

Perse Post

The Perse School Singapore Friday Bulletin from
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THE PERSE
SCHOOL
SINGAPORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Read out to find out more about:

- Principal search
- Parent Survey
- Notices and Diary Dates
- Pupil Poetry
- Subject Spotlight - Science
- Details about the Christmas Holiday camp
- [Information about our Christmas event and sign up links](#)

Diary Dates

25 th November	Scholastic Book Club deadline
2 nd December	The Perse School Carols by Candlelight
14 th December	End of Term 1, 12:00 finish
9 th January	Start of Term 2
16 th January	ECAs and Enrichment Start
21 st January	Year 1 – 3 Mid-term reports sent to parents
23 rd and 24 th January	CNY (No ECAs this week, however there will be Enrichment on 26 th Jan
27 th September	Year 4 – 7 Mid-term reports sent to parents
30 th January	ECA's Resume

As many of you know I am currently dividing my time between the UK and Singapore so that I am able to support my family in the UK and continue to lead the Perse School Singapore. I have had a wonderful time back in Singapore and enjoyed catching up with pupils and colleagues. The Principal role has been advertised for the last few weeks and we were really pleased to have received over 100 applications. After a rigorous long listing process we have narrowed this down to two candidates, both of whom have strong British School and International School experience. Both candidates will be travelling to Singapore to take part in a two day interview process on the 1st and 2nd December. Perse UK Deputy Head, Simon Armitage will be travelling to Singapore from the UK to be part of the interview panel, alongside Gan Chin Huat our Superintendent, leadership team, staff and pupils at the school. Once the new appointment has been confirmed parents will be informed.

Parent Survey

Thank you to the 25 parents who have currently completed our parent survey. Twice a year we collect feedback from parents. As a school we find this incredibly helpful and it has helped inform several changes that we have made over the past couple of years, including:

- The introduction of Academic Enrichment
- The introduction of the Perse Post
- Changes to the format of school reports

We would like to invite all parents to complete the first survey of this academic year by

Monday 28th November. In addition to a series of scale-based questions we have added a question about the recent PTCs and the opportunity to give feedback on these. We have also included three questions based on the 'Stop, Start, Continue' approach. A simple and useful framework that can help make feedback more tangible and explicit.

1. **Stop:** Things that are less good and which should be stopped.
2. **Start:** Things which aren't currently being done but which it would be good to start doing.
3. **Continue:** Things that are good and which should be continued.

As we with previous surveys, once we have compiled results we will share these with parents. [Please click here to complete the survey or scan the QR code.](#)

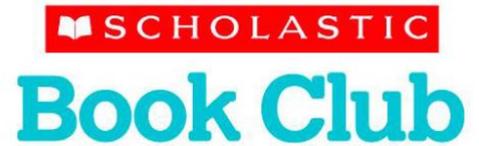


Notices

Scholastic Book Club

Don't forget that our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online at <https://world-schools.scholastic.co.uk/the-perse-school-singapore/digital-book-club>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and every \$1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 20¢ for our school in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by November 25th, 2022. Please note the prices on the link are in USD.



Tummy Bug

It's that time of the term when bugs once again start making the rounds. There have been several pupils this week out of school with a tummy bug. If pupils are unwell, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school.

MRT Crossing

Several of our pupils travel to and from school independently. If you turn out of the school and turn right towards the MRT, there is a road to cross to access the MRT. There is a speed bump here that looks deceptively like a crossing. Earlier this week an elderly man was knocked down by a car turning quickly around the corner. Please remind pupils to take care at this crossing and if unsure it may be worth walking a little further up the hill before crossing the road.

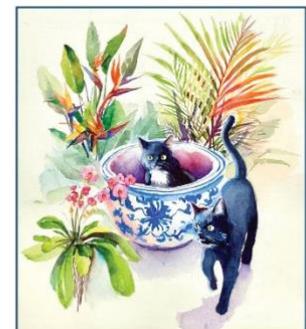


Mystery Reader

In our year one class, we invited parents to volunteer as a mystery reader on Fridays. Our very special first mystery reader was Mr John Hogger, Mary's dad. John read two books to the class before he read a book he had written and published in 2021. Needless to say, the children were intrigued by this new information and excited that they had an author in their classroom!

John read his book, *The Adventures of Mittens & Midnight*, to the class and explained that the book was based on his mother's cats and his personal experience of living in Singapore. The book has amazing illustrations which depict Joo Chiat and various locations around Singapore. The children loved the illustrations in the book and they connected immediately with the two adorable and curious cats in the book. A perfect book to read just before your little ones bedtime.

The Adventures of Mittens & Midnight



John Hogger
Illustrated by Raymond Li

Ms Joachim, Year 1 Teacher



WISH Holiday Camp



DEC
15-16
8.30am - 3.30pm

Regular
Registration
\$450

Special Discounts
Available!

Register by
22 Nov 2022!


