

CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A few words from the Headmaster:

On Monday the boys returned to school fully rested after the half term holiday. Again it was good to see them returning looking smart, and with smiles on their faces. It is very important for me to see the boys working hard in and out of the classroom, but also enjoying school life.

In our assembly on Monday, I mentioned Diwali and Black History Month, two things that I know many families would have celebrated recently. Over the coming weeks there is so much happening, starting with exams and assessments next week. These are a snapshot of how your son is performing, but are also a way for boys to practise before many take senior school exams later in the month, or in the spring term. After that, thoughts start to turn to Christmas and I spent time in a Year 1 classroom on Thursday where boys were explaining the nativity play to me, and also which parts they had. I am sure many of you have already penciled in Monday 12 December as this is the date of our Carol Service at the Croydon Minster. Inbetween there will be the usual musical and sporting events, clubs and I mustn't forget rehearsals for the school play. You can see that there is so much for the boys to be involved in, and I hope they continue to make the most of these opportunities.

Good luck to all of you who are attending our Parents Association Firework Display this evening. I know the PA have been working extremely hard and I hear the event is a sellout. For those of you attending, wrap up warmly and stay safe.

Finally, as we are now entering the coldest time of the year please make sure your son comes to school with the right uniform, including scarves, hats and coats.

Floyd Steadman
Headmaster



U10 Lisbon Football Tour 2016

This half term, 20 boys from Year 5 were lucky enough to be part of the school's first Lisbon Football Tour. We jetted off early on Saturday 15 October, with sun, sea and soccer awaiting us in Lisbon.

The first afternoon brought our opening fixture against Portuguese opposition. We faced Alta Lisboa, a club located in the heart of Lisbon. The B and C teams battled impressively, but despite much encouragement from Mr Brotherton and Mr Gray, just lost out to some extremely strong footballers. The A team were next to play and a magical performance, consisting of quality football and serious aggression in defence resulted in the boys earning a well deserved victory – what a way to start the tour!

Day 2 included sightseeing of the city centre, mainly the impressive Sao George Castle, and some fun at the beach. Mr Brotherton and Arlen represented CHS with a Banksy style CHS badge sand design. The other boys tackled the waves and freezing water with myself and Mr Gray.

Day 3 was the Benfica FC Training Session at their academy 4G pitch, located right next to the main Benfica Stadium. The boys were coached by the Benfica U13 academy coach, an excellent coach who was extremely impressed with our boys. Fixture number 2 was scheduled for the evening, against Aguias Musgueira, former club of Bayern Munich striker, Renato Sanchez. The boys displayed wonderful heart and desire in these games, unfortunately the opposition were very strong and got the better of us this time. A wonderful experience nonetheless, the boys even spoke a few Portuguese words to the local lads. Special mention must go to Nicholas Lee, who was praised by the opposition coaches for displaying skill, effort and amazing determination despite the strong opposition.

Day 4 was the day we had all highly anticipated, our 2nd Benfica Training Session and the Champions League match between Sporting Lisbon and Borussia Dortmund.

The day did not disappoint, the atmosphere at the Estadio Jose Alvalade was electric and the football was of the highest quality. As a group we were split between who to support, nevertheless Mr Gray led the way cheering on Lisbon at full voice for almost the whole match – he now loves football I am happy to report.

We toured Benfica's stadium on our final day, making it 2 stadiums in 2 days for the boys. We sat in the Away changing room sharing memories of past players who had visited the very same place, players such as Beckham and Zidane. The boys then spent their pocket money at the clubs megastore, before our flight back to England.

The boys behaviour, conduct and willingness to participate was impeccable all week, it was a great pleasure to take them all on tour. A huge thanks to Mr Gray and Mr Brotherton for their help!

Awards:

Lisbon Points 2016 Winner – Luke Henstock-Smith

Player of the tour – Nicholas Lee

Most improved Player of the Tour – Arrun Muriss

Best Room – Arlen Paul, James D'Mello, Shakeel Alidina

Mr Battams



Well done to Junior Choir for singing at the Brighton Dome



You were all **stars** but the staff picked out a few boys each that were either great ambassadors or really leading the singing:

Mohammad Mahdi Esmail 5D
 Tunrore Adeniji 5D
 Zak Mirza 5D
 Arrun Muriss 5G
 A'Yaan Abdul-Mughis 5G
 Luke Henstock-Smith 5L
 Boris Hall 6V
 Micah Thomas 6V
 Daniel Hage 6V
 Gabriel Akomeh 6V
 Gabriel Romano 6B
 Haran Fernando 6E
 Freddie Fulham 6E



Year 2 Outing to Bay Pond, Godstone

On Thursday 3 November, Year 2 visited Bay Pond in Godstone, a Surrey Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve. The boys had a fantastic day, participating in games and activities linked to our topic 'British Wildlife'. They were able to explore the reserve and discover different types of plants and trees, making a 'sticky strip' to display the leaves, flowers and seeds that they found along the way. They learnt about the parts of a plant by playing a plant germination game, and they were introduced to simple food chains with a 'Nibblers and Nobblers' game. We ended the day by going on a 'Minibeast Safari', learning about the variety of creatures found in woodland habitats. The boys were then able to observe the minibeasts in amazing detail using a video microscope in the reserve's classroom. The boys really enjoyed being outside in the Autumn sunshine and learning about plants and habitats from the very knowledgeable staff at Bay Pond Nature Reserve.

