



28th April 2023

Dear Parents,

We have now received the ISI March 2023 Inspection Report for The 3-18 Perse. The report finds that The Perse meets all of the regulatory requirements placed on independent schools. It judges the quality of pupils' academic and other achievements to be excellent. It also finds the quality of pupils' personal development to be excellent. These are the highest gradings that inspectors can give. There are many exceptionally positive comments in a glowing report and all children and staff should be proud of what has been achieved. You can read the full inspection report on our website [here](#). You have also been sent a pdf copy via PersePost.



Assemblies this week have featured 5A who produced a memorable take on what it means to show 'Courage'. We also showed the French Trip video to the whole school and explored a range of themes for Allergy Awareness Week. We hope you enjoy a super long weekend; a reminder that term restarts next Tuesday, after the bank holiday.

Nursery and Upper Sixth Visits

It was a treat to welcome the Nursery children onto site this week, as well as over fifty ex-Prep children who are now in the Upper Sixth and about to finish their Perse journeys. My thanks to Stef Abbott and Julia Halbert for running these two events. We wish the sixth form students all the best with their upcoming exams; it was a pleasure for the staff who were here back in 2016 to reconnect with so many ex-pupils who were all wonderful ambassadors for what a Perse education can provide!



National Champion

Well done to **Sophie Hull** who was crowned as National Champion in Table Tennis at last week's IAPS Finals at Edge Grove School. Supported by the rest of the squad and their parents, she held her nerve and rose to the occasion with her attacking play against some very accomplished players. Well done to **Willow Sutherland**, **Lillian Ke** and **Arabella Sedgemore** who all reached the last eight, **Etienne Lamb** and **Robert McFadzean-Ferguson** who reached the last sixteen, and **Atharv Kurade** and **Beau Martínez-McCune** who reached the last thirty-two. It is worth noting that none of our children play for clubs and yet all beat seeded players. Some of this is down to the magic of table tennis at break times but also thanks to Jacob Butler for building the profile of table tennis within the Prep and overseeing the teams last Saturday.



National Finals

Well done to our quiz team of **Eunice Stewart-Wallace, Steven Wang, Annelise Heck** and **Shashwat Sharma** which has qualified for the National Quiz Final in Oxford at the end of term. My thanks to Will Bidwell and Sophia Abbasi for their expert 'tuition' over recent weeks and for trying to stay calm during a nerve-shredding online semi-final. Well done to our other team of **Samit Salaunkey, Jacqueline Danesh, Daniel Teng** and **Annelie de Kock** which narrowly failed to make it to the final on 3rd July.

Drama Video

The latest Prep marketing [video](#) showcases Drama, specifically referencing last term's production of *The Demon Headmaster*. My thanks to Clare Cassidy for starring alongside some wonderful vignettes from **James Mead, Rhea Sethi** and **Robert McFadzean-Ferguson**.

3A Form Concert – Tuesday 2nd May 4.00 – 4.45pm

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

Sport – the week ahead

Thursday 4th May

4.00pm U11, U10, U9 Athletics Meet at St Faith's (A)

Friday 5th May

3.20pm U10 A/C/D Girls' Cricket v St John's (A). The B team will have a normal practice session.

3.20pm U10 A/B/C/D Boys' Cricket v St John's (H)

Please note the change in venue for the U10 fixtures. Year 5 will need to bring in cricket kit to change into from their red/white/blue that day, or just wear red/white/blue accessories on top of their games kit!

Year 6 POP – Tuesday 2nd May

Next week's Year 6 POP (Prep Outdoor Pursuits) session is at the Upper again and involves climbing, cooking, teambuilding and archery. Children should come to school in their games kit (with winter shirts) and ensure they have sufficient warm clothing and rainproofs if required. Pickup is from the Upper at 6.30pm.



Coronation Lunch – Friday 5th May

We shall be marking the Coronation of King Charles III with a series of events. This will culminate with a special outside lunch the day beforehand. All children should come to school next Friday dressed in red, white and blue. They can also design their own crown if they want as well as designing a poster to reflect one or more of the four Coronation themes of Youth, Community, Diversity and Sustainability.



Year 4 Camp – Friday 19th May

A reminder for Year 4 parents to reply to this week's PersePost to confirm your child's attendance on the upcoming Year 4 Camp, run by PES (the Perse Exploration Society). Parents are also asked to pay the £35 cost of the trip via [ParentPay](#) by today too).

Artwork

This week's banner showcases Year 5 chairs, made out of newspaper sticks and card.



PPP Family Spring Walk

It was special to see over seventy people out for last weekend's PPP Family Spring Walk at Wandlebury. All four seasons were in evidence as families mingled, got plenty of exercise and then sheltered under the trees to sample the delicious home-made cakes and refreshments afterwards. Huge thanks to Stephanie Trickett and Liz McDade for their time and effort helping to organise and run this event.

PPP Water Bottles

The new Prep purple water bottle is now available to buy priced at £15 each. This aluminium bottle has a screw-on lid with a handle for easy carrying. It holds 650ml and is BPA free. Profits from sales go to our two chosen charities, the Red Hen Project and Guide Dogs for the Blind.



PPP WATER BOTTLES

PPP Volunteer Request – Second-hand Uniform Rep

After two years as the Prep's second-hand uniform rep, Catherine Keen is stepping down from the role at the next AGM. Catherine has done an amazing job looking after requests, sorting donations and taking the lead on the second-hand uniform sales held throughout the year. These sales help raise lots of money for our chosen charities and are an invaluable source of good quality and good value uniform for parents. We are so grateful to all that Catherine has done and now need a new volunteer (or volunteers) to take on this role. If you are interested in finding out more, or volunteering for this role, please contact Melissa and Liz on persepreparents@gmail.com and we will be more than happy to provide further information.

