



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of week three of term, your children should be easing into their new classes and starting to challenge themselves, whether in the classroom, with homework, making new friends or broadening their horizons with clubs, music and sport. No doubt, there will be some tiredness kicking in, especially as the novelty of the new year wears off and things occasionally don't go to plan. Regular bedtimes and routines are always helpful at this stage of term.



May I thank the many parents and children who were involved in making last week's PPP Autumn BBQ such a success. Much time and expertise were volunteered in the buildup and on the day itself as we raised funds for *Red Hen Project* and *Guide Dogs for the Blind*. I would like to thank the Co-Chairs, Liz McDade and Melissa Whelan, who oversaw this particular event, with generous support from Stacy Sinclair and Lucy Crosby as well as the 130 volunteers who ran the stalls during the course of the afternoon. Stacy has also been busy, having fitted in workshops with Years 6, 7 and 8 on 'Achieving Net Zero with Green Architecture' at The Perse School Singapore last week.

My thanks also to Mrs Soares Winter, our Head of French, for running yesterday's assembly which celebrated the upcoming European Day of Languages, including the polygots Shakira and Tim Peake, and the enthusiastic Harry Kane! Obviously at the Perse, our community extends far beyond Europe's borders, as the results from our annual languages survey reveal, with a staggering 38 languages spoken in Prep households!

- Year 3 *Stone, Bronze & Iron Ages* History Day (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September) – dress up day. No games.
- Year 4 Teambuilding Day (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September). Games kit.
- Year 3 Teambuilding Day (Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September). Games kit.
- Open Morning (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October) – Year 6 tour guides from 8.30am to 12.45pm.
- Year 6 Ski Trip Information Evening (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November) – for parents.

### Prep Open Morning – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

For the Year 6 children taking part in the upcoming Open Morning, they should arrive at the Prep between 8.30am and 8.45am and can be dropped at the roundabout; Prep staff will be there to register them. Children can be collected from the roundabout between 12.30pm and 12.45pm after they have signed out with a member of staff. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the School. Children should wear their normal uniform including blazer. Bespoke drop off and collection arrangements can be made, but please contact Mr Knowles directly ([tpknowles@perse.co.uk](mailto:tpknowles@perse.co.uk)).

### Year 6 Ski Trip Information Evening – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Please note that this event for parents has been moved a day from Hallowe'en to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm. This will take place in the Drama Studio.

### 3-11 Pastoral Support

The 3-11 Pastoral Newsletter will be published twice a term to keep you in touch with any school pastoral events, as well as providing topical pointers and advice for parents and an overview of what will be covered in upcoming PSHE lessons. My thanks to Laura Robertson and Tim Ankin for putting this together.



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to meet with many of you at the recent Pastoral Information Evening. They provided us with the opportunity to build relationships with all of you and to find out more about your children. Relationships with parents and children is a necessary part of our role at both the Prep and the Prep as we establish the foundations that enable all of our pupils to flourish.

Thanking is a wonderful word. It conveys the idea of enabling children to lead a life of achievement and wellbeing, of freedom and fulfillment. If our pupils are to flourish, we need to nurture in them the strength, discipline and attitudes which enable them to embrace the ups and downs of life and connect with others. This means offering our pupils the opportunities to practice these behaviours regularly - whether in the playground, during their lessons, while performing on on the open stage - and for us to celebrate and reflect on these whenever we can.

To that end, a new half-termly pastoral newsletter will provide you with a snapshot of our 'efforts' on what we have all learnt in school that has helped with personal development as well as our readers are invited to be of importance, the discipline that the Prep's curriculum and other pastoral events are taking on in, and some helpful suggestions for you as parents, as we navigate the school year together.

Best wishes,

Tim Ankin (Prep's Deputy Head)  
Laura Robertson (Prep's Assistant Head - Pastoral)

Laura Robertson Prep Assistant Head (Pastoral)	Tim Ankin Prep Deputy Head and Pastoral Lead	Rebecca Woodhead Pastoral Coordinator at the Prep	Alison Wright Class Teacher at the Prep and the Prep

## Academic Find Out More Videos

Throughout the year we'll be sharing some "find out more" videos with you about a range of academic matters. These are designed to provide with you with a concise insight into how we do things and deal with many of the questions we're often asked. Mr Bown provides a [welcome](#) and then we have more information about the aims and approaches of [English](#), [Maths](#) and [Science](#) from these three Heads of Department. Please click the links to watch the videos. If you have any questions regarding academic matters, please get in touch with Mr Bown via [tabown@perse.co.uk](mailto:tabown@perse.co.uk).

