

Perse Post

The Perse School Singapore Friday Bulletin from  
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THE PERSE  
SCHOOL  
SINGAPORE



Dear Parents,

This week has been my last in Singapore. On Tuesday I was genuinely surprised when I walked into the hall to find the whole school waiting for me, they must have been incredibly quiet and very sneaky as I didn't suspect a thing! It was a wonderful morning of pupil performances followed by a quick disco before lunch, I think the teachers were just as excited as the children! The morning was a wonderful celebration of all the things that I believe make the Perse School Singapore special – we are one big family; everyone is included and we celebrate everyone's talents and contributions. A very big thank you to the teachers who organised it and to the children for the sheer amount of pure joy they brought to the morning. I will still be leading the school remotely until the end of February before Mr Ang Pow Chew takes over as interim Principal.



## Reminders

- Recently a couple of pupils have brought glass water bottles into school that have ended up being broken. Please do not bring glass bottles into school.
- Pupils are reminded not to bring items of value into school, things frequently get lost and sometimes get damaged. Precious items should remain at home.

## Diary Dates

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| • 21 <sup>st</sup> February                       | Term 2a Values Awards Assembly                         |
| • 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> February    | Mid-term break, school closed Wednesday to Friday      |
| • 28 <sup>th</sup> February                       | Benyna Richards last day at the Perse School Singapore |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> March                           | Run Percy Run!   |
| • 31 <sup>st</sup> March                          | End of Term 2  |
| • 17 <sup>th</sup> April                          | Start of Term 3  |
| • 17 <sup>th</sup> April – 28 <sup>th</sup> April | PTC's (More information to follow)                     |
| • 21 <sup>st</sup> April                          | Public Holiday – Hari Raya Puasa                       |

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.

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

## Perse UK Summer School Program

Please see the link below for details of The Perse Summer School programme that will be running in Cambridge, England this year from 10<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August.

We had some 650+ children attend this last year – from all sorts of different schools. The age range is 7 to 14 and you can see there are different courses for different age groups. A PDF download is available on this website.

There are children coming to this each year from international locations – it isn't residential so they will be with their parents. Bookings begin on 6<sup>th</sup> March – details as on the website. Some of the courses book out within the first few minutes (literally!) so parents are advised to be quick – there is a queuing system on the website. There is a 5% early booking discount.

Please read the information of the website carefully.

<https://persesummerschool.co.uk/>

## Spartan School

Recently, year 3 pupils have been learning about the differences between Athens and Sparta. One of the biggest differences is with their military. In Sparta, children would be trained from a young age to be a warrior. Year 3 pupils have learned the Phalanx formation and the fighting style of a Spartan force. For their final training, pupils will have to go through Spartan School, starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February. During break and lunch times, year 3 pupils will search the school to find green, blue and red Spartan tokens. Each token is worth House points. The only problem is.... pupils will have to be sneaky and



slip away from their teachers so that they can search because, if they get caught taking tokens, they will have to write an apology to their grand master. The apology won't be for being sneaky, it will be for getting caught. Hoorah!

Mr Holland, Head of Humanities

### YCT (Youth Chinese Test)

The YCT is an international standardised Chinese language test directed at examining non-native primary and secondary school students' ability to apply Chinese language in their studies and daily lives. The school would like to congratulate the pupils who have done exceptionally well in the Youth Chinese Test (YCT) Level 2! We would like to thank parents for their continued support in their child's learning.

Ms Stella, Head of Chinese



### Golden Spoon

Congratulations to Adit, Myra, Seojin, Jana, Wiktorija, Alexandros who won this week's Golden Spoon.

### House Points

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| BARBARIANS  | 504 |
| CORINTHIANS | 676 |
| FORESTERS   | 521 |
| NOMADS      | 400 |

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