

## Perse Post

The Perse School Singapore Friday Bulletin from  
Andrew Morse

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February



**THE PERSE**  
**SCHOOL**  
SINGAPORE

### Diary Dates

	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths and Science Week
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Perse Voice Years 4-7	
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> March	FOBISIA- Malaysia Maths Trip	
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Perse Voice Years 1-3 and Learning Look (More information to follow)	
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	The Richard's Run (More information to follow)	
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Perse Arts Festival (More information to follow)	
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	PTCs (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/>

**Music Star Time:** This Term we celebrated another successful Star Time Assembly, a termly recital platform for students who have instrumental music, dance and drama lessons to perform to an audience. This term the performers performed live in the Hall seeing a huge number of 30 performers braving the stage singing, playing various instruments and dance during the assembly. There were many first-time performers who started their first note shyly and ended their last note confidently. I am very impressed with all the performers, and I believe they have encouraged their peers through their display of the value endeavour striving and practicing their music to the best they can be for the performance. Well done performers! I am very much looking forward to many more performers on stage next term. Kindly find the photos and videos of the performances [here](#).



Emcees: Varonnika and Rhys; Gauri and Leonidas

Performers:

Justin Lee Juhyeong	Abigail Tai	David Gorelik
Varonnika Tan	Alice Bale	Arwen Sit (Elsa)
Roger Kasmara	Mason Tyson	Carrera Ong
Liam Tiarnaigh Luca Pop Elliot Espley Isra Doshi-Velez	Ruby Lee Elizabeth Kam Hayley Sarah Xavier Arwen (Elsa) Sit Antoine Dzhukev Abir Verma	Yuri Dapul
Kitty King	Dylan Saw	Teoh Qiao Yi
Raphael Morse	Karishma Patel	Vedanth Nuggehalli
Abir Verma	Leon Dapul	Malin Ray
Deborah Tai	Siyana Manova	Willoughby Ray

### School Trips and Camps

[Pupil review of the Year 5 creative writing trip to 'Pandora' organised by Miss Angela](#)



## Year 7 Bukit Timah Wallace Trail organised by Mrs Burke



Year 7s went on an afternoon expedition to explore the beauty and uniqueness of Bukit Timah Nature park. Along with Mrs Burke and Mr Teng, the Year 7 class made their way along the Wallace trail from Hillview to the activity centre. They spotted various kinds of animals on the way, such as the long-tailed Macaque, a Common Hedge Blue Butterfly, Woodpecker and even a huge Monitor Lizard! The Year 7 class picked up interesting facts from the signs along the way about the flora and fauna in Bukit Timah Nature park, such as how a Tiger Beetle can run so fast that it becomes blind for a few seconds! The pupils also took some pictures with a giant statue of a cow, as cows used to be found in the nature park, hence the location name - Dairy Farm.



Once the pupils reached the discovery centre they learnt all about Alfred Wallace's adventure across South East Asia, where he collected samples which led to the founding of natural selection and our understanding of evolution today. The aim of the trip was to compliment the Year 7s learning about evolution to address their BCQ (Big Challenge Question) for this half term which is: how have humans evolved? It was lovely to see pupils bringing what they have already learnt about evolution to understanding and explaining the information at the visitors centre, such as linking evolution of Darwin finches to why primate species vary across islands. It was equally excellent to see the Year 7 class taking independent notes which they can then add to their BCQ presentations after half-term to make them more detailed and unique.

Well-done to Year 7 for being such enthusiastic biologists and explorers, Alfred Wallace would be very proud!

Written by Mrs Burke (Head of KS3) and Shayne Liew (Year 7)



**THE PLAYHOUSE WORKSHOP**  
Awareness. Compassion. Expression

In partnership with  
**The Perse School**  
**4 - 6 April 2023**  
(Tuesday - Thursday)  
**0830 - 1530**

Recommended years 1 - 6  
Min 10 - Max 20 Students

**3 Day Camp: \$530 SGD**

5%, 10% and 15% (early bird) discounts available

We are delighted to be working with the playhouse workshop again, and together we have created a 3-day camp for our End-of-term-2 holiday. Be sure to sign up early so that you can take advantage of the early bird discounts. Please feel free to email me for more details: [gary.holland@perse.edu.sg](mailto:gary.holland@perse.edu.sg) or to contact the vendor directly.

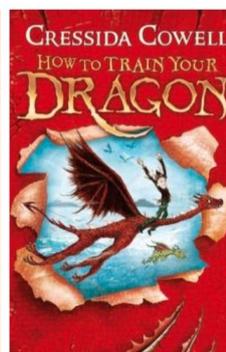
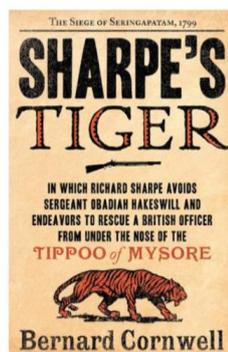
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### A World Book Day Message from Mr Nicholas Belcher (Principal Elect)

As I write this article under the great palm in my garden here in Bahrain, with the cooling air, prayer from the Mosque and the fragrance of Arabic Oud, thoughts turn to the book day which I have experienced this week. Reading has been such an important part of my journey, from learning to read on my grandads' knee using the match reports of our local rugby league team (Hull Kingston Rovers) to the rummaging of antiquated book shops with my dad in York where I studied English Literature at the University; storytelling has always been my escape and my bravery. Considering the values of Endeavour lead me to contemplating my favourite book character of Sharpe who for many is an unknown hero brought to life by an author called Bernard Cornwell. His story takes place in a time of unrest, a soldier, a brave man who strives for his values and adventure. Yet, he is a character from a time long ago and my thoughts continue to wander. The best time in my house is story time. Wherever we live we always have a reading chair which my family and I can enjoy. Every bedtime comes with the all-important written tale. Discovering "The cat who saved books" (Sôsuke Natsukawa) to trickery in "Ickabog" (JK Rowling) chasing the hills with "Peter Rabbit" (Potter) and discovering many ways "How to Train our Dragons" (C.Cowell) The tales we tell, the time we share rolling around in words and the lessons we learn from the characters we meet cannot be missed.



Every time you open a book; a little like our next chapter together, a new adventure is just beginning. I cannot wait to read with you all and discover your favourite tales.



A request for volunteers:

**Music, Art and Sport Festival 2023** “Celebrating Diversity Together”

The Perse needs parent volunteers for the upcoming festival which is showcasing and celebrating diversity in a fabulous fusion of Sport, Art & Music.



For interested parent volunteers, kindly sign up via the link below and Sumbal, our Head of PPA (Perse Parents Association) will be in touch with further details:

<https://forms.gle/oKA8YKLPXW7WM6ou8>

**Golden Spoon**

Congratulations to Luv, Claire, Neeharika, Melissa, Ari, Zachariah, Rachel



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