

Cumnor House School Weekly Digest



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR TREETOPS NURSERY, CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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BOYS' SCHOOL NEWS

A Word from the Headmaster



Weather permitting, I hope you are reading the newsletter safe in the knowledge that another very successful sports day has taken place today. This is yet another event which showcases the many talents our boys have.

Talking about talents, last night's Summer Concert was truly amazing. The music and performances were of the highest quality. One of the many highlights was watching the Pre Prep choir and Choristers perform a rendition of 'Can you hear me', complete with sign language. Mr. Sizer and his team do a remarkable job preparing boys to perform at this extremely high level. Parents sometimes ask how the boys can fit so many different experiences into the average school day. I respond by saying that it keeps them busy, teaches them important time management skills and they really enjoy pushing them-

selves to achieve more. It was also lovely to see a number of old boys, including last year's Head Boy Arjun Gobiraj, taking an active part in the Summer Concert. Some of these old boys are destined to do great things in music.

With just days to go before the Summer holidays, there is still much to be done. I look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday at the Parents Association Summer Festival, or on Thursday at Speech Day. Good luck to all the boys involved in Associated Board music exams next week.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr & Mrs Cummings on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Freya Cummings yesterday. Mother and daughter are doing well.

Polite Car Parking Notice

Please remember that cars should not attempt to park on site at Treetops South Croydon. Contractors are now on site, including some heavy machinery. The Council have asked me to remind parents parking outside the Prep School site not to drive onto the verge. Recently fresh topsoil was put on the verge, but cars driving onto this area have created a mess. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We have had more success from our cricket teams. The U13 team won the Reigate 6-a-side competition on Wednesday afternoon. Our U13A team should have been involved in two county finals this week, but sadly the weather put a stop to both matches. These will now be played next week.

Floyd Steadman

ESSA—Well Done Boys!



See the highlights of the week

- GRANDPARENTS MEET IN THE GARDEN
- GIRLS SPORTS DAY
- TREETOPS READY FOR TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

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English Schools Finals—Sheffield

Ethan Spoerer-Scott, Daniel Tollit, Alexander Tollit and Noah Dominguez-Tchetche represented Cumnor House at the English Schools swimming relay finals in Sheffield last weekend. The Boys swam extremely well making the final and finishing 6th against the top swimming Schools in the country. We were in 2nd place at the half way stage and were very close to making the top three.

This achievement is even more remarkable considering that three of the boys are in Year 5 so are eligible to compete in

the same age group again next year. Keep up the hard work. Well done boys!

Mr Fitzgerald



Grandparents' cherish afternoon Tea in the Garden

On a gorgeous sunny Friday afternoon, on 23rd June, grandparents of the Y1 and Y2 boys were invited to a Summer Grandparents Tea Party. The grandparents viewed their grandson's work in the classroom and then enjoyed an afternoon of fun in the garden, chatting, enjoying the delicious refreshments and listening to the boys sing. Many thanks to Mrs Grant, Mrs Spano, Mrs Logendra, Mrs El Guenuni and Mrs Vassell for all your help in providing and serving the refreshments. Thank you to Beverley in the kitchen who provided scones, biscuits and lemonade. It was wonderful to see many grandparents enjoy the afternoon with their grandson.

Mrs Kelly



Year 3 spend time in the country

On Monday 26th June the Year 3 boys went on a trip to Kent Life in Maidstone. The trip day enhanced the History and Science curriculum and provided the boys with a most enjoyable day. We attended two workshops and as part of the Year 3 History curriculum the boys discovered about Vikings at Sea and Viking Markets. Kent Life is set on a 28 acre site and in small groups the boys also explored an oast house, hoppers huts, early 20th century farm dwellings and hop and herb gardens (Science curriculum). The sun shone and a wonderful day was had by all.

Mrs McLaren



Grandparents

Gentle, good-natured, soft-hearted and grand,
Ready always with a smile and a warm, helping hand.
Admired and regarded as knowledgeable and wise,
Nurturing their grandchildren to reach for the skies.
Devoted to each moment they can spend with family,
Proudly showing pictures for everyone to see!
Always telling stories of how things used to be,
Reading books, playing games, or listening patiently.
Easy-going, easy living, enjoying life's pleasures,
Noticing that long life brings so many treasures.
Truly grandparents are wonderful in so many ways,
Special people who always seem to brighten our days.

Hot off the Press - Sports Day today!



