



CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL WEEKLY DIGEST

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

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term with your families and are ready for the remainder of the Autumn Term.

As Assistant Director of Education with Cognita, I act as 'Chair of Governors' for both Cumnor House School for Girls and Boys, including the Cumnor House Nurseries. This role includes regular visits to the schools to work with the school leaders, visits classrooms and have conversations with staff and pupils about their experiences at school.

This week I had the pleasure of spending a couple of days with Mrs Mallett on Woodcote Lane and Mr Cummings on Pampisford Road, and some of their respective staff and children. Activities over the two days included monitoring the schools' performance in a range of areas, including lesson observations and analysis of pupils achievement and progress results. Time was also spent ensuring effective Governance oversight of the two schools. Cognita School group is the legal proprietor of the schools and my role is to represent the proprietor in this respect.

It is a pleasure to report high standards in educational and pastoral provision at both schools. I saw this at first hand when reviewing assessment data with the senior leaders and exploring strong 'above national average' achievement narratives from the Nurseries up to the top of the Girls' and Boys' schools. I saw very strong teaching and learning practice in English and Maths across the schools, where lessons showed intellectual depth and challenge. During any such visit, I am always aware of the myriad of 'extras' that any high quality school will have taking place. As well as the core academic provision, these represent the extra commitment that the school offers to support and nurture the children. At the Girls' school, Nursery children were doing a Welly Walk, embracing the autumnal atmosphere in the school grounds, and the early morning orchestra practice was something to behold; excellent individual and collaborative focus to create fine musical harmony. At the Boys' school, senior pupils were benefitting from individual interviews to support their senior school applications, and two boys were seen taking part in trials for forthcoming drama productions. At the South Croydon Nursery, the finishing touches to the Bungalow's outdoor learning area to enable broader access to learning opportunities outside. The range of provision across the school is extremely strong.

The role also engages with the Heads and their senior teams to ensure effective planning and attention to opportunities for school improvement. Mrs Mallett and Mr Cummings are reviewing such opportunities together to maximise learning potential for the boys and girls. We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Mallett at the end of the Spring term, and will wish her well in her new Headship. In the meantime, we have initiated a rigorous induction programme for Mrs Amanda McShane, who will succeed Mrs Mallett at that time. Having also met with Mrs McShane this week, I am delighted to report how thrilled she is at the prospect of taking on the baton as Head of the Girls' school.

Robin Davies

Assistant Director of Education

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BOYS SCHOOL NEWS

A Word from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Another amazing week at Cumnor House, which finished this morning with an excellent open morning event. It was great to see so many new families visit the school and find out a little bit more about our excellent learning environment. Well done to all the children for their behaviour and enthusiasm, particularly the Year 7 and Year 8 boys that gave such comprehensive and engaging tours. A final thank you to those parents and staff that worked very hard to support and prepare the school and children.

My children and I are very excited about this evenings 'Firework and Funfair Night' and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Many thanks to the Parents Association for organising this year's extravaganza as well the 'good as new' uniform sale earlier this week.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Cummings.

Headmaster



BEST OF BRITISH

A Great British Bake Off challenge launched the Year 2's 'Best of British' topic this week. The boys wrote and followed the instructions for making a Victoria sponge cake. They had to use their reading, writing and measuring skills, and then be a judge when they tasted the cake. We had quite a few Star Bakers in Year 2!

The boys also looked at the British artist, L.S. Lowry in their art lessons this week. They made their own city scenes inspired by his work.

