



CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL  
*The true mark of a school is what lies within*

## A Message from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

Gosh, this week seems to have gone by in a blur of activity. It was wonderful to welcome parents to celebrate the Year 5 and 6 assembly on Friday, it was a real treat showing the true breadth and depth of what the girls at Cumnor do and the high level they reach. We saw Year 5 explain clearly the democratic process – something that they will further develop when we hold a mock election later on this term. Then, as a complete contrast, the other Year 5 group performed a rendition of *The Highwayman*, performing confidently and bringing the text to life. Year 6 entertained us with three comedy sketches, performing with maturity and superb comic timing. What a splendid way to begin a Friday morning!

We were also able to celebrate the success of our cricket teams who played against Banstead Prep, Year 5 winning and Year 6 just pipped by a couple of runs. I am so delighted to have Girls' cricket at Cumnor and thank Ms Young for her enthusiasm coaching the girls. A few, but not all, highlights of the week include the Year 6 Great British Bake Off challenge – imagine my delight when Mrs Regy asked me to help judge all of the cakes, We assessed them for appearance, use of ingredients, texture and taste – I think we have many talented bakers in Year 6 with very imaginative ideas.

Reception girls wrote letters to Prince William and Princess Kate to congratulate them on the Birth of their son, Louis, and they walked up to the postbox to post them. On Wednesday, a small group of musicians went to Wilhelmina House Care Home to play their instruments and sing; the girls were able to have some time afterwards to speak to the residents, thank you to Mrs King and Mrs Davison for arranging this trip and for taking the girls. I think this is the start of a fabulous relationship that will be of benefit to both young and old.

In this week's assembly, Miss Threadgold celebrated the successes of some famous "failures", showing the girls that if we reflect then we can learn great lessons from our "failures" and that with determination, self-reflection, perseverance and a determined effort we can all develop grit and resilience which are the keys to success.

There is a change of a key date for your diaries. Prizegiving has been moved to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, it will be a whole school event and will take place at Croydon Minster. I am anticipating that the ceremony will begin at 2pm and should last approximately one and a half hours. I will confirm the start time as soon as possible. You will be able to take your daughters home straight after. I am

really looking forward to this opportunity to celebrate our girls' achievements from Reception to Year 6.

Some rather sadder news is that at the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Mrs Davison, our Head of Music. She joined Cumnor Girls' School in 2007 and has led the development of the Music from a somewhat paltry offering to a thriving and busy department where we have a team of peripatetic teachers offering a wide range of instrumental lessons; the Year 3 Music Scheme where girls can "have a go" at a couple of instruments before making a decision as to what they would like to take on to a higher level; the development of a very proficient choir where any girl who wishes to sing, is able to and also the creation of the more elite Chamber Choir – to name just a few of her achievements here. She has watched and inspired so many girls here with her own love of music - what a gift to give.

"Sometimes you have to watch somebody love something before you can love it yourself.

It is as if they are showing you the way" Donald Miller

Have a wonderful long weekend

Mrs. Amanda McShane

Headmistress



### Sports News

#### Cricket

The Cumnor girls have enjoyed learning cricket skills during their lessons. All girls from reception - Year 6 have been working on their ball skills, aiming and batting.

The U10 and U11 teams took part in Cumnor girls first ever Cricket matches. Both games were incredibly exciting and the scores close! For an insight into the action please read the match reports below.

Cricket Fixture	Player of the Match	Score
U11A- Banstead Prep	Leah Patel	Loss 239 – 246
U10B- Banstead Prep	Naima Grace	Win 264 - 257



#### U11A – Cumnor House Girls Vs Banstead Prep Girls

Written by Lianna

On Wednesday 25th April the under 11 cricket team competed in their first ever cricket match, against Banstead prep.

The team was Jasmin, Temi, Eloane, Megan, Leah, Sephora, Deetya, Jessica and myself. We won the toss and chose to field first. Jasmin and Temi were the first to be bowler and wicket keeper, we rotated every 2 overs so everyone got a chance to play every position. During the fielding half we did well and scored 11 wickets and one catch. After the half we gathered together and discussed the score, Banstead prep had scored 246 runs. It was a tough score to beat but we were up for the challenge.

