



CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL WEEKLY DIGEST

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

Welcome to our fourth newsletter of the Autumn term.

Its been an exceptionally busy week with the Nursery grand opening last weekend, year 7's trip to Paris and a visit from the one and only 'Rasta Mouse' author Michael De Souza for Black History month.

We would like to thank all our parents and the pupils for the support they gave us for the grand opening, we really couldn't have done it without your help, so thank you.

Just a gentle reminder to all, please remember respectful parking is important to our continued relationship with our neighbours. The Nursery site South Croydon is now open to cars as long as the strict safety guidelines are followed. If you are unsure of these please contact the school and we will happily advise.

The drop off and drive system is continuing to work well but this will only be effective if parents respectfully enter the site from Pampisford Road heading towards Purely (TURN LEFT INTO THE SCHOOL). In doing so the flow of traffic is improved and we do not cause congestion on the road turning right.

As always 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

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Rasta Mouse—Michael De Souza





A Word from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

We have been celebrating Harvest week at Cumnor House Boys this week and I thank you for the food donations that have been sent to the Salvation Army to distribute to worthy causes. After a week that has seen such abhorrent scenes in the USA, it is important to reflect and be thankful for all that we have, not just food. Harvest is a great time to pause from the day to day busyness and take stock on the positives that we all have in our lives.

Today we have also been celebrating Black History at Cumnor. The Prep and the Pre-Prep have been joining together to recognise the multicultural influences that we are fortunate enough to have in Britain. Today, and historically, Britain has been a country that is only as successful as its many culturally diverse parts and Black History month reminds of the importance of these cultural diversities. Thank

you to all the staff, parents and children that have made today a success. Also, a special mention to Sandra Nevill for providing the inspiration for such a memorable day.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to the last week of half term next week.

Dan Cummings
Headmaster



'CLASSICS' AT CHARTERHOUSE

Charterhouse School recently put on a 'Classics Afternoon' giving an opportunity for many visiting pupils to study various aspects of the Ancient Greek Language and Culture.

To round up this absorbing afternoon, some pupils were specially chosen to take part in a Classics Quiz.

Congratulations to **Ritvik Mekala** who was the Captain of the winning team.



SCIENCE CLUB BUBBLE CHALLENGE

How many bubbles can be created within a bubble? Junior science club set straight to work with this week's challenge. A scoop of icing sugar to a solution of washing up liquid and ready, steady, blow! Mrs Whiskey





BOYS SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

U10A SPORTS UPDATE

The U10A Football team played in a tournament on Tuesday at Dulwich College.

The team scored 7 goals and only conceded 2.

Great performance boys - Mr Bolton



THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY—GREENWICH

Year 6 took a trip to the Royal Observatory this week. The day began with the 'universe brought to our doorstep', a spectacular show at the Planetarium. The boys had the opportunity to interactively engage with their host astronomer and got answers to thought provoking questions. We know that without a magnetic field on the planet Mars, life would last a mere seven years. And aliens....well let's just say..... gooey and smelly!

Next stop was the 'Sun, Moon and Earth' workshop. There was a huge 3D model to show day and night and why we never see the dark side of the moon. Solar and lunar eclipses rounded off the session with some help from enthused volunteers. The next solar eclipse will be in Spain 2026, one of our boys shared he will be there for the experience.



'NO PENS WEDNESDAY'

Today was 'No pens Wednesday' in the Pre-Prep. We took part in investigations and played games to support and extend our learning in Maths. We used our speaking and listening skills in Literacy and we used the computer to help us focus on our spelling and sentence building skills. We also followed instructions and developed fine motor skills when we did the tie-dying activity in preparation for Black History Day on Friday.





OOH LA LA! YEAR 7'S TRIP TO PARIS

This week Cumnor House had its annual Year 7 trip to Paris and apart from some technical issues with the Eurotunnel on our return journey; it was a hugely successful journey for the boys. We departed on Wednesday morning and spent our first day in Paris taking in the sights and sounds of the streets, strolling around the corridors of the Louvre and using our French to order crêpes and baguettes along the Champs Elysées. Following a long day a large meal was in order, so we headed to a French restaurant with the boys enjoying some traditional French cuisine and sharing their experiences of Paris so far.

