



THE PERSE

PREP SCHOOL

CAMBRIDGE

12th May 2023

Dear Parents,

My thanks to all of our Year 6 children who were involved as tour guides today as over 70 families visited the Prep. The children are superb ambassadors for the School and enjoyed the challenge of showing our visitors around.

Prep children have worked hard in their recent academic assessments in English, Maths and Science. Year 6 received results yesterday, with Year 3 parents hearing their results next Thursday, and Years 4&5 parents next Friday. We expect to see children working equally hard in the wider elements of school life over the rest of this term; there is much to look forward to, including the Year 4 overnight camp and the Year 6 Leavers' Trip which start a week today.



I wish a wonderful evening for the ninety parents attending tomorrow night's PPP Summer Social at the Prep. Parking will be at the fields, with welcome drinks served from 7.00pm. There will be food from *Nanna Mexico*, drinks, dancing, a walkabout magician and even a chance to stay abreast of the Eurovision Finals before finishing at 11.00pm. Huge thanks to Liz McDade and Melissa Whelan for driving this event and organising it along with Lucy Crosby, Caroline Daubeney, Kathleen Freeborough, Natasha Lilley and Stacy Sinclair.

My thanks to Julia Halbert for her assembly about the story of Esther from the Jewish Megillah and Christian Old Testament, with the moral of always doing the right thing and using one's influence to help others. On Tuesday we looked at the Buddhist festival of Vesak, which celebrates the birth of Buddha and his search for enlightenment.

Year 6 Soloist Concert – Monday 15th May 6.00 – 6.40pm & 6.50 – 7.30pm

Best wishes to all those taking part in next week's concert. Children will receive a hot meal in school before the event. With the two-part format of this concert, there will be enough parking on the top playground and in the staff car park.

3Alpha Form Concert – Tuesday 16th May 4.00 – 4.45pm

We look forward to 3Alpha's Form Concert next week. Please can I remind parents to park at the Porson Road Playing Fields if they are attending this event.

Year 6 POP – Tuesday 9th May

Next week's Year 6 POP (Prep Outdoor Pursuits) session is at Milton Country Park and involves bushcraft and watersports. Children should come to school in their winter games kit and ensure they have sufficient warm clothing and rainproofs if required, as well as a change of kit if they are involved in the watersports. Pickup is from the Upper at the later time of 7.30pm.

DTE Exhibition

Parents are very welcome to enjoy some of the children's creations in DTE this term by visiting the Exhibition accompanied by their child at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, we are unable to showcase everyone's work but you can see a selection of children's work in the entrance to New School, with more in the first-floor gallery.



Sport – the week ahead

Tuesday 16th May

3.00pm U10 A/B/C/D Girls' and U10 A Boys' Cricket v St Faith's (H)

3.00pm U10 B/C/D Boys' Cricket v St Faith's (A)

Wednesday 17th May

2.30pm U11 A/B/C/D Girls' Cricket v Bishop's Stortford (H)

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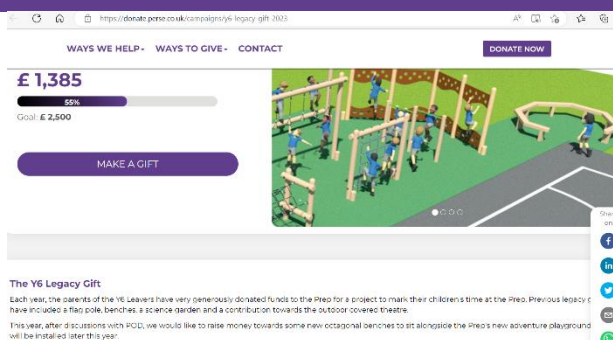
Thursday 18th May

2.45pm U9 Mixed Cricket v Bedford School (A). *Note this is a 2.45pm start, not 1.30pm as in the calendar.*

