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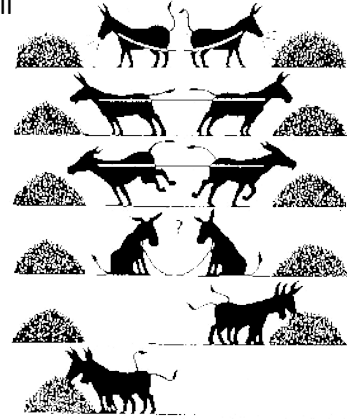
PREP SCHOOL

CAMBRIDGE

19th May 2023

Dear Parents,

The children regularly hear from me that the most important thing that they will learn at school is how to get on with others. The staff tug-o-war competition in today's assembly highlighted the importance of cooperation, a message illustrated with the tale of two donkeys here!



Well done to all those Year 6 children who took part in the Soloist Concert this week, wowing the audience with a wide variety of different instruments. It was a memorable evening and one of the special events for this year group as they enter into their final six weeks at the Prep. Another highlight is their outward-bound weekend at the Suffolk coast, led by Mr Reston. We have just waved off Year 6 for a special four days away which comes on the heels of their water sports and bush craft with PES this week. Teamwork will be the order of the day if they are going to optimise these special experiences.



Not to be outdone, Year 4 are getting into the great outdoors and will be in tents tonight for their overnight camping. My thanks to Eve Bonner and the Upper PES team for organising this event. Year 4 parents should collect their children at 8.00am tomorrow.

My thanks to 3Aleph for their wonderful Form Concert as well as their outstanding Form Assembly on the theme of positive thinking and 'Believe in Better'. I was also grateful to parent Catherine Keen who spoke in assembly yesterday about her faith, with an introduction to Christianity. If any other parents would like to talk about their faith, or speak on other subjects in assembly – do please contact me via prep@perse.co.uk.

Well done to the ninety-four parents who made the most of the inaugural PPP Summer Social, held at the Prep last Saturday. The committee of Lucy Crosby, Caroline Daubeney, Kathleen Freeborough, Natasha Lilley, Stacy Sinclair and especially the two Chairs, Liz McDade and Melissa Whelan who did an amazing job at transforming the Hall and clearing up afterwards. The burrito van, tequila and hats all encouraged the fun and also a little dancing towards the end!

Year 6 POP – Tuesday 23rd May

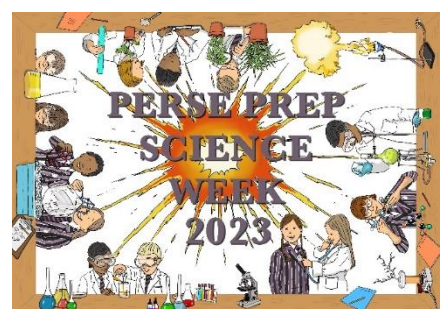
Next week's Year 6 POP (Prep Outdoor Pursuits) session is at Milton Country Park and involves bushcraft and watersports. Children should come to school in their winter games kit and ensure they have sufficient warm clothing and rainproofs if required, as well as a change of kit if they are involved in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

Parent Webinar on ADHD and Autism – a guide for curious parents – Tuesday 23rd May

Join us for an insightful webinar on Tuesday, 23rd May, featuring Dr. Pooky Knightsmith, a renowned expert in the field of ADHD and Autism. This engaging session will provide valuable insights and practical strategies to better understand and support individuals with ADHD and autism. This webinar is an excellent opportunity to expand your knowledge and gain practical insights.

Activities Week – Monday 5th – Friday 9th June

We are gearing up for our Activities Week immediately after half term which combines a range of trips offsite as well as special events onsite. This is an off-timetable week which also incorporates our Science Week; we are grateful to the many parents who are able to spare precious time to act as role models to the children with Science talks and practicals; thank you. I am hugely grateful to all staff for their resourcefulness in helping to put this week together, in particular Ms Abbott (Head of Science), Mr Reston (Director of Enrichment), Ms Sanders (Head of Year 6) and Mr Knowles (Deputy Head).



Sport – the week ahead

Wednesday 24th May

2.30pm U11 A/B/C/D Boys' Cricket v Bedford Modern (H)

2.30pm U11 A/B/C/D Girls' Cricket v Bedford Modern (A)

Thursday 25th May

2.30pm U9 Mixed Cricket v Kimbolton (H)

4.00pm U11 Mixed Tennis v St Faith's (H)

Year 6 Parents' Leavers' Party – Saturday 2nd July

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Year 6 Parents' Leavers' event if you haven't done so already. Ticket sales close just after half term, so there are only a few weeks left to make your purchase before we have to confirm numbers to St Catharine's College. This traditional event is a great opportunity to celebrate our time at the Prep and enjoy fine food and wine in beautiful college surroundings.