The following day began with a trip to le Musée de l'Armée where they learnt all about French history, from the 19th century up until today. After a long morning of walking around the museum, we



thought an afternoon of climbing was in order so we headed straight for the Eiffel Tower to take in the breathtaking views of one of the most stunning cities in the World. Once we had taken our photos, we headed down to the backstreets of Notre Dame for a well-deserved meal to fuel us to our final destination of the night, la Tour Montparnasse. The views from this tower were unrivalled, with the pupils enjoying a panorama of Paris that included la Tour Eiffel, l'Arc de Triomphe and la Cathédrale de Notre Dame.

Our final day involved a walk around the picturesque area of Montmartre, buying gifts and souvenirs below la Basilique du Sacré Coeur. The boys greatly enjoyed themselves, and no doubt learnt much about Parisian culture and improved their knowledge of the French language. Behaviour was exceptional, with the boys finding the right balance between having all the fun expected on a school trip with friends and acting responsibly. It is hoped that this journey has left them with a head full of new ideas and concepts, and a heart full of eagerness to continue their own travel and adventures.

- Mr Beattie.





'CELEBRATING CUMNOR MUSIC' ART COMPETITION WINNERS

Boys in Years 5-8 were invited to design an art poster entitled 'Celebrating Cumnor Music.'

Mr Sizer and Mrs Mitchell would like to thank all the pupils for their superb entries, the standard this year was very high.

THE TOP 5...



1. Jamie Jones
2. Eddie Wesson
3. Rhys Waltham
4. Harshaa Kumar
5. Jacob Louis

AND THE WINNER IS...

Congratulations to **Jamie Jones** who's winning picture will be displayed on the cover of the Music Portfolio placed in the hall of the Music House. This is a very special book containing many Cumnor House musical achievements, concerts and certificates over several years. It will be viewed by pupils, parents and visitors alike.





A Word from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

Thank you to all of you who joined us on Saturday for our joint schools event; it was a fantastic morning that really showcased the talent of both Cumnor Girls and Boys in music, sport, dance to name but a few.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our Parents' Association: firstly, for their very generous contribution to the purchase of portable floodlights. This will enable us to continue after-school, extracurricular sport in the months when it becomes dark in the afternoons, gaining us the equivalent of a whole extra term's worth of activities. Another huge thanks to all of the PA and parents who baked cakes for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Despite the rain, £465 was raised!

This week, we were visited in assembly by a representative from Purley Food Bank to talk to the girls about how they help people. Food donations for our Harvest Festival are very welcome on Monday; Purley Food Bank will collect all donations next week.

This November is Black History Month; and to celebrate this, we are having an extended assembly next week, led by Year 6, who have been tasked with an Independent Learning Project. I know that this will be both enjoyable and informative.

I was very impressed with Anoushka in Year 4, who was interviewed by ITV news about the collection of grapes that grow on vines in her back garden; and approximately 60kg that have been picked to contribute to a collective community wine called Chateau Tooting. This interview was featured on ITV news on Monday.

To round off the half term, we have a skipping workshop coming to school next Friday. Each year group will have a fun session; and there will be a presentation to all in the afternoon.

When girls return from the half term break, please may you ensure that your daughter wears the full winter uniform, including berets for all year groups.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Dina Mallett



Dina Mallett
Headmistress

**YOU RAISED £465 FOR
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT.**



YEAR 2'S TRIP TO THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM

Last Friday the Year 2 girls had a wonderful day at The Horniman Museum handling objects from Ancient Egypt and finding out all about the history of the Egyptians.



YEAR 1 BROOKLANDS MUSEUM VISIT

Year 1 visited Brooklands Museum on Tuesday 3rd October 2017. We had a wonderful time and learned lots of new information about transport in the past. Did you know that the first aeroplane was made out of bamboo sticks?

The girls really enjoyed the 'peg car workshop' when they had to make a toy peg car. And also thoroughly enjoyed going inside the Concorde where they learnt that the aeroplane needed a pointed nose to go faster through the wind.