## School Bus Service

The school bus service is an efficient, cost effective and environmentally friendly way to travel to school. The attached flyer provides information about the following routes that we run. Any queries, do contact [buses@perse.co.uk](mailto:buses@perse.co.uk). Note that Route 4 allows parents with children at the Upper and Prep to collect their Prep children from the Upper site. The School is operating the following bus services this year:

- Route 1 Cambourne to Prep & Upper (am & pm)
- Route 2 Royston to Prep & Upper (am & pm)
- Route 3 Cambridge Station to the Prep (am only)
- Route 4 Prep to Upper (pm only)



## Adventure Playground

The new Adventure Playground has been a popular addition to the Prep so far this term. We are also grateful to our recent Year 6 Leavers for donating the two octagonal benches on either side. Do click [here](#) for some aerial footage of the playground in action!

## Swimming Pool and Sports Hall

Next week we have an assembly from the architects of the new swimming pool and sports hall that are currently being built along Long Road. All Prep children will be using both facilities from next September. Do click [here](#) for a one minute time-lapse video and a 'live' camera view.

## Sport

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

- 1.30pm: U11 A Hockey Framlingham Festival (A). *Return 6.30pm; follow [Prep Twitter](#) for return time updates.*
- 2.30pm: U11 B/C/D Hockey v Dame Bradbury's (H)
- 2.30pm: U11 A/B/C/D Football v Stephen Perse Foundation (H)

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

- 3.10pm: U9 A/B/C/D Hockey v St Faith's (H)
- 3.10pm: U9 A/B/C/D Football v St Faith's (H)

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

- 3.00pm: U10 A/B/C/D Hockey v King's College School (H)
- 3.00pm: U10 A/B/C/D Football v King's College School (H)

Well done to the Girls' Pelican side who won the IN2 Hockey County Tournament last Wednesday, scoring 10 goals and conceding none, with victories against St John's (2-0), King's College (2-0), King's Ely (1-0), Kimbolton (3-0) and Stephen Perse Foundation (2-0) and a draw against St Faith's (0-0). This side has qualified for the IN2 Regional Tournament at Gresham's in November. Well done to the squad of **Marianne Gouliouris, Eryn Jonas, Hanqi Lu, Annabel Ramsden, Julia Saklatvala, Arabella Sedgemore, Sherry Shao, Arabella Wallace, Lucia Whelan** and **Ellie Zhu**.

## Year 6 Positions of Responsibility

Year 6 have enjoyed creating some wonderfully persuasive letters in their applications for our Positions of Responsibility roles. With some sorting from Mr Reston, our Director of Enrichment, they have just found out their positions which include such varied roles as Eco Committee Reps, POD Reps, Bookworms, Reading Buddies, House Elders, Green Fingers, Property Poppets, Equality Crew, Munch Bunch, Scribble Squad, Met Officers, Playground Police, Thirst Aiders, Musical Youth and Cyber Squad!

## POD Reps

Very well done to all those children who demonstrated great public speaking skills and powers of persuasion in the recent hustings, and have been voted in by peers to ensure that every child's voice is heard; Mr Reston is looking forward to working with you in the year ahead.





Year 3: **Enzo Magliano, Lara Scourfield and Fletcher Paul** (with **Joseph Wilkins, Eleanor Reynolds and Henry Wallace** taking over mid-year).

Year 4: **Shashwat Sharma, Robbie Macnair and Ella McCabe** (with **Matilda Trickett, Sakina Amin and Neha Sathiyamoorthy** taking over mid-year).

Year 5: **Alexander Freeborough, Jake Juniper and Sam Brixey** (with **Iris Candea, Florence Boyle and Freddie Heftman** taking over mid-year).

Year 6: **Jacqueline Danesh, Samuel Hong, Thea Wiseman, Adam Agarizae, Elizabeth Higgins and George de Albuquerque.**

For those new to the school, POD is our school council, and is a nod to the collective noun of pelicans (our school crest) and a suitable acronym for Pupil Organised Democracy.

## Eco Reps

In a feat of multitasking, Mr Reston also confirmed the Eco reps, all of whom put forward their cases strongly, either in speeches or in letters of application. Well done to:

Year 3: **Poppy Humphrey, Harry Brixey and Beatrice Toutoungi** (with **Ronav Bilku, Ben D'Arcy and Kiara Werren** taking over mid-year).

Year 4: **Veronica Wilson, Olivia Betts and Sam Moorjani** (with **Sarah Cacciottolo, Barney Woodman and Charlize Church** taking over mid-year).

Year 5: **Mia Wei, Tom McDade and Sara Omori Rison** (with **Arabella Wallace, Iris Uttenhal and Joyce He** for the second half of the year).

Year 6: **Anamaya Kumar, Luke Welchman and Matthew Wilkins.**



## Summer Holiday Competitions

Well done to everyone who took part in the range of Summer Holiday Competitions.



Firstly, **Arabella Wallace** (top left) and **Henry Wallace** (below left) for winning the Art Competition with their landscapes created in the pointillism style.



Well done to **Ryan Smith** on winning the Design Competition by designing and building a catapult which knocks a ping pong ball off a paper cup.

Congratulations to **Marianne Gouliouris, Florence Haughton, Edward Sage and Henry Wallace** as the winners of the Extreme Reading Competition.



