

WEEKLY DIGEST



A Message from the Headmaster

It was a pleasure to read the newsletter whilst attending the Cognita Global Head teacher Conference last week. As Mrs Mallet has described below the conference was an excellent opportunity to reflect on new approaches for educational pedagogy and to hear from Cognita Heads from around the world about the innovative teaching and learning that is happening in their own schools. To be part of an internationally successful group of schools that is collaborative and collegial in educational practice is of huge benefit to my own practice and the progress of our school.

On Monday I was invited to the opening of the new sports pavilion at Caterham school, where Matt Dawson MBE was tasked with the official duties for the afternoon. It is always a pleasure to represent the school at these types of event but more importantly it gives me the opportunity to continue to improve working relationships with our local senior and prep schools.



Daniel Cummings
Headmaster

Enjoy the rest of your week. Mr Daniel Cummings

A Message from the Headmistress

Mahatma Gandhi said, "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

We never stop learning, no matter what age, we can always acquire new facts, new skills, new knowledge. Learning in schools is not just for children but for everyone, the whole community, including adults. One of my favourite parts of my day is conversation with the girls at lunchtime. Last week I was asked by one of our Year 3 girls if I knew how to do origami- I do not; however, this does not mean I cannot learn. She promised she would teach me.

Earlier in the week, I was with seventy Headteachers at the Cognita global conference. I learned a great deal from inspirational speakers such as Sir Kevan Collins and our very own Simon Camby, Director of Education for Cognita. The highlight of the conference for me was looking at the neuroscience of how children retain information- the brain is fascinating! I am looking forward to sharing my learning with the teachers here. I shall leave you with a word of wisdom from Dr. Seuss: ***"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."***

I hope you enjoy reading about what our girls have been learning this week.

Dina Mallett



Dina Mallett
Headmistress

SCHOOL NEWS



Stars of the Week :

Awarded: Friday 24 November 2017

CLASS	STARS	REASON
RC	Arjun	For doing his very best to be his best self during every activity. He is an excellent role model for the other boys too.
RM	Serena	For always using punctuation in her writing
RN	Nasri	For trying really hard with his independent learning.
1M	Gurpajj	For correctly labelling the parts of a vehicle.
1S	Blake	For being such a reliable member of our class.
1SC	Saffron Mariam	For excellent counting on and back in mathematics. For excellent counting on and back in mathematics.
1T	Warwick	For fantastic concentration and effort.
1W	Max	For working hard in his lessons.
2C	Charlie	For making super progress with his reading and writing.
2G	Jayden	For setting a good example and always working hard
2H	Averie	For her fantastic research about Tutankhamun.
2L	Afua	For trying hard to use an ordered list when solving the Christmas decorations problem in maths this week.
2S	Ethan	For always doing his best



SPORTS NEWS



Biathlon Success for Matilda!

Congratulations to Matilda Purnell, who finished 2nd in the National Biathlon Finals at the weekend.

Matilda ended the event on the same points as the overall winner, however in case of a draw, first place is awarded to the winner of the swim, Matilda was only 0.4 seconds behind her!

An outstanding achievement for Matilda—congratulations!

Swim Squad Success..

Monday 20th November U8-U11 Swim Squad competed in a swimming gala against Banstead Prep. The girls performed exceptionally well winner most of their races. Cumnor House come away with a fantastic win, well done girls!



U8 Netball Tournament

Netball Fixture	Player of the Match
U9 A- Royal Russell	Adachi
U8 A- Royal Russell	Anoushka P
U8B – Royal Russell	Enioluwa
U8A – Croydon High Netball Tournament	Meenakshi and Lola

The U8A team played in a netball tournament hosted by Croydon High on Tuesday 21st November. the U8's demonstrated the Cumnor Spirit by playing hard, showing good sportsmanship and achieving 4th Place.

SCHOOL NEWS



Year 3: Visiting the studio of Hale Man

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Year 3 Visit the studio of Hale Man Artist in Residence at the Whitgift Centre

Year 3 visited their home town this week in order to meet a local artist and see her studio and examples of her paintings and sculptures.

Croydon is in a period of great change and artist Hale Man has been using 'Change' as a theme for her work in recent months. Hale's studio stands on what was once Whitgift School and the whole of the Whitgift Centre is due to be demolished and replaced with a Westfield Shopping Centre in the near future.

Hale helped the girls to understand the geography of Croydon with its 24 wards and asked them what they would like the developers to consider as they knock down and then rebuild much of our town centre. The girls were very much encouraged to think outside of the box as artists do and to give a child's perspective. They then created an art piece. They painted the shape of one of Croydon's existing wards before creating a new shape for the ward they would like to bring into existence. They filled this with drawings of the facilities they would make available to anyone who might live in their ward.

