

# Perton Middle School

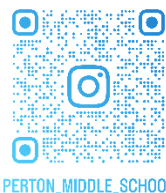
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## NEWSLETTER 20.01.23

What an exciting week it has been at PMS this week! On Monday, we found out that 5FC's composition has been featured on the English National Opera's website and on Wednesday Mr. Pritchard launched Seussical the Musical! An amazing 90 children stayed for the inaugural cast and crew call.

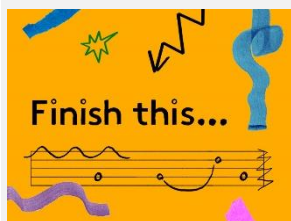
It is fabulous to see our young people involved in so many creative ventures. If you have not already visited our [Virtual Art Gallery](#), please do take a look to see some of the fantastic artwork our young people have produced.

Next week, we have some timetable changes to support Y6 during mock SATs week. Your child may need their PE on an additional day as follows: Y5 – Tuesday; Y7 – Thursday; Y8 – Wednesday 8RS & 8NR/Friday 8RS & 8DS

Many thanks for your continued support.

*Alex Dadge and Michelle Burrington*

## MUSIC



In Autumn 2022, ENO invited 5000 pupils from across the country, to step into the role of an ENO composer. They asked each class to create and produce their own music through an invitation to respond to, and resolve, purposefully unfinished piece of opera. Schools were provided with teacher CPD training, toolkit resources, a suite of digital films

and an operatic piece, especially commissioned for young audiences. All four Year 5 classes rose to the challenge and submitted a piece.

We are proud to announce that one of the compositions was brought to life with a bespoke animation response film. It is now being showcased across the ENO website and social media platforms to celebrate the breadth of musical work and talent in music composition work.

Follow the link to view 5FC's composition and animation!

<https://youtu.be/svWTMhbLaDo>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Jan-Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan Mock SATs week – Year 6
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Democracy week
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Whole school assembly with Gavin Williamson

## LOCAL SUPPORT

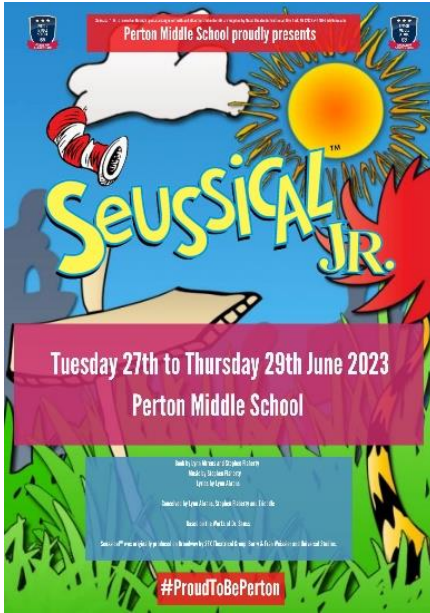
Parent Mental Health Day is an annual event run by [stem4](#), a charity that promotes positive mental health in teenagers and those who support them.



**PARENT MENTAL HEALTH DAY**  
27th January

This year's theme is #BuildFamilyResilience, focusing on how parents and carers can successfully adapt to challenging life situations, and deal with their own stress and anxiety, while navigating their family through difficult times.

## DRAMA



This has been an exciting week for our school community, as Ms. Watton and Mr. Pritchard revealed - in singing assembly on Wednesday - that our whole school production of *Seussical Jr* will be performed in June! To top it off, 90 children attended the welcome meeting to discover the characters, listen to the toe-tapping musical numbers and read through the script. What an amazing start!

Here is a sneak peak of our production poster. Ticket information for our performances will be announced soon. Be sure to snap them up as soon as you can as, we're sure they'll sell like 'Green Eggs and Ham!'

## FAMILY LEARNING

On Tuesday, we welcomed a group of parents into school to do some baking with their children. It was a great afternoon and lots of fun was had by all.



## AWARDS THIS WEEK

Headteacher's awards were presented to -

**Year 5:** Aubree 5JR, Leilah 5JR

**Year 6:** Leila 6DS, Chloe 6DS

**Year 7:** Lily-Anna 7GG, Sophie 7RS

**Year 8:** Imogen 8SW, Erin 8SW

**Our P2BP awards were presented to –** Priya 6ME and Neesha 7CW

## STUDENT NEWS

### HOUSE POINTS

Enterprise 1779

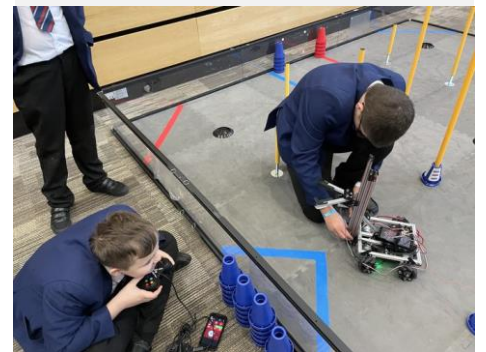
Endeavour 1744

Challenger 1463

Discovery 1356

### ROBOTICS

Last week, some of our First Tech Challenge team went to Newcastle and Stafford college. They got to meet the other teams and see their creations.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year is the biggest lunar new year celebration in the world. This year, it falls on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and celebrations culminate with the Lantern Festival on February 5<sup>th</sup>,



2023 will be the year of the rabbit and is predicted to be a year of hope. The rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture. People born in a year of the rabbit are believed to be vigilant, witty, quick-minded, and ingenious.