

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 7

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BOYS' SCHOOL NEWS

A Word from the Headmaster



Floyd Steadman

Our Year 8 boys have just finished a week of Common Entrance exams in 8 academic subjects. These exams are extremely important in a number of ways. Firstly, the papers are sent to their chosen senior schools to be marked and moderated. The results will be used for setting purposes. As these are public exams, it gives the boys an insight into GCSE and A level preparation. Finally, as a culmination of their time in prep school, this is a good indication of the progress made. Other year groups have also had exams and assessments this week. In the coming weeks we will be tracking the progress of each pupil to make sure they are where we expect them to be at this stage of their development.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Cummings, the Headmaster Designate met with parents in years 3 to 8. Before half term he had informal meetings with parents lower down the school. These meetings have been an opportunity for him to introduce himself and meet as many of you as possible. He would like me to pass on his thanks to all who attended, and he is really looking forward to starting in September. In the coming weeks he will be leading assemblies to introduce himself to the boys.

I would like to give parents a polite reminder about dropping off in the mornings. Whilst on duty I have noticed a number of boys exiting cars on the road side. I have seen a few 'near misses'. From a health and safety viewpoint, the best option is for boys to always exit cars from the pavement side. I thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

Please remember that I am always available should you wish to have a private discussion on senior school choices for your son.

On the sports front our cricket teams are doing extremely well. We still have teams in 5 knock out competitions, these include:

U13A

National Cup QF (Monday 12th June)

Surrey Prep SF (Saturday 10th June)

Surrey Schools QF (TBA)

U12A

Surrey Schools (TBA)

U11A

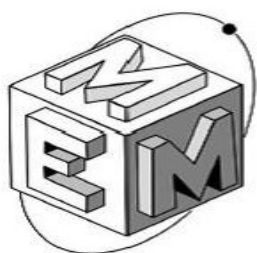
Surrey 8 A-SIDE QF (Tuesday 13th June)

See the highlights of the week

- BOYS MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS
- BOYS SCIENCE CLUB REACH THE TROPICAL FORESTS
- GIRLS HOLD A GENERAL ELECTION
- WE HAVE BUTTERFLIES

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We are delighted to announce the result of the Junior Maths Challenge taken by Years 7 and Year 8 in May 2017.

The top 40% of students nationally receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate in the ratio 1:2:3 and each institution re-

The Junior Maths Challenge Results are in...

ceives a 'Best in School' Certificate.

The school has achieved 2 Golds, 3 Silvers, and 8 Bronzes in Year 8.

Very many congratulations to Daniel King in 8B was 'Best in School' and he also qualified for the Kangaroo round next week. We wish him all the best for the next round.

Year 7 gained 3 silver and

7 bronzes which was a very creditable performance one year early.

Very well done to Josef Zaza 7B who gained 'Best in Year 7'.

Year 8 Gold: Daniel King, Arjun Bhinda

Silver: Ayodeji Elerewe, Kyle Debra, William Cruickshank,

Bronze: Mounir Mechkour, Surya Vijayand, William

Langton, Nathan Reeves, Kaylen Patel, Zayd Hussain, Solomon Ekoku, Marcel Dwyer.

Year 7 Silver : Josef Zaza, Oscar Brown, Arjun Na-keeran

Bronze: Olisa Aghadiuno, Arun Oelkers, Shayaan Karim, Moses Ihasuyi, Daniele Moscarello, Harvey Purnell, Rayyan Ahmed.

Mrs Roberts

**Hadfield's 100s
Break All Records**



U13A Captain, Sam Hadfield hits three consecutive hundreds in three days: 102*, 100* & 138.

That tops up his total to a staggering 746 runs this

U13A National Qualifiers



season so far, including thirty-one 6s, one hundred and four 4s at a strike rate of 200% and an average of 124.33 runs per innings.

U13A Cricket side through to National Cup Qualifiers and Surrey Cup Semi-Finals!!!

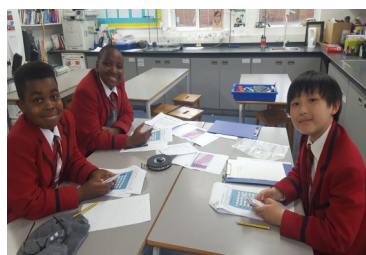


The side managed to smash 279 off 150 balls, with Sam Hadfield hitting 138 and Moiz Rana 118 runs not out.

Mr Brotherton

Cumnor's Terrific Scientific

Well done to Junior Stem Club scientists Andrew Ah-Weng (5L), Jevan Appiah-Oppong (5D) and Jasper Brown (5D)! Their snapshot study of the twenty-three trees in our playground has shown they store an amazing 1318 Kg of Carbon in trunks, leaves



and roots.

