



CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL WEEKLY DIGEST

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

Welcome to this week's newsletter, packed full of photos and updates from the week that was.

As usual there has been plenty going on across the Cumnor House community, including day trips to London, sporting fixtures and the coming together of the girls' and boys' choirs.

The parents' association continued their longstanding support of worthy causes by taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning today, in aid of Macmillan.

Cumnor House Nursery at Pampisford Road has been a hive of activity as finishing touches to the new building and the surrounding grounds are completed. There's

also been lots to do to ensure we are ready to welcome visitors to the official opening of the new nursery building on Saturday 30th September, including the Mayor of Croydon. Lots of your children are involved in this special occasion and we hope you come along with friends and relatives to enjoy the day.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday from 10:00 am. Thank you, as ever, for your support.

Daniel Cummings, Headmaster
Dina Mallett, Headmistress
Carole Finch, Head of Nursery

Highlights of the week

- BOYS' U7A TEAM DEBUT
- CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL
- OUTDOOR LEARNING

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BOYS SCHOOL NEWS

A Word from the Headmaster

After nearly a month at the helm of Cumnor House Boys and Nursery it is pleasing to see our staff and site finally come together ready for our launch tomorrow. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the event and taking part in some of the fun activities planned.

As you can imagine this week has been one full of meetings, some of which have been very rewarding and I have enjoyed meeting many parents and improving our relations. Trips day was a huge success with the boys returning to school (some late!) inspired and enthused by their experiences. The Paris Year 7 trip returns to Purley Station at 6pm this Friday evening and we wish them a safe return.

Unfortunately I have had two meetings this week with local residents which were not as positive. Primarily they talk about issues with parking and a lack of empathy for our neighbours. I must urge all parents to

park respectfully. Life is busy and rushed for all, but I draw us back to the Cumnor Way, that has a commitment to respect, kindness and treating others the way we would like to be treated. Please consider this when choosing where to park and if possible try to leave earlier or park further afield to relieve congestion.

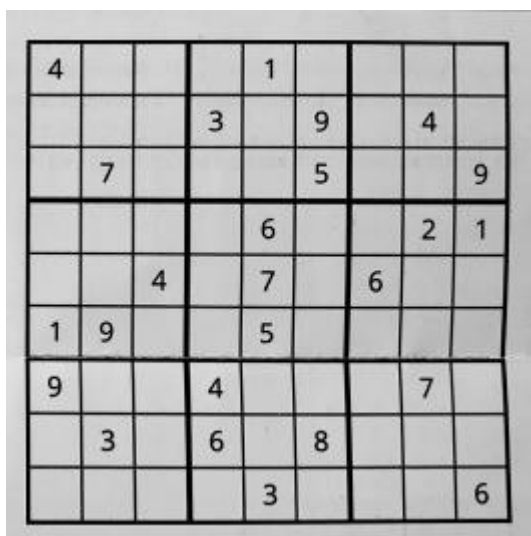


Thank you to the parents' association for their work for the Macmillian Coffee morning today. I was pleased that we could support such a good cause.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow.

Daniel Cummings

UK Mathematics Trust: Sudoku



Enter UKMT's prize Sudoku to be in with a chance of winning a mathematical book and a UKMT Megaminx!

Please send your entries (photocopies accepted) by the closing date Friday 1st December 2017 to:

Sudoku,

UK Mathematics Trust,

School of Mathematics, University of Leeds, Leeds. LS2 9JT.

Don't forget to include your name, school name and full address.

Entries are accepted from students, teachers and UKMT volunteers. A draw from the correct entries will take place after the closing date and the winner will receive a book with a mathematical theme and a UMKT Megaminx. The winning name and affiliation will be published in a future edition of UK Mathematics Trust News.



BOYS SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

Boys School: Sports Update

The Cumnor House **U7A team** made their 2017 debut on Saturday, and what a debut it turned out to be.

We went to Cranmore for their 5-a-side tournament and after playing a strong field of 10 schools from around London we came runners up. The boys showed great spirit throughout the group stages winning their first three games convincingly, with Jathashun and Keeyan in particular displaying amazing talent both on and off the ball. Our last group game was tough. After a nervous wait to see if we'd done enough to make the semi-finals, the boys rallied to beat Parkside 1-0 and earned a spot in the final. The boys fought hard against a well-drilled Downsend team to take it down to the wire.



Chace Anderson in particular pulling off an array of amazing goal-saving tackles and defending grimly at the back. With about two minutes to go however, Downsend scored after a fluent attacking movement was blocked by Sean Grant only to be knocked in by their striker.

Congratulations to all involved for a hard-fought, tough and most of all exciting match between the two teams. A special mention must go out to **Keeyan Davison**, who scored 9 of our goals throughout the day, and came back from what could have been a day-ending injury to create many chances in the finals.



