



CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL

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Welcome from the Headmistress

We are at half term already – where did that time go? It has certainly been busy and the next half term will be busier still. I am delighted to be a part of this lovely school, and it has been a joy to get to know staff, pupils and parents and I thank you for making me feel so welcome. I am looking forward to arranging some more coffee mornings after half term so that I can meet any parents that I have not had the opportunity to talk to yet. Together we will encourage and nurture our girls to be the best that they can be.

This week has been so busy our feet have barely touched the ground – and that doesn't mean that we have been treading water either! All of the girls have demonstrated that "This girl can" this week not only in terms of their sporting endeavours on the field, but also in the pool. It was a privilege for me to be a part of Reception, Year 1 and the Years 2 – 6 Swim Gala. The girls had a genuine excitement about showing off their skills and the older ones were keen to compete against each other. In the relays, I wonder if the competition was about getting as many teachers as wet as possible It was good to see the Lower School demonstrating their skills of starfish floating in case they fell in cold water, and reassuring to adults that our girls have this survival skill. Thank you to all the staff for helping these events to run smoothly, but especially to Mrs Lewis and Miss Young for their coaching each week and the organisation of the galas.

10 Year Five girls demonstrated their language skills and knowledge of a variety of different aspects of life from different countries – from recognising flags to different types of pasta and having a go at learning some Japanese. They returned from Reigate Grammar School clutching certificates and a trophy as worthy winners of the Language Mastemind challenge. Thanks to Mrs Bartlett for taking them and a huge congratulations to the girls.

Cricketers returned jubilant from a Croydon tournament, and after several matches– the last one being very close – they were the overall winners, this has earned them a place in the London Games – date to be confirmed. For a group of girls who have only been playing cricket for 5 weeks I think that this is a remarkable achievement.

Year 5 visited Wilhelmina House again this week, with Mrs Clingan and Mrs King, and bridged the generation gap, chatting with residents and drawing portraits.

The school was delighted to hear Sumayya, Year 2, read her story to the school on Wednesday. She is a worthy regional winner of the National Young Writers' Awards. We are now all waiting with bated breath to hear if she has made the national finals.

With this level of opportunity, enthusiasm and encouragement we have girls who can and should aspire to great things.

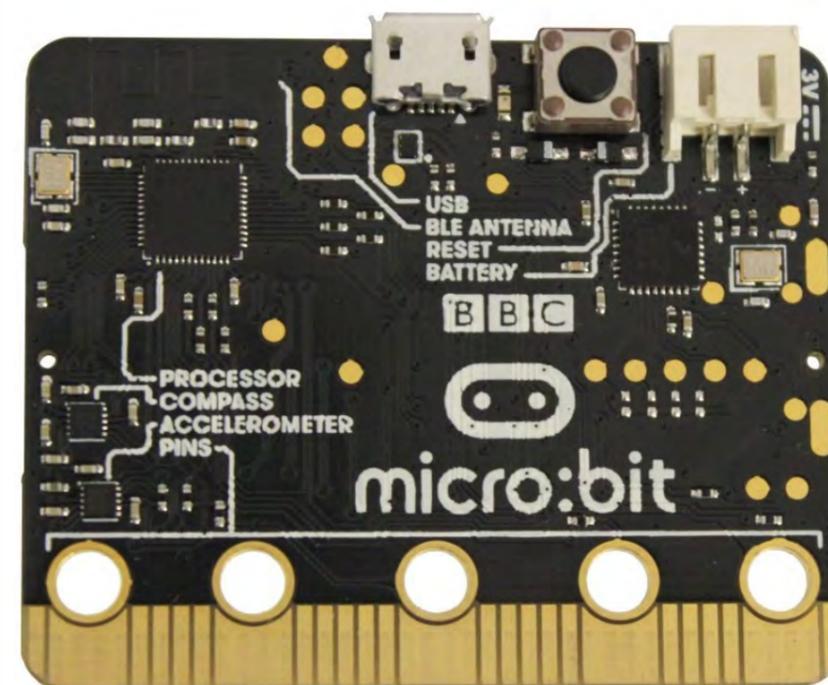
Have a fabulous and restful half term.

"Aim for the moon, but in your way there don't forget to dance with the stars and

shine as bright as the sun." Tilicia Haridat

Amanda McShane
Headmistress

Year 6 Exploring BBC MICRO:BITS



In our computing lessons we are learning programming with BBC Micro:bits. We had to produce scrolling text by making a programme using the Block editor and transfer the programme to the BBC-Micro:bit. I designed my text to say, 'Welcome to Cumnor House Mrs McShane from Year 6'. I also designed a flashing heart to flash. When we showed Mrs McShane she was very excited and gave us all stickers! This lesson seemed really hard at first but it got a lot easier with Miss Le Hur's help. I am looking forward to do more.

