



THE PERSE

PREP SCHOOL

CAMBRIDGE

30th June 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us today for our House Sports Day; the colourful apparel of the parent supporters made up for the more overcast conditions. It is a special whole Prep community event and I hope parents enjoyed the opportunity to mix with each other and cheer on their children and the rest of their Houses. Well done to all of the children for getting so stuck in, and to all the staff, led by Mr McGregor, for their hard work to ensure such a busy and fun afternoon.

The last few days of the academic year are a busy time for families so I hope the following summary proves helpful for planning for the final three and a half days:

Monday 3rd July

- Years 3&6 in games kit as normal, Years 4&5 in uniform as normal
- Year 3 Prize Giving, 8.45 – 9.30am, with refreshments available beforehand
- Year 4 Prize Giving, 2.30 – 3.15pm, with refreshments available beforehand

Tuesday 4th July

- Years 4&5 in games kit as normal, Years 3&6 in uniform as normal
- Year 5 Prize Giving, 2.30 – 3.15pm, with refreshments available beforehand

Year 3/4/5 prize giving events include the awarding of the Form Academic and Progress Prizes as well as the end of term Values Certificates, Departmental Certificates and Library Awards. Only a limited number of children will receive an award.

Wednesday 5th July

- Everyone wears games kit.
- *Myths & Legends* House Activity Day.
- Year 6 Leavers' Event
 - Prize Giving, 5pm - 6.15pm, behind New School, with refreshments available beforehand
 - Cricket v Parents, 6.15 - 7.30pm, Playing Fields
 - BBQ, 7.30 – 9pm, Prep Lawns

Thursday 6th July (half day)

- Everyone wears home clothes.
- Final Assembly, 8.45am – 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Years 3&4 12.15pm collection, Years 5&6 12.30pm.
- No Late Stay or Clubs

Form Groups 2023-24

Earlier this week, children found out their new form groups for next academic year. The following staff will be form teachers:

3A	Miss Pippa Barbour (<i>Head of Year</i>)	4A	Mrs Clare Cassidy (<i>Head of Year</i>)
3Alpha	Mrs Emma Piper	4Alpha	Mr Dan Nicholes
3Aleph	Mr Raph de Albuquerque	4Aleph	Mr Nat Farrant
5A	Mr Will Bidwell (<i>Head of Year</i>)	6A	Ms Stef Abbott & Mrs Jessica Evans
5Alpha	Mr Dan Wansell & Ms Jaime Dipple	6Alpha	Mrs Jo Coleman
5Aleph	Miss Eve Bonner	6Aleph	Ms Annelise Sanders (<i>Head of Year</i>)

5Alpha and 6A have joint Form Teachers and parents should email both teachers if they have a particular question. Children will find out their English and Maths teachers on Monday. Timetables will be provided on the first day of next term; these will also be made available on the Parent Portal.

Sport 2023/24

Next year, games sessions are at the following times:

Year 3: Monday and Thursday 11.15am-12.25pm

Year 4: Wednesday 11.15am-12.25pm and *Thursday 2.15 – 3.25pm*

Year 5: Tuesday and *Friday 2.15-3.35pm*

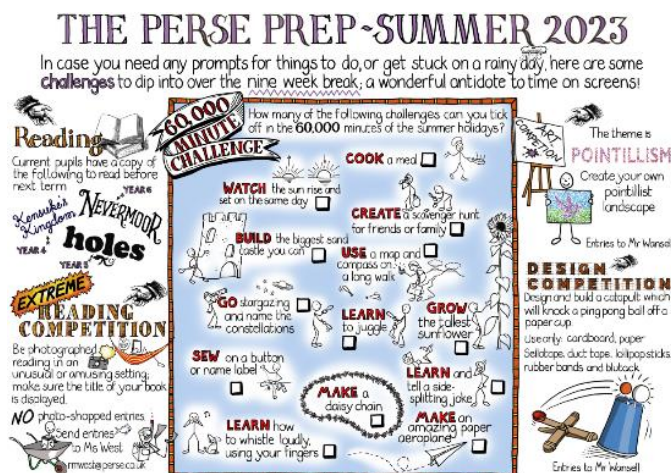
Year 6: Monday and *Wednesday 2.15-3.35pm*

U11 (Year 6), U10 (Year 5) and U9 (Year 4) fixtures will take place on the afternoons listed in italics. This might result in a later pick-up, depending on whether home or away fixtures.