Mrs Curtis



Représentation Théâtrale en Français

On the 12 October, Year 3 and Year 4 had the privilege of seeing a French theatre show at school. Our visitor came in and performed two plays in French. One was Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the other was The Three Little Pigs. The boys found it very entertaining as not only was the play acted out in French, some of the boys even got to take part in it.

All the boys enjoyed watching the play. One of the best parts was when the boys acted out the The Three Little Pigs - un spectacle fantastique!

Mademoiselle Sivalingham



The U8 team were joint champions with Thomas' Battersea at the Centenary Trophy Soccer Tournament held at KCS



The U8 Centenary Trophy Soccer Tournament is one of the largest in the area. This year the tournament hosted 28 Surrey Schools. After a fantastic performance last week the team were on a high, as they are finally beginning to realise their potential. The tournament kicked off with a tricky game against the Downsend B team. Within seconds our Cumnor Boys were on top and controlling the game. However, the Downsend goalkeeper was a match for everything the team sent his way. It took a thunderbolt from super-striker, Tega to break the deadlock. He picked the ball up on the half way line, turned two defenders and rocketed the ball past the helpless goalkeeper, 1-0. The next game was against the formidable Shrewsbury House School who had beaten us a few weeks ago. After a slow start they were looking good for a 1-0 win, until Tega picked the ball up on the half way line, turned and smashed the ball into the top right hand corner, 1-1. Our last group game was against a strong Parkside team. The boys, at this point, were very confident and were working brilliantly as a collective unit. Within the first few minutes Tega was given

far too much space and was able to dribble around their whole team to leave a simple tap in. With seconds to go the team switched off for the first time and allowed Parkside to score a cheap goal, the game finished 1-1. With this result it meant the boys qualified top of the group and were in the main Cup. The QF was a game against the home team, KCS who had a large following cheering them on. It was a nerve-racking game with the ball flying from one end to the other. With the game destined for penalties, Tega picked the ball up not content with the game going to penalties and yet and again unleashed a powerful shot into the top corner, 1-0. In the semi-finals we faced the team's arch enemy, Downsend As, who had knocked us out of the last tournament. The boys started slowly and found themselves 1-0 down in the first 2 minutes, however, the team showed great character to fight back and from an excellent free kick from Tega found themselves with a score of 1-1 at full time. This meant one thing, penalty time. Tega, Rahul and Aston brilliantly struck the first 3 penalties meaning we were into sudden death, Kamran was able to make 2 outstanding saves to leave a chance for Ernest to win the game..... and of course Ernest coolly stroked the ball past the keeper. In the final the boys faced Thomas' Battersea. It was a very physical game that left a number of our players carrying some injuries but this only seemed to spur the team on to play harder and faster. Tega, again, was able to brush off a defender and power the ball into the top right corner, 1-0. With seconds on the clock, Thomas' Bs made an excellent pass onto the on rushing striker who passed the ball past a helpless Kamran. As the whistle blew the team organisers and coaches had a chat and decided that the best course of action was to allow the boys to share the trophy and have joint winners. Overall, it was an amazing tournament for the Cumnor House U8A team, who all played extremely well and should be immensely proud of their efforts.



Mr N Dwyer

HIGH JUMP SUCCESS



My joy of high jump began three years ago at Sports day. Then last summer when I cleared a height of 1.45m the support from my peers made me feel so proud. I joined Croydon Harriers to get better and beat my personal best. I trained twice a week throughout the summer and competed in the SLAN athletics and cleared a new personal best of 1.50m. Thanks to everyone's support I am ranked thirteenth in UK U13 High Jump.

Ovie Whiskey



STAR OF THE WEEK

Danes	Kyle Thaper	4T
	Ernest Wright	3M
	Arnav Iyer	4T
Normans	Zaine Nelson	3M
Romans	Jack Bance	4T
Saxons	Dhilan Trivedi	4T

EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 7 NOVEMBER 2016

Monday 7 November	Tuesday 8 November	Wednesday 9 November	Thursday 10 November	Friday 11 November
SCHOOL EXAMS COMMENCE No after school activities except for Years 1 & 2, After School Club and Instrumental lessons unless advised otherwise Year 1 and 2 Progress Meeting 3.45 - 5.00 p.m.	U10 A - E v Shrewsbury House (H) 1.30 p.m. U11 A - D v Downsends (A) 1.30 p.m.	1st XI, 3rd IX & 5th IX v Parkside (H) 1.30 p.m. 2nd & 4th IX v Parkside (A) 1.30 p.m. Year 3-6 London League Qualification Gala @ James Allen Prep School 4.00 p.m. Year 1 and 2 Progress Meeting 5.30 - 7.00 p.m.	SCHOOL EXAMS END U9 A - E v Rokeby (H) 2.00 p.m. Year 3-6 Swimming Gala v Hawthorns (A) 4.15 p.m.	Remembrance Day Commemoration 10.50 a.m. Cumnor House U8 Football Tournament (H) 1.30 p.m.