

CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL



3 MARCH 2017

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A few words from the Headmaster:

Yesterday was World Book Day, and the Cumnor House boys certainly made the effort to dress up as their favourite characters. As usual, Harry Potter was a popular theme. I counted over 20 Harry Potters, 3 Lucius Malfoys, 2 Rubeus Hagrids, and 1 very brave Hermione Granger. We mustn't forget the main aim of World Book Day, which is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Parents, you must be thanked for supporting the boys, I remember how stressful it was trying to agree on which book characters my sons would want to dress up as.



On Tuesday I had the pleasure of adjudicating at our House Silver and Gold music competitions. The standard was incredibly high, with all 18 boys performing superbly. It again reminded me how wonderfully talented Cumnor House boys are. Congratulations to Andrew Ah-Weng and Adam Skelton for winning the Silver and Gold Cups. I was also very impressed with how quietly and intently the audience listened to each performance.



The PA Masquerade Ball is only one week away, and it is not too late to book your tickets. Mrs. Mallett and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at what will be a very enjoyable social event. I will be going straight to the event from Twickenham stadium, as there is a small rugby match between England and Scotland beforehand!

This weekend there is the usual busy schedule of music and sport. Good luck to the Junior Choir who will be performing at St. John's School in Leatherhead, and also the U. 10 rugby team who are involved in the Donhead tournament.

Floyd Steadman

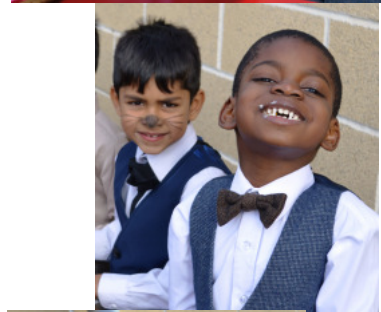
WORLD BOOK DAY



The sun shone brightly for the first time this week to welcome our Fairy Tale and Fantasy themed World Book Day. The huge variation of costumes was astounding – we had a Hermione (Ernest W, 3M), Sherlock Holmes (Bhavin G, 7M) and Atticus Finch (Daniel K, 8B) among others.



The donations made by the boys will be greatly appreciated by Book Aid International, a charity which helps provide access to books in parts of the world where books are not readily available. Break time's hot chocolate and doughnut sale hosted by the PTA (unsurprisingly) proved popular and added to the money raised for Book Aid International.



We also had a 'Travelling Books' Book Fair every day this week after school. The Book Fair provided a wide variety of books from Harry Potter to Pokemon, allowing the boys an enjoyable browsing experience. Each boy that made a purchase was entered into a raffle to win a book of their choice at the end of the week.



There will be a Best Costume prize for Upper School and Lower School awarded in Monday's assembly based on the amount of effort and creativity – it will be a tough decision!

I have been hugely impressed with the boys' commitment to reading and their expression of the characters they have discovered in their reading journeys. I look forward to the boys continuing to further their enjoyment of books.

Miss Lloyd



SKI TRIP



11 pupils and 3 staff ventured to unknown territory heading to Le Corbier resort for the first time. With excellent skiing conditions the boys developed quickly with most able to perform the parallel turn by the end of the week. Split into two groups, the foxes experienced black runs, jumps and alpine skiing with many surpassing initial expectations. The Badgers, with excellent learning ratios went from nursery slopes to fresh powder at the top of the mountain. Oscar Brown was named tourist of the week with Kaylen Patel securing the best skier title.



Mr Jones



CROSS COUNTRY

We had a very enjoyable day on Wednesday with six Year 5 boys selected to take part in the Cross Country Event at Epsom College. The boys all ran extremely well and really pushed their personal boundaries. The event is a team race and the top 4 positions are added together. We are still waiting for confirmation of our final position. Overall, it was a good outing and experience for the boys.

Mr Dwyer

The following positions are out of 220 Year 5 & 6 boys:

Nicholas Lee - 21, Ethan Brown - 136, Kai-Reece Adams-Collman - 150,
Alex Tollit - 182, Adeel Imtiaz - 186, Zak Mirza - 192



Year 7 Eco house challenge

Over Christmas, as part of their homework, Year 7 science classes were all challenged to construct a model house as a way of showing what they had learnt under the topic **ENERGY**.

