

CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL

WEEKLY DIGEST



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

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BOYS' SCHOOL NEWS

A Word from the Headmaster



Floyd Steadman

On Wednesday I drove to Burton Upon Trent to support our U.11 football team, they were involved in the ISFA National Finals. The tournament was played at St. George's Park, home of the Football Association. The set up was very impressive, with 12 outdoor pitches and a full size indoor 3G pitch. This certainly inspired our boys who played some lovely football on a gloriously sunny day. Sadly we lost a very intense quarter final against Whitgift School. Overall the team finished 6th, which is a very good achievement, especially as a number of the boys were a year

younger and have gained so much knowledge for next year. I must thank the parents who made the 300 mile round trip to support the boys. All the squad must be congratulated for their efforts on what was a very long day. They set off at 5.30am and returned to school at 8.30pm.

Mr. Parkes Reeves will be leaving us after 5 years distinguished service, supporting the school in so many ways. He has been an excellent teacher, Head of Lower School, Head of PSHCEE and Head of Drama. He will be missed and is a tough act to follow. I have started the recruitment process and will be able to give further details after half term.

By now you all should have received an invite to a Meet the Headmaster Designate of Cumnor House School. If for some

reason you have not received this information, please contact the school office.

On Saturday 13th May, Mrs Shelley, Mrs Woodford and Miss Razzaq will be taking part in the London MoonWalk 2017. It is in aid of Walk the Walk charity, supported by HRH Prince Charles, which helps care for patients undergoing breast cancer treatment. They will be walking a full marathon, known as the MoonWalk, 26.2 miles starting at midnight. The charity aims to fund ground breaking research, not only into the causes of breast cancer but also identifying cancer genes and consequently improving the treatments. Should you wish to make a contribution to the charity you may at: <http://walkthewalk.org/> - we wish them luck, I know they are very excited to be a part of this event!

See the highlights of the week

- AUTHOR VISIT
- ORCHESTRAL CONCERT
- AWESOME ART

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Saxons	Dhilan Trivedi (4T)	8
Romans	Jack Bance (4T)	12
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Alex Wheatle is in the HOUSE!

Years 6 – 8 had a fantastic time on Friday meeting Black British Author Alex Wheatle. He shared his funny personal stories as well as reading from his award winning books, which included *Little Bit*, *Cronghton Knights* and *Outta Cronghton*. He spoke to the boys about the importance of English, reading and how to publish books. He also signed copies of the book and was interviewed by the boys. The boys described him as **“inspirational”** and this is reflected in the number of boys enjoying reading his

books around school. Alex’s writing is showing a new genre that reflects modern day, young adult life, which the boys can easily relate to. Alex said **“The students were attentive and engaging and he really enjoyed his time at our wonderful school”** Well done to all the boys who took part and a special Thank you to the SLT for supporting this event and the parents and boys who purchased his books.

Mrs Neville

Cumnor boys shining in local community football



3 Cumnor House boys; Aston Gayle, Rahul Sohoni and Rayan Bamsey were part of a 5 aside team that won last weekend’s Merstham Football Club U8s Football tournament. The Boys who play for BB Soccer Lions won their

group after beating 7 other Surrey based teams. In the Final against the Home team Merstham, they won 4-0 with two spectacular goals from Rahul and Rayan!

Future Events

Next Week’s Calendar

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Swim to Win Week 3	Swim to Win	CE Mental Maths Exam Yr8	CE French Listening Exam Yr8	Boys & Girls Quiz Year 3 and 4	4B Assembly Cake Sale	Year 1 & 2 Library Day and Book Swap Day
U10 A & B v New Beacon (A)				U13 B & C v Rokeby (A)	U9 A–D v New Beacon (H)	U8 A & B v Royal Russell (H)
U10 C & D v New Beacon (H)				U13 B, D & E v Downsends (H)	U13 Tennis v Whitgift (A) (National Cup)	PA Film Night @ The Boys’ School
					CE French Oral Exam Yr8	



Mind Your Heads

1S went back in time to become Queen Elizabeth I. This half term the Year 1 boys are learning about our famous Kings and

Queens. This week we learnt about Queen Elizabeth I. The boys have learnt interesting facts such as who her

parents were and why her sister locked her in the Tower of London when she was a young girl.

Mrs Shelley



Year 2 Visit to 'Get Fired'

On Wednesday afternoon, the Year 2 boys walked to Purley to visit the Get Fired Pottery Studio. Linking with our topic 'The Great Fire of London', the boys used hot colours to design

patterns on tiles. They worked really carefully to paint their designs onto the tiles using special paint. The lady at Get Fired told us that tiles will be

fired in the kiln at a temperature of over 1000 degrees! We can't wait to see what they will look like when they come out of the kiln.