Year 2 Fruit smoothies

The Year 2 boys have been investigating healthy eating and the importance of eating fruit and vegetables. So last week, they had some of their 5-a-day when they made fruit smoothie drinks.



The boys worked in groups to decide which fruit to use in their recipes. Then they whizzed the fruit up in a blender. When we tasted our drinks we all thought the fruit smoothies were delicious! Mrs Curtis



BOYS SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

7B Get Creative Making Biology Models

As part of their work on living cells, the boys of 7B constructed models of plant and animal cells. Some were quite edible whilst others were better as laminated displays. Well done to all the boys for showing their creativity in Science.

- Mrs Marange (HOD Science)



Year 4 trip

Year 4 spent Wednesday visiting the Globe Theatre and St. Paul's Cathedral. The Globe allowed the boys the opportunity to see a real theatre operating, with sound tests and the stage being set up during our tour. The boys then took part in a workshop which introduced them to Macbeth and the language used by Shakespeare. There were some fantastic freeze frames created, and the boys learnt how actors can play the same lines in different ways.

One picturesque stroll along the Millennium Bridge later, the boys found themselves enjoying their lunches in the beautiful gardens of St. Paul's. Some of the boys went exploring, discovering Latin words and statues scattered across the grounds.

Inside the cathedral, an activity trail led the boys on a hunt for the most interesting facts and artifacts in the crypt: they learnt about the differences between the cathedral before and after the Great Fire of London; who some of the people buried in the crypt are; when some famous faces were married; and even found some sea-monsters hidden in the ceilings of the cathedral floor.

Overall, Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their day out and learnt a huge amount from their exploration of our wonderful city's history.





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More pictures from the Year 4 trip





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Canterbury Cathedral Choral Festival





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Boys Swimming News

A team of 18 boys travelled to Kings College School Wimbledon on Monday 25th September to compete in a triangular swimming gala against KCS and Garden House School.

The gala was held in a 30 metre pool which was quite a jump for our swimmers who are used to swimming in a 17 meter pool.

Our swimmers rose to the challenge and put in a very impressive display of swimming, winning the gala with 86 points with Garden House runners up with 76 points and KCS third with 56 points.

We won 10 of the 15 individual races and 5 of the 9 relay races. Individual winners were Jeremiah Carnegie, William Letchford, Thevan Iyavoo, Laurence Qin, Rhys Waltham, Shivendra Prashad, Joshua Karpal, Ethan Spoerer-Scott, Noah Dominguez-Tchetche and Alexander Sadotti.

Special mention to the year 3 boys, many of whom were competing in their first swimming gala and although they found the longer pool a challenge, they all performed very well and I am sure will improve a lot for the experience. Also to Rhys Waltham who has made huge progress since the start of term and swam a great Breaststroke race and to Ethan Spoerer Scott who is currently ranked 2nd in the official British rankings in Backstroke, showing his versatility by winning the Butterfly race extremely impressively.

Well done Boys and keep up the hard work!

Mr Fitzgerald.

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BOYS & GIRLS SCHOOL NEWS

Girls and Boys Choir Make Cumnor House History

For the first time in Cumnor House history the Girls and Boys Schools came together to practice their choral musical performance for Saturday's Grand Nursery Opening.

Mr Sizer, Head of Music said "It was a fantastic moment to see both the School's enjoying their musical performance together".





A Word from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

It has been an eventful week here at the Girls' school with a great deal more to experience tomorrow! There has been a definite buzz around the school this week in preparation for the Open Event on Pampisford field; our choir has been rehearsing with the boys, netballers getting ready to demonstrate their skills, budding chefs preparing; and not to mention the hard work of the teachers.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Patterson, Headmistress of Croydon high School, to our assembly on Wednesday. She spoke to the girls about travel and tourism; and we all learned many new facts. This morning we are getting ready for Macmillan Coffee Morning, arranged by our fantastic Parents Association, which I am sure will be very successful. Before I dash off to open the gate for an early start, I would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend and hope to see as many of you as possible tomorrow morning.

Dina Mallett



Dina Mallett
Headmistress

Outdoor learning—Reception

On Tuesday afternoon Reception took the classroom outside, and we did all our learning in the sunshine.

The girls were amazed to find some bugs in our outside classroom so we got out the magnifying glasses to have a look at them in closer detail. We also dug the planters and sowed some wild flower seeds. I hope our flowers grow soon!





Girls Netball

The U10 A and B Netball teams set off on the journey to Old Palace to participate in their first fixture of the season for netball. For some of the girls it was their first game and for many of the girls the positions were unfamiliar to them. With the anxiety setting in, the whistle blew to signal the beginning of the game. Both teams got off to a flying start with the demonstration of excellent footwork and strong passing in to spaces.

