



Dear Parents,

Your children have remained ebullient as ever all the way to the end of this long Lent Term. It is remarkable to recall all that they have experienced since January, and these memories have been rounded off with 4A's memorable Form Concert yesterday and an entertaining *Great Perse Prep House Off* today. All of the marvellous opportunities only take place because of the immense high standards, enthusiasm and excitement provided by the Prep staff. I am hugely grateful to them all for going over and above in their commitment to you and your children.

I would also like to congratulate all those who were part of an action-packed Year 5 French Trip which visited in Normandy last weekend. Many thanks to Mrs Soares Winter and her team (Mrs Robertson, Mr Nicholes, Mr Bidwell, Mr Wansell, Miss Bonner, Mrs Paul and Mrs Piper) for organising and running this successful overseas trip and providing such a memorable experience for all the children.

We start next term on Monday 17th April. Before then, there is a special period of holy days and holidays, especially for those celebrating Passover, Vaisakhi, or observing Ramadan, or marking Easter. I hope that your children are able to enjoy some family time and recharge batteries.



The Great Perse Prep House Off



Prep's Got Talent is an all-encompassing House Day, run by Mr Reston and Mr Nicholes, aiming at involving all the children for as much of the day as possible. Sorted by House, and grouped in their House Families, the children have belted out songs in the House Shout with Mr Harris, engaged their brains in an amazing iPad interactive House Quiz, run through heats of the House Talent competition, and collaborated energetically in the House

Active Competition with a variety of relay races! We finished an entertaining day with renditions of all of the House songs and also the finals of the House Talent Show, for which the following acts qualified:

Leon Corne, Oliver Roland and Alexander Toutoungi; Theodora Pring, India Short and Elissa Skeete; Florence Boyle; Reina Brogan and Chloe Flynn; Alessia Fannon; Neha Sathiyamoorthy; Beatrice Mather Anaiya Gupta and Arabella Sedgemore.

The overall winner was **Beatrice Mather** for her brilliant ventriloquism act which had the audience on their feet for an encore with the strains of *Sweet Caroline* ringing around the Hall to sign off the term.



Routledge House Cup

A steady consolidation of points over the past few weeks has helped Nomads (2319) to claim top spot for this half of term and be awarded the Routledge House Cup, just pipping Foresters (2215), with Corinthians (2202) in 3rd place and Barbarians (2143) in 4th. William Reddy collected the trophy on behalf of his House as Nomads' highest housepoint scorer this half of term.

Perse International Globe

We were delighted to hear of the housepoint scores from the other side of the world, at the Perse Junior School, Singapore. Overall this term Nomads are the proud recipients of the PiG (Perse International Globe): 1st: Nomads (6,310), 2nd: Barbarians (5,950), 3rd: Foresters (5,695), 4th: Corinthians (5,169).



Sport Stats

The following Houses were victorious in our year group House Matches this week:

Netball: Y3: Foresters Y4: Corinthians Y5: Barbarians Y6: Nomads Overall: Nomads
Hockey: Y3: Barbarians Y4: Nomads Y5: Nomads Y6: Corinthians Overall: Nomads



As for school fixtures in Years 4, 5 and 6, parents may be interested to know that sport at the Prep continues to shine brightly with 222 school fixtures in Years 4, 5 and 6 this term. This has resulted in a staggering ratio of 73% wins, 11% draws and 16% losses, with breakdowns for the girls and boys as follows – Netball: 72% wins, 10% draws, 18% losses; Hockey: 74% wins, 12% draws, 14% losses. Well done to the children and their coaches for all their hard work.



Staffing Changes

Next term we welcome back Pippa Barbour immediately after half term as Head of Year 3 and Form Teacher for 3A. Pippa will have a week of handover with Jo Fenna whom I would like to thank for providing such outstanding cover in Year 3. Jo will revert to her previous role as Teaching Assistant which does mean that Sophia Abbasi will be leaving us at half term.

New Singing Teacher

Sadly, the wonderful Emma Steward-Smith is unable to continue as our singing teacher beyond this term because of the exponential growth of her international charity work. In the short time she was with us, we were struck by her expertise, enthusiasm and excellence as a role model and will miss her.

Fortunately, we are delighted to appoint Lucy van Gasse to be starting in this role next term. Lucy is a classically trained soprano with experience as a school singing teacher as well as delivering musical theatre workshops. She has a wealth of performing experience with West End credits include Glinda (standby) in *Wicked* and Christine Daaé in Andrew Lloyd Webber's sequel to *Phantom Of The Opera - Love Never Dies*. She has had operatic roles in *King Arthur*, *Carmen*, and *Cendrillon* but her passion is musical theatre and she has been involved with the UK tours of *The Sound Of Music*, *Putting On The Ritz*, and *Wonderful Town* with the Hallé Orchestra. She has also performed with various ensembles including the internationally acclaimed classical cross-over group *Amici Forever*.

O Fortuna!

We are delighted to be able to share this [video](#) which provides suitable memories of the amazing concert at Saffron Hall a couple of weeks ago.