Mrs Curtis

Year 2—Flapjack Maths

Year 2 boys made flapjacks in their Maths lessons this week. They had to accurately weigh the ingredients and read the weight on the scales. Then they worked out how much of each ingredient they would need if they wanted to make double the amount. They timed the cooking – it took 20




minutes. When the flapjacks were cool, they were cut into 18 pieces. We used our times tables to work out that we needed to cut it into 3x6 squares, and we started by

cutting it into thirds, then sixths.

The flapjacks were yummy!



* Stars of the Week *

	Raghav Durgam	For trying really hard with all his learning	RN
	Ethan Quest-Herelle	For fantastic effort with all of his work	RG
	Archie Elden	For trying really hard to work independently and for doing the best to be his best self	RG
	Charlie Marais	For trying hard to listen to his teachers	1C
	Barnaby Lloyd	For a sensible and mature attitude to school	1T
	Zachary Sims	For working hard on his personal target	1S
	Sebastian Sadotti	For trying very hard with his reading and Numeracy this week	2C
	Niam Sudra	For a sensible attitude and excellent contribution this week	2S



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Successes at the National IAPS finals



Well done to all of the boys who competed in the finals of the National IAPS finals at the K2 centre in Crawley at the weekend. Over 4000 competitors from nearly 300 schools competed in the heats so it was a great achievement to get so many boys qualify for the finals and all of the boys performed very well on the day achieving personal best times in nearly every single race.

A special mention to Ethan Spoerer Scott who finished second in the Year 5 Backstroke and only missed breaking the existing National IAPS record time by one tenth of a second and to the year 5 relay medley relay who finished 3rd in the Medley relay.

Please see below a full list of all our finalists and their finishing positions:

Ethan Spoerer Scott - Year 5 Backstroke - 2nd

Year 5 Medley relay - 3rd

Arun Oelkers - Year 7 Freestyle - 4th

Kyle Debrah - Year 8 Butterfly - 5th

Daniel Tollit - Year 6 Breaststroke - 6th

Year 7 Medley relay - 6th

Year 7 Freestyle relay - 8th

Daniele Moscarello - Year 7 Butterfly - 10th

Alexander Tollit - Year 5 Breaststroke - 12th

A great performance from all of the boys who were very excited to receive their medals and have their photos taken with Michael Jameson who finished second in the London Olympics.



ISFA U11 Seven-a-side Tournament—NATIONAL FINALS

A large crowd enjoyed a wonderful day of football on a glorious sunny day at The FA National Football Centre at St. George's Park on 10th May. It proved a very exciting and dramatic tournament with a large number of schools of similar standard and the winners in doubt until the very end. Any one of 8 or 9 schools looking like possible contenders and Cumnor progressed to the quarter-finals after finishing second in their group. This included dominant performances over QEH Bristol (4-0), Bedales (3-0) and Bishopsgate (2-0).

Unfortunately Cumnor House succumbed in a Croydon "derby" against Whitgift in the quarters, but then bounced back to beat New Beacon on penalties to finish 6th in the country. Well done to

all boys involved for their excellent commitment and attitude throughout the long and tiring day! A special mention must go to Captain, Asher who scored 7 goals on the day.

Mr R Brotherton

Position in the country:

- 1st St. George's, Windsor
- 2nd Whitgift
- 3rd Altrincham
- Prep / Foremarke Hall
- 5th Perse Prep
- 6th Cumnor House**
- 7th Claremont Fan Court
- 8th The New Beacon
- 9th Westbrook Hay
- 10th Bishopsgate
- 11th Dulwich Prep
- 12th St. Joseph's In the Park

11:00 Wed 10 May 17	Claremont Fan Court School	Lost 0-1	National Finals
11:40 Wed 10 May 17	Bedales School	Won 3-0	National Finals
12:00 Wed 10 May 17	Bishopsgate School	Won 2-0	National Finals
12:40 Wed 10 May 17	Queen Elizabeth's Hospital (QEH)	Won 4-0	National Finals
13:00 Wed 10 May 17	Altrincham Preparatory School	Lost 1-2	National Finals
14:00 Wed 10 May 17	Whitgift School	Lost 0-2	National Cup - Qtr Final
14:25 Wed 10 May 17	The New Beacon	Won 0-0 (AET) 4-3 (PEN)	National Finals
14:45 Wed 10 May 17	Perse Prep School	Lost 1-2	National Finals

Reception News

A Visit from Perform

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Thursday, 11th May. The children had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of Wild West and using drama, dance and singing to help them develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed the singing and dancing. A big thank you to Megan, for taking the workshop.

Perform run weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all CHS Boys if they come along for a free trial session before Thursday, 1st June. Please contact Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting LDGS010617 or visit perform.org.uk to find out more.



A Giant has been spotted...

There was great excitement in 1T today when we discovered a mess of fallen leaves and beans, with giant footsteps leading to a letter. The giant was writing to ask for our advice. Of course we had to reply!