As the trees photosynthesise they actively remove carbon from the atmosphere in the form of carbon

dioxide to make glucose and oxygen. The boys submitted their results to Leeds University to help forward a study of carbon stores in primary school trees across the UK.

As a thank you a tree will be planted for Cumnor House School in one of four Terrific Tropical projects in Tanzania,

Kenya, Uganda and Madagascar.

Mrs Whiskey



Nathan Reeves composes 'The Rollercoaster' for the Royal Opera House



Nathan's composition was chosen from the 6 finalists who entered the Fanfare National Competition at the Royal Opera House. Tomorrow Nathan will be recording 'The Rollercoaster' and

if you should be there for a show, you will hear it being played at the end of the interval, to advise the audience to return to their seats!



Look out for former Cumnor Boy—Elliot Daly—joins the Lions



England centre Daly has been promoted to the Lions' bench for Saturday's opener against the New Zealand Provincial Barbarians. The 24-year-old ran in a try and played

the full 100 minutes in Wasps' extra time 23-20 defeat to Exeter Chiefs in last weekend's Premiership final - and now finds himself whisked into a potential whirlwind Lions bow.



Stars of the Week



Normans	Shayaan Karm	21
Danes	Arun Oelkers	15
Romans	Arjun Nakeeran	15
Saxons	Veer Patel	25

Pre-prep Stars of the Week

1C	Maithri Gooneratne	for always listening to his teachers and behaving sensibly
1S	James Dunne	for working hard in all his lessons and doing his very best whilst having a broken arm
1T	Logan Keith	for excellent effort in all his lessons this week
2S	Oliver Gallagher	for having a sensible attitude

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10 Swim to Win Danes Hill U10 Cricket 6s Tournament	11 Swim to Win	12 Reception Swimming Gala Reading and Recitation Competition Final Y2 to Y3 Transition Information Evening	13 Choristers' Tour to Montenegro departs Year 1 Swimming Gala U10 A B C & D v Rokeby (A) U11 A, B, C v Rokeby (H)	14 Tonbridge Prep Schools 6 a-side 11 Cricket Tournament Year 2 Swimming Gala U13 A, D, & E v Shrewsbury House (H) London Schools Swimming Finals	15 Cake Sale Reception Trip to Box Hill U9 A-E v Rokeby (A)	16 Pre-Prep Sports Day @ Boys Sports field U9A Downsend 6 a-side Tournament (A) U8 A-D v Shrewsbury House (A) @ Almshouse Lane

A Word from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

I do hope that you all enjoyed the half term and the wonderful weather that we experienced here. Unfortunately, this week's storm coincided with Year 6's visit to PGL but this did not stop our resilient girls having enormous fun with their outdoor activities - or the teachers, might I add! I am so impressed with the feedback given by the teachers and the staff at PGL as to how well-mannered and enthusiastic Year 6 were on their trip. Well done girls and thank you to Mrs Treffus and Miss le Hur for accompanying the visit.

Rain did not stop play at the ISA athletics (London South Prelim) on Tuesday either, where our Year 4 came 5th overall, Jasmin came 4th in the 75m sprint and Matilda 3rd in the 600m. We are awaiting the field results. Well done to all for your achievements and for representing Cumnor.

Thursday saw real democracy in action: our own school election! We saw impressive manifestos from Year 5 that gave us a great deal to consider. Please read Mrs Kimber's report of the event for further details.

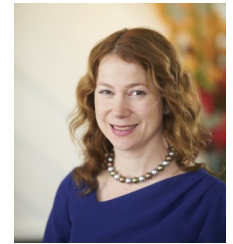
Reception visited Ladyland Farm today; I am look-

ing forward to their return to hear all about the fun that was had and all that they learned.

Year 4 and 5 parents should have received details about Senior School open days and application timings. Please contact the school office if you have not received this information.

There is a lot happening next week: On Tuesday, Reception are hosting a Teddy Bear's Picnic for our next year's Reception girls; and Year 3 are presenting their music workshop. If you would like to purchase tickets for the Vocal Soiree is on Thursday, please contact the school office.

I would like to pass on a request from our PA: if you would like your daughter or son to attend



Dina Mallett

'Kids on the Catwalk' (which was incredibly successful last year) on 17th June, there are still tickets available. If any parent is able to come along to the event to help, you would be most welcome. If you would like to join the parent team on this day, please do contact your class rep.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.



Reception love 'life'!

Reception have got Green Fingers!

In February the Reception girls went on a school trip to Wisley RHS gardens to start our Growing topic. We had a wonderful time spotting the many different species of butterfly in the glasshouse and discovered they need to live in a very hot and humid atmosphere!

