



18<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Dear Parents



Those of you who attended the **Pupil Centenary Lecture** last Monday evening could not fail to have been impressed by the knowledge, eloquence and poise of the pupils who delivered talks, and they were equally impressive when answering questions. It really showed how bright, able and articulate Perse Prep pupils are. Well done to **Jessica Painter, Thomas Morris, Pavan Tanna, Clara Balon** and **David Lee**.



On Wednesday Year 6 pupils were equally impressive at their **Soloist's Concert**. It was an evening of fine music making from these very talented musicians. Well done, too, to **Mrs Jane Richardson** who accompanied the performers. Congratulations, all.



We are now in the final stages of **West Road Concert** preparations – all is going well – but life is quite busy! Thank you for responding so quickly to our requests for information. If you haven't yet returned the relevant form, please do so by **Monday 9.00am at the latest**. We will be in touch on Monday with details of drop-off and pick-up points for those of you who are using this facility.



**End of Term Reports** will be sent out by year groups from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. This will give you an opportunity to read them and get in touch with us before we break up, should there be anything you wish to discuss.

Many of you will be at the **Centenary Ball** tomorrow night. The **Ball Committee** have worked tirelessly to ensure that we will all have a wonderful evening. Thank you to them for all their hard work. The first dance of the evening will be the

**Centenary Waltz** which has been written by **Thomas Read** in Year 6. Congratulations to him on winning composition competition and well done to all the other pupils who submitted entries.

## ● NSPCC ●

Thank you so much to all those children who have now brought back their NSPCC collecting tin and cheque – we have raised more than **£1600** so far – our best ever total, which is brilliant. The remaining few tins and cheques will still be very gratefully received! The children who collected money will receive their certificates on the last Monday of term. There is also a **GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM** attached to the newsletter again. If you have collected for the NSPCC they would be very grateful if parents were prepared to sign the gift aid form and send it in to us as it does give the NSPCC extra money! Thank you very much.

## West Road Rehearsal Monday

Pupils involved in String Orchestra and Y3 violins need to bring their instruments to school on Monday for West Road rehearsals.

## East of England Athletics Championships

Perse had a successful afternoon at the University track in Cambridge, with more athletes making finals than ever before. There were also several "near misses" from athletes.

In the under 10 age group, James Tee won the 75 metres sprint, winning by 2/10 of a second against an athlete he was to run against four times in the course of the afternoon. Elizabeth Minshall, running out of age group, finished 6<sup>th</sup> in her sprint, just 8/10 of a second behind the winner. The boys` relay team won its heat convincingly and was placed second in the final, missing out on a win by a hair`s breadth.

Findlay Thompson had two 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the under 11 age group, the long jump and 100 metres. Daniel Arbide was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 metres and Alastair Minshall also 3<sup>rd</sup>, this being in the hurdles. Abigail Callaghan ran well to make the final of the girls` 100 metres. Both the relay teams won their heats but disappointingly the girls were not quick enough to qualify for the final. The boys were, and finished an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to all 15 athletes who took part.

## Year 6 visit to Imperial War Museum Duxford for STEMTEAM primary Science Day

The visit started with a presentation by Professor Chaos of the Mad Scientist team who burst balloons, shot foam rockets across the room and gave everyone new ways of looking at science. Then working in small groups year 6 was involved in a variety of activities. They built bridges and cranes from cylinders of paper, tested aerodynamic designs to see if they could reduce the drag on a train, built bottle rafts , kites , used K`nex kits and built cars from CDs Some looked at air safety, others made models of cells using sweets. After lunch we saw more mad science experiments, including focused columns of air blowing out candles and flying, unravelling toilet rolls. Some children then explored the airspace exhibition while others experienced the gift shop. It was a valuable day of science enhanced by the very good behaviour of all the children.



## Cricket Nets

There are no more Wednesday/Thursday afternoon cricket nets this term.

## Congratulations

Belated congratulations to **Francoise Dyer** for her recent sailing success.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Jones".

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