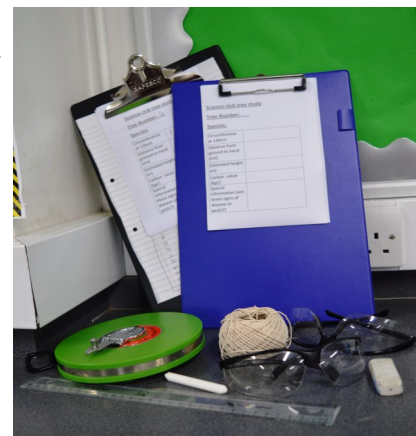
Mrs Trice



Junior Stem Club measuring carbon

Junior stem club have taken on board the mammoth task to investigate how much carbon is stored in the twenty three trees in our playground. The boys will be sharing their findings with scientists at the University of Leeds. The results will be used in their scientific study of the amount of carbon stored in primary school trees across the UK. Once the study is complete Cumnor House Boys School will have a tree planted in a new forest in Africa.

Mrs Whiskey



A Word from the Deputy Heads



Mrs Cecile Halliday and Mr Gareth Tindall

With the absence of Mrs Mallett, who has been attending a Head's conference these past few days, the privilege of reporting our week at Cumnor Girls' has fallen to us.

We shall start with the exciting news from the Catering Team of the instalment of the new dishwasher at the start of the week. After the previous dishwasher's demise last week, we had

to resort to paper plates for several days which gave lunch times a children's party feel, minus the pointy hats!

The Sports Department have had another very busy week of fixtures with our U8 - U11 teams playing rounders against Royal Russell on Monday and Thursday, whilst the U8 and U9 teams also played against Greenacre, on Wednesday. The week's sporting fixtures is culminating in an U8/U9 rounders tournament at Royal Russell.

Wednesday's beautifully sunny day was the perfect backdrop for class and team photos in the morning, rounders in the afternoon and then the evening concert hosted by Mrs Davison, featuring the many talents of the House Music Competition finalists and the orchestra, where

Mrs Halliday's talents on the violin were also enjoyed!

On Thursday afternoon, as part of their work on the church this term, Year 2 were interviewing Mark Humm. They have also been imagining themselves to be 17th century journalists whilst working on newspaper articles about the Great Fire of London.

Throughout the week, political posters with powerful propaganda statements and party manifestos have been appearing from our Year 5



girls as they work towards an electoral debate to be held at the start of next half term. The girls have already begun canvassing their prospective audience for votes - dazzling them with a whole plethora of promises like: longer school holidays; choosing your own lessons; choosing your own sporting activities; a deluxe coffee machine in the staffroom and a zip wire down the length of the school field. Needless to say, playtimes have been filled with excited little girls expectant at the political parties' imminent delivery on their promises and that is just the staff looking forward to their mochas and lattes!

Meanwhile, the rest of the school has enjoyed creative, developmental, planned and progressive (to quote Tony Blair) "Education! Education! Education!"

Have a wonderful weekend.

Next Week's Calendar

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Swim to Win Week 3	Swim to Win Week 3		Year 4 Showcase Dress Rehearsal	LSSA Swimming Gala (Year 5 & 6) @ James Allen's School	Year 3 Trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa	Year 3 and 5 Parents' Assembly
				Boys & Girls Quiz Year 3 and 4	Year 4 Showcase to the School	Year 4 Showcase to Parents

U8s Match Report

U8s Rounders vs Royal Russell

The Cumnor Girls U8A team played against Royal Russell on a cold, windy afternoon. Royal Russell were the first to bat. The teams had two innings each. Royal Russell scored 9 points overall and Cumnor scored 12 points.

All the girls played well in their first match of the season and contributed to the final winning score. Special mention goes to Anoushka who was kept busy as back stop and Zara for her bowling.

Well done Cumnor, better luck next time Royal Russell!

Laila, Year 3



The Vicar comes to visit







Mark Humm, the local vicar, came in on Thursday to visit Year 2 as part of their RE work on the church this term. They were interviewing him and asking some very testing questions. All very interesting!



Rounders matches against Royal Russell for Years, 4, 5 and 6



* Stars of the Week *

	Hanna C	For her excellent focus and grasp of the concepts of counting in 5s	RT	
	Poppy F	For marvellous maths and understanding of counting in 5s	RM	
	Anaya P	For great understanding in science and knowing the different parts of a plant we can eat.	1M	
	Kundai G	For always being helpful and thoughtful.	1SC	
	Aanya S	For her effort and enthusiasm in science recently and showing great investigative skills when trying to make a simple circuit.	2L	
	Hanna	For excellent work in maths and finding the difference between the 3-digit numbers	2H	

**WHAT A BUSY
WEEK AT THE
GIRLS SCHOOL—
ROUNDERS,
MUSIC, CLUBS
AND ART**

Meet the new Digital Leaders Team!



