointment for this key role later this term.

Covid Update

Currently we have the following number of children self-isolating from current positive Covid cases: Year 3 four, Year 4 one, Year 5 one, Year 6 one. All of these cases are left over from the holidays, with none of these children having been in school this term.

Sport

For next week, parents are very welcome to attend the following matches:

Wednesday 12th January

1.30pm: U11 A Hockey Festival at Framlingham College. Collect from the Prep at 6pm.

Children should remember to bring face coverings for the minibus journey.

2.30pm: U11 B/C/D v Bedford School. Collect from the Astro at 4pm.



To find out the exact start time for each individual team in hockey, do check www.persesport.co.uk as only two teams can play at any one time. This means that some matches will start a little later than the time advertised above. Please note that boys must wear mouthguards and shin pads for every hockey session.

Artwork

This week's art banners showcase Year 4's 3D trees, using folding, cutting and applying techniques.



Club Pelican

Bookings for Club Pelican are now open, for children in the Nursery – Year 4 age range at Easter and over the Summer; please refer to the advertising at the end of this newsletter.

Second-hand Uniform

The PPP are planning to hold a second-hand uniform sale towards the end of term on Friday 25th March. However, if you require uniform sooner then please do email Catherine Keen who will be happy to help (catherine.keen2000@yahoo.co.uk). In particular, there is plenty of good quality winter uniform: white shirts, grey trousers, skirts and shorts in all sizes, should you require a larger size.

Music Certificates

Congratulations to **Benjamin Danesh** on his Grade 4 Drum Kit with Distinction; **Austin De Young** on his Grade 1 Horn with Distinction; **Ronak Sinha** on his Grade 3 Drum Kit with Distinction; **Jamie West** on his Grade 2 Drum Kit Award; **Matthew Wilkins** on his Grade 1 Cello with Distinction Award; **Selina Wong** on her Grade 5 Piano with Merit.

Hockey National Champions

Congratulations to all the Prep children who took part in the Copper Box National Indoor Hockey Championships between Christmas and the New Year. **Emily Herriot** and **Zak Khan** played up two year groups for the Cambridge City U12 Girls and U12 Boys respectively; the teams both came 4th in the tournament. **Henry Bowler**, **Ollie Denny-Gouldson**, **Zak Khan**, **Beau Martinez-McCune**, **Toby Rayner** and **Oli Taylor** all played for the U10 Cambridge City who won gold and became National Champions! They scored 19 goals during the tournament without conceding a single goal.



Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Benjamin Danesh** on coming first in the December round of the East Anglia U14 chess tournament; **Maggie Kent** on her Star of the Term Award, Level 5 Vault and Level 5 Trampoline awards with Cambridge Gymnastics Academy; **Anna Lindner Santinoli**, **Aurelia N** and **Fred Woodman** on their Year 5 Reading Badges; **Beau Martinez-McCune** on winning the U10 Riverside Grade Central & East Tour, the U10

Huntingdon Grade 4, and being runner-up in the U10 Grade 3 Shrewsbury Club Christmas Open; **Arabella Wallace** on her British Gymnastics proficiency award level 8 and her Father Christmas snowmobile licence (!); **Liam Whelan** on being promoted to The Norwich City Football Club Elite development programme; and **Anna Kreckler** for performing her Flute composition entitled, 'Anna's Tune' in assembly this morning.

Congratulations to the following children who have recently been awarded their Silver Housepoint Awards:

Year 3: Charles Balfour, Jana Batuwangala-Mallorqui, Samaira Bedi, Fred Brisby, Sam Brixey, Iris Candea, Angie Che, Lucas Cheng, Catherine Cope, Tilly Crosby, Sam D'Arcy, Lara Daubeney, Arthur Davis, Angus Edgar, Dhruv Ghildyal, Jonathan Goldsmith, Ivy Green, Annabel Griggs, Florence Haughton, Joyce He, Anneliese Heck, Freddie Heftman, Cecily Hirzel, Jake Juniper, Harry Kelliher, Lily Liang, Xi Xi Lin, Yiliang Liu, Joseph Lilley, Tom McDade, Felix McDonald, Ottar Moeller-Jensen, Billy Norton, Sara Omori Rison, Peter Rimell, Annousheh Sayed, Aarav Shadakshari, Aurora Short, Ryan Smith, Daniel Teng, Max Tysome, Liam Veness, Arabella Wallace, Lucia Whelan, Nicholas Williams, Wilson Wingham, Elliot Woolley, Dina Wortley, Joyce Xiao, Jiho Yoo and Ellie Zhu.

