

Cumnor House School Weekly Digest



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR TREETOPS NURSERY, CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Summer Term 2017, week 2

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BOYS' SCHOOL NEWS

A Word from the Headmaster



Floyd Steadman

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings I had the privilege of watching our school production – Aladdin. We saw a flying carpet, pages turning by themselves, pyrotechnics, stunning costumes, a live band and some fantastic acting and singing. I was very impressed and can honestly say that in my 27 years of watching prep school productions, this was by

far the best. Comedy timings which are so difficult for children, were spot on. The band, which comprised of boys and music staff could have played on Broadway. The tech crew who did so much behind the scenes to ensure the smooth performances were all excellent. What is more remarkable is the way staff could step back on the night and allow children to lead in all areas. It was also great to see the boys, and girls, having so much fun. Mr Parkes Reeves has rightly praised the efforts of all the staff team in putting on such a wonderful show, and I must also add my thanks to them for finding time to sup-

port the production. I am also impressed with the vision and eye for detail that Mr Parkes Reeves has, and I am still trying to work out how the pages managed to turn by themselves? He must be congratulated for producing this delightful production. On Wednesday evening Mrs Mallett, Head of the Girls' school, and Mr Cummings, the Headmaster Designate, attended the production. Both were hugely impressed, and Mr. Cummings wanted me to pass on his congratulations to all involved.

Finally, good luck to the U.13 A cricket team who are playing in the second round of the National Cup competition later today.

See the highlights of the week

- ALADDIN
- ABORIGINAL ART
- A VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

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Year 8 Theatre Trip



On Thursday 20th April, Year 8 boys were fortunate enough to visit London and see 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time', the award-winning novel the boys have been studying in their English lessons.

The play brought to life many issues the boys had been looking at, such as how a person with Asperger Syndrome may experi-

ence a train station; a place most of us would not consider exceptionally stressful, or dealing with being lied to by people you are close to.

The boys were impressed with the play's sensitive but relatable way of presenting the subject matter, and dealt well with the mature content. The live puppy at the end was an adorable surprise,

with some students (Ryan Thaper) being insistent that it was a robot!

The play was followed by a meal at Pizza Express, where the boys were given an entire floor to themselves. Overall it was an educational and enjoyable day for both staff and students!

Miss Lloyd

Dubai Cricket Tour 2017



Dubai 2017 was a great experience for the boys of Year 6, 7 and 8. We stayed for 13 days and played six matches of which we won four convincingly.

We had a range of activities to keep us busy throughout the trip; we had great fun at Jumeirah Beach. Also, we went to see the fantastic Dubai fountain, which was right next to the tallest tower in

the world 'The Burj Khalifa'. The waterpark, Wild Wadi was a huge hit with the boys and all of us had lots of fun! We were lucky enough to go to the ICC Cricket Academy, where we played a couple of games and were given a tour. The highlight of the tour was the Famous Desert Safari

where we got to ride a camel and did sand surfing, finishing the day with a delicious BBQ.

Overall the trip was a fantastic success and we were all sad to come home and miss the heat of Dubai!

Salman - 8R

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 2 May

U10 A, B, C & D v Dulwich College (H)

U11 A B C & D v KCS (A)

Wednesday 3 May

U13 A & B v Parkside (A)

U13 C, D, & E v Parkside (H)

ESSA Relay heats @ James Allen's Girls' School

Friday 5 May

U8 A, B, C & D v Shrewsbury House (H)

U11A v Rokeby (A) Surrey Cup Round 1

U12A v Caterham (H)

Future Events

Next Week's Calendar



SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
Swim to Win	Swim to Win	May Day Bank Holiday—School closed		Walk to School Day Year 3 and 5 Progress Meetings	6V Assembly Year 5 Maths Quiz Year 8 Progress Meetings	LAMDA exams in the hall

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Reception News

Last week the Reception boys worked together to plant some potatoes in potato sacks in the front playground. They have been very busy watering them every play-time and keeping an eye on them.

After a few days the boys noticed that they had begun to sprout! We are all very excited to see

them grow and eventually dig up some lovely potatoes!

