

CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Junior Drama Production of The Pied Piper!



At 6.30 on Monday 27th May, an extravaganza of panicking townsfolk, hungry mice, eloquent narrators, evil rats, scheming mayors and mysterious pipers came together as *The Pied Piper* was performed. After five months of rehearsal, twenty Cumnor boys brought the streets of Hamlyn to life through dance and song in a wonderful production. The cast was headed by brilliant performances from Vishaagan Vanigasooriar as the mysterious piper, Akash Abbot as the scheming Mayor Thorn and Joshua Karpal as a brilliantly evil Big Cheese. Other notable performances included Evan Boyce as the wonderfully stupid rat Gordon-Zola and Lawrence Qin as the grumpy old Uncle Bill who narrated the story with real eloquence. The whole cast worked well as a team to put on an energetic, brilliantly acted and fun-packed production with some wonderful and rousing singing. Huge thanks must be given to Mrs McLaren as assistant director for her support and help throughout the rehearsal process. Many thanks are also due to Miss Secker for helping the boys with the music and providing wonderful piano accompaniment and Mrs Carley who worked with Year 4 to produce an amazing back drop. Thank you, also to all the parents who supplied the colourful costumes and helped their sons learn their lines. All who came to watch have commented on the energy, enthusiasm and brilliant performance of the boys when they were on stage, praise which they all thoroughly deserve!

Mrs Turner



Croydon Schools' Swimming Finals

Best Boys' School for the 10th Year Running!

Well done to all of the boys who competed in the final of the Croydon Schools' Swimming Final. We had a very successful evening winning 4 Golds, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals and finishing as the top overall Boys School.

Special mention to Ethan Spoerer-Scott who broke the record in the Year 5 Backstroke and Daniel Tollit who swam a fantastic time in the Year 6 Breaststroke narrowly missing out on winning. It was also very pleasing to win the Open Medley relay so convincingly.

Please see below our full places.

Open Medley Relay - 1st (Ethan Spoerer-Scott, Daniel Tollit, Alexander Tollit)

Year 4 Backstroke - 1st Laurence Qin, 3rd Finn Allinson

Year 4 Freestyle - 2nd Shivendra Prashad, 3rd Joshua Karpal

Year 5 Backstroke - 1st Ethan Spoerer-Scott NR - 5th Krish Idnani

Year 5 Breaststroke - 1st Alexander Tollit, 5th Noah Dominguez Tchetché

Year 5 Freestyle - 4th Alexander Sadotti, 5th Zakariya Mirza

Year 6 Breaststroke - 2nd Daniel Tollit

Year 6 Butterfly - 6th Daniel Tollit

Mr Fitzgerald

Pre-Prep Choir Perform at a Music Festival

On Thursday 9th March, the Pre-Prep Choir set off to take part in the St Christopher's School Music Festival. This was the first time we had taken part and so we were a little apprehensive, especially when we saw the size of the church! However, once inside we quickly forgot about that and got on with rehearsing. There were eight schools involved in total, six Year 2 or Pre-Prep choirs and two senior schools. The concert began and ended with a massed choir of over 120 voices singing 'Can You Hear Me?' and 'Oye la Musica'. Some of the Senior School musicians entertained us both before and during the concert, and it was lovely to hear all the other choirs, including the choir from Caterham School which also sang with us for the massed pieces. We sang 'Pure Imagination', one of our favourites from our Spring Concert, and 'Hine Ma Tov', a lively Hebrew song which translates as 'How good it is to live together in harmony'. The boys were not overawed by the size of the church, but sang confidently and there were lots of comments from other teachers about the beautiful sound they made when they sang. Following the concert, we walked in a large crocodile to St Christopher's School for a well-earned lunch and playtime! The boys performed well, both as a choir and in the massed pieces and were good ambassadors for Cumnor House. Well done boys!