Year 2 Go on Safari

Year 2 had a fabulous trip to Port Lympne Animal Reserve on Wednesday. The boys really enjoyed their safari ride, travelling by truck through the African Experience. They were able to see animals including antelopes, wildebeest, zebras and a sleepy rhino, but the highlight was seeing giraffes at such close quarters to the truck. After the safari ride and lunch, we saw baboons, gibbons,

monkeys and gorillas. Some were a bit shy, and some were very noisy. We were also really lucky to see a magnificent lion enjoying an afternoon siesta. The boys had a fantastic day, and it was lovely to see the animals that we have been investigating in our 'Kenya' and 'Fur, Feathers and Fins' topics in real life.

Mrs Curtis



Stars of the Week



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| Danes | Ayaan Shaikh (3F) |
| Normans | Tyler Madzorera (3J) |
| Romans | Jaidan Jayawardena (3F) |
| Saxons | Kamran Odedra (3M) |

Pre-prep Stars of the Week

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| RC | Yusuf Baig-Muhammed | For making a big effort to be independent when working |
| RG | Krish Rajamanickam | For increasing his independence |
| RN | Max Levin | For being a good role model to his peers |
| 1C | Yaston Sanjee | For always trying hard to follow the 'Cumnor Way' |
| 1S | Ethan Ainabe | For working hard in Numeracy this week |
| 1T | Keeyan Davison | For being kind and sensible on the trip |
| 2C | Kian Mahmood | For being interested and knowledgeable on our trip |
| 2S | Shiv Kansagra | For confidently sharing his Kenya knowledge with the class |

Next Week's Calendar

| SAT | SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
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| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th |
| | Parents' Association Summer Fayre | Associated Board Exams U12 Surrey Cup Final | Associated Board Exams | | Speech Day @ Croydon Minister | |

A Word from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

The term is drawing to an end and we still have so much to look forward to in the next week. The girls have been rehearsing for the two prize-giving events this week; and by the sound of their performances, these will be quite special occasions. We were incredibly lucky that rain did not stop play on Wednesday and that both sports day events were able to take place. The girls were impressive and, most importantly, had a great time. Thank you to our PA for organising refreshments for the day.

Next week will fly by I am sure; Monday and Tuesday being days to celebrate achievement and Wednesday the girls will meet their teachers for September. (More on that later) I am delighted that Chris Jansen,

CEO of Cognita is visiting us on Wednesday morning to say hello to the girls and to see the wonderful workings of Cumnor House School for Girls.

Staff news:

We are always sad to say goodbye to teachers when they leave us but happy for them and new paths they will lead. Mrs Edmunds is retiring, after teaching (in Woodcote Lane) here, at The Lodge and Common Wheel since 1994. I am sure you will join us in wishing her a happy retirement.

Mrs Maskell, who is currently covering Miss Holt's maternity leave, has been appointed Head of Science at Streatham and High Prep and we wish her all the very best.

Mrs Toft will also be leaving at the end of

this term to take maternity leave- we are very excited to hear news of her baby in September.

Additional exciting news is that Miss Goodson is getting married in August and will return as Mrs Harvie.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Stephanie King, who will be teaching English and humanities in Key Stage 2. Mrs King currently teaches at Keston Primary School and she has previously taught at several schools in Surrey and Kent. I am pleased to say that we are also welcoming an additional PE teacher, Miss Katy Baden, to expand our sports department, taking on teaching both in the curriculum and additional extra curricular sports activities, enabling us to offer more sport to a greater



Dina Mallett

number of girls. Miss Baden has ten years' experience in teaching sport in schools in both New Zealand and England. Mr Robert Payne, with whom the girls are already familiar as he has taught a number of lessons here this year, will take the science reins from Mrs Maskell; and Madame Cecile Bartlett, Head of French at Cumnor House Boys' School, will be teaching French to Key Stage 2, along with Madame Elodie Camiah.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you at our events next week.



Stars of the Week



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| Zaynab | For her superb expression and comprehension during reading tasks. | RT |
| Diya | For always trying her best and for her growth in confidence during Reception. | RT |
| Maya | For her excellent subtraction using a number line. | RT |
| Zaynab K | For her thoughtful and detailed 'All about me' work for her new teacher. | RT |
| Saffron | For great improvement in her independent writing. | RM |
| Gurpaj | For a great effort in all her school work. | RM |
| Nina | For Excellent comprehension work. | 1S |
| Afua | For excellent extension work in maths. | 1M |
| Simra | For being really helpful in class and always offering her help without needing to be asked. | |
| Leana | For an outstanding diary about the Great Fire of London. She included great detail and made it really believable! | 2L |
| Aanya | For a detailed explanation about the impact the Great Fire of London had on the city. | 2L |
| Sophie C | For using good projection of her voice in the prize giving rehearsal | 2H |
| Tanisha | For great work in geography, finding Kenya on a world map | 2H |

The 'Grand Music Day' at Reigate Grammar

On Monday 26th June, 17 girls from Cumnor House School were taken to Reigate Grammar school for a 'Grand Music Day'.