We are a new team at Cumnor House Girls' and we are going to be ambassadors for E-safety.

First we had to apply for our positions on the team to prove we are positive role models and

have a passion for ICT. We will be working with Miss Le Hur to explain to the whole school how to stay safe online.

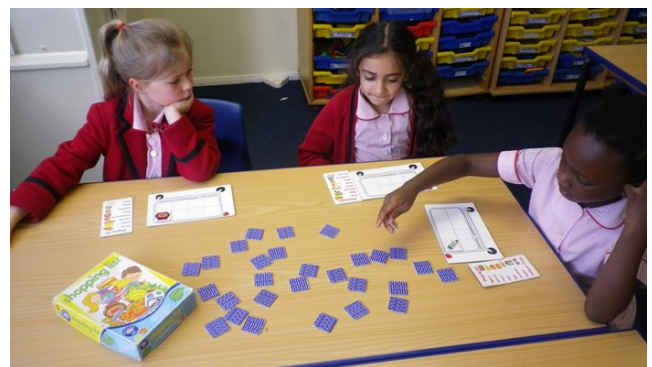
We can't wait to start working with every class but first we have to complete our online training with Childnet. We have to take seven modules before we can officially call ourselves experts!

We will be keeping you updated on our progress via the newsletter. Look out for our handy tips to staying safe online.

Board Games Club

On Wednesday some of the girls in Year 1 and Year 2 attended Board Games Club after school. They enjoyed playing Scramble - a beat the clock game that helps to develop concentration, shape recognition and co-ordination. The girls also played Pop-up Olaf, Frog Tennis, Dominoes and Shopping List.

Mrs Stoby-Cater



Year 1 Cherry Blossom

We've added green leaves to the cherry blossom this week, and put it on the classroom windowsill. You never know, it may grow in the sunshine.



Girls' Annual Instrumental Concert

On Wednesday evening parents and children gathered at the Girls' school for the annual Instrumental Concert.

This was a celebration of music with solo performances from nearly 30 girls who were finalists at last term's House Music Competition, as well as performances from the Junior String group, the Senior String Group and the School Orchestra.

We have some extremely promising young musicians in the school and it is wonderful to see them develop over the years. Eloane R first came to notice in Year 1 and now as an experienced 10 year old, gave a commanding performance on her cello in several items, both solo and ensemble as well as in the orchestra. Ammara K, in her final year at Cumnor, played

particularly sensitively on her clarinet as well as giving a fluently faultless performance on the piano.

Several of the children chose jazz pieces and particular mention needs to go to Avery C who gave a very stylish performance on the piano in this idiom. Yu-In T in Year 2 was a confident and accomplished finalist on 3 different instruments, certainly a name to watch for the future. A special mention too for Jessica C in Year 3, who not only performed wonderfully on violin and piano, but also accompanied two other young violinists on the piano, as well as playing in the senior string group and the orchestra!

The Junior string group was wonderfully enthusiastic in their performances and the Senior group showed a growing sensitivity in their playing. The evening rounded off with the

school orchestra playing a selection of pieces showing how well the girls are doing in not only playing their notes, but following musical instructions such as Da Capo, Dal Segno and Fine! A fun and happy evening for all.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the expert and dedicated teaching staff we have here at Cumnor House for Girls.

I would like to pass on my enormous thanks to Mrs Murray (orchestral trainer/conductor and violin teacher) Mrs Kimber (clarinet) Mrs Freedman (flute) Mrs Young (piano) Miss Swetha (piano) Mr Gibbard (guitar) Mr Kimber (drums) and Mr Davison (cello).

Mrs Davison



From the Head of Nursery

Tea time Club menu

We are glad to introduce a new tea time club menu at the Purley site, starting from Monday 22nd May. Menus will be on display in the nursery from next week.

Tea time Club

Due to ratios we are no longer able to take on-the-day bookings on both sites.

Purley site is fully booked now, and South Croydon has very limited spaces.

Holiday

I will be away on annual leave week commencing 15th May for a week, I will have limited access to my nursery emails. If you have any problems please speak to Mrs Cheshire who is based at the Purley Nursery site.



Carole Finch

Nursery News

In the Pavilion, we have been reading "The very hungry caterpillar". The children have been very busy writing about their favourite part of the story. Our budding artists in the creative corner have been painting beautiful butterflies and talking about symmetrical patterns. Our little

scientists have learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly. Very soon we will have caterpillars joining us in the pavilion. We are sure the children be very excited to tell you

all about the turning into butterflies.

Miss Devitt



For regular updates from the schools and nurseries, please like or follow our Facebook and Twitter pages @WeAreCumnor.

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'.

Also check our News and Galleries on www.cumnorhouse.com