The Perse School Singapore
191 Upper Bukit Timah Rd
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FUN, MEANINGFUL & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Dramatic Arts, Story-telling Yoga, Kungfu, Mixed Media Art
and Social Communication

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We are excited to announce our Christmas Holiday Camp.

Please see the attached flyer and information below for more details. Do note that we will also release this to public so please register soon!

- Registration deadline - 22 Nov 2022
- Non-refundable deposit of \$100 - 24 Nov 2022 (an email and invoice will be sent out to the respective parents upon registration.)
- For certain special discount options, a full payment needs to be made by 24 Nov 2022 (This will be clarified in emails to registered parents)
- Remainder payment deadline – 1st Dec 2022

[Holiday Camp Sign Up.](#)

<https://www.playhouseworkshop.com/camp-price-list>

Celebrating Intellectual Curiosity and Scholarship – Science

This week we are celebrating Rishi's amazing poem about Black Holes! Well done, Rishi!

Black Holes

No Escape by Rishi

Spinning darkness in space,
Exploding supernova phase,
Gravitational pull so strong,
Even light can't escape along.

Event horizon, endless darkness,
Nano seconds into infinite blackness,
Asteroids and comets sucked inside
Cannot escape and have died

Sucked and torn
Dead and gone

Singularity

Howling

Crushing

Twirling

Monster

Ghost of a neutron star...

Black Phantom...

Invisible cloak...

Dancing twister you are...

What a mystery in outer space

Brightness outside is the case

A miracle has been explored

There could be something flawed.



Investigating our Lungs

As part of our current topic in science, Human Health and Disease, year 6 today investigated a pair of lungs! The pupils watched closely as we looked for all the structures that we had previously learned about in class and saw how they go together in reality! It was a lesson that involved a lot of bravery and resulted in a lot of questions! My favourites included a question about the structure of the trachea compared with that of the intestines and do bronchioles (the tubes in the lungs) get smaller and smaller as they go further into the lung tissue. This last one was easily answered by following a bronchiole down and cutting it open to show the openings of more and more and the reducing size of them. Most pupils donned a glove and felt the difference between the spongy texture of the lung tissue and the hard cartilage rings that form the trachea. We looked at a cross section of lung tissue and we even had a go at inflating them using a bicycle pump! As our lungs are sourced from local butchers and are not perfect, we found a few holes and cuts that prevented a big inflate, but we still saw them move and that helps us visualise the lungs in action. Thank you, year 6, for your unending enthusiasm and the huge number of questions! Write down any that we missed, and we can answer more next week!



Dr King, Head of Science

Dear Parents,

As our event 'Carols by Candlelight Charity Bazaar' is drawing near, excitement is running high and preparations are in full swing!

Taking our previous communication further, please find below some additional information with reference to the event.

1. Parent Attendance:

If you would like to attend 'Carols by Candlelight Charity Bazaar' kindly fill in the 'Parent Attendance' form below to ensure a smooth running of the event. In case you have children going to both the Year groups mentioned, please fill in both the forms.

Year 1-3	Click here
Year 4-7	Click here

Kindly fill out the form by Wednesday 23rd November

2. Schedule:

For your reference, please find below the schedule of the event. Kindly note that the schedule can be subject to change as per the number of attendees, any such changes shall be communicated to parents.



Time	Carols by Candlelight Performance (Hall)	Charity Bazaar (Hall)	Christmas PE Wonderland (Basement)
8:30am – 9:30am	Set up		
9:30am –10.15am		Year 1.1 Year 2.1 Year 2.2	Year 3.1 Year 3.2
10.20am-11.05am		Year 3.1 Year 3.2	Year 1.1 Year 2.1 Year 2.2
11.15am-12:00pm	Year 1 – Year 3 <i>(A recording of the performances will be shared after the event)</i>		
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch		

1:00pm – 1.30pm	Year 4 – Year 7 <i>(A recording of the performances will be shared after the event)</i>		
1.35pm – 2.15pm		Year 4.1 Year 4.2 Year 5.1	Year 6.1 Year 7.1
2.15pm – 3:00pm		Year 6.1 Year 7.1	Year 4.1 Year 4.2 Year 5.1
3pm – 3.30pm	Clean up		

3. Volunteers:

First of all, I would like to thank all the amazing parent volunteers who have already put their hands up to offer their invaluable support- fantastic parents like yourselves are a huge asset for the school!

We are currently seeking:

- *Christmas Themed Baking donations* to support the Charity Bazaar: The items can be handed over to the school reception on the day of the event (via kids or yourself during the morning drop-off)
- *Any donations of books or toys* –no longer needed but in good condition- labelled as 'Charity Bazaar' along with your name which can be handed over to the school reception at any point in time before the bazaar.

Thank you for your continued support!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sumbal Waqas
Head of PPA

Golden Spoon

Congratulations to Adit, Anabelle, Penelope, Vera, Seojin and Emmanuel for great cleanliness and eating at lunch this week.



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