All boys submitted a project and house points were issued, but sadly there could only be 4 winners. Well done to the following:

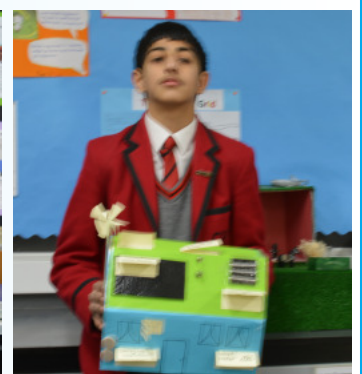
1st ... Josef Zaza 7B

2nd ... Veer Patel 7B

3rd (joint).. Umar Chaudhry 7M & Rayyan Ahmed 7B

These budding engineers and architects managed to incorporate **insulation**, **recycling** and **green energy production** into their models. Their work was so detailed and informative it could even be used as a teaching tool by teachers. We sincerely hope that all the boys continue to see the global applications of their school work and strive to do more for the planet.

Mrs Marange



MARDI GRAS

We had great fun putting our knowledge of how to make crêpes, previously learnt for the celebration of Candlemas, into practical use, as we turned the DT Room into a kitchen filled with sizzling frying pans and tossing pancakes. The boys mixed the vital ingredients of farine, oeufs and lait with vigour, adding butter to the hot pans whilst whisking the mixture to include a light airy texture. Toppings included sucre, citron, caramel, chocolat and Nutella, all devoured with pride and glee sur place!

Carnival was also celebrated with masks, singing and dancing; celebrating the beginning of Lent and 40 days of fasting or of giving up something of particular value. Originally symbolising saying goodbye to meat, 'carne vale', the boys learnt the true origins of this festival and learnt about how it is enjoyed across the globe.



Madam Bartlett

5D Assembly

Ka mate, ka mate! ka ora! ka ora!

'it is death! 'it is death! 'it is life! 'it is life!

Tenei te tangata puhuruhuru

This is the hairy man

Nana nei i tiki mai whakawhiti te ra

Who brought the sun and caused it to shine

A, upane! ka upane!

A step upward, another step upward!

A, upane, ka upane, whiti te ra!

A step upward, another step upward! The sun shines!



After a number of weeks practising lines and perfecting the Haka, 5D performed their assembly. The message of the assembly was all about RESPECT however. This was shown through one of the greatest sporting traditions, the Haka. 5D performed the 'Ka Mate' Haka a number of times and at one point even had the whole assembly joining in, including; Mr Steadman, Mr Jones and the parents! Not only did 5D inspire the boys to learn more about the Haka, they also laid down a challenge to the other lower school forms. They must now create their own Hakas. The challenge is simple, it must be no longer than 30 seconds and must relate to Cumnor House School values (the Cumnor way), 5D judged, of course! Although, the assembly brought smiles to everyone's faces, the boys did end the assembly with a powerful message. Respect, respect peoples cultures and traditions, respect people for who they are and respect your surroundings. Overall, it was an excellent performance from all the 5D boys, so a massive well done to them as it is not easy to teach and perform in front of your peers.



GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM SALE

Wednesday 8 March

2.45 - 4.30 p.m.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Danes

Normans

Romans

Saxons

Nathan Ikechukwu

Ali Naqi Rizvi

Rahul Sohoni

Kamran Odedra

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EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 6 MARCH 2017

Monday 6 March	Tuesday 7 March	Wednesday 8 March	Thursday 9 March	Friday 10 March
U8 Hornsby House Tag Tournament 12.00 - 4.30 p.m.	Year 1 & 2 Spring Concert @ Cumnor Girls' School 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.	U13 A @ Aldro 7s 12.00 - 4.30 p.m.	7M Assembly (Parents Welcome) 8.30 a.m.	Year 1 Trip to Preston Manor and Hove Museum All Day
	U11 A - D v Rokeby (H) 1.30 - 4.00 p.m.	U12 A v Lanesborough (A) 1.30 - 5.00 p.m.	4S Progress Meeting 5.00 - 8.00 p.m.	U11 Donhead 7s Tournament 9.00 - 4.00 p.m.
	Informal Concert 7.00 p.m.	U12 B v Aberdour (H) 1.30 - 4.00 p.m.	U9 A - E v Rokeby (A) 2.00 - 5.00 p.m.	U8 A - E v Shrewsbury House (A) 2.00 - 4.30 p.m.
		Good as New Uniform Sale 2.45 - 4.30 p.m.		