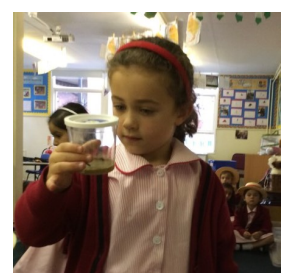
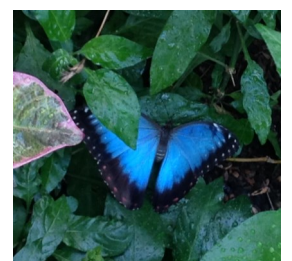
They took part in an extremely informative workshop which involved the girls planting wildflower and pea seeds to bring back to school for our garden.

Over the next couple of months the seeds were carefully nurtured, watering them and ensuring they had enough sunlight and soil. To the girls amazement they grew into healthy looking plants and in the Spring, we

planted them outside. On a sunny day in June Mrs King discovered the pea pods were ready to pick! We all had a turn at twisting and squeezing the pods from the plant and split them open to reveal perfectly round, juicy, green peas. After using them in our Maths lesson to discuss sharing equally we were able to enjoy the sweet, delicious, healthy treats.

We were also lucky enough to observe the full life cycle of a butterfly and a chick in our classrooms, observing all stages. If you see beautiful Painted Lady butterflies flying around the school site they are probably the ones that we nurtured and released! Regular trips to the school pond extended our learning as we saw huge amounts of tadpoles hatch out of their frogspawn.

Mrs Mearkle



Girl's Election Day



On Thursday 8th June, along with the rest of the country, Cumnor House Girls held their own General Election. As reported a few weeks ago, Year 5 divided up into the following parties: Vision, Transform, Progress and

Tomorrow and they gave a special assembly on Thursday morning to explain how an election worked and to set out their manifesto promises. The girls were hugely engaging

and gave impressive speeches with a range of promises from longer lunch breaks, to choosing your own lessons, to class pets and even perks for the staff like cake and coffee machines!

During reading time the vote took place and then 3H helped count the votes - and we compiled the count by class with the overall result being the class party with the most class seats.

The TOMORROW party has been duly elected by Cumnor House School for Girls.

Congratulations to their leader Temi and party members Sofia, Sa-Fire, Leah & Namoshi.

Thank you to Year 5 for all your hard work and enthusiasm over the past few weeks!

Mrs Kimber

ELECTION RESULTS

VISION PARTY	RT	(1)
TRANSFORM	5Y	(1)
PROGRESS	1SC, 6T	(2)
TOMORROW	RM, 1M, 1SC, 2H, 2L, 3H, 3B, 4LH, 4CG	(9)



Stars of the Week



Ella H	For working really hard to independently apply her sounds during her Literacy lesson	RT
Zaynah C	For working really hard to independently apply her sounds during her Literacy lesson	RT
Sofia P	For discovering a wonderful zest for independent writing	RM
Holly C	For excellent work in Science	1S
Esha P	For always trying her hardest in all her school work	1M
Meenakshi	For trying hard to apply her best handwriting within classwork and to take greater care with her presentation	2L
Abeena O	For excellent understanding of electrical circuits in science	2H

Year 6 PGL trip



A fun and unforgettable experience to end the year

From the Head of Nursery

Mrs Carole Finch is on leave this week, so a few words from Mrs Issy Cheshire...

Welcome back to our last half term before the Summer holidays.

This half term will be busy and packed with entertainment including Fathers' day, Sports day and Summer concerts.



Issy Cheshire

The Bungalow

The Bungalow children have been very busy over the last few weeks. Our book themes were The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Jack and the Beanstalk. We were lucky to have some real caterpillars to support our learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar and we were all very excited about releasing the

butterflies into our garden. We have also been busy planting some "magic" runner beans. We have been talking about how important it is to be kind to our friends and to show care and concern for other peoples feeling and the world around them. We are all looking forward to another busy half term.



Important Events & Dates for the diary

- 12th June – Purley Sports Day T2 – 2-3pm
- 16th June – Father's Day Afternoon event - South Croydon and Purley sites – 2-3pm
- 19th June – South Croydon Bungalow – T1 Summer concert - 2-3pm
- 20th June – South Croydon Pavilion – T2 Summer concert – 2-3pm
- 21st June - South Croydon Pavilion Sports Day – 9-10am
- 21st June – Purley - Little Acorns and T1 Summer concert – 2-3pm
- 22nd June – Purley – T2 Summer concert – 2-3pm
- 6th July – End of term - Term time children finish at 11.45am

**Cake Sale—Thursday 15th June
Boys' School & Reception Boys**

