



CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL WEEKLY DIGEST

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

Welcome to week 7's newsletter for the Autumn term.

Last Friday saw a very successful Fireworks evening on the school playing fields. Thank you to the Parents Association for ensuring the night went off with a bang!

This week, the children have been focussing on Remembrance, and will observe a two-minute silence during our Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November. Both the boys and girls have been busy selling poppies to all the faculty and staff. Donations for poppies will continue next week.

Starting from next week, the weekly newsletter will be sent out on a Wednesday. In the meantime, if you would like to keep in touch with what's happening at the school please follow our Facebook and Twitter pages @WeAreCumnor.

Daniel Cummings
Dina Mallett
Carole Finch

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BOYS SCHOOL NEWS

A Word from the Headmaster

This week began with an assembly based on three important words. I challenged the Boys to recognise the importance of saying 'Please, Sorry and Thank you', these three words can have a major influence on those around us and the perceptions that are made of us.

Strangely my week has ended with an interview based upon the importance of manners in the 21st Century. It was interesting to reflect on why manners are so important and integral to learning and society. It is my opinion that working with young children we must always be mindful of the influence we have upon them and how with positive interaction we can inspire the next generation to help form an improved society.

I look forward to seeing our young leaders of tomorrow develop into respectful, polite, moral and ethical young men.

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week and we strongly support such an important cause, as part of the weeks activities and learning, the boys are encouraged to wear odd socks to show individuality on Monday. I can't wait to see the random pairings that may occur.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Daniel Cummings



Daniel Cummings
Headmaster

Musical Achievements

Congratulations to Moses Ihasuyi, who received his Grade 5 Drum certificate during Monday Assembly. His achievement is remarkable as he has only been receiving lessons for just over a year.

Having been fascinated by the drums at his local church when very young, Moses was allowed to 'experiment' on them and soon his natural talent began to shine.

By combining this talent with some hard work at learning notation and theory with his drum teacher at Cumnor he managed to secure a Distinction and is already moving on to his Grade 7 this term! Well done Moses.





Year One Half Term Topics

Since returning from half term, Year 1 have been busy in Numeracy, partitioning numbers into tens and units. We used the laptops to support our learning playing some exciting tens and unit games. In RE, we have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. The boys have made Diya lamps and retold the story of Rama and Sita. We have also started our new Science topic, Ourselves. The boys had a wonderful time working in groups to label all of the body parts.



Young Mathematician's Award: Success in Purley!

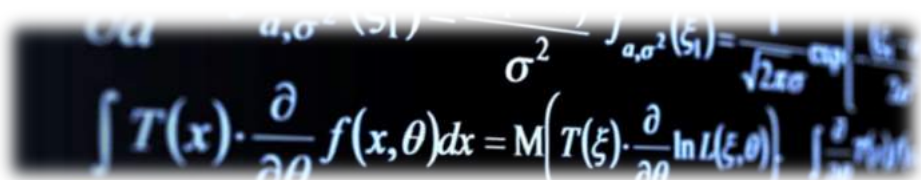
On Wednesday 8th November Cumnor House School entered the competition hosted at Explore Learning, Purley. For the first time ever a joint team of Year 6 boys and girls were entered into a Maths competition.

Our team was made up of Zoha Jetha, Eloane Regy, Lucas Wan and Kanishk Srivastava. They tackled a problem set by Nrich designed to test problem solving skills in Mathematics.

The team was assessed on their problem solving skills, teamwork and reporting skills, throughout the hour long task. The centre staff were particularly impressed with the speed they completed challenges one and two. The team worked very well together presenting a logical correct solution. Challenge three proved to be very testing, however, this has set the target for the next round.

Very many congratulations to the team who are representing Purley in the next round on the 29th November 2017.

Mrs Roberts





A Word from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

Today (Wednesday), Reverend Weaver, from St Mark's Church visited our assembly to talk about the many important days in November, including those in the Christian calendar; and focussing on 11th November, Remembrance Day.

On Friday after our two-minute silence, we shall be honouring and paying tribute to twenty three soldiers, who were pupils at this school when it was Downside Boys' School, who lost their lives in battle. For each soldier, a cross will be planted by our war memorial statue.

On Sunday 12th November, our Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl will place a wreath at the war memorial at Woodcote Green, along with many other representatives from our local community.

I wish you a happy and peaceful weekend.

Dina Mallett



Dina Mallett
Headmistress

Remembrance Week



Year 6 have been doing a fantastic job selling poppies to the girls.

If you would like to send a donation, poppies will still be on sale next week.





School News

Key Stage 1 have worked hard all week, The girls have enjoyed visiting the library and story time . Reception lined up beautifully at the library and Year 2 loved the story reading by Mrs Harrington.

Thank you to Mrs Carlisle for a thoroughly enjoyable and informative session for KS2 parents. For those who were not able to attend, an information pack will be on its way to you shortly.



Reception News

This week, as part of our **People Who Help Us** topic, the Reception children wrote letters to Mrs Mallett, inviting her to come and talk to us about her job! She wrote back and came to visit us on Wednesday afternoon, we had a great time learning all about her busy job leading the school.

Thank you for visiting us Mrs Mallett.





GIRLS SCHOOL NEWS

Ancient Egypt Week.

2L have had lots of fun this afternoon learning about hieroglyphic writing and decoding words using the hieroglyphic alphabet.

Year 2 have been comparing numbers in maths this week and learning about the greater than and less than signs. We had great fun finding out all about Charlie Crocodile and how he always gobbles up the largest numbers. We took it turns to pick number cards then had to choose the correct symbols to go between and complete the inequalities.



