



CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL

The true mark of a school is what lies within

Week 10 | Summer 2018



Welcome from the Headmistress

The sun is shining and people are generally smiling and we have a great deal to smile about.

We met the new Reception girls and their parents, after a delightful ballet demonstration by Reception, the girls settled into what will be their new classroom very quickly and confidently. We look forward to welcoming them in September.

We had the most magnificent performances of "The Lion King", I was rendered almost speechless – I know that is hard to believe. I was so impressed by the commitment of our girls and the energy and quality of their performance. Mrs Kimber has worked hard training these girls to prepare for their performance, not just in Year Six but through the drama curriculum that they have been following throughout their time at Cumnor. Those who saw the production would have been astounded by the artwork led by Mrs Davison. Every staff member, and the P.A., had a part to play in enabling this event to run smoothly, from the face painting to serving drinks to the supervision of girls to ensuring that parents parked their cars safely. Team Cumnor!

Still recovering from our late night on Friday we went straight into our Summer Fair. The playground had a happy, community buzz - the smells of curry wafting from the Food Tech room and the mouth-watering aromas from the BBQ. Girls were delighted to decorate cupcakes and, in turn, be decorated with hair plaiting, painted nails, mehndi designs and face paintings. There were squeals of delight and disgust from the pirate feely boxes and the slime stall; and on such a hot day it was good to have cold drinks, snow cones and icecreams. Thank you to the Parents' Association for making this happen, to all the parents and teachers who manned stalls and to all who came and enjoyed themselves. A special mention to Mrs Haley, she came to me quite early in the term and proposed this event, I agreed and she made it happen in what was a short amount of time. She, and her team, are nothing short of remarkable.

Year 4 had a day out to Knole House to experience life what life was like in Tudor times. They had the opportunity to delve into rich and poor chests of replica Tudor artefacts to discover more about the Tudor life – their food, their health and hygiene and their school, work and play-time. Girls were able to dress in Tudor costume and imagine what life would have been like at Knole. They had a super day and thank Mrs King for organising this.

Year 6 set off on their big adventure on Monday and upon arrival were soon involved in shelter building, flag making and other fun and games in the woods. This Bushcraft trip is such a wonderful opportunity for our girls to try new things and do things that they never thought they could. I am sure they had plenty of excited tales to tell parents upon their return.

Sports Day, always a highlight of any school calendar, planned by Miss Young, supported by teachers and a great success. A few events were amended due to the hot weather but we still maintained a happy and competitive atmosphere. It was good to see Year 5 girls assisting the KS1 sports so responsibly, a good step towards the prefect roles that they will soon adopt.

So, another busy week in the Cumnor Household and still so much more to fit in. I am looking forward to Prizegiving on Monday – please see the note below – and the girls will move up to their next teachers on Thursday Afternoon. A reminder that we have a staggered finish on Friday 6th with Reception departing at 11.45, Years 1 – 3 leave at 12.00 and Years 4 – 6 at 12.15. There will be no buses or afterschool care on that day.

Mrs Amanda McShane
Headmistress

Unity is strength. . . when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. Mattie Stepanek

Prizegiving - 2nd July 2018

As you know it is our whole school Prizegiving on Monday and I am looking forward to celebrating with girls, parents and teachers. On Monday morning girls need to come to school at the normal time in their summer dresses, and their hair tied back and tidy. There should be no nail varnish and shoes should be polished. Prizegiving will begin promptly at 2.00pm and should end at approximately 3.30. However, as we have not yet had a run through, this is an estimate. Unless coach transport has been requested all the girls will be dismissed from the garden at the side of the Minster, it is essential that all girls shake hands with their form, or designated, teacher and show who is taking them home. If you have made arrangements for your daughter to go home with a friend please ensure that school knows. I ask that parents will turn off their mobile phones prior to the start of the event.

Lion King





Titanic Model

Year 5 have been studying the Titanic and they made a model of it. Penelope made a stunning model of the Titanic out of cardboard.



Sumayya in Year 2 took part in the Writing Competition at Explore Learning in May and got through to the last 10. She won £250 worth of learning books for the school!

Stars of the Week Awarded: Friday 22nd June 2018

Mihika & Ella of Class RM

Mihika for finding her big voice Ella for extending her writing in RWI

Chloe & Fatima of Class 1M

For being a fabulous buddy to a visiting girl and looking after her all morning

Elizabeth of Class 1SC

For always being polite and helpful.

Maahi of Class 2H

For for her excellent newspaper report about the Great Fire of London.

