



THE PERSE

PREP SCHOOL

CAMBRIDGE

5th May 2023

Dear Parents,

The children have enjoyed the riot of bunting on show as we recognise the historic event of the coronation taking place this weekend. Is it only at The Perse where children relish the opportunity to count every single flag? For once the slow-moving traffic on Trumpington Road provided the silver lining of allowing one child to complete her complex addition and work out that we have had 1953 on show – which matches the date of the last coronation!



For those who will be in London tomorrow, or watch events on the television, I hope that assemblies this week will have provided your children with a glimpse of what will happen during the processions and the actual service at Westminster Abbey so that they are a little more familiar with some of the specific royal regalia and moments of the day.

Our thanks to the catering team of Nour, Ted, Sonia, Julie, Susan and Julius who prepared a wonderful coronation picnic for us today. Sadly, we had to eat this inside rather than outside but we all relished the special touches and variety of options on offer.

Your children have 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, with excitements such as the Year 4 Overnight Camp, Year 6 Leavers' Trip and International House Activity Day before half term, and Activities Week with a range of trips, and Summer Concerts soon afterwards.

Elsewhere, well done to 3A for kicking off this term's Form Concerts so successfully last week and to 5Aeph who produced a memorable take on 'Football' for their Form Assembly. In terms of staffing appointments, I would like to congratulate Stef Abbott on being appointed Head of IE&D (Inclusion, Equality & Diversity) and also Emma Piper on being appointed Head of RE. Stef has done a wonderful job leading (voluntarily) the work on IE&D and she is excited to be able to take this forward more formally. In due course she will be keen to hear from parents with any ideas or suggestions that we can take on board. As for RE, Emma is keen to put her MA in Theology to good use and to continue and build on Julia Halbert's excellent work with this subject.

3Alpha Form Concert – Tuesday 9th 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 the Upper again and is the last in the cycle of climbing, cooking, teambuilding and archery. Children should come to school in their winter games kit and ensure they have sufficient warm clothing and rainproofs if required. Pickup is from the Upper at 6.30pm.

Sport – the week ahead

Tuesday 9th May

10.00am U11 Pelicans ISFA Girls' Football Regional Finals, Claremont Fan Court School (A)

Wednesday 10th May

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

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Thursday 11th May

2.30pm U9 Mixed Cricket v King's College School (H)

Friday 12th May

10.00am U11 Pelicans IAPS Girls' Cricket Festival, Haileybury School (A)

2.30pm U10 A/B/C/D Girls' Cricket v Kimbolton (H)

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Well done to the thirty-two athletes who took part in the Meet at St Faith's yesterday, coming second out of six schools and just seven points behind the eventual winners. A special mention to the following who won their races: **Eunice Stewart-Wallace 70m hurdles, Nicky Williams 75m, Andrew Villaverde 100m, Carla Williams 100m, Hugo Lindemann 200m, George Pullan 800m, U9 Boys' 4x100m relay (Sam D'Arcy, Alexander Freeborough, Andrew Villaverde, Nicky Williams), U11 Boys' 4x100m relay (Alexander Daubeneay, Ollie Denny-Gouldson, Hugo Lindemann, Toby Rayner).**

Artwork

This week's art banner showcases Year 4's three-dimensional tree sculptures.



Perse Summer School

If you have not yet booked in for The Perse Summer School, there are still some spaces available. Various sports courses are available on all four weeks and a selection of other courses too. Please book via www.persesummerschool.co.uk.

School Uniform

We are grateful to Mr Cricket for managing the handover of all branded uniform from John Lewis. In recent weeks they have seen lots of backpacks, optional coats and optional summer dresses being ordered. Unfortunately, they have now started to run out of summer dresses and the supplier is unlikely to be able to deliver more until September.

PPP Water Bottles

The new Prep purple water bottle is 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. These can be collected from Reception from the Friday following your order and payment.



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 Dinner and Drinks at the Prep – Saturday 13th May

There are still some spaces left for parents at the PPP evening at the Prep next Saturday. This is a new event for the school calendar, to bring together all year groups and give parents an opportunity to meet up, socialise and have some good food and drink!

Tickets are £20 per person and include food from Nanna Mexico, a welcome drink and entertainment. Parking is available in the playing fields' car park. The PPP can't wait to see you there!

Creative Arts

Congratulations to **Sophie Newhouse** who was selected to represent Stagecoach Cambridge & Cambourne at the National Finals of the Junior Theatre Festival at the International Conference Centre in Birmingham. Sophie shared the lead solo *Consider Yourself* as she and her groups performed a ten-minute showpiece from *Oliver!* in front of a panel of judges and professional West End actors. Sophie's group was one of the overall winners, from forty stage schools, and performed again on the main stage at the closing ceremony.



Congratulations to **Francesca He** who performed last weekend at the Royal Albert Hall, as part of the [2023 International Music Competition "London" Grand Prize Virtuoso](#).

Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Eilidh Sinclair** on her Trinity Grade 1 Classical Guitar with Merit; **Billy Norton** on his Trinity Grade 1 Drum Kit with Merit; **Lucas Simpson** on his Trinity Grade 1 Drum Kit; **George Robson** on his Trinity Grade 4 Piano; **Sarah Cacciottolo** on her Royal Academy of Dance Grade 1 Ballet with High Merit; **Hugo Lindemann** on winning the U13 Boys' 100m, 200m and Long Jump for Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club during the East Anglia Meet; **Ryan Smith** for winning the 75cm Pairs Class at the Tetworth Hunter Trial; **Anaiya Gupta** and **Lillian Ke, Anamya Kumar** on representing Cambridgeshire at Tennis in the Lionel Cox event.

Congratulations to the following children who have recently been awarded their **Gold** Housepoint Awards: **Freddie Billingham, Alice Yang, Noah Higham-Lee, Henry Potter, Hector Borno** and **Henry Bowler** and to the following for their **Platinum** Housepoint Awards: **Olivia Betts, Everett Black, Ptolemy Brown, Evangeline Burling, Alessia Fannon, Chloe Flynn, Imogen Ham, Rayne Ho, Yiwei Lu, William Moss, Thomas Simpson, William Wiseman, Charles Balfour, Dhruv Ghildyal, Anushka Jadon, Tom McDade, Billy Norton, Dina Wortley, Alexis Wu Williamson, Charlotte Goodfellow, Sophia Hardcastle** and **Austin Zhang**.

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

Yours sincerely

James Piper

4 TH	3 RD	2 ND	1 ST
FORESTERS	ROMANS	BARBARIANS	CORINTHIANS
1051	1055	1056	1057

James Piper
Head



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



Well done to everyone who opted to make crowns for the day – here are a few of the stunning, diverse and sustainable crowns on show.



Plenty of bunting on show at the Perse Prep, Cambridge



And the Perse Singapore also got in on the act...