Miss Secker



Informal Concert - 21 March

As Music Secretary, most of the music that I hear is through the office walls, played by anonymous boys. Attending an Informal Concert is always a real treat and not just because it allows me to put faces to the familiar, once muffled tunes. It is always a delight to see the boys performing and I never fail to be impressed with the way in which they handle the huge amount of pressure from the moment they stand face to face with the audience of their peers and parents to introduce their piece, right through to their final bow.

At the Informal Concert on Tuesday it was time for the results of weeks, months and in some cases years of hard work and dedication of all the performers to be put on display. The Lamborghini and Cello String Ensemble started off proceedings with their lively 'Kingston Calypso' and 'Circus Tricks' swiftly followed by soloists playing violin, cello, french horn, oboe, piano and guitar. There were also performances from the Guitar Group and the Senior Bell Ensemble, both showing fine displays of teamwork and making a great sound. Finally it was the turn of the String Quartet to wow the audience with a fantastic rendition of Coldplay's 'Viva la Vida' and Carlos Gardel's 'Por Una Cabeza', a lively Tango. Performances of that standard don't come without a good few years of dedication and regular practice but the boys are living proof of what can be achieved and will no doubt be an inspiration to the younger boys.

Well done to all the boys and special thanks go to the Ensemble leaders, Mrs Persinaru, Mr Alsangul, Mr Parrott and Miss Secker and of course to Mr Sizer for being accompanist, tuner, compere and even quiz master - I hope the boys have reminded him about all the house points he promised for the right answers!

Mrs Magill

SCIENCE ROCKS!

Our science club members extended their knowledge of rocks to investigate permeability. Working scientifically, they weighed samples precisely before and after a ten minute soak in water. They will be looking forward to confirming their predictions next session.

Mrs Whiskey



Silver Winners of the Primary Maths Challenge!



The Primary Maths Challenge: Bonus Round. 63,000 pupils entered in November, with 1932 pupils who scored 19 or more being invited to take part in the Bonus Round in February 2017.

We are delighted that Boris Hall and Ryan Stanley are two of the three hundred and two pupils who gained Silver medals.

They are to be highly congratulated on this is outstanding achievement.

M Roberts

NATIONAL IAPS QUALIFIERS

Well done to all of the boys who have qualified for the finals of the National IAPS swimming championships. This year had the biggest entry ever with 251 schools competing and over 4000 competitors. Please see below the finalists and the position where they have qualified.

Year 5 - Medley relay - 2nd	Year 6 Breaststroke - Daniel Tollit - 6th
Year 5 - Freestyle relay - 6th	Year 7 Butterfly - Daniele Moscarello - 7th
Year 7 - Medley relay - 5th	Year 7 Freestyle - Arun Oelkers - 6th
Year 7 Freestyle relay - 6th	Year 8 Butterfly - Kyle Debrah - 5th
Year 5 Backstroke - Ethan Spoerer Scott - 4th	Year 5 Butterfly - Noah Dominguez Tchetche 2nd reserve
Year 5 Breaststroke - Alexander Tollit - 10th	

A great achievement to get so many qualifiers for such a prestigious event!

Mr Fitzgerald

STAR OF THE WEEK

1C **Ayaan Chaudhry**
1S **Zain Fayyaz**
1T **Ishaan Rajasekeran**
2C **Kayaan Patel**
2S **Shiv Singh**

Danes **Vishwa Senthirkumar** **3F**
Normans **Aston Gayle** **3J**
Romans **Alfie Morgan-Waller** **6B**
Saxons **Rohan Mudaliar** **5L**
 Eesa Chaudhri **3J**

EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 17 APRIL 2017

Monday 17 April	Tuesday 18 April	Wednesday 19 April	Thursday 20 April	Friday 21 April
No after school activities this week except After School Club and Instrumental lessons	Inset Day for Staff	School commences 8.15 a.m. Instrumental Lessons begin	Year 8 Theatre Trip 12:30 p.m. U13A v KCS (A) Surrey Cup Round 1 2.30 - 6.30 p.m.	HAPPY EASTER 