Artwork

This week's art banners showcase Year 5's photography of natural forms, inspired by Karl Blossfeldt.



Art Trips – June

The Year 5 Art Trips take place during the school day, and involve trips to the Upper. Dates for these have had to change and so, just for your information, these will now be on the following dates: 5A 23rd June, 5A 28th June, 5Alpha 29th June.

Summer School

The Perse Summer School runs from 10th July to 4th August. The last day for booking courses will be Sunday 2nd July, except for multisport, early drop off and late stay which will remain open all the time. Please follow instructions on [The Perse Summer School - Perse Summer School](#).



Music Lessons

Instrumental tuition is open to all children at the Prep; they may sign up for this at any stage with our team of visiting peripatetic music teachers who are engaged by the School on a self-employed basis. Parents enter into a contract directly with the individual teacher, not with the School. The hourly rate for these lessons has just been set at £49 per hour for 2023-24.



It is a good opportunity to remind parents that we offer up to three taster lessons on instruments other than piano and violin. We are also able to help with affordable hiring of instruments such as bassoon, euphonium, French horn, tenor horn, trombone, trumpet, saxophone, clarinets, flutes and double basses. If you have any questions on music lessons, please contact Jackie Wright at prepadmin@perse.co.uk.

Junior Mathematical Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who all shone in the recent UKMT Maths Challenge:

Participation: **Alice Yang, Léon Corne, Sophia Alexander, Eunice Stewart Wallace, Sophie Newhouse, Noah Higham-Lee.**

Bronze: **Beau Martínez-McCune, Lanxi Li, Georgia Knoop, Sophie Hull, Fred Woodman, Atharv Kurade, Ellie Cope, Savvas Fronimidis, Henry Potter.**

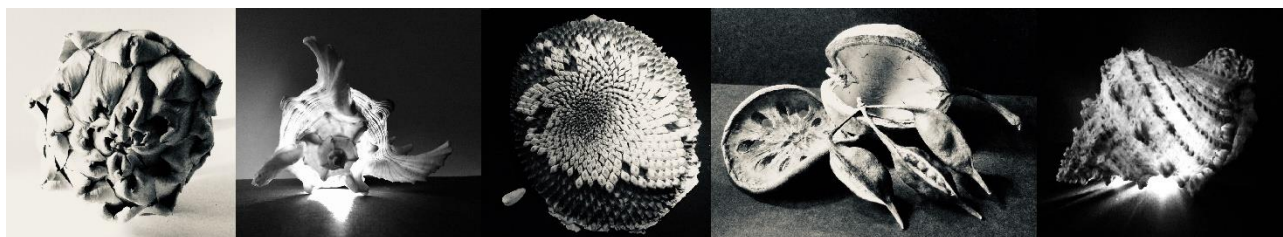
Silver: Kirill Smirnov, Husayn Jawaid, Cara Mannion, Anvita Adapa, Henry Bowler, Hugo Jones, Helena Harter.

Gold: Ivy Chen, Sophia Lee, Daria Minasyan, Alexander Toutoungi, William Reddy, Ethan Liu, Nivedh Vinodhkumar.

Well done to the seven gold award winners who have all qualified for the Kangaroo competition.

Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Felix McDonald** on reaching the semi-finals in the Cambridge United Football Tournament; **Daniel Shenker** on being the top Cambridge fencer in his age category at the Leon Paul Junior Series Fencing Competition; **Dhruv Ghildyal** on his silver medal during the U10 Grade 4 Riverside Tournament; **Benjamin Keen, Conrad Lally** and **Hugo Magliano** on their Y5 Reading Challenge Awards; and, in the Cambridgeshire Athletic Association County Championships; highlights include **Alexander Daubeney** for coming 2nd in the U13 75m Hurdles, **Eunice Stewart-Wallace** for coming 3rd in the U13 Long Jump, **Lara Addis** for coming 4th in the U13 Long Jump, and **Hugo Lindemann** for winning the 100m.



Congratulations to the following on their Housepoint certificates:

Gold: **Lanxi Li** and **Seb Warburton**.

Platinum: **Saskia Addis, Sam Brixey, Lucas Cheng, Lara Daubeney, Arthur Davis, Annabel Griggs, Ryan Smith, Jiho Yoo, Marianne Gouliouris, Adam Lee, James Parry, Dhruv Sajog, Julia Saklatvala** and **India Short**.

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Yours sincerely

James Piper
Head



Many thanks to **Melissa Whelan** and **Liz McDade** for organising.

An alternative use for the Prep Hall, which I could get used to...!



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