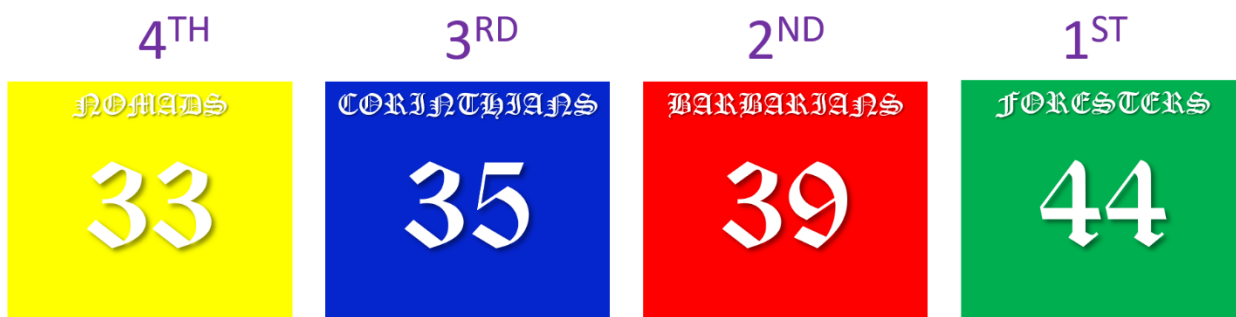


Year 4: Adam Agarizaev, Sam Brennan, John Cowley, Elizabeth Davies, George de Albuquerque, Beatrix Dickinson, Florence Fast, Harry Frostick, Charlotte Goodfellow, Marianne Gouliouris, George Gregory, Angelica Gupta, Anaiya Gupta, Rania Hassanain, Samuel Hong, Eryn Jonas, Lillian Ke, Tom Kelliher, Anamaya Kumar, Tom Lance, Adam Lee, Hanqi Lu, Beatrice Mather, Karl Nguyen, Sam O'Reilly, Marissa Ojha, Sophie Oldfield, James Parry, Harry Pickard, Miriam Ponder, Theodora Pring, George Pullan, Olivia Reynolds, George Robson, Maggie Rowan-Robinson, Dhruv Sajog, Julia Saklatvala, Arabella Sedgemore, Sherry Shao, India Short, Lucas Simpson, Ronak Sinha, Elissa Skeete, Torrin Somner, Siobhan Wan, Hanzhe Wang, Thea Wiseman, Selina Wong, Yueer Yuan and Austin Zhang.

Year 5: Tilly Anderson, Hector Borno, Henry Bowler, Rosie Colvin, Ellie Cope, Léon Corne, Alexander Daubeney, Alastair Griffiths, Francesca He, Jack Jarman, Husayn Jawaid, Anna Keith-Roach, Zak Khan, Atharv Kurade, Etienne Lamb, Hugo Lindemann, Cara Mannion, Robert McFadzean-Ferguson, Daria Minasyan, Sophie Newhouse, Lara Polonius, Henry Potter, Jack Robertson, Adam Roth, Aditi Shadakshari, Daniel Shenker, Willow Sutherland, Oli Taylor, Nivedh Vinodhkumar and Jamie West.

Year 6: Elizabeth Balfour, Aurora Broodbank, Grace Butler, Jack Collins, Benjamin Danesh, Hattie Dickinson, Kamran Djamarani, Kavin Gahlaut, Clara Gohel, Olivia Griffiths, Arthur Hirzel, Theodore Hirzel, Harry Hutchinson, Umar Ibrahim, Amy Keen, Maggie Kent, Sarika Kondel-Laws, Katherine Lu, Isabelle Mawby, Siobhan Monteith, Samiyah Morris, Ferdie Piper, Sophie Prewett van Beesten, William Robson, Ella Scourfield, Harriet Sedgemore, Reuben Shenker, Shriya Siddharth, Niovi Skordos, Isabel Tong, Ruolan Wang and Damian Zupan.

Congratulations to **Alexander Toutoungi** on being awarded his Gold Housepoint Award. 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.