The girls enjoyed seeing Croydon's amazing street art on their journey to the gallery, as well as Hale's beautiful Art. They intelligently interviewed her to find out about her life as an artist. On Wednesday 15th November, Hale hosted an RSA Fellow-led Croydon Network event discussion on how arts and culture can help to develop an urban space. Our girls work was presented to Paula Murray, Croydon's Cultural Director at this event. Thank you to our artist, Hale Man and to Mrs Halliday and Miss Le Hur for accompanying us on the trip.
Mrs Clingan



SCHOOL NEWS

A Christmas Choral...



Christmas and Movember collided today when the Choristers visited the Sunrise Home for Senior Living in Purley. The busy calendar meant that the annual carol singing for the Sunrise residents happened a little earlier than normal this year.

Although their Christmas tree isn't up yet, the singing of the boys got the festivities at Sunrise off to a resounding start and put smiles on the faces of the packed audience. The boys sang their full Christmas repertoire plus some extra carols that everyone could join in with. It was a lovely event - the boys sang beautifully and a few instrumentalists also impressed everyone with their playing. Some boys wore Santa hats and tinsel - maybe it was all the hats and antlers that led one of the residents to ask if Mr. Sizer's Movember moustache was real - she even had a good tug on it to check!!!

There is still time to donate to Movember <https://moteam.co/cumnor-comrades?mc=1> and show your appreciation/admiration/abomination (delete as appropriate) of the moustaches currently being sported by Mr. Sizer, Mr. Jones, Mr. Beatie-Soper and Mr. Dwyer.

The Choristers will be raising money for Marie Curie on Friday at the Whitgift Centre 10am please come along and support them if you can.

Sutton Festival Success



Last week, the Girls Junior Choir, attended the Sutton Festival, where the choir were awarded top marks! Congratulations to a wonderful team effort.

SCHOOL NEWS

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

Many of us tend to forget how fortunate we are as we celebrate Christmas time; opening gifts and enjoying the many festivities - so many children in the world have very little.

This year we have supported the Rotary Shoebox Scheme which has been hugely successful with over 220 boxes filled. To all those parents and boys who spent their time packing a special Christmas box, a big THANK YOU for bringing joy to children in need.

Mrs Kelly



Rutherford School visit

This morning the girls had the great pleasure of a visit from Dr Carole Nicholson and two of her team from Rutherford School, South Croydon. David and Sarah spoke to the girls about how some of the children at their school communicate with only their eyes using an inclusive piece of technology called Eyegaze. The girls were thoroughly engaged and asked some outstanding questions.

Our Chamber Choir will be going to perform and visit the school on Monday 11th December, where they may have the opportunity to see the technology in action. We can't wait to hear about their visit.

Ali Page
Head of Mathematics

Rutherford
School Caring First
Respect Always

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 5 & 6 Junior Science Competition

On Friday the 17th of November we took 8 boys from years 5 and 6 to Farmington's School for the Inter Prep school's Junior Quiz. With questions covering topics as diverse as Pavlov's theory, The Periodic table and Prevailing Winds, the boys must feel very proud of themselves for coming 6th and 8th out of 9 teams. The quiz format was such that the boys were challenged to work as teams and discuss answers under pressure. Furthermore, they all learnt that there is a need to take a more active interest in the world around them beyond the classroom. We can definitely picture our boys on the University Challenge show in years to come. Special thanks to Mr Bennet for accompanying and cheering us on.



Water Talk by SES Water



Last Friday, the educational advisor for SES Water visited Year 5 and gave an interactive talk on Water to fit in with the Water and River Geography topic this term.

Volcanoes..



Braving the cold weather on Thursday morning, 5M took their volcanoes out into the playground and created mini eruptions using a mix of baking powder, vinegar and red food colouring. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we had so much fun watching the boys' creations come to life. Mrs Sandhu

SCHOOL NEWS

People Who Help Us: Police



Crimes in Reception!

On Wednesday 22nd November Matilda's Mummy came to visit us to tell us about her job. She is a Detective Sergeant with the Met Police. It was fascinating to hear all about her job and how she helps people.

In this photo you can see Elina being arrested for having beautiful curly hair!

Introduction to Subtraction...



This morning the Reception classroom turned into a bowling alley as we had our first introduction to subtraction. Everybody got a turn to bowl the ball and attempt to knock down the skittles. The girls then recorded their score in a subtraction number sentence.

