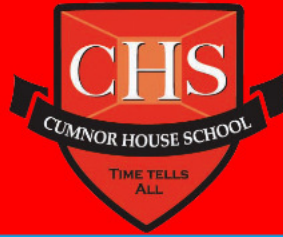


CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL

18 NOVEMBER 2016



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

INFORMAL CONCERT



Let's be honest, the words 'beginner violins' for many people conjure up images of shrieking cats and fingernails on blackboards. Tuesday night's Informal Concert could not have been further from that perception. The concert opened with the 'beginner violins' and the Lamborghini Strings, who had joined forces with the Cello Ensemble. They played their two contrasting pieces like true professionals making a lovely sound and getting the evening off to a rousing start with their pieces 'Take your Partner' and 'Let's Rock!'

After some excellent solo performances the next group to perform was the String Quartet. These boys certainly showed what can be achieved with a bit of dedication and plenty of practice. They gave a stunning performance of Handel's 'Chaconne'. Perhaps even more impressive when you consider that all the boys play at least two instruments, are all choristers and also members of other ensembles.



The third group to perform was the Woodwind Ensemble; they played 'Splanky', a jazz number that enabled boys of various abilities to play alongside each other as well as introducing a genre of music that many boys their age might not ordinarily experience. After the final soloists, the evening was brought to a close by the String Orchestra, who played a Gavotte by Mozart and then transported us to the heart of Ireland with an evocative piece called 'Celtica'.



The soloists, all of whom are preparing for their Associated Board Exams, ranged from Harry in Year 3, confidently embarking on his first exam, through to Surya with his impressive rendition of Chopin's Db Valse Op.64 ('Minute Waltz').

Many thanks go to all the parents and relatives who were in the audience, once again showing their support for the boys and to all the staff involved, Mrs Persinaru, Mrs Cawley, Mr Wallace, Miss Secker and of course Mr Sizer. Above all, congratulations to all the performers who proved beyond doubt that the odd squeak in the early stages of learning an instrument are a small price to pay when you consider the rewards that come with a little hard work. Music is not just another qualification on an application form, as these boys showed it can be a 'team sport', a passion or for many, a way to relax away from screens and studies.

Mrs Magill

USA HAZELWOOD TOURNAMENT

The team could have travelled to Hazelwood School via boat due to the amount of rainfall! However, the conditions did not dampen the spirit or motivation of the boys. The tournament was slightly altered because of the weather conditions and this meant that the games would be shorter. This change would favour the team as in training they have been focusing on starting fast and putting pressure on the ball high up the pitch. This worked very well as the other teams could not cope with the energy and desire to win the ball.



Group Games

Hazlewood 0 - CHS 2

Solefield 0 - CHS 5

Hilden Grange 0 - CHS 1

Sevenoaks 1 - CHS 0

These results meant that the team would qualify in second place and play Parkside in the semi-final. It was a very close game with chances at both ends. The only thing that could separate the teams was a moment of pure brilliance from Tega. The ball was passed to his feet and he was able to hold off three defenders, turn and fire the ball past a helpless keeper.

The final meant that again the team would face Sevenoaks who beat us in the group stages. With the team talks and warm-ups done it was over to the boys. We started well and showed the hunger to win a second trophy of the year. After an excellent passage of play, the ball was squared to Yaseen who would find himself one-to-one with the goal keeper. Yaseen kept his cool and slotted the ball past the on-rushing keeper, 1-0. This was the only goal of the game, however, both teams left the field of play to a rapturous round of applause from the fans, organisers and fellow pupils.

Aston and the boys lifted the trophies with giant smiles on their faces and chants of champions, champions! Overall, this has been an outstanding season with the team finishing with two trophies but most importantly a vast amount of progression and enjoyment has been observed on and off the football pitch. Well done!

Mr Dwyer

Junior Science Quiz Challenge



We fielded one team and came a respectable 5th out of 6 very experienced ones.