The girls in the B team demonstrated some excellent defending skills which allowed them to gain possession of the ball and head towards the shooters at the other end. They were in a strong position at half time and held onto secure a worthy 2 - 2 draw with Old Palace at the final whistle.

The A team found their feet and strength as a team and were showing their skills off right at the first whistle. With a combination of excellent teamwork, strong passing and communication the girls secured the lead at half time with a 1 goal advantage. In the last half of the game their improving fitness and determination sent them into a strong lead extending it to 8 - 2 on the final whistle. With the shooting accuracy and effective passing and defending the girls continued to the very end to enjoy the victory which they worked very hard for.

For all of the girls involved they worked exceptionally hard with true dedication and determination to the very end.

Thanks, Katy (PE)



From the Head of Nursery

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy and exhilarating week at Cumnor House Nursery. Those of you with children at the Pampisford Road site, you will have noticed the finishing touches at the new Cumnor House Nursery as well as the grounds. We are very excited about our big event tomorrow when the Mayor of Croydon will officially open the new nursery. We will be celebrating this special occasion with a family fun day for all to enjoy, from 10am until 1pm and I hope that you can join us. We have talked to the children about the event and they are looking forward to visiting the petting farm and having their faces painted!

I'm delighted to report that the Read Write Inc programme has been well received by nursery families with a number of you asking for activities you can do at home with your child to support their learning.

Finally, a big thank you to the South Croydon parents for supporting the parking arrangements and being considerate of our neighbours.



Carole Finch
Head of Nursery

Carole Finch

Counting with Conkers

In Nursery, we use natural resources whenever we can and the autumn presented the perfect change to count with conkers!



Parents' Evening

The autumn term nursery parents' evening will take place at the start of November.
Dates will be issued next week.
Watch this space.



Friendship Lessons

Children got creative making an autumn tree with 'friendship handprints' to learn about mixing colours.

We talked about friendship and some of the children's comments were:

"Use gentle hands with your friends." "Don't say I am not your best friend." "You share your toys with friends." "We are all best friends."



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Next Weeks Cumnor House Boys' Calendar

SAT 30TH	SUN 1ST	MON 2ND	TUE 3RD	WED 4TH	THU 5TH	FRI 6TH
U8A Cranmore 5-a-side tournament (A). 9am.	Swim to win— week 4 9am-10am.	Pre-prep Harvest Festival Assembly 10am.	U10 A Dulwich College Football Tournament (A) 1pm.	Prep School Harvest Festival Assembly. 8.30am.	U11 A Football Regionals @ Alleyns Sports Club. 10am.	U8 A,B,C,D,E&F v Danes Hill (H). 3pm.
U10 Cranmore 5-a-side tournament (A). 9am.		RC and RN progress Meeting. 1.30-4pm.	U10 B,C,D &E v Danes Hill (H). 2.30pm.	U13 B & D v Rokeby (H). 1.30pm.	U9 A,B,C,D & E v New Beacon (H). 3pm.	
U9 House Football Tournament. 10am		U13 A,B&C v Hawthorns (A) 3pm.	U11 A,B,C,D &E v Danes Hill (H). 2.30pm.	U13 A & C v Rokeby (A). 2.30pm.		
Cumnor House Nursery Launch. 10-1pm.				U13 A & C v Rokeby (A). 2.30pm.		
				RC Progress Meeting. 1.30-4pm.		
				Reception Progress Meeting. 5.30-7pm.		

Next Weeks Cumnor House Girls' Calendar

SAT 30TH	SUN 1ST	MON 2ND	TUE 3RD	WED 4TH	THU 5TH	FRI 6TH
Cumnor House Nursery Launch. 10am—1pm.			Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum.	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 Flu Vaccines.	11+ Information Evening for Year 5 parents. 6pm.	KS1 Film Night. 3.30pm start.
				U11 Netball Festival . Away at Epsom College all day.		



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A great night of fun for all the family! With a great selection of stalls and mini funfair, come and 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:

<http://buytickets.at/CUMNORHOUSESCHOOLPARENTSASSOCIATION>

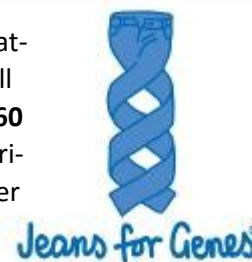


LEGO REQUIRED

If anyone has any spare or unused Lego at home, Mrs Sandhu would be grateful if you could donate it to the Year 4 Lego Club next Friday morning. Thank you.

Thank you!

We would like to say congratulations and thank you to all our pupils for raising **£320.60** for the Jeans for Genes charity on Friday 22nd September 2017.





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