Our Year 1 girls were complemented on how well they behaved and how wonderful their manners were. This confirms why we pride ourselves in the girls being excellent ambassadors for our school.



PHONICS!

The girls are continuing to build their phonic's knowledge as we learn a new sound each day. Look at the fantastic word building they have been doing!



3P PLAN A HOLIDAY

This week Class 3P have been busy being travel agents and planning the ideal holiday for their client. They took the time to devise questions for a holiday questionnaire, so that their client could give them sufficient information for them to plan.



GIRLS SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

GIRLS SCHOOL: SPORTS UPDATE

Well done to the U10s & U11s that took part in the Croydon Schools Cross Country on Wednesday. We are still awaiting the final results. Big congratulations to Matilda who got 1st place, she ran a fantastic race and had a brilliant finish!



Fixture	Player of the match
U8 A- Old Palace	Meenakshi
U8B- Old Palace	Enioluwa & Anoushka
U11 A- Epsom College Tournament	Seephora



Miss G Goodson
PE and Games Teacher

LITTLE GREEN FINGERS

Our young gardeners have spent many weeks weeding the beds ready to plant new seeds and plants. Today they were richly rewarded when we harvested beans, parsnips and potatoes!

Mrs N Mearkle
Head of Early Years





School's and Nursery Stars of the Week



STARS OF THE WEEK	ACHIEVEMENTS	CLASS
Olanna	For going over and above on her homework this week and putting a huge amount of effort into everything she does.	2L
Sumayya Dewji	For her fantastic investigation to find all of the possibilities of symmetrical patterns.	2H
Zaeem Choudhury	For being helpful around the classroom.	RC
Sheyion Selvaratnam	For his super effort in Literacy and Numeracy.	2C
Ryan Bhatia	For fantastic effort and enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum.	1T
Mehaan Dwivedi	For fantastic listening and always trying his best.	RN
Dylan Carter	For working really hard in class.	2G
Keyaan Davison	For showing sensible behaviour on the carpet.	2S
Sofia	For asking lots of questions on the Brooklands Museum trip.	1M
Elizabeth	For a wonderful piece of writing.	1SC
Ansh Chandarana	For putting excellent effort into his work everyday.	1S
David Tokan-Lawal	For hard work and being helpful in class.	1S
Ethan Goviea	For listening well to his teachers.	1W





NURSERY NEWS

From the Head of Nursery

Carole Finch
Head of Nursery



Dear Parents,

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Cumnor House Nursery launch event on Saturday. It was great to see so many faces, both current and ex nursery pupils. The event allowed us to showcase the wonderful achievements of the pupils and to catch up with new, past and present families.

At the Cumnor House Nursery Purley they have been busy looking at hedgehogs and learning about hibernation. The children are really enjoying themselves. If anyone has a pet that is ready to hibernate for the winter please let us know as we would love to find out more.

At the Cumnor House Nursery South Croydon site the class have been recording highlights in their using the nursery cameras to take pictures. I'm pretty sure the nursery has a few budding photographers in the midst.

This week parent evening letters will be going out on both sites for you to book days and times with your child's key person. We kindly ask that parents arrive promptly.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Carole Finch

Story Time

We love our time to have stories especially when Miss Andrews dresses up as a giraffe and reads us our favourite story!! We are learning how the story goes and love to join in when all the animals say 'that's not funny'. The children are really enjoying learning parts of the story and joining in.



The Builders Yard

Our construction area has been turned into a builder's yard as the children have been showing a lot of interest in the building works that have happened on site and wanted to enjoy their own construction site with safety hats, bricks and their own hammers.



3D Houses

The class have been enjoying using different sized boxes to create 3D houses this week. The children loved using the glue to stick the boxes together and enjoyed using a variety of different materials to decorated our beautiful 3D houses.





GRAND OPENING of Cumnor House Nursery



THANK YOU

For all your support in making this celebratory day a true success!



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Dear Mr Cummings

Congratulations on a wonderful opening of Cumnor House Nursery which was celebrated by holding a family fun day and what an amazing event it was.

