

## Perse Post

The Perse School Singapore Friday Bulletin from  
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# THE PERSE SCHOOL SINGAPORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe it's already the end of week 8! I look forward to returning to school in person for a few weeks after the half term break. This week's Perse Post contains important information regarding:

- 23/24 Calendar
- A short site update from Gan Chin Huat, Superintendent, The Perse School, Singapore
- Achievements and Awards
- GP Day

A reminder that the school is currently applying to become part of FOBSIA. As part of our application process, we are required to submit parent, pupil and staff surveys. Please see the link below:

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

Please complete the FOBSIA parent survey by the 26<sup>th</sup> of October: [School Membership Application Survey \(Parents\)](#)



- 21<sup>st</sup> October Deepavali Celebrations (Non-uniform day)
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> October Half Term
- 31<sup>st</sup> October Staff Inset (No pupils in school)
- 31<sup>st</sup> October Year 1 – 3 Parent Teacher Conference
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November Year 4 – 7 Parent Teacher Conference
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November ECA's Start
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November Enrichment Starts

**23/24 Calendar** – The calendar for this academic year and next year can also be found on the school [website](#).

School Holidays	Public Holidays	Staff Training	Term Dates
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## Site Update

I am happy to have met some parents on 4 October 2022 in Perse. We had a good discussion and I thanked those who attended for your feedback and willingness to work closely with the school to provide the best learning experiences for your children. One of the issues raised was the plan for the secondary section and the search for the secondary school site for Perse. I would like to reiterate that we are committed to set up a secondary school. The key issue is premises. We believe that we should be able to find the needed premises within the next 1 year or so. In fact, we worked on securing a site in Ponggol owned by the Catholic Church last year and was almost successful. However, we did not manage to get the approval of the relevant government authorities. This year, we tried to bid for the land at Herencia in River Valley but did not win the bid. We are continuously looking for suitable site and also engaging with the relevant government authorities as shared at the Parents' Meeting.



Gan Chin Huat, Superintendent, The Perse School, Singapore

## Achievements and Awards

At the Perse School Singapore we believe it is important to celebrate pupil achievements and reward pupils who display the school values, as well as those who work hard to achieve academic success. We do this in a variety of ways including awarding house points, Golden Spoon certificates and for KS1 Class Dojo, which leads to pupils receiving gold and silver tokens.

In addition to our end of year prizegiving celebration we have decided to introduce a half termly award ceremony. There will be five of these over the school year. Teachers have been asked to nominate 4 pupils from each form class, one per school value. Nominated pupils will be awarded certificates on the last Friday of each half term. In addition, pupils who have earned their school house a certain number of house points over the year will receive bronze, silver and gold awards.

We would also love to hear about pupil achievements outside of school! We celebrate these on our special awards noticeboard and would love to present these in front of the pupil body.



A big thank you to Sumbal for organising an amazing Perse PPA School Quiz! With record number of participants, parents and children enjoyed an evening of friendly competition. These events are an important part of building our school community and we are appreciative of all Sumbal has done. Even if you don't have the time to commit to becoming part of the PPA, if you would be happy to support in the future with specific

events, please let Sumbal know. A big thank you Arabella, Ms Sara, Ms Claudette, and Mr Teng for their help, as well as Mr Ali who supports the setup of all our special events.

We also had some awesome pupil helpers, thank you to:

Roger      Xavier      George      Shayne      Tobias      Alex  
Raphael      Austin      Noya      Maira      Mehreen



You can find a selection of photos from the event here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/50nnanpbnz8w7cn/AAC\\_2ZyHNm2QoumRFfUMj5GHa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/50nnanpbnz8w7cn/AAC_2ZyHNm2QoumRFfUMj5GHa?dl=0)

Thank you to Arabella, Dr King, Ms Stella, Ms Natalie, Ms Chelsea and Ms Burke for their help at the open morning for prospective parents last Saturday. We really appreciate their commitment to the school and their willingness to spend part of their weekend in school. Another big thank you to our pupils who helped lead tours during both our open days, they were a credit to the school, and we received some lovely feedback.

*"We were charmed by the children's tour. It was refreshing to witness their maturity and confidence. We have never witnessed a similar approach to conducting school tours at any other school."*

Thank you to:

Kitty      Xavier      Byanca      Aseel      Varonnika

### Global Perspectives

Global Perspectives is part of the Cambridge International primary curriculum and develops pupils research, analysis, evaluation, reflection, collaboration, and communication skills. It strengthens links across the curriculum, incorporating English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Digital Literacy.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week, all classes will have a Global Perspectives afternoon. The topic is safety, the themes are:

- Safety in school (year 1 and 2)
- Safety in public (year 3 and 4)
- Safety online (year 5, 6 and 7)

Pupils will split into groups and discuss their theme and then begin their main activity. On Monday, year 5, 6 and 7 pupils will prepare speeches about how to stay safe online. On Tuesday, year 3 and 4 will prepare and create large scale posters to encourage safety in the public. On Wednesday, year 1 and 2 pupils will be filming skits about being safe in school.

### Breadth and Balance: Ultimate Frisbee with Ms Burke!

This term the Perse school has started a brand new ECA - Ultimate Frisbee, and it has got off to a flying start! For those of who are not quite sure what Ultimate Frisbee is, it is a fast moving, non-contact team sport, similar in many respects to American football. Players need speed, stamina, agility, and most of all strong team spirit to enjoy the game. Being a game of mixed gender, it is one of the few sports which have teams made of both boys and girls, making it inclusive and welcoming to everyone. Ultimate frisbee first came to Singapore in the mid-90's, and now has teams who compete in the



World Championships, perhaps the future for some of our Perse children!

So far this term we have had a group of 12 children from Years 5-7 in the team, playing together on a Wednesday. Most of the children had never thrown a frisbee before this term but are all now able to hold a competitive match against one another. From side arm, to hammer throws, the children give it all a go! But by far the most wonderful quality that I see in the children is how supportive they are of each other and how well they work as a team.

The players themselves would also like to share their thoughts of the sport:

Roger (7.1), "I find Ultimate frisbee really fun!"

Xavier (7.1), "When I first joined Ultimate frisbee I thought it was going to be very difficult to throw a frisbee in the correct direction, however I have managed to master the forearm throw, now I need to practice the hammer and side arm."

Tobias (7.1), "It is a very fun game and it builds leadership and teamwork skills because it is a team game."

Jack (5.1), "I think it is a wonderful sport, and I think more people should play it, it is not a well-known game. It is friendly and overall it is very fun game to play."

As a team we are very excited for the rest of the term and we hope to find another school to play a match against soon!

Ms Burke, Head of Key Stage 3

## WITHDRAWAL FOR TERM 2

Please be reminded that if you are planning to withdraw your child(ren) from The Perse at the end of Term 1, the deadline to submit withdrawal is 1<sup>st</sup> November by 5pm. Please email Arabella – [Arabella.lambe@perse.edu.sg](mailto:Arabella.lambe@perse.edu.sg) to let us know by this date.

Any parent withdrawing their child(ren) after this date will be charged for Term 2 school fees as per Schedule D in your Pupil Contract.

Please also contact Arabella should you need any further information.

### Golden Spoon

Neeharika, Claire, Mia, Luv, Georgina, Thomas



### House Points

Barbarians	977
Corinthians	816
Foresters	798
Nomads	882

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