



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

## A Message from the Head of Nursery

Dear Parents

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Mother's Day events on Friday. The feedback from the day has been very positive and we look forward to the Father's Day afternoon on Friday June 15th from 2-3pm, further information will be sent closer to the day. We hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon and I would like to thank the Nursery team for their efforts planning the different activities including games, cooking and singing/story-telling across the rooms.

Both nursery sites took part in 'World Maths Day' on Wednesday. The children in Silver Birches enjoyed matching the numbers and shape cars to the correct parking spaces, Chestnuts were working on counting, and different number problems and number sentences based on the Gruffalo story.

Thank you to parents for supporting the delayed 'World Book Day' on Thursday. Despite the snow cancellation our spirits were not dampened and we saw an amazing effort on costumes and activities to celebrate reading. The nursery staff found it very hard to choose a winner from each room and if we could, we would have made everyone a winner! Well done to Sophie in Silver Birches Class, Layla in Willows Class, Isaac M, Alaya, Henry, Eugenia, Raayah, Thian in Chestnuts, Haris, Sara H in Pines, Niyam in Lile Acorns.

This week it was great to spend time in the rooms on both sites, where the children were very happy, engaged and most of all excited to be learning. In my observations of the Nursery I was pleased to see the children's manners, turn taking and their ability to choose and share different activities throughout the day. One group of children were playing with the numbered cars and were more than happy to share their game with others that chose to join them. A true demonstration of our Cumnor Way values, well done. The children have been demonstrating many independent thinking skills, not only sharing games and activities but showing good manners to others when sitting down for snacks and washing their hands. Some of our children even allow others to take their turn ahead of themselves, a true mark of a caring selfless attitude to friends and peers.

I hope you enjoy the rest of this week and have a lovely weekend.

Carole Finch

Head of Nursery

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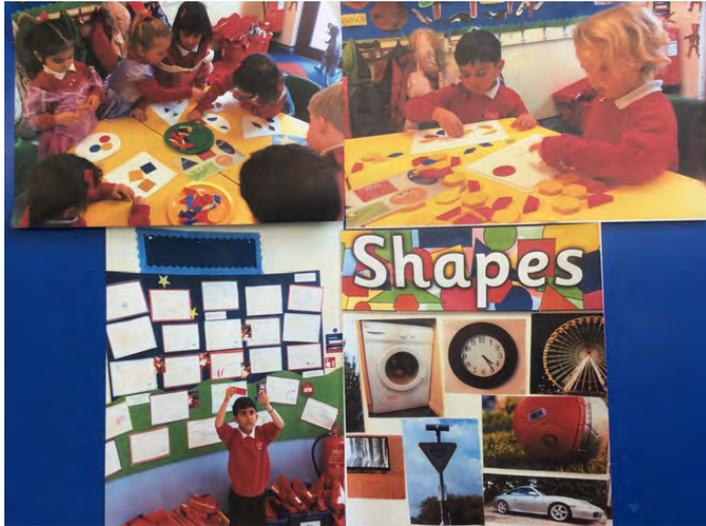
### Chestnuts

On Friday we had some very special visitors.... all the children's mummies came to spend time with us to celebrate Mother's Day. They spent time playing in the playground with us joining in with hop scotch and hoola hoops. We then went in to our classroom and both Jacob's and Henry's mummies volunteered to read a story.

The children then delighted their mummies by singing a special Mother's Day song and giving them each a 'World's best Mummy certificate'. The children were so excited to take their own mummy by the hand and show them around our classroom to see our display boards containing their writing and art work. It proved to be a very rewarding and memorable afternoon for all concerned. The mummies were prompted that their handmade Mother's Day cards were under children's pillows until the big day ( under instructions).

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### Chestnuts

This week in Chestnuts we have been looking at flat 2D shapes. We have been learning to:

- Recognise and name
- Sort
- Make pictures
- Play shape bingo

We have also been teaching the children to be aware of shapes in their environment inside our classroom, outside in the playground and in our nature garden. The children were set a challenge, if they could find a shape in the outside area they could use the teacher's iPad to take pictures of them to display in the classroom.



### Pines and Little Acorns

In Pines and Little Acorns we have been matching and learning the names of basic shapes as well as learning the names of some new ones such as hexagon, Pentagon and Octagon. The

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children have been counting how many side some of the shapes have and talking about where they might have seen these shapes in the environment around them.



#### Pines and Little Acorns

It was lovely to see all the children and staff dress up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day last week. The children enjoyed listening to stories cd's and sharing book with both their peers and teachers, as well as colouring pictures from our different book themes.



#### Little Acorns

We were delighted to host our mother's day event in Little Acorns last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing their mummies their classroom. Thank you to all who attended, we loved having you.

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Silver Birches

Sequencing the Gruffalo

As part of the theme at the moment we had a lovely opportunity for the children to try to sequence the Gruffalo story in the order that they felt it went. This encouraged the children to explore remembering how the story is structured and it would start and end.



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Silver Birches

World Maths Day

We had a lot of fun celebrating world Maths day, we had fun activities for the children to participate in, we made our own car park numbered from 1-10 and 6 different shapes, on the top of the cars we had the same numbers and shapes. The children enjoyed matching the cars to the spaces and using the language of numbers and shapes. We spent the day exploring number lines, making shapes using play-dough, counting as we moved around the garden and lots more.



Silver Birches

We had a wonderful day for World Book Day, all of the children looked amazing and had a great day dressing as their favourite characters. We spent time during the day reading their favourite books and discussing the characters.





Silver Birches

We had a wonderful afternoon on Friday for our lovely mums and grandma's. We had lots of fun activities including brightly coloured play-dough, Planting sunflower seeds for the children to take home, decorating clay hand prints, mark making and a great opportunity for time to be spent together.



### Willows Mother's Day Celebrations

We were happy to see such a lovely turn out last Friday for our Mother's Day celebrations. We had many fun on offer to try such as planting a sunflower, making a story book, tap tap along with other fun activities. A big thank you to everybody who made it!



### Willows

Last week was a busy week in Willows full of exciting activities. We were so lucky to have Miss Karen, our chef come and create a tasty treat with us. We made Gruffalo crumble using chocolate and Rice Krispy's mixed together. At home : What food can you create from the Gruffalo story?



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Willows Dress Up For World Book Day

On Thursday last week we celebrated World Book Day! We enjoyed a magical day with pirates, princesses, hero's and many more characters. The children took part in a book hunt, hunting for books with bears, tigers etc and mark them off on their list.



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As a current Nursery parent, we want to thank you for entrusting your child to the care of Cumnor House Nursery. Our aim is to ensure that all our children academically reach their full potential but most importantly are happy and confidently prepared for the world ahead.

As you know, choosing the right Nursery for your child is an important decision and one that is often made with reference to recommendations made by other parents. We would therefore be most grateful if you would share your positive experience by completing a [daynurseries.co.uk](https://www.daynurseries.co.uk) review. This can be completed online at [daynurseries.co.uk](https://www.daynurseries.co.uk) - <https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/submitreview>

If conversely you have any comments or concerns, please feel free to contact us personally and we would be happy to arrange a meeting to discuss these with you.

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