Miss Watson, RN



Class RN planting potatoes

Reception Boys—Plant and Nurture

This week, as part of our 'growing' topic, we have planted sunflower seeds! the boys in RG have been looking after their seeds by keeping them watered, and they are already growing!

Miss Greenash, RG

The boys in Class RC have been growing cress over the weekend. After seeing how quickly it grew, they then enjoyed making and eating a cress sandwich!

Mrs Phillips, RC



Class RC successfully growing cress!



Class RG's sunflower seedlings.

* Stars of the Week *



Kavish Patel	RC
Alexander Caido	RG
Dawod Sabri	RN
Kayin Vassell	1C
Daniel Kelly	1S
Kieran Logendra	1T
Dillon Patel	2C
Tom Moon	2S



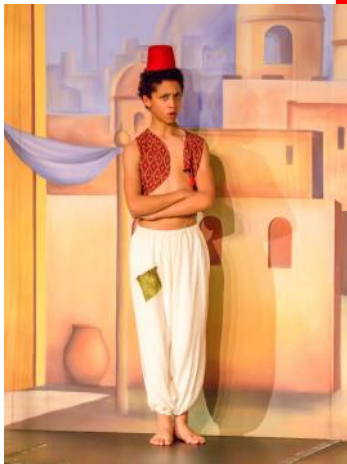
QUOTES FROM THE AUDIENCE

“Simply spectacular”

“And this was a Prep school production...wow”

“ did not stop smiling from start to end”

“An outstanding show- every credit to all those involved”



Aladdin Performance

The highlight of this week, possibly this entire year, was the performances of Aladdin, that took place at the Performing Arts Centre at Caterham School on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Next week's newsletter will have a full write up from some of the cast.



All the boys (and girls) who took part, from the actors and singers on stage, to the musicians and the stage crew, should feel immensely proud. It's fortunate we have a Bank Holiday weekend to enable them to catch up on their sleep, as they have worked really hard to give us all such polished performances.



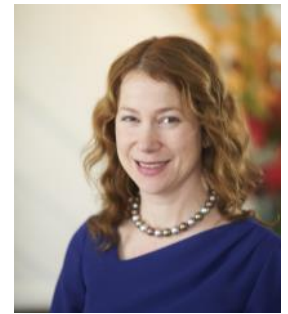
A Word from the Headmistress

Another busy week has passed at lightning speed. I have been in and out of classrooms observing much exciting learning and great fun. We had a very well attended open morning; parents were toured around the school by 4LH (school tourers in training). The feedback from the visiting parents about these girls was very complimentary citing

how polite, confident and mature they were. A huge thank you to 4LH for being such great ambassadors for the school. I know that Mr Steadman will have talked in great detail about the spectacular performance of Aladdin by the Boys' School in his newsletter, but I would also like to say a huge well done to those

boys, Mr Parkes-Reeves and his team and our four Year 5 girls who did us proud: Sofiya, Zoha, Sephora and Temi. Well done girls, you were fantastic!

Wishing you a lovely long weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday in summer school uniform.



Dina Mallett



Mrs Mallett, with the current and future Heads of the Boys School, sitting down to watch the Aladdin performance.



Next Week's Calendar

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		Early May Bank Holiday—no school	Clubs commence this week	ESSA Swimming Gala at James Allen's School	U11A & U10A Rounders vs Greenacre	

Music and Drama Exams

**A TOTAL OF 14
DISTINCTIONS AND
9 MERITS
ACHIEVED BY THE
GIRLS**

**WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
WRITE-UPS OF
SWIMMING AND
ROUNDERS
EVENTS NEXT WEEK**

The results in for the latest round of London College of Music Exams in Music Theatre, Groups Performance (acting), Clarinet and Drum Kit were an impressive array:

Distinctions:

- Isabella - Early Learning Music Stage 3
- Olivia - Step 1 Music Theatre
- Lola - Step 1 Music Theatre
- Anoushka P - Step 1 Music Theatre
- Tanisha - Step 1 Music Theatre
- Lilitha - Grade 1 Music Theatre
- Sienna G - Grade 1 Music Theatre
- Maka - Grade 1 Drum Kit
- Samara - Grade 1 Drum Kit
- Sofiya - Grade 3 Music Theatre
- Zoha - Grade 3 Music Theatre
- Lona - Grade 3 Music Theatre
- Tanaiya P - Grade 3 Music Theatre
- Ammara - Grade 5 Clarinet

