



Cumnor House Boys & Treetops Newsletter

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Reception boys have signed up to an exciting one day event, which schools across the country are getting involved in, called **No Pens Wednesday**.

So what is No Pens Wednesday?

The aim of the day is to encourage the skills of speaking and listening. For one day, boys in Reception will put down their pencils and all lessons and activities will have a focus on speaking and listening skills rather than writing skills. Teachers will assess what children in their class have learnt about the lesson by listening to what they say about it.

Why are we taking part?

Reading and writing are very important and valuable skills but people are often not aware of how important speaking and listening skills are too. Schools that include speaking and listening in a planned and structured way for children in their lessons see improvement in their classroom involvement. Inspectors (who check standards across the country) are noticing more and more that speaking and listening is a really important factor for good teaching and a child's performance in successful schools.

How will your child benefit?

No Pens Wednesday gives your child a chance to practice their speaking and listening skills for a whole school day. Boys will be able to use what they have learnt from this day throughout the school year.

If you want to know more about this day, then speak to your son's class teacher.

This weeks **Talk Homework** question is: If you could be an animal for a day, which would it be and why?

Mrs Collins

Autumn



Autumn Fun with T1 and Little Acorns

This week the nursery children in T1 and Little Acorns have been making the most of the lovely Autumn sunshine. They had a lovely time exploring the nature garden in all its Autumnal glory and collected leaves and conkers which have fallen from our mighty horse chestnut tree. The children are continuing to make friendships as they begin to explore the natural environment around them.

Miss Waters, Deputy Nursery Manager Treetops Purley



Autumn



Stars of the Week

Alexander RC

For trying very hard to
follow The Cumnor
way

Xiaoran RG

For super effort in
everything!

Micah RN

For listening carefully
at swimming

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday, 5th October —No Pens Wednesday Reception Boys

Friday, 7th October—Drama Workshops (Around the World/British Values)

Reception Boys