## Music

Congratulations to **Ruohan Zhu** who was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at "The 10<sup>th</sup> International Piano Competition of Orléans for Youth 'Brin d'herbe' 2023". Do listen [here](#) for a chance to catch Ruohan, who is in Year 4, in action with a wide range of pieces!

Well done to the following on their ABRSM awards: **Tessa Davies** Grade 1 Piano; **Xixi Lin** Grade 1 Guitar with Merit; **Ishaan Siddharth** Grade 2 Singing, **Athena Townsend** Grade 1 Piano with Distinction.

Congratulations to the following on their Trinity College London awards: **Jacqueline Danesh** Grade 4 Drums, **Thomas Simpson** Grade 1 Drum Kit with Merit, **Andrew Villaverde** Grade 2 Drum Kit with Distinction.

### Ballet Awards

Congratulations to the following on their Ballet achievements:

Primary Exam (Distinction): **Tessa Davies, Christina Furlano, Katherine Hancock, Amelie Lindsay, Clara Mukherjee, Eleanor Reynolds, Lara Scourfield, Mireya Sinha, Athena Townsend, Charlotte Wang.**

Grade 1 Class Award: **Olivia Betts, Ralph Catley, Katherine Elvidge, Alessia Fannon, Sophie Itani, Yiwei Lu, Ziyang Lu, Poppy Potter, Maria Seega, Moer Sha, Olivia Wang, Veronica Wilson, Olivia Zhang, Ruohan Zhu.**

Grade 2 Class Award: **Prerona Chakraborty, Elizabeth Kennedy, Yuru Li, Sara Omori Rison.**

### First Mathematics Challenge

Congratulations to **Hamish Sills** for his full marks in the First Mathematics Challenge undertaken last term. Well done to the following who also won Gold Awards: **Everett Black, Alessia Fannon, William Moss, Charlie Qin** and **Andy Ren.**

### Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Alessia Fannon** on scoring the very first goal in the Trumpington Tigers FC's first ever fixture, and for qualifying for the national dance finals at Blackpool in the 8-11 age category; **Ruohan Zhu** on winning the bronze medal at the East and East Midland Regional Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships; **Olivia Betts** on achieving her marathon wristband from Park Run (having run 21 races as the equivalent distance of 26.2 miles); **Ishaan Siddharth** on his Shelford 5km Fun Run medal; **George Robson** on his awards for Batting and Most Promising Newcomer at Saffron Walden Cricket Club; **Leeladharahas Kanchi** on his Royston Cricket Club U9 'all-rounder' award and his Royston Summer Reading Challenge award; **Edward Sage** on his Level 6 awards at the Huntingdon Gymnastics Club; **Ella McCabe** on her RAD Grade 1 Ballet with Distinction; **Yash Saravanan** on completing his local Summer Reading Challenge and also on creating a mini museum piece currently on display at The Cambridge Museum; **Sakina Amin** on her Stage 4 Swimming certificate, RAD Primary Dance award with High Merit, and also for a Charity Walk raising funds for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Romsey Mill; **Katherine Elvidge** on her Summer Reading Challenge 2023; **Yiwei Lu** on her LAMDA Acting Entry Level with Distinction; **Elizabeth Higgins** on her LAMDA Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 2 with Distinction; **Charlie Qin** for participating in the Challengers stage of the 2023 Delancey UK Chess Challenge; **Seren Lay** on her Blue Peter music badge for drumming; **Tom Lance** on his Player of the Year award for Cambridgeshire U10 County Cricket; and to **Angelica Gupta** on her Most Improved award for Cambridgeshire U10 County Cricket. This week's Scores on the Doors are:

Yours sincerely



**James Piper**  
Head

4 <sup>TH</sup> FORCERS	3 <sup>RD</sup> BARBARIANS	2 <sup>ND</sup> ROMANS	1 <sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS
835	836	837	841

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







Well done to the Welly Wanging Champions:  
Year 3: Teddy Lance (11.6m), Year 4: Max Nowozin (13.8m),  
Year 5: Alexander Freeborough (17.4m), Year 6: George Pullan (17.2m)











Thank you to Stephen Kennedy and Yichuan Shi for these photographs from last Sunday's PPP Autumn Barbecue.





# School Bus Service 2023-24

The School bus service is an efficient, cost effective and environmentally friendly way to travel to school.

The School will continue to run buses to and from the School on the following routes in 2023/24.

## Route 1

**Cambourne – Madingley P&R – Perse Prep – Perse Upper**

Morning and afternoons.

## Route 2

**Royston – Melbourn – Harston – Trumpington P&R – Perse Prep – Perse Upper**

Mornings and afternoons.

## Route 3

**Cambridge Railway Station to Prep.**

Mornings only.

## Route 4

**Prep to Upper**

Afternoons only.



Tickets can be purchased as singles (morning or afternoon) and as returns. A place on the bus must be booked for the whole week (Monday to Friday) and for the term. Unfortunately, it is not possible to accommodate different travel arrangements on different days/weeks

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