

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 5

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BOYS' SCHOOL NEWS

A Word from the Headmaster



Floyd Steadman

I have spent the last two days attending the Cognita Energised Leadership programme. This has given me the opportunity to step back and reflect on how I have been leading Cumnor House School. As always there will be some things I am very pleased with, and others that I must continue to focus on. It also gave me the oppor-

tunity to pass on some of my leadership skills and knowledge to other colleagues.

Next Tuesday I will be holding a future schools meeting with parents of boys in Year 4. This will give me an opportunity to explain the choices open to parents, the application process, and what to be doing from this point moving forward. Choosing the right senior school is such an important decision, and I do have a role supporting parents through what many see as a difficult 'minefield'. Please remember that I am always available should you

wish to have a private discussion on the matter.

On Wednesday, Cumnor Boys' and Girls' schools held a Year 3 and Year 4 inter-school quiz. This proved to be a very enjoyable joint venture, and the two schools are planning similar events for next year.



See the highlights of the week

- INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ
- TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
- ROALD DAHL SHOWCASE
- JACK AND THE BEAN-STALK

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Stars of the Week

Normans	William Letchford (3M)	20
Romans	Rahul Sohoni (3M)	20
Saxons	Eesa Chaudhri (3J)	17
Danes	Uzair Jamil (3J)	16

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7B Assembly on Time Management



Are you working on 'clock time' or 'real' time? 7B's assembly explained the process of planning and exercising conscious control over the amount of **time** spent on specific activities. With the Summer exams looming, 7B gave examples of how they would use their time wisely over the next month in order

to prepare themselves fully.

Please see our video <https://www.facebook.com/WeAreCumnor/videos/1443008635758402/> for examples.

Mr Brotherton



Well done to Eddie!

Delighted to hear that Eddie Wesson was recently a winner in the Dulwich Festival Art competition.

Eddie did very well to win joint 2nd Place in the 8-11 years category, with this fabulous piece of artwork.

Chess Competitions

Year 1 & 2 Chess - CCF

The Cumnor boys did really well on Saturday collectively. They played in pairs and the team points were added together. They won 10 games out of 15. Well done, boys!



Sports Fixtures

Sunday 21 May

U10A Charterhouse 6-a-side Competition

Tuesday 23 May

U10 B&C v Royal Russell (H)

U11 B&C v Royal Russell (H)

U13 Tennis v Wilsons (H)

Wednesday 24 May

U13 A,B&C v The Hawthorns (H)

Thursday 25 May

U9 A,B&C v The Hawthorns (A)

U13 Tennis v KCS (A)

Next Week's Calendar

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Swim to Win	Swim to Win	New parents meet new Head evening 6.30pm	Year 4 Senior School Information evening 6.30pm	Informal Concert 7.00pm	Rec—Yr3 parents meet new Head 6.30pm	Charity morning: School early finishes
		No After School Club today				

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Reception News

We had a wonderful time in Reception on Thursday when we were joined by the boys who will make up the Class of 2017.

They brought along their teddies and we all enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic. Whilst the mummies and daddies enjoyed a cup of tea, the boys made their own sandwiches and decorated cakes. They listened to lots of stories

about bears and the Reception staff were amazed by how confident the boys are, particularly as some of the boys have been to three transition events.

We are looking forward to the boys joining us again on the Thursday, 8th June for our Induction Afternoon.



Tesco Healthy Eating Visit

This week the boys in 1C met Stella from Tesco's 'Farm to Fork' initiative. She explained the hidden sugars that can be found in many foods and how some foods are best to be kept as an occasional treat. They were surprised to find out that one can of coke contains 9 whole cubes of sugar! The boys found out how to make healthy choices and how important this is for

their bodies. They also learnt about where our fruit and vegetables come from and how lots of them are shipped from all over the world. Stella treated the boys to a special goodie bag to encourage healthy eating at home. Stella will be returning to visit the other classes in Year 1. *Miss Coelho*



* Stars of the Week *

Ayaan Mir	for excellent attitude to school life	RC
Archie Phipps	for excellent effort with all of his work	RG
Everyone	for great swimming	RN
Sarang Nithyanandan	for always being so helpful in the classroom	1C
Joshua Epsom	for being such a happy member of the class and always following 'The Cumnor Way'	1S
Jathushan Kukularamanan	for working really hard on his writing	1T
David Oluwafemi	for participating so well in classroom discussions and activities this week	2C
Zakariya Apooyin	for making excellent contributions to class discussions	2S



Year 3 & Year 4 Boys vs Girls School Quiz



Wednesday afternoon saw the long-awaited Girls vs Boys Quiz for Year 3 and Year 4 at both the schools. Four Year 3 boys went over to the Girls' School to compete against four Year 3 girls. At the same time four Year 4 girls arrived at the Boys' School to compete against four Year 4 boys.

The audiences at each school were in awe at the speed and ability of all the contestants, in

two hard-fought competitions.

While we have to report that the boys were victorious this year in both quizzes, the girls will be ready to make a comeback next year, in what we hope will become an annual event. Move over, Oxford vs Cambridge boat race. It's the Cumnor Boys' vs Girls' Annual Quiz.