Eventually the batting half began and again Jasmin and Temi started batting and we rotated every 2 overs. We did really well and got so many 4's which are when the ball touches the boundary and Leah scored the only 6 of the game, which is when the ball goes over the boundary. After the game had finished we gathered again and discussed the results of the game the final result was 246 to Banstead prep and 236 to Cumnor. We then chose our player and the match and congratulations to Leah who won.

The game was an amazing experience and the team and I were very privileged to be a part of it well done Banstead prep better luck next time Cumnor. Thank you to Miss Young and Mrs King for supporting us.



U10A – Cumnor House Girls Vs Banstead Prep Girls

Written by Arya

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 under 10A cricket Team played against Banstead Prep. The Team were Sahana, Penelope, Bethany, Toni, Diya, Naima, Claire, Alesha and myself (captain).

We were very nervous at the beginning but quickly overcome it by supporting each other.

Everybody got a turn to field, bat, bowl and be the wicket keeper. Naima hit a six at the end, Sahana got three wickets out. The final score was 264 runs to Banstead Preps 257.

Thank you Ms Young for all of your support which helped us in giving a fantastic performance.

Well done Cumnor House better luck next time Banstead Prep.



## Cross Country

### Farthing Downs Race

On Saturday 28th April the South London Harriers Athletics Club arranged a Cross Country race across Farthing Downs. The U8, U9 and U10 cross country teams took part in this final cross country race of the season. The course was wet, muddy and steep but this did not deter the Cumnor Girls from completing the race with determination and grit. The U8 & U9 team received a collective score of 90 points which put them in third place overall. Fantastic effort Cumnor!

South London Harriers Primary Cross Country League. Throughout the year the South London Harriers Athletics Club have run a Cross Country League at Woodcote High School. All girls from Year 3-4 were welcome to participate and we had large numbers of enthusiastic girls representing the school. The final results were revealed and the Cumnor Girls U8 & U9 team came a brilliant third place overall. Well done girls!





Last month several of our girls performed at the Coulsdon and Purley festival performing short talks on a wide range of subjects. Topics ranged from "Visiting Kenya" to "Learning about the Human Skeleton", "Growing a Lime Tree" to "Playing the Clarinet".

The following students were awarded places and Outstanding Certificates.

Short Talk 6 -7 Years Old

1st Katerina McBride

3rd Averie Maxam

Short Talk 8 – 9 Years Old Group A

1st Naima-Grace Oluwasanmi

3rd Jointly awarded to Jiya Patel and Abirami Thiru

Short Talk 8 – 9 Years Old Group B

1st Aishani Rawal

3rd Jointly awarded to Rose and Beatrice Reding



Naima-Grace was also presented with the Carol Shroder Cup for the highest mark in all of the short talk categories at the festival concert by Mr Darrell Davison, the President of the Coulsdon and Purley Festival. Congratulations also go to Samara Sarpong, Makanaka Muvuti, Nina Hutchinson, Anoushka Selvon-Bruce, Anoushka Pathak, Enioluwa Awonogun, Hanna Mughal and Maahi Patel who also took part. If you would like to take part next year please contact Mrs Shanila Taylor.

Great Cumnor Bake Off 2018

This year's Great Cumnor Bake off is now underway, with judges Amanda, Laura and Debbie King handed the hard task of judging. Well done to all the girls involved who baked cakes at home and then participated in the after school cake sale to raise money for their end of year party.

Congratulations to Alisha who finished first, Deetya in second and Sara and Eloane who shared third place. Finals will be held on 5th May 2018. Best of luck girls!

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# ★ Stars of the Week ★

Awarded: Friday 27th April 2018

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RM - Aliyah

For confidently mastering the art of telling the time.

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1M - Gurpaj

For listening to the instructions and independently completing her maths task.

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1SC - Poppy

For excellent problem solving in maths.

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2H - Ella Abbot

For her effort in mathematics when completing the multiplication activities.

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2L - Tien

For her excellent contribution in Geography this week and her detailed explanation of both the human and physical features of a place.

(missed from last week) 2L - Ashanya

For her excellent reasoning in maths when determining the likeliness of one thing happening compared to another.

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## Upcoming Events



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