King Tutankhamun

What are we learning today?

In ICT and History this week, the class have been using the iPads to research facts about King Tutankhamun. We then shared our group facts with the rest of the class and designed an interesting and informative poster about this incredible pharaoh.

Each group researched a different topic about Tutankhamun and fed back to our peers. Here you can see us using the iPads to find out about him.



Tutankhamun

Tutankhamun is without doubt the most famous pharaoh today. Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered by the British archaeologist Howard Carter on the 4th of November 1922, nearly 3000 years after his death. King Tutankhamun was buried in The Valley of the Kings. King Tutankhamun's tomb was the first untouched tomb to be discovered. Never before had a tomb been found with the pharaoh and all of his treasures still inside.

King Tut was born in a place called Akhetaten. Akhetaten was the capital city of Egypt at the time. He was born in 1346 BC.

King Tutankhamun became pharaoh when he was just nine years old! He was nicknamed the Boy King because he was so young. He only reigned for about 9



Tutankhamun is very well known today because his tomb was discovered less than 100 years ago and it was still intact. Most Egyptian tombs had been raided by robbers!

The Boy King died when he was just 18 years old. Some people believe he was killed but others think he died from a broken leg.

Class information poster by 2L



NURSERY NEWS

From the Head of Nursery

Dear Parents,

This week, the children are looking forward to their school photos on Friday, and have also experienced French Day.

Thank you to all parents, who have attended South Croydon Nursery Parents Evening. As a reminder, the Purley Nursery Parents Evenings will be held next week, please speak to the team to confirm your appointment.

Carole Finch

Head of Nursery



The children had a wonderful time posing for the camera for their school photographs today. Siblings were also invited.

We are looking forward to seeing the pictures next week. I am sure they will make excellent Christmas presents for the family!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Stars of the Week



| STARS OF THE WEEK | ACHIEVEMENTS | CLASS |
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| Maxwell | For knowing all the words to our Nativity songs. | RC |
| Arnav | For being really brave in the swimming pool and having a go. | RN |
| Amyrah | For working hard to use her sounds accurately in reading and writing. | RM |
| David Hasani-Guthrie* | For always working hard in his lessons. | 1S |
| Stephanos | For always treating others as he would like to be treated. | 1S |
| Arshia | For always doing the best he possibly can. | 1T |
| Harrison | Trying hard to work independently. | 1W |
| Barnaby | For listening well on the carpet. | 2S |
| Rounak | For his careful work this week. | 2C |
| Yaston | For always following the Cumnor Way and trying his best. | 2G |
| Holly | Holly – For her brilliant ‘spooky story’ for Halloween which included fantastic description. | 2L |

* Star of the Week for 3. Nov 2017





THE TRUE MARK OF A SCHOOL IS WHAT LIES WITHIN

Next Week: Cumnor House Boys Calendar

| SAT 11TH | SUN 12TH | MON 13TH | TUE 14TH | WED 15TH | THU 16TH | FRI 17TH |
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| Swim to Win— Week 8. 9.00am - 1.00pm. | Swim to Win— Week 8. 9-1pm. U13 National 6s Final (subject to qualification) Venue TBC 9.00am | Primary maths challenge week All Day. | U10 A,B,C,D & E v Dulwich College (A). 2.30pm. | U13 A & B v New Beacon (A). 2.30pm. U13 C & D v New Beacon (H). 2.30pm. | Rugby commences Year 6 progress meeting. 5.00pm— 8.00pm | Parents' Association— Film Night Years 4—8. 6.30pm— 8.30pm |
| U8 A Hazelwood tournament (A). 10.00am | | | U11 A,B,C, D & E v Rokeby (H). 2.30pm. | | | |

Next Week: Cumnor House Girls Calendar

| SAT 11TH | SUN 12TH | MON 13TH | TUE 14TH | WED 15TH | THU 16TH | FRI 17TH |
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| | | | U9A & U9B Netball Tournament at Croydon High. 12.30pm— 4.00pm | U9A & U8A Net- ball v. Laleham Lea (H). 1.45pm | U10A & U11A Netball v. St Davids (A). 3.30pm— 4.30pm | |
| | | | U11A & U10A Netball v. Royal Russell (A). 4.00pm— 5.00pm | Mrs Amanda McShane meeting parents 7.00pm— 8.00pm | | |



UPCOMING EVENTS

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CHS PA Film Night

Come and enjoy the 2nd instalment of the Guardians of the Galaxy movie series at our latest CHS PA film night.

The event is open to Cumnor House Boys in Years 4 and above.

Tickets are £7 and includes pizza, drinks and popcorn.

To purchase tickets, please click on link below!

[HTTP://BUYTICKETS.AT/
CUMNORHOUSESCHOOLPARENTSASSOCIATION](http://BUYTICKETS.AT/CUMNORHOUSESCHOOLPARENTSASSOCIATION)

Fireworks and Funfair Event

The Parents' Association's **SOLD OUT** Fireworks and Funfair event was a huge success last Friday 3rd November!! With 600 visitors enjoying the fabulous display! This was our biggest outdoor event to date!

Children and adults enjoyed the numerous rides and attractions that were available on the night as well as enjoying the hot drinks and the BBQ!

A special thank you to all the teachers and parent volunteers who helped and assisted on the night! We wouldn't have been able to hold such an event without your support.

Look out for more on this event and pictures from the night on our PA update, which will go out next week on Parent Mail.