



# CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL

*The true mark of a school is what lies within*

Week 7 | Summer 2018



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# Welcome from the Headmistress

The girls and teachers, have come back to school refreshed and full of energy and smiles after their half-term break. This is just as well as we have a very busy term ahead of us with Sports Days, Drama Productions and Prizegiving just to mention a couple of key events.

I had the opportunity during half term to visit Croydon Minster and am looking forward to holding our whole school Prizegiving there on the afternoon of 2nd July.

The first half of the term ended with a "magnificent" display of cricket by the Prep and Pre-Prep staff, competition was fierce and there were looks of determination painted on every face. The onlookers cheered offering encouragement and words of advice on game play. Year Six presided over the event with great aplomb. It was a fabulous afternoon with a great community spirit.

The girls' athletics teams went to the ISA this week, performing to the best of their abilities and bringing home medals. They had a great time demonstrating their prowess.

As I write, the Year 3 and 4 girls are busily rehearsing for their production which will be performed to the school on Thursday afternoon and to parents on Friday afternoon. I am really looking forward to watching this.

This week, assemblies continue the theme of trying and never giving up or being disheartened. In the past we have learned that **FAIL is a First Attempt In Learning** and this week we understood that **NO = Next Opportunity** and the **END = Effort Never Dies**. I believe that our girls will have a great resilience in their learning if they can adopt these ideas and will encourage them to not be risk averse.

**"Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourselves a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles. Remember, no effort that we make to attain something beautiful is ever lost."** Helen Keller

Mrs Amanda McShane  
Headmistress

## Lady Butterflies

After carefully nurturing caterpillars through their cocoon stage, this week the Reception girls were enthralled to see 5 beautiful, symmetrical Painted Lady butterflies emerge. On Friday afternoon it was time to let them fly free and find new homes to lay their eggs, and begin the next life cycle.

## School News



## National Young Writers' Competition

Congratulations to Sumayya in Year Two. Whose entry in to the National Young Writers Competition has been selected as a regional winner. She has now been short-listed for the top ten in the National Young Writers' competition! As a prize, her school gets £250 worth of books. What a fabulous achievement. Well done, Sumayya!



## See the Competition Results

<https://www.explorelearning.co.uk/blog/writing-competition-the-regional-winners-2018/>

[http://www.croydonguardian.co.uk/news/16267299.Croydon\\_girls\\_wow\\_best-selling\\_author\\_in\\_national\\_competition/](http://www.croydonguardian.co.uk/news/16267299.Croydon_girls_wow_best-selling_author_in_national_competition/)



## Cumnor Girls Are Road Ready!

Year 6 Cumnor Girls demonstrated their commitment to developing key life skills by participating in the cycling proficiency course during the half term break. Well done girls!

## Cricket

### U10&U11 Mixed Team - Croydon School Kwik Cricket Qualifiers

On Tuesday 22nd May the Cumnor Girls Cricket squad took part in qualifying rounds for the opportunity to attend the London Youth Games. The girls did fantastically well, they won all of their games and topped their group. The final was a nail biting game but the Cumnor girls secured a win...Look out Surrey Games!

Cricket Fixture	Runs For	Runs Against	Result
Winterbourne	270	236	Win
Robert Fitzroy Academy	253	242	Win
Gresham	233	216	Win
West Thornton	276	211	Win
<b>FINAL</b>	<b>Runs For</b>	<b>Runs Against</b>	<b>Result</b>
Park Hill	235	231	Win

### MATCH REPORT - U9A vs Croydon High: Result – Cumnor House 288 Runs, Croydon High 273 - Written by Jessica

On Tuesday 15th May 2018, Cumnor House's U9 Cricket team played their first cricket match against Croydon High. The team was Soraiya, Alize, Tori, Nina, Laila, Matilda.W, Zara.T, Charlotte and myself. We won the toss and chose to field first. Although Croydon High hit some fours, we worked very hard in the field to stop the running too much. It was then Alize's turn to bowl. On one of her balls she bowled someone out. Then, minutes later I ran someone out. After that we swapped around and it was our turn to bat. First in to bat were Tori and Laila. They did quite well as they hit almost every ball without getting out. Next in to bat were Zara and Charlotte. We hadn't got many runs for a while until Charlotte hit a ball that was almost a four but instead they ran two runs. Next up were Matilda and Alize who hit a lot of balls and ran a few times. Finally Soraiya and I batted. Because Croydon High bowled so many wides, we got to hit many balls off the T. Because it was the last over, they had to bowl extras. Altogether, Soraiya I hit seven fours and I was player of the match. Overall we got 288 runs and Croydon High got 273 runs so we won by 15 runs. Well done Cumnor House, better luck next time Croydon High. Thank you to Mr Tindall and all the parents for supporting us.