- Mrs Curtis





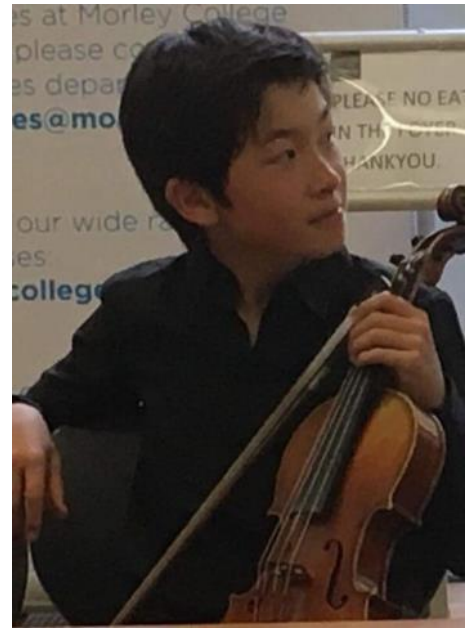
BOYS SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

CADOGAN HALL AT HALF TERM

Cumnor boys work hard musically both in and out of school and during the half term break Jamie Jones (7B) was involved in an exciting performance at the Cadogan Hall.

Jamie played a lovely programme with *The English Schools' Orchestra* including Jean Sibelius Symphony No.2 and a Camille Saint Saëns Violin Concerto played by Polama So, a student of the world-renowned Maxim Vengerov.

Cadogan Hall is a very special place to perform and the event was also graced with interesting guests such as *Princess Katarina of Yugoslavia* and the ex Prime Minister *John Major*.



MEET THE NEWSPAPER TEAM AT 'THE CUMNOR RECORD'

This term we have introduced a Newspaper Club for boys in Year 5-8. They have shown an enormous amount of enthusiasm and passion for this new club. We have already appointed an Editor, Assistant Editor, Photographer, Assistant Photographer, Arts and Music Reporter, Current Affairs Reporter, Sports Reporter and a Cartoon Illustrator and Joke Writer. We have many more roles that we would like to fill so if you would like to join us please contact Miss Edwards.



We are hoping to produce an edition each term and we are currently working on some exciting articles.

After looking at a number of different names for the newspaper and putting it to the vote, the boys have decided to call it, 'The Cumnor Record'! Watch this space for the first edition later this term.

- Miss Edwards



U10 BARCELONA FOOTBALL TOUR 2017

During the October half term break 23 pupils from Year 5, and 3 members of staff set off for a 5 night football tour of Barcelona with sun, sand and soccer awaiting them.

After an early 9am flight from Gatwick Airport the tour began with a magical experience for all pupils and teachers present. We visited the Espanyol FC Stadium to watch Espanyol draw 0-0 with Larente, the atmosphere was spectacular throughout the match.

This year, we were invited to play against Athletic Del Valles in rural Barcelona, boasting some amazing views of the quieter side of the city. All teams performed very well with the A and B teams earning well deserved victories and the C team narrowly losing out. However, the boys all won their penalty shoot-outs, with Leo scoring an especially impressive strike. Training sessions at FC Espanyol and a visit to the glorious sandy beach followed.

We played our final fixture against another local Spanish club, Club Futbol Parets. All games were highly entertaining and on the whole, strongly contested. The Cumnor teams were on the wrong end of the score lines, nonetheless, many football lessons were learnt on the day. Despite the results being fairly one sided, the experience of playing in the heart of Barcelona, a city that thrives on the passion of football, was unforgettable.

Other activities included a visit to the Nou Camp Stadium, the home of FC Barcelona, sightseeing around Barcelona city centre, and a Mr Brotherton win at bowling and swimming in the beautiful Balearic sea and hotel pool.

The entire group represented Cumnor House fantastically well displaying exemplary behaviour and application throughout the entirety of the tour. A big thank you must also go to Mr Brotherton and Mr Dwyer for all their support whilst on tour. Finally, a special mention goes out to Daniel Parris, the Barcelona point's winner, an award given to the tourist of the week. Ishan's behaviour, application to the tour and maturity levels throughout the week, deservedly earned him the prize.

Well done boys!

- Mr Battams





BOYS SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

THANK YOU TO OUR OPEN DAY TOUR GUIDES

On Friday 3rd November Cumnor School and Nurseries held their Autumn Open Day. At the Boys School we saw lots of wonderful prospective parents who were toured around the school by our fantastic boys in year 7 and 8. Thank you boys you did a fantastic job!