My thanks to Sophia Abbasi and Jacob Butler for all their work getting girls' football properly off the ground this year. The popularity of this sport bodes well for when this is introduced formally into the games programme for all girls next academic year. This week the U11 A side played well at the IAPS National Finals in Surrey but were just pipped in their final group fixture, following on from one win and four draws! Well done to the squad of **Jacqueline Danesh, Marianne Gouliouris, Sophie Hull, Sophie Newhouse, Lara Polonius, Arabella Sedgemore, Willow Sutherland, Eda Tunca, Amelie Wansell and Deniz Yakici.**

Year 6 Leavers' Gift

Many thanks to those Year 6 families who have kindly donated towards the Year 6 Leavers' Legacy Gift which will result in two large octagonal benches being added to the brand-new adventure playground that is being fitted at the start of the summer holidays. Gifts are anonymous and are handled via the Development Department. With Gift Aid declarations, any donations will be worth an extra 25% to this exciting fundraising project. Do visit this giving site: [Y6 Legacy Gift 2023 - The Perse Year-Round Giving.](#)



Building Work at the Upper

Those using Long Road might have spotted all the activity taking place on the nearest stretch of the Upper site. Of course, this is for the brand-new Swimming Pool, Sports Hall and Climbing Wall – and all Prep children will use this sports facility from September 2024.

I hear that the structural steelwork frame is due to start going up in early June which might provide more interesting visuals. Nevertheless, all this action whets the appetite. Do keep abreast of new developments here: [Future Facilities - The Perse School Cambridge.](#)



Maths Certificates

As part of a post-assessment treat, a number of Year 6 children sat the U13 Junior Maths Challenge, along with 250,000 other entrants. Well done to **Ivy Chen, Sophia Lee, Daria Minasyan, Alexander Toutoungi, William Reddy, Ethan Liu and Nivedh Vinodhkumar** who all achieved gold certificates, placing them in the top 8% nationally amongst Years 6 to 8, and qualifying for the next 'Kangaroo' round.



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Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Alessia Fannon** for her 2nd place in the Waltz at the Fleet Regional qualifier dance competition; all those who spent time volunteering last weekend as part of the Coronation Volunteering including **Eddie Carter; Sophie Itani** for participating in the Sawston Fun Run & Walk; **Annelie de Kock** for her Royal Academy of Dance Grade 1 award; **Nandika Prasad** on her Ballet Award; **Ethan Xu** for being awarded a place in the primary section of the Royal Academy of Music; **Veronica Wilson** for her Level 3 Swim award; **Angelica Gupta** for her Level 4 Swim award; **Harry Kelliher** for achieving the U9 Player of the Season Award at the Royston Rugby Club end of seasons awards; **Hugo Lindemann, Ollie Denny-Gouldson and Henry Bowler** for representing Cambridge City Hockey Club as they came 4th in the IN2 Hockey National Finals.

Congratulations to the following on achieving Housepoint certificates:

Gold: **Adam Agarizaev, Hugo Magliano, Beatrice Mather, Theodora Pring, John Cowley and Aurelia N.**

Platinum: **Joseph Alexander, Ralph Catley, Katherine Elvidge, Grace Guan, Simiao Han, Henry Johnson, Leeladharahas Kanchi, Ilyas Khan, Daisy Marshall, Isaac Marshall, Alex McKechnie, Sam Moorjani, Max**

Nowozin, Luyang Peng, Yash Saravanan, Maria Seega, Max Taylor, Finn Voss, Nick Warburton, Veronica Wilson, Barnaby Woodman, Jake Juniper, Xixi Lin, Aurora Short, Max Tysome, Liam Veness, Arabella Wallace, Wilson Wingham, Rania Hassanain, Elizabeth Higgins, Sunny Li, George Robson, Eilidh Sinclair, Jacqueline Danesh and Hanzhe Wang.

This week's Scores on the Doors are as follows:

4 TH	3 RD	2 ND	1 ST
CORINTHIANS	FORESTERS	BARBARIANS	ROMANS
1233	1290	1301	1302

Yours sincerely



James Piper
Head