This involved about 80 children from different local primary/prep schools (both boys and girls) joining together for a day of choral, orchestral and ensemble tuition and performance.

Judging by the look on the girls' faces, they had a wonderful time, although they certainly had to work hard. The orchestral musicians had been sent their music and Jessica Dolby was chosen to lead the orchestra with Eloane Regy leading the cellos, which was a wonderful reflection on the abilities of our girls as well as the training Mrs Murray gives week by week in the school orchestra.

The afternoon started dramatically with the whole orchestra joining in as a Samba band and marching round the church performing, what turned out to be a well-rehearsed and prepared performance.

Then the orchestra performed the 'Hall of the Mountain King' from Grieg's 'Peer Gynt suite' followed by the 'March' from Raiders of the lost ark, both played with a lot of gusto (and a lot of percussion!)

After this, the choir sang a couple of songs (from memory) one in an African dialect with plenty of canonic singing, and the other about good health and well-being, all of this learnt just that morning.

To finish off the afternoon, the choir joined the orchestra and they performed another African song in a piece that none of the children had ever seen before. This time with wonderfully energetic actions.

I spoke to the Head of Music at Reigate Mr Carden afterwards and he was highly complimentary about the girls.

I then spoke to the choral conductor, Ms Amy Bebbington and she told me that as soon as she saw the girls in their red blazers, she had recognised

them, as she had been an adjudicator at the Leith Hill Music Festival 18 months ago when the Chamber choir had performed (and won). She even remembered what we sang and said how impressed she was with the complexity of the songs we had done! Today she said the Cumnor girls were extremely confident and again was very complimentary about their training. Finally I spoke to the string coach, Mt Adrian Charlesworth, who was totally effusive about the ability of our girls, thanking Mrs Murray for helping the string girls prepare for the day. I left the venue feeling a glow of pride not just in the ability and behaviour of the girls, but also in the fact that our music department at Cumnor Girls had been given such encouragement by three people whom we had never met before.

Mrs Davison



Girls' Sports Day on Wednesday

What a splendid Sports day we had - the weather was kind, if a little chilly in the afternoon, but no rain. We had a very full and busy day on Wednesday with Reception and Pre-Prep in the morning taking part in a multitude of races and obstacle courses, followed by the more formal Prep School Sports afternoon. As always, this starts a procession of all participants marching out behind their House flags, all dressed in their blazers and sportswear. The parents were there to cheer on in force, while also enjoying a Pimms or cold beer, making for a relaxed and fun atmosphere. There were track and field events galore and everyone enjoyed taking part! Thanks goes to Miss Young and Mrs Mearkle for arranging such a great Sports day for all.



Very impressive, Mr Tindall!





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A Word from the Head of Nursery

It's almost the end of the school year and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the wonderful parent partnership this year.

School reports have been going out slowly. Please have a read, sign and return to the nursery, so we can take a copy.

Key person and room details will

be going out from Monday. If you have any problems please feel free to email me.

Quick reminder that term time children finish on Thursday at 11.45am for the summer and that all 51 week children will be based at Purley Nursery from Thursday for the summer, due to the redevelopment project at South Croydon.



Nursery News



This week in T2 Purley we have been talking about moving on from T2 to a reception class. The children have been talking about visiting their new reception classes and everyone is very excited.

The whole class have enjoyed making salt dough butterflies and lavishly painting and decorating them as a keepsake to remember happy times in Treetops.

The boys who are moving to Reception boys at Cumnor House School have been practising fastening buttons on a shirt and how to make a tie in preparation for proudly wearing their Cumnor House Uniform with pride.

Miss Jama from Treetops 1 came in to talk to us about Eid Al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan. She wished all the children "Eid Mubarak". She talked about how Muslims celebrated Eid by buying new clothes, giving and receiving presents, praying and visiting family eating delicious food. Miss Jama has special henna patterns on her hands and so too did Zara Ali, as part of the Eid celebrations. We talked about there being lots of different religions all having different celebrations.



Mrs Farhan