A Word from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

I do hope that you had a lovely half term. The themes for assemblies this week were 'perseverance' and 'ohana'. In our Key Stage 2 assembly, I asked the girls who could ride a bicycle with two wheels and we looked at the process of persevering through the stages of four to two wheels and the sense of accomplishment that is gained when any difficult task has been achieved. I was delighted when a Year 1 girl told me of her accomplishment this week: jumping into a swinging skipping rope. Jolly well done!

Whole school assembly learned about ohana, the Hawaiian word for 'family'; and the girls offered their views on what makes a family. We agreed that there are many families in the school, including class families and House families; and that families, no matter the size or make up, care for each other.

On that note, I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend and I hope you enjoy reading about and seeing what we have been doing in school this week.

Your sincerely,

Dina Mallett

Headmistress



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GLUTEN INVESTIGATORS

On Wednesday 1st November 2017, during 5T's Food Technology lesson, we investigated the properties of gluten and whether yeast or gluten makes the dough rise. We started by measuring water and strong flour to make a dough and we also used our kneading skills. We then washed the dough with warm running water. When we were washing the dough, the water seemed like milk. When the water was getting clearer, the dough ended up looking like a 'brain'. At the end of the lesson we baked the gluten in the oven. Our question for the day was - will the gluten rise or stay the same?

Written by;

Bethany, Abirami, & Toni.



RECEPTION WELLY WALK

On Tuesday 31st October our Cumnor House Nursery Girls who will be moving up to Reception in 2018, took part in a fun Welly Walk with their future classmates and teachers as part of their introduction to Reception. Here are some pictures of the girls enjoying the Autumn walk.



STARS OF THE WEEK



School's and Nursery Stars of the Week



STARS OF THE WEEK	ACHIEVEMENTS	CLASS
Elijah	For continuously being his best self.	RN
Oscar	For having a good first week back at school and for working hard to follow the Cumnor Way always.	RC
Yasmin	For her excellent effort in History this week when re-searching facts about the Ancient Egyptian Gods.	2L
Jathushan	For working hard to follow the Cumnor Way always.	2G
Alexander	For always trying his best.	1T
Reza	For always being so helpful in school.	1W
Aiden	For always trying his best.	2S
Charlton	For his excellent participation in the class activities.	2C
Zaynab Z	For explaining that another word beginning with 'v' for a baddie is a villain.	1SC
Keisha	For excellent understanding in science about the five senses.	1M





From the Head of Nursery

Dear Parents,

The Nursery hopes you all had a wonderful half term.

This week at Purley and South Croydon we have been very busy making fireworks, looking at leaves and why they fall off the trees, and how the weather is changing outside.

Our new book for this half term is The Three Little Pigs. If parents have any ideas for activities - something you might do at home, please let us know as this would be most appreciated.

Tea time clubs forms, for January 2018, have been now sent out for both Purley and South Croydon.

Carole Finch
Head of Nursery



EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY

We have been discovering how to use the computer, we are teaching our children how to use a mouse, keyboard and the computer screen. A few of our children tried to use the computer screen as a touch



screen, we are encouraging the correct use for different types of ICT equipment.

FISHING NETS & CATCHING INSECTS



We are developing the children's hand/eye co-ordination, we had the

insects in the water and we encouraged the children to use the nets to try and get the insects into the nets. This was a fun way to also encourage the language of size as some of the insects were small and some were too big to fit into the nets.

WHAT FRUIT CAN YOU DRAW?

We have been exploring the different types of fruits we eat and then using the home area fruit we were encouraging our children to try and draw the fruits that we had provided. This is to help encourage the



children to draw different shapes and to draw different objects from their environment.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN...



Our children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating and getting dressed up for Halloween and the catering team put on a fine spread too.



FANTASTIC FIREWORKS...

Our Nursery children got their creative juices flowing by using black night sky playdough with glitter and stars and straws to make fireworks. They also thoroughly enjoyed making edible fireworks too.