Merits:

- Dilsa - Grade 1 Music Theatre
- Ella O - Grade 1 Music Theatre
- Saanvi - Grade 1 Music Theatre

- Mia - Grade 1 Music Theatre
- Zara T - Grade 1 Music Theatre
- Lianna - Grade 2 Drum Kit
- Tara - Grade 3 Music Theatre
- Deetya - Grade 3 Music Theatre
- Namoshi - Grade 3 Music Theatre

Pass:

- Hasna - Grade 2 Music Theatre
 - Zara Q- Grade 2 Music Theatre
- The following girls also took a group drama exam and all got Distinction:

- Toni
- Sienna G
- Laila
- Maka
- Claire
- Jiya
- Anoushka S-B
- Lona

Well done to all the girls.

Aboriginal Art in Year 2

The girls in Year 2 started on some aboriginal art this week. They are painting some familiar Australian animals. Great concentration on their faces, as they work on such intricate artwork.





Notices

Would all girls' parents please note

Cancelled next week:

No Year 2&3 small ball club on Wednesday 3rd May due to fixtures.

There will be no swim squad on Wednesday 3rd May due to a swimming gala.

Reminder:

All girls must be in summer school uniform from Tuesday 2 May

Parents Association News

Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

The Girls' School PTA is looking to recruit a new PTA Chairman to take on the role from September 2017 but with a handover during this term.

They will be holding a PTA committee meeting over the next few weeks and it

would be great to introduce the new Chair. Teresa Whitfield, the current Chair, is more than happy to help out this term with guidance and information for events etc.







Please message or email her if you want any further information

teresa.whitfield@yahoo.co.uk



A COUPLE OF HOURS A WEEKS COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE

* Stars of the Week *

	Keisha	For becoming a more independent learner and trying her best in everything.	RM	
	Elizabeth	For her consistently beautiful handwriting and for her sensible attitude towards her learning.	RT	
	Ashanya	For excellent knowledge of number bonds to 20.	1SC	
	Ishita	For excellent participation in Read Write Inc. and for trying really hard to improve her handwriting.	1M	
	Leana	For a great first week in her new class and approaching everything she does with great enthusiasm	2L	
	Amelia	For her interesting comments and hard work in our les-	2W	

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From the Head of Nursery

Another busy week in the nursery and the children have been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have been talking about healthy and unhealthy food and have started to make their very own class books.

We have another new member of staff starting at Treetops South Croydon as the Deputy Nursery Manager. Her name is Victoria Gunn and she will be joining us on Monday 8th May. She will be

floating between the two buildings to develop her understanding and knowledge of all the South Croydon children and most importantly learn more about the Cumnor Way.

More Good News. We finally have all the internal plans of both the Pavilion and Bungalow buildings for the South Croydon site, ready for the rebuild which starts in a few months' time.

Nursery News

The Bungalow children have had a busy week listening and talking about the story Jack and the Beanstalk. They have been building their own beanstalks and castles using wooden blocks and looking at number 1-10.



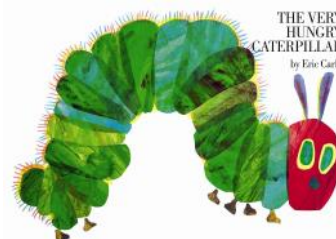
Mrs Saul is now teaching music again and I would like to say a big thank you to her for stepping in over the last few months to help out.

Dates for your diaries -
The Summer Concerts will take place as follows:
South Croydon
Pavilion—Tuesday 20th June at 2pm
Bungalow—Monday 19th June at 2pm

TREETOPS NURSERY NEWS



Carole Finch



MUSIC LESSONS

RESUME AT
TREETOPS PURLEY



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The Boys Sports department has a Twitter page @chsfixtures, and the Girls Sports department has a Twitter page @Cumnor_Girls

Our Youtube channel is called 'Cumnor House School & Nursery'.

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