



# CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL WEEKLY DIGEST

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR CUMNOR HOUSE NURSERY,  
SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Welcome to our second newsletter of the Autumn Term.

There has been so much activity across the Schools and Nursery this week finishing with the children and staff raising money for the charity Jeans for Genes.

With the Grand opening of the Nursery next weekend looming, we are getting all geared up for a very special day filled with lots of fun and activities for you all.

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, we would kindly like to remind all parents that there are no cars permitted on the Cumnor House Nursery site South Croydon (Pampisford Road). This includes sports fixtures. The Boys school now has a new drive in and drop off system that appears to be working very well. For this to continue working successfully, we ask parents to **only** turn in to the drive by turning left

after heading up Pampisford Road towards Purley. Finally, for both of our Woodcote Lane sites we ask that parents respect lane residents by adhering to the speed limit of 15mph, only parking on the school side of the lane (not the verges) and not to 'three point turn'.

We hope you enjoy reading about the excellent learning experiences that have been taking place across the Schools and Nursery over the past week.

And don't forget, you can always find out more about the activities happening at the school through our Twitter and Facebook pages.

**Daniel Cummings**  
**Dina Mallett**  
**Carole Finch**

## Highlights of the week

- JEANS FOR GENES DAY  
22ND SEPT
- NURSERY LAUNCH DAY  
30TH SEPT

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# BOYS SCHOOL NEWS

## A Word from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

School life is always busy and this week has not been any different. We are working hard to finish the preparations for our Launch Day on the 30th September and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Boys who are attending are expected to wear school uniform as with any other open day. It is my hope that throughout the morning all boys will bring their families to school to share in the celebrations. Some of the boys will be requested to take up responsibilities on the day. As with open days we will be looking to display the very best of what we do at Cumnor House and the Boys and Girls are integral to this. Therefore if your son or daughter is requested to join please do make every effort to ensure they can. I have discussed with staff and we are willing for children from Year 5 and above to be left on site if you would like to visit and then come back. We will have staff at the main gate and they will not let any child leave the field without a recognised adult. Parking and driving onto the field will not be possible on the launch day so please make allowances to find respectful parking on the surrounding residential roads.

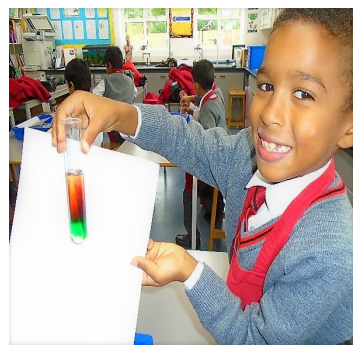
This week I have also enjoyed visiting and meeting some very prestigious destination senior school representatives including Christ's Hospital, Westminster, Bede's and Dulwich College. As with many of our destination schools these have been very impressive and I am sure they would be an excellent choice. It has been refreshing to hear that so many of them are valuing the added preparation that occurs for boys when they choose to wait until 13+ for their transition to senior school; the difference between older boys and becoming young men.

Have a great weekend.

Daniel Cummings



## Junior Science Club off to a Sweet Start



The Junior science club had a colourful time making density towers this week. With some assistance from Olisa and Vindh in Year 8, increased amounts of sugar were added to constant volumes of water. As more sugar was added the molecules took up available space between the water molecules, making more dense solutions. With steady hands directing their pipettes the boys had some amazing results!

- Mrs Whiskey



# BOYS SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

## U13A team Surrey Cup

The U13A team were drawn to play Downsends in a Surrey Cup match last Wednesday. After last week's defeat, we knew we had to be up for it from the first minute if we were to earn a result. However, we went down 1-0 early on to a good Downsends finish. The first half was a scrappy affair where Alfie unfortunately hit our best chance straight at the keeper. The second half was a different story, we battled hard, won tackles and headers, and dominated the space in behind the oppositions defence. This resulted in an Alfie tap in and a Didier free-kick getting us 2 goals. Nonetheless, Downsends never gave up and equalised after the Cumnor boys not being able to clear their lines.

Next came extra-time, where we created 3 guilt edge chances, all one on ones, but were unable to convert any of them. This meant penalties, for the second year running!



## U11A team through to next round of the Surrey Cup

Congratulations to our U11A football team who have marched through to the next round of the Surrey Cup! Good luck boys for the next round.



## 1W Create a Weather Forecast

Class 1W spent time in their Topic lesson creating their own weather forecasts for Barnaby Bear on the laptops.





# BOYS SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)



**Class 2S quenched their thirst by making and tasting delicious strawberry and banana smoothies.**



**Jeans for Genes®**

For our annual fund-raising for Jeans for Genes day, the boys enjoyed bringing in their donations and wearing their jeans for this fantastic cause.



**Year 1: Chorus and Actions to the Harvest song.**



**5D using adjectives to describe the feeling of the blitz! "It's terrifying, spine chilling and nail biting!"**



**Year 4: Outdoor Science experimenting with solids, liquids and gases.**



**Class 2G get active outside in 'Golden Time'.**



## A Word from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

I started this week off in a most energetic manner: dancing with our Reception girls during 'dough gym'. This is a fantastic exercise for budding pencil graspers to develop and strengthen muscles in the hand for control and precise handwriting. Through squeezing, rolling and prodding the dough, fine motor skills are enhanced; the wiggling to the music is just an added bonus!

Our clubs have now started and are in full swing, meaning that the girls are even busier during the school day, both in and out of the classroom. There has been a wonderful hive of activity and enthusiastic girls bustling around the school with a sense of great purpose. I look forward to another week of equally keen and eager girls.