Summer Holiday Challenges

When the holidays come, we hope that the children all have a special summer and a good break from school. In case of any rain interruptions, we have provided a list of various challenges that children may want to dip into over the long break – your child will be provided with a hard copy of this to stick up in the kitchen or in their bedroom! All of these are completely optional; we hope you have some fun.

An extra challenge which has just come to our attention is the 4th online session of the Sir David Amess Children's Parliament on 25th July at 5pm, lasting around 90 minutes. Previous events ([here](#) and [here](#)) have involved figures such as Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Anna Firth, David Davis and Boris Johnson and seen the Child MPs discussing important topics such as climate change, technology and online safety, before putting them to vote. The next live parliamentary debate will be during the summer holidays and will discuss discussing the effects of artificial intelligence and will take place in a customised Microsoft Teams debating chamber. If your child is interested to take part, please register via this link: <https://wakelet.typeform.com/CPJuly2023>.

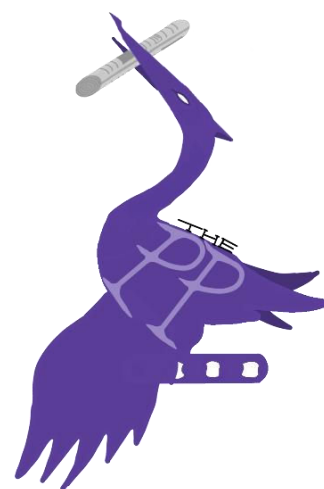


Rewards and Sanctions

One of the children's assembly highlights of the year is Mr Knowles's end of year update on Rewards and Sanctions, highlighting how this process works. He gave some interesting statistics, such as the number of Housepoints given (60,880 – an average per pupil of 215), the number of Fridays given (181 – average 0.64) and the number of Deputy Head Detentions (35 – average 0.12). It is good to see a consistent share of Housepoints between the year groups (Year 3 27%, Year 4 26%, Year 5 25%, Year 6 22%)!

The Purple Press

Journalism Club were hard at work this term, reporting on some of the major events at the Prep and in the wider world. I would encourage you to read the third edition of [The Purple Press](#) where you'll find articles offering a view of the Summer Term from the children's perspective. My thanks to Mrs Soares Winter for sharing her journalistic expertise and inspiring our team of 17 fledgling reporters (who appear in this photo), as well as putting together this slick publication, also on Microsoft Sway.



Cricket Success

Congratulations to the U11 Girls' Pelicans who, fresh from their success in the ESCA Regional Finals at Framlingham College, were runners up in the IAPS Regional Finals at Haileybury School. They won all their group games, with victories against Rowan, Milton Keynes, Heathmount and Chesham. They lost their first game of the season in a close final against St Michael's. The whole squad did Mrs Seed proud, along with Mrs Clark and Mr Butler. Well done to the whole squad: **Reina Brogan, Angelica Gupta, Sophie Hull, Sophie Newhouse, Lara Polonius, Willow Sutherland, Nishtha Tiwary, Eda Tunca and Amelie Wansell.**

Items to Donate for Schools in Malawi

The Charity *Lifeline* will be collecting items from the Prep at the end of next week to take out to schools in Malawi. Any of the following items can be dropped off at the Snug, by Reception:

- Spare clothes (whether old Perse uniform or any home clothes)
- Ruck sacks or book bags
- Trainers or shoes
- Old exercise books and any items of stationery.



