

# CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL



24 MARCH 2017

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## A few words from the Headmaster:

Last night I attended a charity rugby dinner in London. Partway through the evening I bumped into Chris Robshaw, who most of you know was captain of the England rugby team, and also an old boy of our school. He spoke with great fondness about his time at Cumnor House, and the friendships he forged whilst here. He wanted me to pass on his best wishes to all the boys, and told them to keep making the most of all the school has to offer. He felt that Cumnor House really helped prepare him for his chosen senior school.

I would like to congratulate the Year 8 boys, as for many, this has been a really busy week. It started with the National Prep Schools finals at Epsom College last Sunday. From there the boys have had three days of mock Common Entrance exams. Some were involved in an excellent Informal Concert on Tuesday evening. Finally there is the U.13 Rosslyn Park Nation 7s tournament today.

I would like to congratulate all the boys who took part in the National Prep Schools rugby finals on Sunday. There was some great rugby played, and I am pleased to report that our boys behaved impeccably. I must single out the U.8 squad who played some amazing tag rugby and were runners up in this national competition; clearly a team to watch in the future.

Finally, good luck to the following boys:

- All boys involved in the Junior Drama Production on Monday evening
- All boys taking Associated Board Music exams next Wednesday
- The Dubai Cricket squad, who depart on Wednesday afternoon



*Floyd Steadman*

PRE-PREP  
STARS  
OF THE  
WEEK

This Week's Stars are:-

- 1C NOAH EVANS
- 1S CHACE ANDERSON
- 1T DYLAN CARTER
- 2C TRAVAUN BYFIELD
- 2S RYAN PATEL

**Year 6 Trip to Normandie** Year 6 landed on the Plages du Debarquement eager to see the many beautiful and historic sites planned on our visit. We experienced the very same eerie sea fog as the allies had done so many years ago when we descended onto Gold beach at Arromanches. The boys learnt about the terrifying conditions the thousands of young soldiers had experienced when we watched the gripping account of the D Day attack on the huge 360° cinema screens. They soon realized the grim reality of the cruelty of war and the harshness of the conditions the soldiers had to endure in order to liberate France from four long years of Nazi occupation.

Our visit to the Bayeux Tapestry told of a totally different battle. Here the boys closely examined the intricate needlework of this woven treasure which vividly depicted the plight and bravery of horsemen and footmen in 1066. This was a sharp contrast to the charming and friendly marché de Bayeux where the boys had spent the morning, speaking in French, in authentic situations as they bartered for and bought many trinkets and goodies.

Our tour of Rouen's famous cobbled streets, lined with artisan shops, boutiques, cafés and restaurants, gave the boys a chance to witness the beautiful architecture of the houses, monuments and artifacts, as well as purchase many gifts and memorabilia to take home to their loved ones. The ornate Gros Horloge shone in splendid sunshine and the majestic cathedral offered the boys a chance to appreciate the beauty of the spires and detailed craftsmanship of the stonework and statues, including Richard the Lionheart's tomb. We saw the very spot where Jeanne d'Arc was burnt alive and compared the architecture of the modern church dedicated to France's most admired martyr with that of the cathedral, painted in so many different lights and aspects by the famous impressionist artist, Claude Monet.



The Year 6 boys were eager to understand, in French, how goats' cheese is made, as we visited a goat farm. We were fortunate to not only taste the cheese and receive one to take home, but also to hold the kids in our arms and let them suck our fingers. We also visited the small Biscuiterie d'Asnelles, where the boys shaped their own sablés ready for the oven, after they had learnt the ingredients and method of making sweet, salted and chocolate biscuits.

Our friendly and welcoming hotel ensured a peaceful and comfortable environment for the boys to enjoy their stay and sample good French cuisine, as well as a few select delicacies. Conversations in French were made with all the family and hopefully this valuable experience will encourage the boys to have a go and communicate in French with confidence in the future. I would like to thank all the teachers for their help and the boys for being so very well behaved.

*Madame Bartlett*



## The U8A Rugby side finish inside the top 4 schools in the country at the National Schools Rugby Tournament!

After winning two, drawing two and losing just the one game, the side finished second in their group on 58 points. The team shared 31 tries between them and picked up multiple bonus points along the way for exciting, attacking and free flowing rugby. Well done to all 9 squad members for a hugely successful day of Rugby!