Academic Find out More Videos

A number of videos have been added to the [Perse Portal](#) to provide further guidance about key academic areas of school life: General (Digital learning, Marking and feedback), English (Spelling, Reading at Home) and Science (Keywords). Further short video clips will be added next term.

Easter Holiday Challenges

The only expected work for the holidays is for children in Year 4 to read *Iron Man* and those in Year 5 to read *Myths and Legends*. Copies of these books should have come home already. Year 6 do not have a set text to read but are encouraged to explore Shakespeare through watching any *Animated Tales*, which can be found on YouTube (children should, of course, ask parents' permission before going online).

More general optional activities in English (writing a book review) and in Maths (solving puzzles) are available for anyone who is keen. These have been explained in class and can be found on Teams.

Prep Office over the Easter Holiday

The Prep School Office will be open Thursday 30th March to Wednesday 5th April between 10.00am – 3.00pm. If you need to get hold of us urgently over the holidays, do contact prep@perse.co.uk or telephone the Upper School on 01223 403800.

Summer Term Calendar

If parents would like to access the dates for next term's events, then do refer to the pdf Calendar sent by PersePost today, which can be printed on A4. Sports fixtures can also be accessed via SOCS.

Artwork

This week's DTE banner showcases year 4 gift bags.



Summer Term Games Kit



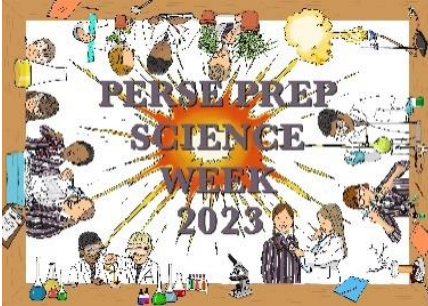
Games kit for all children changes to a white cricket shirt (available from Mr Cricket [here](#)), with black shorts or skorts, and white PE socks. Tracksuit trousers and hoodies can be worn if it is cold. This is also the games kit for school matches, although children may want to wear cricket whites as trousers. Winter games shirts and socks should be left at home.

As the weather brightens, children also need a suitable hat / cap. We ask that children wear a Perse hat / cap rather than non-uniform headgear brought in from home. Most children like the black cap available from Mr Cricket [here](#) but a broad brimmed cream hat is also available [here](#).



House International Day – 26th May

Next term, we will be having our first House International Day, celebrating the diversity of the Prep where more than 40 languages are spoken by pupils, parents and staff. If any parents would like to run a short language taster session as part of this event, please register your interest via this online [form](#). Mrs Soares Winter, our Head of French, will then be in touch to confirm details over the coming weeks.



Science Week – Monday 5th to Friday 9th June

If any parents would like to participate this year with a science-related session, please register your interest via this online [form](#). Ms Abbott, our Head of Science, will then be in touch to confirm details over the coming weeks.

PPP Summer Term Events

The PPP would like to invite parents to two events coming up in the summer term:

Spring Walk 2023

This year's spring walk will take place at Wandlebury Country Park on Sunday 23rd April at 2.30pm. All family members are welcome including the four-legged ones! There will be a lovely walk around Wandlebury with refreshments and sweet treats afterwards. There is no booking necessary – just turn up on the day to meet old friends and new and hopefully enjoy some nice weather!

Dinner and Drinks at the Prep

The PPP are hosting a fun evening for all Prep parents on Saturday 13th May, 7pm-11pm. Tickets are £20 per person and include food from Nanna Mexico, a welcome drink and entertainment.

Giving Notice for the end of the Summer Term

Parents are required to give one term's notice of any pupil withdrawal. If no notice is given, it is assumed that pupils will remain at the school and staffing, resources and the timetable will be finalised accordingly. If you intend to withdraw your son or daughter from The Perse at the end of this academic year, then you must write to the Head (prep@perse.co.uk) to give formal notice by the first day of the Summer Term. If you haven't informed the School already, a term's notice in writing is also required for pupils who are leaving The Perse to go elsewhere at the end of Year 6. This applies also for those pupils who have already accepted a transfer place at the Upper School but will not be taking up this place. Parents giving notice after the deadline will be liable for the Michaelmas term's fees in lieu of notice, as the School will have committed to Michaelmas Term expenditure on the assumption that pupils were staying.

Music Certificates

Congratulations to the following on their ABRSM awards: **Scarlett Smith** Grade 1 Piano; **Anvita Adapa** Grade 1 Piano with Merit; **Noah Scourfield** Grade 1 Piano with Distinction; **Olivia Zhang** Grade 2 Piano with Merit; **Rosalind Selby** Grade 3 Piano with Distinction; **Elizabeth Kennedy** Grade 3 Piano with Distinction; **Sara Cacciottolo** Grade 1 Violin with Merit; **Victoria Zhang** Grade 2 Violin with Merit; **James Parry** Grade 2 Violin with Distinction; **Carmen Li** Grade 4 Violin; **Olivia Wang** Grade 4 Violin with Merit; **Elizabeth Higgins** Grade 4 Violin with Merit; **Isla Riddoch** Grade 1 Cello; **Qiao Shi** Grade 2 Cello with Merit; **India Short** Grade 1 Saxophone with Distinction; **Jonathan Goldsmith** Grade 1 Cornet with Merit; **Cecily Hirzel** Grade 1 French Horn with Distinction; **Eryn Jonas** Grade 1 Singing with Distinction; **Marissa Ojha** Grade 1 Singing with Distinction; **Eilidh Sinclair** Grade 2 Singing; **Yuru Li** Grade 2 Singing with Distinction and **Elizabeth Kennedy** Grade 2 Singing with Distinction.