SCHOOL NEWS

Success at Mathletics—Numeracy Challenge



NOVEMBER NUMERACY CHALLENGE

Schools ranking by Average Mathletics Points

	1	Stewartstown Primary School, Dungannon	6,839
	2	Bushey Meads School, Bushey	5,668
	3	Holy Family RC Primary School, Coventry	5,470
	4	British International School Belgrade, Belgrade	5,215
	5	Bethel Primary School, Caernarfon	5,125
	6	Ecclesbourne Primary School, Thornton Heath	4,609
	7	St Francis Xavier RC Primary School, Oldbury	3,685
	8	Wakefield Girls' High School Junior School, Wakefield	3,529
	9	Halstead Preparatory School, Woking	3,321
	10	Cumnor House School For Girls, Purley	3,228

Mrs Carlisle would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all the girls who took part in the November Numeracy Challenge through Mathletics. Over 400 schools took part and the girls school managed to come 10th. A truly outstanding performance, I'm sure you will agree!

Individual winners from each year group will be announced next week. Thank you once again to all girls who took part, from an extremely proud Mrs Carlisle.

Cake Sale

Many thanks to all the girls and parents who baked for and donated to last week's cake sale. We had some absolutely fantastic Christmas-themed cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and brownies baked by the girls. The winner and runners up of the bake-off will be announced by Mrs Mallet in assembly this week, where they will also be presented with prizes.



NURSERY NEWS

Dear Parents

The children have had another busy week at Cumnor House Nursery. This week we have been looking at the letter G, and the numbers 4 and 5.

This week, the children are excitedly preparing for the Christmas plays on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th at South Croydon and Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th at Purley. For the plays, places are allocated at 2 people per child, due to health and safety reasons.

We look forward to seeing you at these events next week.

Enjoy your week!

Carole Finch



Festive Dates for Diaries

THU 7TH DEC	Christmas Concert— Willows, South Croydon	2.00pm
FRI 8TH DEC	Christmas Concert— Silver Birches, South Croydon	2.00pm
MON 11TH DEC	Christmas Concert— Little Acorns & Pines, Purley	2.00pm
TUES 12TH DEC	Christmas Concert—Chestnuts, Purley	2.00pm
FRI 15TH DEC	Term Time Children Break up for Christmas	11.45am
FRI 22ND DEC	51 Week Children Break up for Christmas	6.00pm

NURSERY NEWS

Christmas has arrived!



In Chestnuts class, the children have immersed themselves in imaginary play in our Winter Wonderland snow tray.



In our Maths area we used numbered Santa's to match quantity to digits using unifix cubes to make a tower to put the Santa's in numerical order.



The children were learning to put the Santa's in to numerical order.



This week in Pines and Little Acorns we have been busy creating lots of activities for our Christmas boards.



The children in Pines made a Antarctica board painting a family of penguins and learning some fun facts.



Little Acorns continue to work on their board making a lovely Christmas scene.

NURSERY NEWS

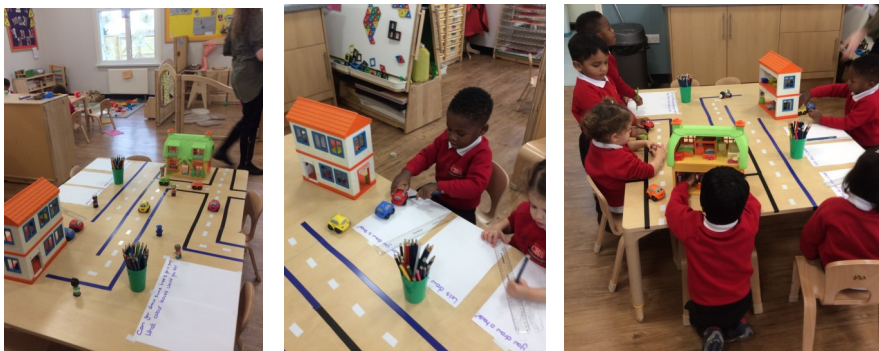
Willows Scientists

Willows class, have had lots of fun with science experiments with Professor Fowler. Making lava lamps using oil, food colouring and a see through jar to see what happened and how the mixture changed. The children used a fizzy bath solution to listen to the sound and were fascinated that the coloured water separated.



Model Town

The tables were transformed into a model town with roads, houses, cars and small world people. The children used the props and their imaginations to create scenarios as a group. The children were also provided with paper and other writing tools for them to contribute to the creation of the model town.



Three Little Pigs Masks



This week the children took part in an activity to create their own pig masks. They painted their masks and used bottle caps to create the pig's snout. The children were also encouraged to use scissors to independently cut out their masks, supporting them in developing their fine motor skills. Once their creations were finished the children had lots of fun using them to act out the story of 'The three little pigs'.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa is coming to Lord Roberts on the Green!

Come down and visit Lord Roberts on the Green this Christmas and meet Santa himself!

Children can post their letters to the North Pole and visit Santa and his elves at the same time!