By Eloane Regy

Year 5 Girls' MFL Mastermind Competition at Reigate Grammar School

Ten carefully selected pupils from Year 5 were invited to take part in a Modern Foreign Language Competition at Reigate Grammar School on Monday. Eager to participate in their first Mastermind Language Competition, the girls collaborated with excitement when deciding upon their final answers to the different questions and tasks they were asked to fulfil. After discussion and a short presentation by the girls to the other schools about what 'culture' meant to them, we soon realised that this competition was about the importance of foreign language speaking across the world. The competition began with an introduction to Japanese. With interest and confidence, they soon discovered that they were able to communicate successfully and exchange information in Japanese within only one hour's teaching; proof that we are all able to learn a new language, whichever one that may be. Then there was a general quiz about national flags, which was swiftly followed by a quiz about French food. The girls particularly enjoyed the poetry task they were set, which involved reciting, by heart, a short poem in French. They performed brilliantly, with perfect pronunciation, fluency and intonation. The girls were awarded First Prize and were each handed a certificate and a gift bag. Many congratulations to each of you for being such perfect ambassadors for Cumnor House Girls' School. In particular, for being so sociable and friendly with the other school pupils taking part, and also for working so effectively as a team. Bravo, les filles!



Year 3 trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa

On Wednesday 16th May Year 3 visited Lullingstone Roman Villa. As we approached the villa we saw our first Roman sighting, a spectacular aquaduct, which was originally used to transfer water. We soon arrived at the Roman Villa. We had great fun exploring the displays, playing Roman games and making mosaics. We then met our tour guide for the day, Toves who gave us more information about the Villa and explained how the villa was extended over the years. We also took part in a workshop about Roman life where we got to handle lots of original Roman artefacts and Toves told us lots of information about Roman toilets! We had a great day exploring the villa.



Year 4 Gallery Visit - Tate Modern

I was so very proud of my amazing young Cumnor art students as they moved about the gallery, joyfully puzzling over and engaging with, in many cases, quite challenging artworks. We were excited to see paintings that we had studied in our art room, now life-sized and in their full glory. Three separate members of the public stopped to compliment us on the content of our discussions and the children's contributions, amazed by their knowledge and joy of art and delighted to see them confidently sketching Edgar Degas' sculpture of a young dancer. Mrs Kimber and Mr Tindal expertly guided the students through the photography activity, helping them to compose interesting photographs that related to the given words "curve", "texture", "tone", "people" and "portrait" (and challenging their desire to take "selfies" by reminding them of the task in hand). Thank you to my dream team - Mrs Bracknell, Mrs Kimber and Mr Tindall - and to all the girls for a wonderful day. It truly brightened our arty eyes.

Mrs Clingan (Head of Art)



Cumnor Girls visit Wilhelmena House Nursing Home



Our Musicians visited Wilhelmena House an elderly care home in Park Hill and performed to the residents a couple of weeks ago.



Year 3 Science

The Year 3 Girls took their learning outside and enjoyed the sunshine while studying their current Science topic 'Helping Plants Grow'. The girls can be seen busy (above & left) recording plant species on the school fields.

Year 4 - Matilda



Year 4 are studying Matilda and this week they have written an informal letter in role to Mrs Phelps about Crunchem Hall Primary School.



The girls have been role-playing during fruit snack time. One girl as the shop keeper and the other as the customer, combining the coins to buy their fruit snack.



Showstoppers!

Year 5 and Year 6 have spent the day in workshops with performers from the West End musical theatre improv company Showstoppers! They have spent their time doing a variety of games and exercises, learning the basics of song improvisations which then led to them making up full songs on a variety of subjects. The girls had great fun and learnt that thinking outside the box and making tunes and words up on the spot can lead to fantastic results! They also worked on their team work skills, with the motto of the workshop being - make what you do make everybody else, including yourself, look awesome! We all had a fantastic time!

Stars of the Week Awarded: Friday 18th May 2018

Medina & Zara

Class RM

Medina for a fantastic informative letter to the Nursery children

Zara for doubling to 10 independently

Fatima

Class 1M

For excellent work in mathematics finding amounts of different values using coins.

Ava

Class 1SC

For being cheerful and happy in school.

Safaa

Class 2H

For helping a friend to understand how to solve a maths problem.

Holly

Class 2L

For showing great understanding in maths and clearly explaining her workings out.



Y4 at Tate Modern, London



Y4 Tate Modern Trip, London

CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO..

SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF SLEEPING

A FREE TALK ON HOW TO BEST SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF A CHILD WHO IS STRUGGLING WITH SLEEPLESS NIGHTS HOSTED BY ANDREA GRACE

When?

25th June 2018 - 18:00-20:00

Where?

Cumnor House Girls School
1 Woodcote Lane, Purley, Surrey, CR8 3HB

Tickets: cumnorhouseschool.eventbrite.com