I thought all the students present and taking part in the opening event were incredible and exceptional ambassadors for their school community and indeed their families. I was unaware of the range of activities that you provide for the nursery children, creating plans and activities that stretches the child through encouragement both indoor and outdoor play. The furniture, toys and fittings within the nursery encourage the children to learn through play by exploring and investigating – in fact so much so, I would have loved to sit on the children's sofa's and read a book – if only I were a child again!

It was such a pleasure to have the honour of officially cutting the ribbon and opening the rebuild project, and having met the team of educators, support staff and their assistance's the nursery will be a place of education excellence for those children starting their journey of learning, experience many new aspects and obtaining new skills, thus giving them the right start so they may be one of tomorrow's leaders.

Yours sincerely

LO ~
Councillor Toni Letts OBE
Mayor of Croydon

Headmaster's Speech at the Grand Opening of Cumnor House Nursery on 30th September 2017



Madam Mayor, parents, friends, families and children - Welcome and thank you for coming.

It fills me with great pride to have so many of you here today - to join with us on such a momentous and historic occasion for our school.

Cumnor House School, including the boys, girls and both nursery settings have a longstanding reputation for delivering excellence in education, and the buildings we see officially opened today are testament to that continued commitment and investment in outstanding learning.

There is an old Chinese proverb that says

If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.

At Cumnor House School we are educating your children for a life yet imagined.

Nursery education often provides the first school based learning experience for many children and it is important that these initial stages of education provide the inspiration, desire and confidence to continue that love for learning for a lifetime.

With the building of our new state of the art educational settings every child that attends Cumnor House Nursery will experience learning in a fun, engaging, nurturing and safe environment that ensures the very best introduction to learning.

This investment in education will impact on the ongoing success of Cumnor House School, continuing its reputation for academic excellence not only in Croydon but across London for generations to come.

Today is your opportunity to see what we do, not only our new buildings but out on our fantastic playing fields and by taking part in the many activities our teachers and children have planned for you today. – Have fun, ask questions, join in and take part in activities with your own children and with pupils from both our Boys and Girls schools.

Our delightful children are here to support the activities and I am sure in doing so they will impress with their academic skill, sporting ability and musical talent

Truly demonstrating what a Cumnor House Education has to offer.

I close with the words of the great early year's educator Fredrick Froebel said so eloquently:

Children are like tiny flowers: They are varied and need care, but each is beautiful alone and glorious when seen in the community of peers.

I am confident that new Cumnor House Nursery will be the first stage of our Cumnor House School Community.

It is now my honour to hand over the official opening to:

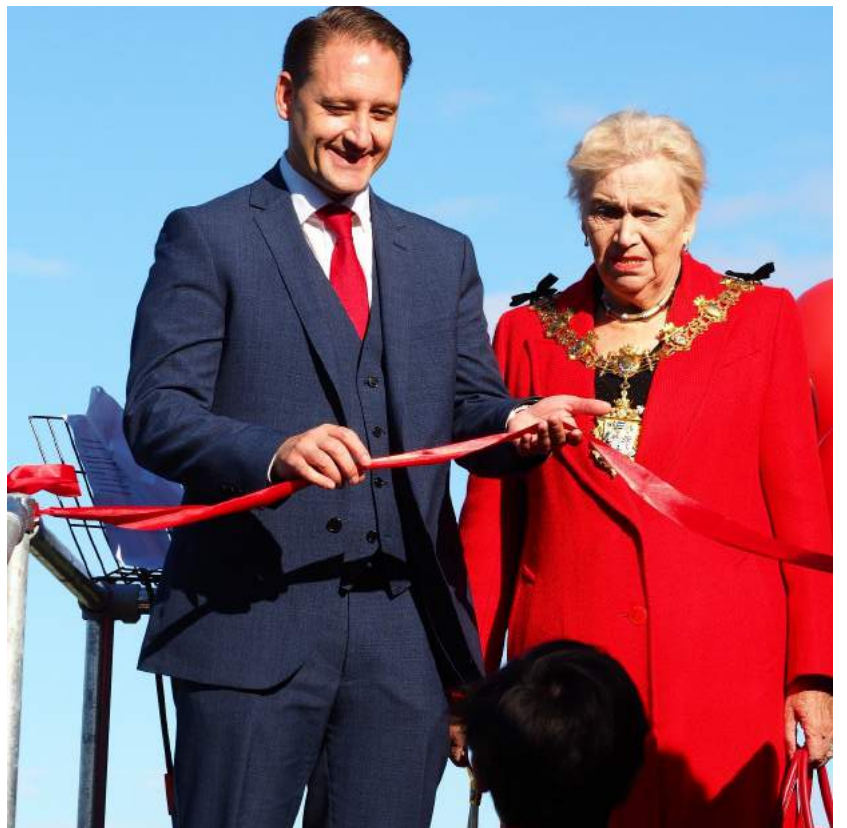
The Worship The Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Toni Letts OBE, to officially open the newest setting of Cumnor House Nursery.

