



# THE PERSE

## PREP SCHOOL

CAMBRIDGE

6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents,

Fresh from an extended weekend, the School has been working hard as we enter the assessment stage of term. Some year groups were involved this week and others will be next; this is an opportunity for the children to show their knowledge and understanding in English, Maths and Science and to start to get used to guided revision, preparation, nerves and exam technique. Having these assessments early in the term allows us to crack on with new topics and sustain the learning programme right through to the end of June. We are also able to offer alternative elements to the curriculum – staff are currently busy finalising events such as the Jubilee House Activity Day and Activities Week, either side of half term.

In staffing news; congratulations to Clare Cassidy who is taking on the joint Head of Drama role, to support Jules Reston. Clare will also be taking on the Head of Netball role as Jaime Dipple steps down after many years leading this sport. We are also excited to announce that Jules Reston and Nour El Ahmad (Prep chef) are both expectant fathers, with due dates in November; our best wishes to their respective families!

Finally, we wish Tobias Bown all the best as he jets to Singapore next week to visit the Perse Junior School. Tobias will be sharing some of the Perse DNA as well as learning from everything that this new site has to offer, as he meets children, staff and parents as part of a quality assurance visit.

### Parent Survey

Many thanks to all the parents who have already completed our Parents' Survey. This closes at 4pm this coming Monday (9<sup>th</sup> May); we would love to get feedback from even more parents. If you have more than one child at the Prep, please complete this with your oldest child in mind. The children are also completing a questionnaire during their Computing lessons at the moment. Once we have collected and analysed all of the data from both surveys, we will share key findings with children and parents.

### Year 3 Form Concerts

We start off the season of Year 3 Form Concerts with 3Alpha in the main Hall this coming Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup> May) at 4pm. To avoid blocking the car park at this time, we ask that you park at the Porson Road Playing Fields. For children who have Prep siblings not involved in the Form Concerts, who aren't already booked into an afterschool club, please contact Jackie Wright on [prepadmin@perse.co.uk](mailto:prepadmin@perse.co.uk) and she will be able to book them into Homework Club during this time.

### Year 6 POP – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 POP will take place at the Upper again next week, running until 6:30pm. Children will be transported to the Upper after school, along with any bikes or scooters and should then be collected from the Upper School at the end of the session.

### Year 6 Tea Party – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

A reminder that Nicky Bareham (Head of Year 7, 2022-23), Holly Singleton (Head of Learning Support) and Toni Eccles (Head of Lower School) will be at the Prep next Wednesday, along with Melanie Crichton Maitland and Annelise Sanders, to answer any questions Year 6 parents might have about any element of transition to the Upper in September. Please make your way to the Prep Science Garden, behind New School.

### Artwork

This week's art banners showcase Year 6's desk tidies, created from foamboard, Perspex & wood. The children worked with fretsaws and glue guns to cut and assemble their creations.



## Sunscreen, Headwear and Water

With some good weather looking to continue, can I remind parents to apply long-lasting (nut-free) sunscreen before at the start of the day. Children also need a suitable hat or cap which should be Perse branded. Broad brimmed cream hats are available from Reception for £12.50 in small, medium and large sizes. For those who would like a fully adjustable cap, these are available at £17 from [Mr Cricket](#). Finally, children do need to have a named water bottle in school.

## Cricket

For next week, parents are very welcome to attend the following matches. Please note some changes to scheduled matches to fit in with opposition schools.

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

2.30pm U11 A/B/C/D Boys' Cricket v Bishop's Stortford College (H). Collect from the Prep at 5pm.

2.30pm U11 A/B/C/D Girls' Cricket v Bishop's Stortford College (A). Collect from the Prep at 5.45pm.

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

2.30pm U9 A/B/C Boys' Cricket v King's College School (H). Collect from the Prep at 4.30pm.

2.30pm U9 A/B Girls' Cricket v King's College School (A). Collect from the Prep at 5pm.

2.30pm U9 D Boys' & U9 C/D Girls' Cricket internal fixture (H). Normal pick-up time.

*Note that the U9 Boys' D and U9 Girls' C&D will have now have an internal mixed fixture at home.*

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

3pm U10 B/C Boys' Cricket v Dame Bradbury's School (H). Collect from the Prep at 5pm

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*Note that the U10 fixtures are now for B/C teams, and not A/B teams.*

Please note that all children may wear white trousers for matches if they have them.



## Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Ellie Cope** for her reading quest badge; **William Reddy** on his Grade 1 Classical Guitar with Merit; **Eilidh Sinclair** on her Initial Classical Guitar with Distinction; **Henry Lloyd** on his runner up awards as Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year, and his Special Contribution Award after four years of commitment to Cambridge Rugby Club; **Jack Collins** for his two new personal best times in the 200m (33 seconds) and 800m (2min 52 seconds) for Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club in their recent meet in Norwich, and for representing Shelford Rugby Club with **Kamran Djamarani** on their recent tour to Weston-super-Mare; **Archie Barker, Henry Bowler, Ollie Denny-Gouldson, Zak Khan, Hugo Lindemann, Toby Rayner** and **Oli Taylor** who all represented Cambridge City Hockey Club as they won the IN2 U10 Regional Finals, scoring 22 goals and conceding just one as they dominated the tournament.



Congratulations to the following on achieving Gold certificates: **Maria Antonik, Austin De Young, Daniel Fannon, Eda Tunca** and **Andrew Villaverde**; and on their Platinum certificates: **Sophia Alexander, Charles Balfour, Jana Batuwangala-Mallorqui, Charlotte Goodfellow, Anna Lindner Santinoli, Hannah Omori Rison, Oliver Roland, Elissa Skeete, Daniel Teng, Amelie Wansell** and **Oriana Wei**. This week's *Scores on the Doors* are as follows:

Yours sincerely

*James Piper*

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Head

4 <sup>TH</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	1 <sup>ST</sup>
DOMAINS	CORINTHIANS	BARBARIANS	FORESTERS
600	625	635	662

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