Time Date	Opponent	Result	Type
11:00 Sun 19 Mar 17	Akeley Wood School	<b>Draw</b> 15 - 15	National Finals
11:15 Sun 19 Mar 17	Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (QEGS), Wakefield	<b>Won</b> 30 - 25	National Finals
11:30 Sun 19 Mar 17	St Cedd's School	<b>Lost</b> 40 - 45	National Finals
11:45 Sun 19 Mar 17	Thomas's, Clapham	<b>Won</b> 40 - 25	National Finals
12:30 Sun 19 Mar 17	Priory Prep School	<b>Draw</b> 30 - 30	National Finals

*Mr Brotherton*



### Try Scorers:

	Fixtures Played	Total MVPs	Tries	Total Points
1 Tega Aroriode	21	9	58	<b>290</b>
2 Yaseen Zaman	19	2	20	<b>100</b>
3 Aston Gayle	21	2	19	<b>95</b>
4 Rahul Sohoni	20	3	19	<b>95</b>
5 Theo Worrell	21	2	9	<b>45</b>
6 Humzah Khan	21	1	7	<b>35</b>
7 Ernest Wright	13	1	3	<b>15</b>
8 Zachary Bush	21	1	2	<b>10</b>
9 Jago Mascoll-Rouse	11	1		

### U8A Team Season Stats:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
18	12	2	4	685	485	200



## Year 7 visited Cuckmere Valley in East Sussex on Tuesday 14th March 2017.

The boys carried out fieldwork on river meanders and associated features. Whilst climbing up nearby slopes they encountered some wild ponies and on the way down dramatised a meandering river.

Down on the river flood plain they measured the river depth and came up with a graphical river profile. Some map work was also done with compasses and key features were also identified.

The highlight for many was the opportunity to play Poohsticks! For some it was just a race, luckily our wonderful instructor explained how the results could be used to compare river speed at different sections. All in all a very informative trip and many thanks to Mr Brotherton, Mr Patel, Mr Barnett and Mrs McGuinness. Though special mention must also go to Miss Oldfield for booking and planning the trip.

*Mrs Marange*



## Year 5 have a 'Wicked' day out in London!



Last Wednesday, Year 5 went on a memorable and very exciting day out into London. The first half of the day was spent at the London Museum of Water and Steam where the boys went back in time to the Industrial Revolution. The morning was a great mix of exciting activities. They met a real life James Watt who explained about how he came to invent a type of steam engine and used the boys as parts of the machine in a drama to demonstrate how it worked. They were plunged back into the past to investigate how England came to have clean water, all the way back to Roman times. They even went on a real steam engine ride in the centre of London! After a quick lunch, they were whisked across to Victoria to enjoy the music and entertainment of Wicked. The performance was amazing and several members of the public commented upon how well behaved the boys were. A fantastic day was had by all and full credit must be given to the boys for being so well behaved, even during the long journey back through rush hour traffic!

*Mrs Turner*



## Year 3 visit Brighton Pavilion

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March all the Year 3 boys went on a trip to Brighton Pavilion. We travelled by coach, it was quite a long journey. When I first saw the Pavilion, it looked like the Taj Mahal! (an Indian landmark).

My favourite room in the Pavilion was the royal feast room; it was my favourite because it had a very detailed chandelier with four dragons. There were lots of pictures about Kings, mostly King George IV. After lunch we explored the museum we found lots of pictures, there was even a dressing up area! Also near the dressing up area was religious information about Muslims. The museum was filled with historical facts and exquisite art pictures. I really enjoyed the Pavilion a lot. I wish that we could go there every day.

*By Ayaan Mughal, 3J*



## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Danes**

**Dillen Patel-Ramcharran**

**6V**

**Ryan Stanley**

**6V**

**Normans**

**Abinan Sriranganathan**

**6V**

**Romans**

**Micah Thomas**

**6V**

**Saxons**

**Rohan Chakravarty**

**6V**

**Ishaan Mohan**

**6V**

## EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 27 MARCH 2017

Monday 27 March	Tuesday 28 March	Wednesday 29 March	Thursday 30 March	Friday 31 March
<p><b>NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK</b></p> <p><b>Except After School Club and Instrumental Lessons</b></p> <p>Pied Piper of Hamelin Junior Drama Production @ The Boys' School 6.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Year 8 Common Entrance Mock Exams</p>	<p>Associated Board Exams All Day</p> <p>Dubai Cricket Tour departs 7.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Associated Board Exams a.m.</p> <p>Year 6 Inter House Swimming Gala 11.15 - 12.20 p.m.</p> <p>Year 4 Inter House Swimming Gala 2.00 - 3.00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>END OF TERM</b></p> <p>Leaving Times Year 1 &amp; 2 - 12.00 p.m. Year 3 &amp; 4 - 12.10 p.m. Year 5 &amp; 6 - 12.30 p.m. Year 7 &amp; 8 - 12.45 p.m.</p>