Daniel Cummings

Headmaster

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Next Weeks Cumnor House Boys Calendar

SAT 7TH	SUN 8TH	MON 9TH	TUE 10TH	WED 11TH	THU 12TH	FRI 13TH
Swim to Win— Week 5. 9-1pm.	Swim to win— week 5. 9-1pm.	No After School activi- ties except for after school club and in- strumental lessons.	Individual School Photos. All Day.	U13 A&B v Thomas' Clap- ham (H). 2.30pm.	U9 A,B,C,&D Triangular v Hawthorns & St.Michaels @ The Haw- thorns School. 2.30pm.	U8 A,B,C,D,E&F v Danes Hill (H). 3pm.
U13 Regionals @Chigwell School. 8am.		OPRO Mouth- guard fitting. All Day.	U10 A,B,C,D,E v Lanesborough (H). 2.30pm.	U13 C&D Thomas' Clap- ham (A) @ Thomas' Clap- ham- Roehampton Vale. 2.30pm.		
U9 A Down- send Tourna- ment (A). 8am.		Staff Meeting 4.15pm.	U11 A, B,C,D,E v KCS (A). 2.30pm.	Thomas' Clap- ham- Roehampton Vale. 2.30pm.		
			Future Schools evening guest speaker—Mark Tottman, Head- master of Du- notter School. 7pm.	Informal Con- cert. 7pm.		
				Freshwater Theatre —years 3&4. 9-11am.		Half Term Starts. PM.

Next Weeks Cumnor House Girls Calendar

SAT 7TH	SUN 8TH	MON 9TH	TUE 10TH	WED 11TH	THU 12TH	FRI 13TH
		5T Visit to Shirley Wind- mill.	Class reps Cof- fee morning. Library. 8.30am.	Year 6 trip to Wisley. All Day.	Harvest Festi- val at St Marks Church. 9am.	
			Harvest Festi- val Rehearsal at St Marks (AM)		Staff meeting. 4.10pm.	
			U9A Netball v Old Palace. (H). 3.30-4.30pm.			Half Term starts. PM.



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CHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

FIREWORKS & FUNFAIR NIGHT

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
6PM - 8PM
BOYS' SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD

EARLY BIRD £6* & REGULAR PRICE £8
Advance Tickets includes Free Soft Drink for Children and a Hot Drink for Adults*

Fireworks Provided by StarFireworks
(British Fireworks Championship 'Champion of Champions' 2013 - winners)
Tickets can be purchased at
<http://buytickets.at/cumnorhouseschoolparentsassociation>

Raffle Sponsors: HB Sports, Yumn Brasserie, Al Khair Charity

The First 100 tickets £6, General Tickets £8 MOTD. Under 3's free. Tickets can be purchased online from:

<http://buytickets.at/CUMNORHOUSESCHOOLPARENTSASSOCIATION>

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED
PIZZA
DRINK
POPCORN

YEARS 1 - 3

TICKETS £7

Popcorn

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night

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER
SHOWING ZOOTROPOLIS
4:15PM - 6:45PM
BOYS SCHOOL HALL

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Open Day

Visit Cumnor House Nursery and Schools on Friday 3rd November 9:30 am - 11:30 am.
Meet staff, including the Headteachers and the Head of Nursery.
Enjoy a guided tour and hear from pupils about school life.
Call 020 8660 3445 or email admin@cumnorhouse.com. Visit www.cumnorhouse.com to learn more.

Register today for your visit