PPP Year 6 Parents' Leavers' Party – Saturday 1st July

Tickets are now on sale for the Year 6 Parents' Leaving Do! Do join for a chance to celebrate your time at the Prep before it is time for the children to hang up their Prep blazers and head to senior school. This traditional event is a great opportunity to share stories and enjoy fine food and wine in the beautiful St Catharine's College. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Awards

Congratulations to **Ellie Zhu** on being offered places at the Royal Academy of Music and also the Royal College of Music in their Junior Saturday programmes for next year, and for winning the U10 Finbow Cup for piano at the Cambridge Music Festival; **Ruohan Zhu** for her second prize during the 10th International Piano Competition of Orléans in France; **Matthew Wilkins** for his ABRSM Grade 3 Cello with Merit; **Jacqueline Danesh** for her Trinity Grade 3 Piano with Distinction; **Hugo Lindemann** for his Trinity Grade 3 Drums with Merit and for being part of the U11 Cambridge City Hockey Club side with **Henry Bowler** and **Ollie Denny-Gouldson** that won the East Region IN2 Hockey Finals and have qualified for the National Finals; **Ollie Denny-Gouldson** on being selected for the U13 County Hockey squad; **Sam Brixey, Sam D'Arcy, Jonathan Goldsmith** and **Tom McDade** whose U10 Cambridge City Hockey Club side came 3rd in the East Region IN2 Hockey Finals; **Léonie Ricciardi-Baquié** for her ESA Swim Award Stage 5; **Katherine Elvidge** for her ESF Flocon ski medal; **Aurelia N** for her fencing bronze award; **Elizabeth Higgins** for her LAMDA Grade 1 in performance with Distinction; **Simiao Han, Yiwei Lu** and **Charlie Qin** for their LAMDA Entry Level Award in communication with Distinction; **Oliver Roland, Sophia Alexander** and **Helena Harter** on their Head's Commendations for going above and beyond when researching the festival of Holi as part of their Geography homework on India and to **Rosalind Selby** for her Year 5 Reading Challenge Award.



Housepoint Certificates

Gold: **Eddie Carter, Yiliang Liu, Andrew Villaverde, Peter Rimell, Sam Brennan, Angelica Gupta, Samuel Hong, Lillian Ke, Anamaya Kumar, George Li, Hanqi Lu, Marissa Ojha, Sam O'Reilly, Annabel Ramsden, Isla Riddoch, Kumara Sathiaselan, Noah Scourfield, Sherry Shao, Ronak Sinha, Torrin Somner, Selina Wong, Linus Chin, Elizabeth Davies, Anaiya Gupta, Tom Kelliher, Carmen Li, Karl Nguyen, Sophie Oldfield, James Parry, Samantha Payne, Rosalind Selby, Steven Wang, Henry Crossley, Beatrix Dickinson, Harry Frostick, Juno Gough, Eryn Jonas, Conrad Lally, Tom Lance, Miriam Ponder, Olivia Reynolds, Maggie Rowan-Robinson, Arabella Sedgemore, India Short, Lucas Simpson, Elissa Skeete, Thea Wiseman, Ellie Cope, Luke D'Arcy, Georgia Knoop, Sophia Lee, Cara Mannion, Hannah Omori Rison, Nandika Prasad, Adam Roth, Samit Salaunkey, Aditi Shadakshari, Daphne Siampis, Nivedh Vinodhkumar, Lara Addis, Sophia Alexander, Max Brisby, Ivy Chen, Rosie Colvin, Charlotte Gower, Helena Harter, Daria Minasyan, Sophie Newhouse, Eunice Stewart-Wallace, Eda Tunca, Carla Williams, Fred Woodman, Anvita Adapa, Reina Brogan, Francesca He, Zak Khan, Etienne Lamb, Anna Lindner Santinoli, Ethan Liu, William Reddy, Oliver Roland, Rhea Sethi, Amelie Wansell.**

Platinum: Sakina Amin, Teddy Broodbank, Sara Cacciottolo, Charlize Church, Annelie de Kock, Lavanya Gupta, Nikolas Hardcastle, Kirsty Hau, Ted Hayes, Sophie Itani, Anna Kennedy, Ziyang Lu, Ella McCabe, Jacob Painter, Poppy Potter, Juliette Prewett van Beesten, Charlie Qin, Andy Ren, Edward Sage, George Saklatvala, Neha Sathiyamoorthy, Moer Sha, Shashwat Sharma, Qiao Shi, Hamish Sills, Evelyn Taylor, Francis Thaventhiran, Matilda Trickett, Olivia Wang, Olivia Zhang, Victoria Zhang, Ruohan Zhu, Jana Batuwangala-Mallorqui, Jeeon Bhattacharya, Iris Candea, Leopold de Ris, Joyce He, Anneliese Heck, Freddie Heftman, Elizabeth Kennedy, Joseph Lilley, Léonie Ricciardi-Baquié, Daniel Teng, Mia Wei, Ellie Zhu, James Gerhard; Siobhan Wan, Matthew Wilkins, George de Albuquerque, Clara de Lucena Rigat, Kirill Smirnov.

This week's *Score on the Doors* are:

Yours sincerely

James Piper

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Head

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