

Perse Post

The Perse School Singapore Friday Bulletin from
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THE PERSE
SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Perse Post contains important information regarding:

- Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCS)
- Calendar changes
- The school's application to join the Federation of British Schools in Asia (FOBISIA)



Parent Teacher Conferences



Parent Teacher Conferences are an important piece of our home school communication as well as a key part of our assessment and reporting schedule. Our November PTCs provide us with an opportunity to reflect on pupil progress over the first half term and plan for the second half term leading up to Christmas. As the school continues to grow, we have had to modify the structure of our PTC conferences to accommodate over 150 pupils! In addition to this we believe that it is important to prioritise specific feedback based on the age and stage of the child.

We would strongly encourage parents to make appointments during the times that have been set aside however teachers will accommodate where possible separate requests outside of the times below. Please contact teachers directly if this is the case. **Appointment booking will open for parents on Monday 10th October and close on Wednesday 19th October. The booking form will be sent out via email on Monday 10th October at 9:00.**

Monday 31st October **Year 1 – 3** Parent Teacher Conference

- Parents of pupils in Year 1 to 3 are invited to meet with their child's form tutor and Chinese teacher.
- Form tutor appointments will be 20 minutes, Chinese appointments will be 5 minutes.
- Appointments may be in person or online and will start at 8:00 and end at 17:00.
- Monday 31st October is a staff training day and school will be closed to pupils. We suggest that parents attend the appointments without their children however if child care is a challenge young children may accompany parents and Perse Pupils will be supervised in the Nest whilst parents meet with teachers.
- The form tutor appointments will include feedback regarding pupil's pastoral needs, learning behaviours and progress in Math and English. The form tutor will have pupil's Math and English books, folders and work examples available.
- Form tutor appointments will take place in classrooms (Year 1 and 2 on floor 3, Year 3 on floor 1). Chinese appointments will be on floor 2 in classrooms 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.

Tuesday 1st November – Friday 4th November Year 4 – 7 Parent Teacher Conference

- Parents of pupils in Year 4 to 7 are invited to meet with their child's subject teachers.
- Subject appointments will be 5 minutes. Appointments may be in person or online and will start at 16:00 and end at 18:00 from Tuesday to Friday.
- Subject teachers will share current attainment grade, strengths and areas for developments and feedback regarding pupil learning behaviours. Subject books, folders and examples of work will be available.
- Appointments will take place in classrooms on floor 2.
- There are no ECAs or Enrichment from the 1st – 4th November. Pupil's may attend appointments with parents, remain at home or wait in the Nest where they will be supervised by a member of staff.



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| - 21 st October | Deepavali Celebrations (Non-uniform day) |
| - 24 th October – 28 th October | Half Term |
| - 31 st October | Staff Inset (No pupils in school) |
| - 31 st October | Year 1 – 3 Parent Teacher Conference (8:00 – 17:00) |
| - 1 st – 4 th November | Year 4 – 7 Parent Teacher Conference (daily 16:00 and 18:00) |
| - Monday 7 th November | ECA's Start |
| - Thursday 10 th November | Enrichment Starts |

Calendar Changes

You may have seen on the news this week that the Singapore Buddhist Federation has revised the date of Vesak Day. Vesak Day, which would have originally been on 3 Jun 2023, has been revised to 2 Jun, which is a Friday. This will now be a public holiday in Singapore and school will be closed.



Federation of British Schools in Asia

We are excited to announce that the Perse School Singapore is currently working towards becoming a member of FOBISIA. FOBISIA is a diverse and inclusive community of schools from across Asia who I have been lucky enough to work with for many years. As a member of FOBISIA pupils and staff will have the opportunity to make connections and take part in events with schools from across the region. Once our membership has been confirmed we will be one of only five other schools in Singapore (Dover Court International School, Dulwich College, North London Collegiate School and Tanglin Trust School) that are part of this prestigious organisation. To support our application, we will be visited on the 7th and 8th of November by John Gwyn Jones MBE, the CEO of FOBISIA HQ and David Butcher, Principal of the British

School Jakarta. During their visit John and David will talk to pupil, parents, and staff. In preparation for the visit, they have asked us to complete a community survey, please see the link below.

Find out more about FOBISIA here: <https://www.fobisia.org/>

Please complete the FOBISIA parent survey by the 26th of October: [School Membership Application Survey \(Parents\)](#)

Subject Spotlight: History

This term Year 4 pupils have been exploring the Roman Empire. They started the term by drawing comparisons between the Roman Empire and Ancient Greece, it was great to see that pupils had retained much of what they had learnt about Ancient Greece in year 3! Pupils read the story of Romulus and Remus story and after much discussion about myth and fact, have decided that Rome couldn't have started that way. Pupils have also begun learning about Julius Caesar: his relationship within the Triumvirate with Pompey Magnus and Marcus Crassus, his victory over Vercingetorix and his rise to power as the first Emperor of Rome.

Year 7 have continued their enthusiasm for History this year. So far, pupils have learned about the social hierarchy of medieval Europe, from plebians to kings. Year 7 know that this hierarchy is called the feudal system. After learning about this, pupils wrote essays about the fairness or lack of fairness in the feudal system and then justified their opinions. Pupils learned about heraldry and created their own, based on their favourite animal, plant and colours. Year 7 had to decide which candidate was the best to become the King of England after the death of Edward the Confessor. They chose Harold Godwinson and rejected the claims of Harald Hardrada and William of Normandy. Year 7 then learned about the events of 1066 and who actually became the king, they are currently creating their own version of the Bayeux tapestry as they know the original is biased towards William of Normandy.

Mr Holland, Head of Humanities



Golden Spoon Winners: William, Lucas, Adit, Colin, Damar, Osborn



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