Although the questions were very challenging ranging from science inventions to current space exploration, the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Well done to captain Arav Patel and his team of Boris Hall, Isa Khan and Jonathon Dolby. All participants were given certificates and goodie bags to take away. Special thanks to Mrs McGuinness who reminded the boys to work systematically throughout and also helped us spot special areas to look at for next time and Mrs Patel for supporting us.

Mrs Marange

U13 Surrey Cup - Semi-Final



The U13A team faced Danes Hill in the Semi-Final of the Surrey Cup on Monday. After just 5 minutes Sam Hadfield put us ahead, heading in an accurate Reggie Rose cross. However, for the next 20 minutes we switched off and learnt a strong footballing lesson. We lost headers, tackles, 2nd balls and gave the ball away cheaply, allowing Danes Hill a 3-1 half-time lead. After a strong half-time team talk we came out fighting. Deji, Ademola and Kyle took some responsibility and started winning the fight in the middle of the pitch. This led to an unbelievable Deji strike from 25 yards and a tidy Ademola finish from just inside the area. Unfortunately, time ran out and penalties were to decide the result. After some impressive, accurate finishing from the Danes Hill boys, we ended up losing 4-2 on penalties and will subsequently miss out on a chance to play in the final. It has been a great cup run, but the boys must learn the lesson that you need to be fully focused and up for the fight for the duration of matches, not just in parts. Good effort boys!

Mr Jones

4T "Heroes" Assembly



On Thursday 17th November, 4T gave an exciting, colourful and very heroic assembly all about friendship. The boys had thought very carefully and come up with lots of ideas about what heroes are and the words to describe them. These ideas were all put together to create a class hero called Captain Fantastic (who the whole class ended up being!) Wonderful dramas were used to demonstrate how different words show what a hero is – the boys came up with all the ideas themselves and spoke in loud and clear voices. At the end, chocolate heroes were awarded by every member of the class to different boys who had been a hero to them in school. They also read about who their personal hero was. All the way through the boys were enthusiastic and clear, putting on a brilliant assembly before stating that they wanted to do it all over again!

Mrs Turner



CAKE SALE

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2016

CAKES COST 50p

Christmas or Rugby theme

*All donations gratefully received.
No nuts, no chocolate please*

Art Workshop at Dulwich College



Dulwich College invited us to partake in an art workshop last week. We were warmly welcomed and given a 5* lunch followed by a 3D clay workshop with the art department. Many thanks to Sue Mulholland, their Director of Art and her team. James Naughton even met a teacher who knew his father from his time at the College! Haran Fernando and Rohan Chakravarty, along with James created some brilliant clay heads and we are awaiting their delivery after firing!



Liz Carley

Year 1 Celebrate Diwali

Over the last couple of weeks the Year 1 classes have been learning about Diwali. Diwali is the Hindu festival of light. In our Religious Studies lessons the boys learnt the Diwali story about how Prince Rama searched for his beautiful wife Sita with the help of Hanuman, the king of the monkeys. In our Art lessons the boys used clay to model a Diya lamp, adding glittering jewels to help make them sparkle. We think our lamps would definitely have helped Rama and Sita find their way home.



The Year 1 team

COME AND SUPPORT OUR CHORISTERS AT THE
 TURNING ON OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN PURLEY.
 THE CHORISTERS ARE TO MEET AT THE UNITED REFORMED
 CHURCH IN PURLEY AT 2.00 P.M. FOR A FINAL REHEARSAL,
 READY TO PERFORM OPPOSITE THE CHURCH AT 3.30 P.M.
 ON SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

STAR OF THE WEEK

Danes	Rayyan Ahmed	7B
	Ernest Wright	3M
Normans	William Letchford	3M
Romans	Rhys Waltham	4S
	Atul Venkatesh	3M
Saxons	Yaseen Zaman	3M

EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 21 NOVEMBER 2016

Monday 21 November	Tuesday 22 November	Wednesday 23 November	Thursday 24 November	Friday 25 November
1st XV Late Training 4.00 p.m. Year 7 Progress Meeting 5.30 - 8.00 p.m.		Year 8 Progress Meeting 5.30 - 8.00 p.m.	Cake Sale Associated Board Exams	