Cricket Fixture	Runs for	Runs Against	Result	Player of the Match
U8A - Croydon High School	316	250	Win	Hannah
U9A - Croydon High School	288	273	Win	Leah
U10A – Croydon High School	257	262	Loss	Bethany
U11A – Croydon High School	291	263	Win	Temie

### **MATCH REPORT - U8A vs Croydon High: Result – Cumnor House 316 runs, Croydon High 250 - Written by Hanna**

On Tuesday the 15th May 2018 Cumnor House Girls U8A played in a cricket match against Croydon High Girls School. The players from Cumnor were: Anoushka, Olivia, Eni, Danniella, Ting ting, Aanya, Nina/Tori and Hanna (capt)

I was the team captain for the match and this was Cumnor Girls first ever cricket match so we were really looking forward to it after all the practice we had done. The match was played at Croydon High School, it was a beautiful sunny and warm day.

At the start of the match, we had to do a toss. We guessed correctly and I picked fielding first. Croydon High started batting - we played pairs cricket and every pair faced 2 overs each.

The first two batters came on the first bowler was Eni she bowled well then started to bowl under arm balls. We all had 2 overs which was 12 balls in total. In the field we all rotated clockwise round in a circle at the end of each over and if the ball was wide or a no ball then the bats person would have a free hit off the T which was a little cone with a pink ball on it. After a few minutes it was our turn to bat the first pair was Olivia and Tori, they did really well and got us off to a great start. The next pair was Ting Ting and Eni who also did very well. Croydon High did some good balls but we hit them to the boundary for 4. We also ran really well between the wickets.

I really enjoyed the match and just before the end of the match that's when me and my partner Danniella batted we scored 12 runs, at the end Mrs Young announced the winners and we won by 66 runs they scored 250 runs and we as a team scored 316 runs.

Thanks you to Miss Young and all the parents for sporting us in that match.

### **MATCH REPORT – U10A vs Croydon High: Result – Cumnor House 357 runs, Croydon High 262 - Written by Naima**

On Monday 21st May 2018 the under 10 cricket team competed against Croydon high school.

The team was Bethany, Toni, Arya, Penelope, Aleshah, Claire, Diya, Sahana and myself (Naima-Grace) as captain. It was pairs cricket with 2 batswoman. We won the toss and chose to field first. I was first to bowl with Arya as wicket keeper. We rotated every two overs so everyone got to have a chance to play every position. During the fielding half we did really well and Sahana scored us a wicket. Croydon high school had scored 257 and it was a hard score to beat but we were up for the challenge.

Eventually the batting half began and Penelope and Diya started. Again we rotated every 2 overs and the batters changed every 2 overs. We tried hard and got many runs for the team. After the game had finished we gathered again and discussed the results of the game. The player of the match was Bethany.

## Swimming

### **Reception and Year 1 Swimming Challenge**

Reception and Year One children put on a brilliant display of swimming and aquatic skills for their parents and class teachers, on Wednesday 23rd May. We all enjoyed watching this non-competitive event. Each child showed their swimming capabilities with great confidence and enthusiasm, demonstrating swimming on their front and back. In addition, some girls also swam breaststroke. This was concluded with some basic personal survival skills that we have been introducing this term. Well done to everyone that took part!

### **House Swimming Gala Years 2-6**

On Thursday 24th May, Years 2-6 left school for the morning to take part in the annual House Swimming gala, at the Boys School. It was a fabulous house event with all staff accompanying and cheering the girls on. The atmosphere amongst the girls was one of great sportsmanship and excitement. Everyone competed in a length of front crawl and back crawl, some also swam a length of breaststroke and butterfly. Concluding with team relays either being freestyle or noddle.

Well done to all the girls that took part, please see the results as detailed below. Special congratulations to Parks, winning the event and the Swimming cup for 2018.

## School News

### Stars of the Week Awarded: Friday 25th May 2018

Shyla & Saanvi  
Class RM  
Shyla for amazing number bonds  
Saanvi for fantastic independent writer about her weekend

Maya-Devi  
Class 1M  
For excellent work in mathematics finding the easiest way to add up the numbers.

Diya D  
Class 1SC  
For excellent participation in mathematics.

Kundai  
Class 2L  
For her thoughtful work in RE in preparation for our visit from a vicar.



## School News

### Harvesting Radishes

Arabella harvested her radishes over the half-term holiday and shared this picture to show us how well they had grown.



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](http://cumnorhouseschool.eventbrite.com)



## HB SPORTS

HOLIDAY CLUBS RUN AT CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS  
(Half-Terms, Christmas and New Year, and Summer)

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

1:1 COACHING SESSIONS

GROUP COACHING SESSIONS

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

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Cumnor House School For Girls  
Parents Association

# Father's Day

Pop Up Shop  
Gifts from  
£3 - £10

Wednesday 13th June



# Summer Fair

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

12pm - 4pm

Go Karts Tombola Face Painting Bouncy Castles  
BBQ Special Performance by Cantate Drinks  
Cake stall Nail & Henna Bar Slime Making Station  
Refreshments Tug of War Grand Raffle Draw Hook  
a Duck

Plus lots more fun stalls and special surprises.....  
Tickets £2.50 each Under 3 Free

Come Along For An Afternoon Of Fun...

Don't forget your picnic blankets

Halal - Non Halal & Vegetarian food options will be available