I wish you all a lovely weekend

Dina Mallett



*Dina Mallett*  
Headmistress

## Year 2 Maths Number Bonds

Year 2 had a jam packed maths lesson today applying the work we have been doing on number bonds all week.

We revised our number bonds for numbers 5-10, 20 and 100 and then applied our skills to solve challenging word problems. We completed a carousel of activities which also included 'snap' where we had to find all of the pairs of numbers to make a given amount and completed missing number sentences as well as many interesting and fun interactive games to enhance our learning.



## Year 4 History Lesson. All about the Tudors

Mrs Halliday reports that: “we have had lots of fun exploring and investigating place value. It has helped us to develop mastery by applying our understanding to a range of problems. Our maths has been further developed by physically moving, jumping forwards and backwards in tens and steps of ones in the playground and recording our calculations in chalk. Now we have great mental tricks for adding and subtracting numbers ending in 1 or 9.... test us... we will astound you with our skills.”



## Girls School: Sports



Practising their hoop skills on the netball court.



Nailing their skills in Tag Rugby.



## School's and Nursery Stars of the Week



STARS OF THE WEEK	ACHIEVEMENTS	CLASS
Matilda	For gaining confidence and showing a real zest for learning.	RM
Arielle	For explaining what crops are during harvest time	1M
Zoe	For understanding how the weather changes in the seasons and being able to describe it	1M
Diya	For recognising the symbol for a compass	1SC
Ashanya	For her excellent story about the lost son in RE	2L
Ritvik Mekala	For achieving 18 Danes House points	7B
Jago Mascoll-Rouse	For achieving 16 Romans House points	4B
Ruben Easton	For achieving 13 Saxons House points	5L
A'yaan Abdul-Mughis	For achieving 10 Normans House points	6M
Liam D'Souza	For making an excellent start to his year in Recep-	RC
Oliver Quinney	For using lovely manners and being a good example	RN
Raghav Durgam	For trying to be his very best self	1S
Kavish Patel	For being an excellent role model	1T
Dylan Patel	For always being so helpful in the classroom	1W
Zachary Sims	For being a good example to his class	2S
Kayin Vassell	For following the Cumnor Way	2C
Mark Spano	For being mature, responsible and following the Cumnor Way	2G



## From the Head of Nursery

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for all the kind words at both sites regarding how our new Nursery is coming along.

We started our read write inc programme this week, starting with M. The children have really enjoyed the phonics they learned from last year and developing on this knowledge this year. Next week's letter is A.

We have started this term's theme book called Titch. The children will also be looking at families, sizes, growing and much more. Please keep an eye out at both sites for all your children's hard work on display.

A quick reminder of our Cumnor House Nursery launch event on the 30th September at South Croydon and our reception entry meeting event on 4th October at both the girl's school and boy's school.

Carole Finch



Carole Finch  
Head of Nursery

## All About 'Titch'

We are currently reading the book Titch. Titch is all about big and small. We were able to fit this in with our grouping activity this week. The children had lots of fun grouping the big blocks and small blocks.



We have started our phonics this week. Our letter of the week is the letter 'M'. The children have quickly picked up the sound and have been practising how to write it using the phrase "Maisie, mountain mountain".

- Rebecca Devitt



## The Earth We Live In



The children were very interested in learning about the earth that we live in. They spoke about the different sizes of the plants and wanted to create their own. They also wanted to make rockets which we have planned as an activity. They pretended to be astronauts wearing space helmets. They also painted the sun speaking about how it would be too hot for a space rocket to land there.





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## Next Weeks Cumnor House Boys Calendar

SAT 23RD	SUN 24TH	MON 25TH	TUE 26TH	WED 27TH	THU 28TH	FRI 29TH
-U7 A Cranmore 5-a- side tourna- ment (A)		- Swimming Gala—Years 3- 6 @KCS  - U10 Barcelo- na football tour— Information Evening	- Reception's Theatre Trip  - U10 A,B,C,D,E v Dulwich Prep (H)	- Year 4—Year 8 trips and events day  - Year 7 Paris Trip	- Year 3 Trip day  - U9A,B,C,D&E v KCS (H)  - U10 A,B v Royal Russell (H)  - Canterbury Cathedral Choral Festi- val	- Parents Asso- ciation— Macmillan Cof- fee Morning  - U8A,C &E v Royal Russell (H)

## Next Weeks Cumnor House Girls Calendar

SUN 24TH	MON 25TH	TUE 26TH	WED 27TH	THU 28TH	FRI 29TH	SAT 30TH
			Headmistress of Croyden High visiting assembly.  U10A & U10B Netball. Away at Old Palace. 16.00-17.00  Reception & Year 6 Parents Meetings.	Parent pop in— KS1  Parent pop in – KS2 15.30- 19.00	PA MacMillan Coffee morn- ing and MUFTI Day. 8am in the play- ground by the Black Gate	Cumnor House Nursery Grand Opening. 10am—1pm



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**Friday 3rd November-**

**Fireworks and Mini Fun fair!**

A great night of fun for all the family! With a great selection of stalls and mini funfair, come join in and watch our spectacular fireworks display. The First 100 tickets £6, General Tickets £8 MOTD. Free Entry for under 3's.

Tickets can be purchased online from:

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CUMNORHOUSESCHOOLPARENTSASSOCIA-](http://buytickets.at/CUMNORHOUSESCHOOLPARENTSASSOCIA-)

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