PPP Autumn BBQ – Sunday 17th September (12 – 3pm)

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for this year's Autumn BBQ. Tickets are available here (password: prepbbq2023). Please sign up as soon as possible to help with the planning and ticketing for the event. The PPP are also looking for donations for various stalls including bottles (wine, fizz, etc), raffle prizes (chocolates, candles, toiletries, etc) or toys and books suitable for prep aged children. If you have any items to donate, these can be left at reception for the PPP to collect. Full details can be found in the PersePost from Monday 26th June or contact the PPP on perseprepparents@gmail.com for more information.

Fundraising for Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust



Congratulations to **Clara de Lucena Rigat, Sunny Li, Beatrice Mather, Samantha Payne, Maggie Rowan-Robinson, Jessica Ryan and Eilidh Sinclair** who were all involved in running a Lemonade Stand at Lammas Land, raising £173 for Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust whilst simultaneously providing a farewell party and picnic for Beatrice. Well done to all involved – through such philanthropy the children can realise that the gift of one's time is the greatest gift a person can offer to another.

Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Rhea Sethi** on her 'white arrow' award for Netherhall Archers; **Hanzhe Wang** on his ABRSM Piano Grade 5 with Merit and Trinity Drum Grade 1 with Merit; **Lanxi Li** on her ABRSM Grade 3 Harp with Distinction; **Juno Gough** for her RAD Grade 2 Ballet with Distinction; **Leopold de Ris** on participating in the Kick Start Dance Programme at the Tring Park School for the Performing Arts; **Charlize Church** on her letter to the Mayor of Cambridge articulating ideas for cleaner air in the city centre; **Nivedh Vinodhkumar** and **Rayne Ho** on qualifying from the U12 and U8 Chess Megafinals to the Gigafinals; **Ivy Green** on completing her Swimming Stage 2 Award; **Isla Riddoch** for her RYA Stage 4 Sailing Award; **Tom Lance, Freddie Billingham, Adam Lee, Hugo Lindemann** and **Sophie Hull** on winning the U11 CYA Cricket Cup with Thriplow; **Eilidh Sinclair, Thea Wiseman** and **Elizabeth Davies** on their Y5 Reading Challenge Award.

Congratulations to the following on achieving their Housepoint certificates:

Gold: **Husayn Jawaid, Hugo Lindemann, Jago Vindis, Ollie Denny-Gouldson, Savvas Fronimidis Mazloumoglou, Wren Myers, Léon Corne, Alastair Griffiths.**

Platinum: **Eddie Carter, Juno Gough, Anaiya Gupta, Conrad Lally, Carmen Li, Olivia Reynolds, Kumara Sathiaseelan, Ronak Sinha, Beatrix Dickinson; Ivy Chen, Robert McFadzean-Ferguson.**

Titanium: **Sakina Amin, Ptolemy Brown, Annelie de Kock, Sophie Itani, Ziyang Lu, Isaac Marshall, Edward Sage, Neah Sathiyamoorthy, Qiao Shi, Matilda Trickett, Victoria Zhang, Ruohan Zhu, Poppy Potter; Leopold de Ris, Tom McDade, Léonie Ricciardi-Baquié, Max Tysome, Mia Wei; George de Albuquerque, Clara de Lucena Rigat, Charlotte Goodfellow, Elizabeth Higgins.**

Scores on the Doors are as follows:

4 TH	3 RD	2 ND	1 ST
ROMANS	FORESTERS	CORINTHIANS	BARBARIANS
1460	1467	1472	1571

Yours sincerely

James Piper
Head

Mrs Halbert's Tea Party



We were delighted to host thirty-five ex-Prep staff, including six current and former Perse Heads, for a special tea party to celebrate Julia Halbert's 104 terms at the Prep. The previous Prep Head, Gareth Jones, kindly spoke about the impact that Julia has had on countless children, staff and parents and the entire fabric of the Prep. It was a wonderful afternoon in the sun for old friends to catch up, reminisce and also appreciate how much the Prep has developed in recent years. My thanks to 5Aleph for acting as outstanding tour guides.



Photos from Year 5's Art Trip to the Upper



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