Year 4 School Quiz

The Year 4 quiz was an excellent competition. The scores were quite tight throughout. The final scores were 55 Girls and 58 Boys. The speed in which contestants were answering was incredible. The Year 3/4 boys watched the Year 4 quiz and were thoroughly entertained and inspired by the display of general knowledge.

The boys' confidence in answering quickly (sometimes to

their detriment) along with their practice sessions (organised by Leo Norris) helped them nudge in to the lead.

All contestants were fully involved and it made for a very exciting quiz.

Mr Parkes-Reeves

Year 3 School Quiz

The Year 3 quiz at the Girls' School was both exciting and tense throughout. The leaders alternated frequently, with the girls excelling in some rounds and the boys others. 'Man of the Quiz' was most definitely Fahari, whose general knowledge is exceptional, as was his speed to the bell in answering which letter comes between A and D on a QWERTY keyboard! The boys pipped the girls to the post at

the very end and were victorious. Both teams did themselves proud; well done to all.

Mrs Mallett



A Word from the Headmistress

There has been a great sense of community here at Cumnor this week: we welcomed a team of boys from Cumnor House to our General Knowledge Quiz on Wednesday (details further on in this newsletter), parents, grandparents and younger siblings have joined us for our class assembly, featuring (the best!) Year 3, fairy tales in Latin from Year 5 and the orchestras this morning. This afternoon- as I am writing- I look forward

to both seeing the Year 4 play, which going by the dress rehearsal, will be fantastic; and welcoming more parents and relatives. Reinforcing the community spirit: a very welcome visit from three Year 6 girls to my office bringing a fund raising proposal to me. My answer was 'yes' to their well thought out and charitable idea. More details about this after half term! I look forward to meeting with the school council next week,

where they will bring me ideas and suggestions from their classes. It has been a busy hub here this week, exactly what a school should be; this community feel makes me very proud of Cumnor. Wishing you a lovely weekend.



Dina Mallett

Today's Parent Assembly—Year 3, 5 and School Orchestras



Next Week's Calendar

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Assessment Week	House Rounders Yrs 3-6	Reception and Year 1 Swim Challenge	Year 2-6 House Swimming Gala	Health and Wellbeing Day:
		U11A & U10B Rounders v Seaton House				School Closes at 12.15pm

Mrs Barnett's Moonwalk experience



I am delighted to inform you all that I completed the full Moonwalk 26.2 miles on Sunday Morning. It was an amazing experience and I have raised so far £1,887 so far for breast cancer research and care for those dealing with breast cancer.

I underwent major surgery for breast cancer almost 4 years and I never believed I would be strong enough to attempt a challenge like this has been. I have always liked a challenge but this has been the toughest ever.

I trained regularly on a recent 5 week trip to South Africa and completed 26 miles in Cape Town.

A HUGE thank you to all who have supported me. If you feel you would like to make a donation to this cause, the link is:

moonwalkdon2017.everydayhero.com/uk/erika-2

I look forward to coming in next week to talk to the girls about the experience.

Mrs Barnett



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THEMED
PERFORMANCES**

Year 4 Showcase

This week saw the showcase of Year 4's hard work on the words and music inspired by Roald Dahl. The girls performed to the rest of the school on Thursday and to their parents on Friday afternoon.

Last year I had the pleasure of meeting up and coming Musical Theatre composer, Gavin Brock. During the past year, I have collaborated with Gavin

on many projects including a high profile showcase of his work at The Pheasantry on the Kings Road in London in February of this year.

This showcase was put together by Gavin using extracts from plays by David Wood, based on Roald Dahl's books, music from Matilda the Musical and Willy

Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and four original songs by Gavin himself.

The girls gave wonderful portrayals of the brilliant characters created from Roald Dahl's imagination and their singing was outstanding!

Well done to all of Year 4 for their hard work. Huge thanks also to Mrs King and Miss Le Hur for making the girls look the part with hair and make up and to the parents for their brilliant costumes!

Mrs Kimber



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TREETOPS NURSERY NEWS

From the Head of Nursery

Mrs Finch is on leave this week and will be back in nursery on Monday 22 May.

Would nursery parents please note some date changes previously pub-

lished in the Nursery Calendar:
Wed 21 June - should read Little Acorns and T1 summer concert, not Bungalow
Thurs 22 June - should read T2 Summer concert,

not Bungalow
Weds 28 June - Sports Day should be Monday June 12th

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Carole Finch

Nursery News

In T2 Purley, we have been very busy this week with activities relating to our present story, Jack and the Beanstalk.

In our maths area, we have been using magic numbered butter beans to sequence numbers 1 – 20. We also used twee-

zers to separate and sort different beans. The children have had fun putting each other in height order and using plastic worms to compare different lengths using early mathematic language tall/short, tallest/shortest, taller/smaller, longer/shorter.

The children have been engaging in lots of imaginary role play indoors having tea parties in “Jack’s House” and in the “Giants Castle” outside in the nature garden with loud renditions of “Fe Fi Fo Fum”.



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