

Perse Post

The Perse School Singapore Friday Bulletin from
Benyna Richards

Friday 27th January



THE PERSE SCHOOL SINGAPORE

Dear Parents,

To celebrate Chinese New Year this year, pupils learned about the origin and rich heritage of the Chinese culture via a variety of activities such as lanterns-making during Art lessons, fan and kite painting, the 'Prosperity Toss' aka 'Louhei' and a sing-along session to some of the CNY classics. During the special assembly on Friday led by Dylan and Leonidas from Year 5, pupils were treated to a beautiful fan veil performance by Penelope (Yr 4.2), Fratzeska (Yr 4.1), Gauri (Yr 5), Zeha (Yr 5) and Shayne (Yr 7) as well as a joyful dance by pupils from Year 2.1 and Year 2.2. The three days of celebration and activities brought about a festive atmosphere to the school. It was delightful to see pupils enjoying themselves and beaming with joy!

The Chinese Language department would like to thank all teachers and parent volunteers for their support towards the celebration.

Parents could view the photos and videos from the celebration [here](#).

The Chinese Team





Reminders

- Pupils can be dropped off at school from 8:00 onwards. Please do not drop pupils off before 8:00 as staff are not available to supervise.
- Please ensure hats, water bottles, lunch boxes and purple jackets are named.
- Pupils should not be wearing smartwatches connected to data to school. If parents need to contact pupils during the day they can do so by calling reception.
- If you would like to share a community event in the Perse Post please email admin@perse.edu.sg

Principal Update

We want to update parents with regards to the next steps. Benyna's last day in Singapore will be Wednesday February 8th and her last day working for the school will be Tuesday February 28th. Nick Belcher will be joining the school from August onwards and we hope that he will be able to make a visit to the school in either June or July. In the interim Mr Ang Pow Chew, Senior Vice President at Sing Ed Global School House and Superintendent The Perse School will be at the school site and contacted if parents have concerns or questions. We will share his email as soon as his address has been set up. We are also delighted the Simon Armitage from the Perse UK will be back for a week in March to continue working with our teachers.



Mr Ang Pow Chew

- Master of Education Administration, University of Pennsylvania
- Diploma in Education (Post-Grad), Institute of Education, National University of Singapore
- Former Director of English Language & Literature, Curriculum Planning & Development Division, MOE
- Former Principal, National Junior College
- Former Principal, Victoria School

Diary Dates

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| • 30 th January | ECAs resume |
| • 3 rd February | Natalie's Johnson's last day at the Perse School Singapore |
| • 9 th February | Year 5 English Trip to Cloud Forest |
| • 10 th February | Music Star Time |
| • 22 nd – 24 th February | Mid-term break, school closed Wednesday to Friday |
| • 28 th February | Benyna Richards last day at the Perse School Singapore |
| • 3 rd March | Run Percy Run! |

School calendars for this academic year and next academic year can be found on our website. Please use this link rather than any previously downloaded calendar as there are occasional changes e.g., changes to Vesak day, change to last day of summer term etc.

<https://perse.edu.sg/school-calendar/>

Run Percy Run

On March 23rd, 2023, The Perse School (Singapore) is organizing a whole school sports running event, led by Mr. Junaidi, Ms Sara and Mr Tiui as a part of their annual 'Music, Arts, and Sports' festival. The event will take place at Hindhede Walk, located opposite the school and will feature participation from pupils of Year 1 to Year 7. The event aims to bring the school community together to celebrate the importance of physical fitness and healthy living.

Chinese HSK Qualification

HSK

Chinese Proficiency Test

汉语水平考试

The Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) is an official examination designed to assess the Chinese language proficiency of non-native speakers of Chinese from beginners (level 1) to advanced (level 6). Towards the end of Term 1, a group of our pupils, namely **Penelope Cotopoulos (Yr4.2)**, **Siyana Manova (Yr 4.2)**, **Hugo Martin (Yr 4.2)**, **Dylan Saw (Yr 5.1)**, and **Shayne Liew (Yr 7)** sat for the HSK Level 2 exam. The exam is made up of listening comprehension and reading comprehension sections and consist of 60 questions, with a total of 200 marks. It is designed by China's Ministry of Education Centre for Language Education and Cooperation, China's Chinese language authority which allows overseas students to benchmark their Chinese language proficiency for self-improvement, study opportunities in China and career enhancement. Our pupils have done exceptionally well, with 2 of them achieving close to perfect score! The school would like to recognise the pupils' effort and congratulate them for their outstanding results.

Ms Stella, Head of Chinese



Golden Spoon

Well done to this week's golden spoon winners who did a great job all week! To win the award they need to make sure that their table was tidy when they finished eating, eat enough lunch and include everyone on their table in conversation. Well done!



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