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Next Weeks Cumnor House Boys Calendar

SAT 4TH	SUN 5TH	MON 6TH	TUE 7TH	WED 8TH	THU 9TH	FRI 10TH
Swim to Win— Week 7. 9-1pm.	Swim to Win— Week 7. 9-1pm.	School Exams Commence. No after school activities except After School Club and Instru- mental Lessons.	U10 A,B,C,D & E v Shrewsbury House School (A). 2.30pm. U11 A,B,C & D v Downsend (H). 2.30pm.	U13 A & C v Parkside (A). 2.30pm. U13 B & D v Parkside (H). 2.30pm. Swimming Ga- la—Years 3-6 London Leagues @ JAGS until 4.15pm Year 1 & 2 pro- gress meeting in School Hall. 5.30—7.00pm.	School Exams End. U9 A, B, C, D & E Rokeby (A). 2.30pm.	Remembrance Day Commemo- ration. 10.50am. Cumnor House U8 A Football Tournament (H). 1.30pm.

Next Weeks Cumnor House Girls Calendar

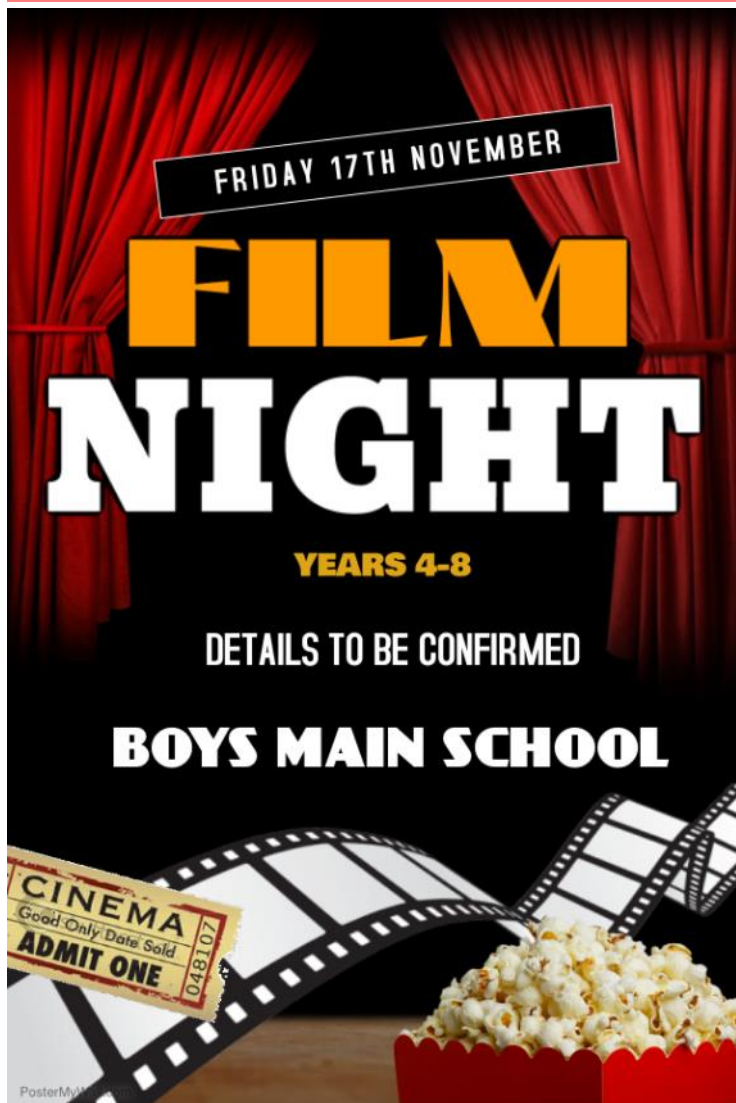
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				Mathematics and problem solving: KS2 Parents' Infor- mation Session. 4.00-5.30pm.	Quest-ionable Quiz. Staff Meeting. 4.10pm	CHG & CHB Reception Joint Disco. At CHG 3.30-5.00pm.



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