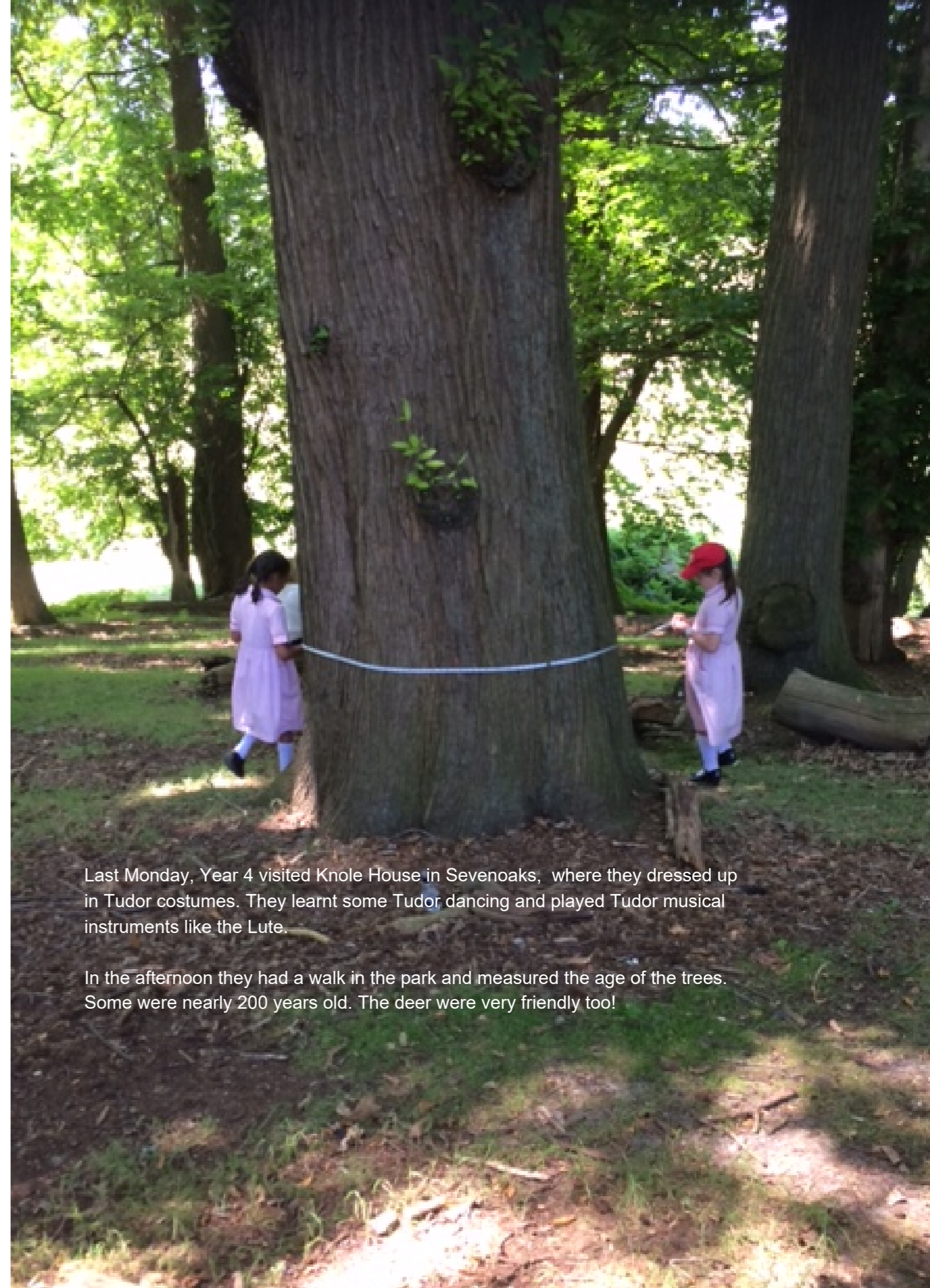
Simra & Isabella of Class 2L

Simra for her excellent effort when writing a diary entry about the Great Fire of London.

Isabella for her thoughtful and detailed newspaper report as though she were a journalist in 1666.



School News



Last Monday, Year 4 visited Knole House in Sevenoaks, where they dressed up in Tudor costumes. They learnt some Tudor dancing and played Tudor musical instruments like the Lute.

In the afternoon they had a walk in the park and measured the age of the trees. Some were nearly 200 years old. The deer were very friendly too!



Kids First will be **OPEN** from 30th July – 31st August between 10 & 3pm

**Social Communication Groups/
Attention Autism Groups: 10-12pm –
£35 per session**

- * **Pre School aged children:** Mon 30 July, 6, 13, 20 Aug
- * **Primary aged children:** Wed 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug
- * **Secondary aged children:** Fri 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug

Transition Groups: 10-12pm – £35

- * **Nursery to School:** 31 July, 2 Aug, booster session 29 Aug
- * **Reception to yr 1/yr 2:** Tue 14 and Thur 16 Aug, booster session 30 Aug
- * **Primary to secondary:** Tue 21 and Thur 23 Aug, booster session 31 Aug

**Reading Comprehension/Engagement
in Language: 11am-12.30pm – £30**

- * **Primary aged children:** 30 July – 3 Aug
- * **Secondary aged children:** 6 – 10 Aug

**The Centre will also have
experienced therapists available
for assessments or 1:1 sessions
throughout August**

- * **Summer Special price**
1:1 sessions of 45 min – £55
- * **Standard Assessment**
(pre-school to age 5) – £180
- * **Enhanced**
(primary to secondary school) – £240

Parent Training

- * Communicating through Sign
- * Autism – Communication
- * What is Speech and Language? – our top tips

For more details or to book for any of the above courses, please contact Emma Ryall on Tel: 0208 4070746 or email emma@wordfirst.uk



HOLIDAY CLUBS RUN AT CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

(Half-Terms, Christmas, Easter and Summer Holidays)

**BIRTHDAY PARTIES
1:1 COACHING SESSIONS
GROUP COACHING SESSIONS**

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact
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