Congratulations to **Anna Lindner Santinoli** on her Trinity Grade 1 Piano with Distinction.

Lent Term 'Values' Awards

These termly awards are based on the four Perse Values. Children can't win this award twice during the same academic year; final decisions are made by the Form Teachers. Year 6 recipients receive trophies as well as certificates; we are very grateful to the Richards, Clarke, Carey and Gahlaut families for their generous donations:



Valuing One Another & Our Environment:

3A Max Taylor, 3Alpha Olivia Betts, 3Aleph Ted Hayes

4A Ivy Green, 4Alpha Arabella Wallace, 4Aleph Annousheh Sayed

5A Elissa Skeete, 5Alpha Sophie Oldfield, 5Aleph Rania Hassanain

The Richards Cup for Valuing One Another & Our Environment:

6A Etienne Lamb, 6Alpha Sophia Alexander, 6Aleph Hannah Omori Rison

Breadth & Balance:

3A Thomas Simpson, 3Alpha Edward Sage, 3Aleph Rayne Ho

4A Sam Brixey, 4Alpha Angus Edgar, 4Aleph Felix McDonald

5A Sophia Hardcastle, 5Alpha Carmen Li, 5Aleph George Pullan

The Clarke Bowl for Breadth & Balance:

6A Willow Sutherland, 6Alpha Eunice Stewart-Wallace, 6Aleph Alexander Daubeney



Endeavour:

3A Annelie de Kock, 3Alpha Eddie Carter, 3Aleph Lee Kanchi

4A Jana Batuwangala-Mallorqui, 4Alpha Florence Houghton, 4Aleph Florence Boyle

5A Freddie Billingham, 5Alpha Adam Agarizaev, 5Aleph Julia Saklatvala

The Carey Quaich for Endeavour:

6A Aurelia N, 6Alpha Charlotte Gower, 6Aleph Nandika Prasad

Intellectual Curiosity & Scholarship

3A Maria Seega, 3Alpha Victoria Zhang, 3Aleph Olivia Wang

4A Fred Brisby, 4Alpha Léoni Ricciardi-Baquié, 4Aleph Lily Liang

5A Dhruv Sajog, 5Alpha Rosalind Selby, 5Aleph Annabel Ramsden

The Gahlaut Trophy for Intellectual Curiosity & Scholarship:

6A León Corne, 6Alpha Husayn Jawaid, 6Aleph Cara Mannion



Table Tennis Competitions

Well done to all the children who entered our inaugural school table tennis tournament, organised by Mr Butler. It was impressive to see such a range of different children choosing to take part and learning about how to arrange matches and manage winning and losing. Well done to the following children who all reached their respective finals:

Year 3: Winner **Finn Voss**, Runner up **Shashwat Sharma**

Year 4: Winner **Dhruv Ghildyal**, Runner up **Jeeon Bhattacharya**

Year 5: Winner **Adam Agarizaev**, Runner up **James Parry**

Year 6: Winner **Beau Martínez-McCune**, Runner up **Robert McFadzean-Ferguson**

Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Veronica Wilson** who joins a long list of Prep children by donating hair to the Little Princess Trust to go towards a real hair wig for someone who has lost their own hair through cancer treatment or another condition; **León Corne** on his bronze medals in the U11 200m Backstroke and 200m Breaststroke events in the City of Cambridge Swimming Club Spring Open Championships; **Ellie Zhu** on winning the U110 Piano Award in the Cambridge Competitive Music Festival; and **Elissa Skeete** on her Year 5 Reading Challenge Award.

Congratulations to the following children who have recently been awarded their **Silver** Housepoint Awards: **Jessica Ryan, Beau Martínez-McCune, James Mead, Lara Polonius, Deniz Yakici** and **Savvas Fronimidis Mazloumoglou**; and to the following for their **Gold** Housepoint Awards: **Florence Boyle, Alexander Freeborough, Harry Kelliher, Annousheh Sayed, Lotte van Spaendonck, Angie Che, Yuru Li, Aarav Shadakshari, Saskia Addis, Fred Brisby, Tilly Crosby, Naomi Ellershaw, Jonathan Goldsmith, Ivy Green, Annabel Griggs, Sihua Wang, Nicholas Williams, Joyce Xiao, George Pullan, Benjamin Keen, Eilidh Sinclair, Marianne Gouliouris, Adam Lee** and **George Robson**.

Yours sincerely

James Piper

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Head



POD visiting the Upper



Year 5 in France





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