Tickets are £12.50 which includes a gift and the opportunity to take as many photos as you like of this magical moment! Please call 0208 660 2000 to book tickets or ask a member of staff in store.

Don't forget to mention Cumnor House Boys/Girls/Nursery School when booking tickets!!!

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& PARENTS ARE
ABLE TO
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TO THE NORTH POLE
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HIS ELVES AT THE
SAME TIME!!

Come and visit
**Santa's
Grotto**
**8th to 24th
December**
10am-3pm
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VILLAGE
PURLEY
CR8 3HF

**CALL 0208 660 2000 TO BOOK
OR ASK A MEMBER OF STAFF IN STORE**

LORD ROBERTS
ON THE GREEN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beauty & the Beast Pantomime

Tickets are now available for "Beauty and the Beast by the West End Pantomime Company" at School Hall - Cumnor House School for Girls, Purley on Thursday 14 December 2017 at 2:15PM. Click the link for further information and to secure your tickets now! <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/427273>



The West End Pantomime Company comes to Cumnor!!

This year the girls will be treated to a fantastic interactive performance of Beauty and the Beast. This will take place on the afternoon of 14th December 2017 during school time so no one will miss out.

Price is £8 per girl or £15 for two siblings

Join Beauty on her brave journey to a mysterious castle, hidden deep in an enchanted forest. As the audience share enchanted castle life with Beauty and the Beast, we help them learn the true meaning of friendship and fun in this re-imagined tale where both Beauty *and* the Beast are trapped in his castle. Beauty's magical adventure, with her new friend the Beast, shows us all that kindness and beauty are much more than skin deep...



Starring
Mel Giedroyc
as the voice of the Magic Mirror

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peter Pan Pantomime—sold out!

SOLD OUT IN 9 DAYS!!! Thank you to all who purchased tickets for this year's pantomime it is sure to be a wonderful event enjoyed by all!

 The CHS Boys/Nursery
Parents' Association
proudly presents...

The Pantomime Adventures
Of
Peter Pan

SOLD OUT!!!!!!

The Harlequin Theatre
Warwick Road, Cumnor Hill, Oxford OX4 1RN
Friday 5th December
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CALENDAR

Next Week: Cumnor House Boys Calendar

THU 30TH	Reception Boys, Nativity Swimming Gala—Years 2 - 6 , Royal Russell School	9.30am Warm Up—4.30pm
FRI 1ST	Choristers sing at the Whitgift Centre	Warm-Up—9am Performance—10.30am
SAT 2ND	Swim to Win—Week 11 U7A Downsends indoor football tournament (A)	9.00am—11.00am 9.00am—12.00pm
SUN 3RD	Swim to Win—Week 11	9.00am—11.00am
MON 4TH	Junior Choir Rehearsal Choristers Rehearsal Year 1 & 2 Nativity Rehearsals at St Mark's Church (Grandparents & Siblings welcome) * Boys to be collected by their parents from the church at 3pm. U11A Rugby Trinity (A)	9.00am—10.45am 11.00am—12.15pm 2.00pm 4.30pm
TUES 5TH	Year 1 & 2 Nativity at St Mark's Church	2.00pm
WED 6TH	Carol Service readers preparation and rehearsal Croydon Minster	9.00am—10.30am
THU 7TH	Carol Service preparation and rehearsal, Croydon Minster Willows Christmas concert, Cumnor House Nursery, South Croydon Carol Service, Croydon Minster	2.00pm—4.00pm 2.00pm 7.00pm—9.30pm
FRI 8TH	Silver Birches Christmas concert, Cumnor House Nursery South Croydon	2.00pm—2.30pm

CALENDAR

Next Week: Cumnor House Girls Calendar

THU 30TH	Year 5 Trip, Science Masterclass, Epsom College U9A Netball v. Aberdour (A) U11A, U10A, U9A & U8A Swimming Gala at Royal Russell	11.00am—4.00pm 1.00pm—4.45pm 4.00pm—5.45pm
FRI 1ST	Years 3—6, House Netball	11.00am
SAT 2ND		
SUN 3RD		
MON 4TH	Year 5-6 Swimming Gala, Aberdour School Banstead	4.00pm—5.00pm
TUES 5TH	Dress rehearsal of Pre-Prep Festive performance to whole school and nursery U9A & U9B Netball v. Aberdour (H)	TBC 3.45pm—4.45pm
WED 6TH	Pre-Prep Festive Performance to Reception Parents U11A & U11B Netball v. Aberdour (H)	2.15pm 2.30pm—3.30pm
THU 7TH	Reception class to Christmas Craft Workshop, Christ's Church, Purley	9.00am—11.00am
FRI 8TH	Clubs finish	

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