



# Cumnor House Boys' School & Nursery

Friday 4th February 2022

## Key Dates - Early Years & Boys' School



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*A reminder that the school calendar is located under the 'calendar' section of your Cognita Connect app.*

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HALF TERM - MONDAY 14TH TO FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

## This week in the Boys' School.....



Dear Parents

**Happy Lunar New Year** to our pupils and families who are celebrating. The boys in Year 3 to 8 have been learning all about this celebration in their **Mandarin lessons** and our younger pupils have been involved in lots of activities immersing themselves in the different aspects of the new year celebrations.

During form time, the boys in **4F** made **Chinese fans** decorated with the **Mandarin** phrase they have been learning '**Xin Nian Kwai Le**' meaning **Happy New Year**.

**2C** made Lunar **New Year cards** with **origami tigers** to celebrate the **Year of the Tiger**. You can see **Aaron-Jai, Rian, Christian** and **Lawrence** proudly displaying their cards. **Nali** also made a very impressive **Chinese Dragon**!



During the **Autumn term** our **Year 5 and 6** boys took part in the **Primary Maths Challenge**. We have had **6 boys advance into the Bonus Round** which will take place next week. Well done to **Aarushjyoti, Jayden, Kieran and Nicholas H** in Year 6 and **Oliver and Xiaoran** in Year 5.

***Our Overall Cumnor Year Group Winners***

**Year 5:**

**Gold:** Xiaoran and Oliver

**Silver:** Kanishk

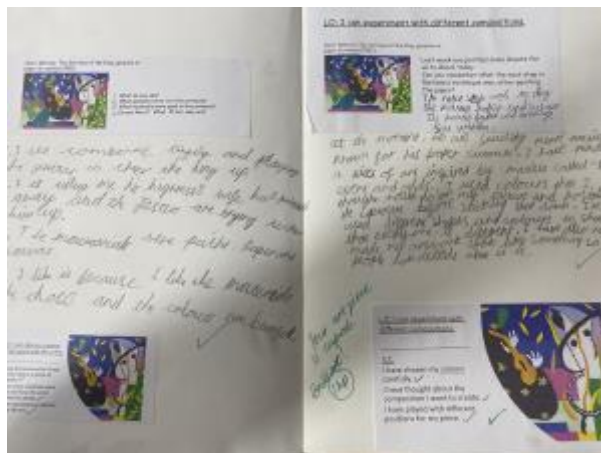
**Bronze:** Fred

**Year 6:**

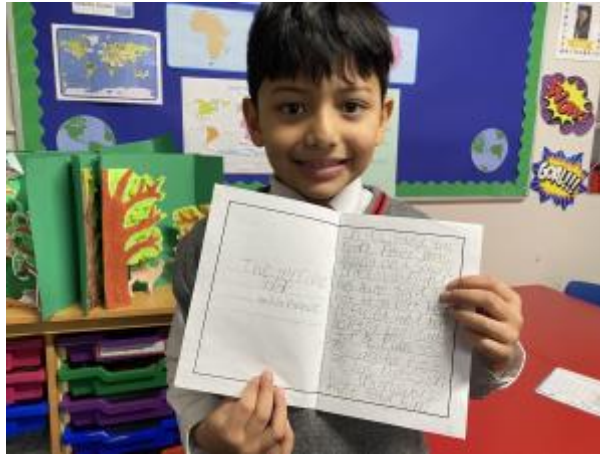
**Gold:** Nicholas H

**Silver:** Aarushjyoti, Jayden and Kieran

Fantastic work boys. You have worked hard to achieve excellent results. Good luck for next week in the bonus round.



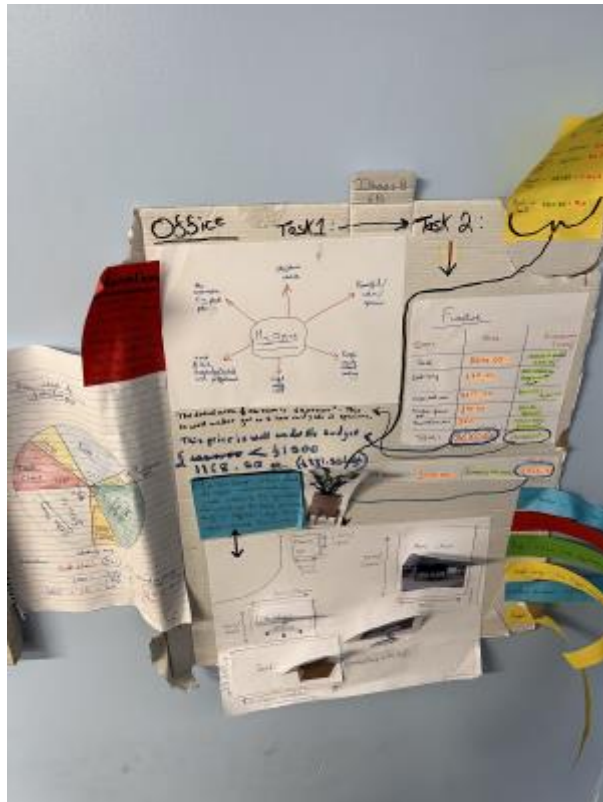
Last week you may have seen the beautiful **Henri Matisse** pieces that **Year 3** were working on with **Mrs Kelly**. **Aaron, 3G** also produced a **fantastic piece of written work** answering all the questions about his artwork. His **description** of the **techniques** and steps evidenced how he had really thought carefully. Well done, **Aaron - very impressive**.



I was delighted when **Eisa in 2R** surprised me with a **special visit** this morning to show me some **amazing writing**. I was so impressed with the content and the presentation and I am really looking forward to reading the finished masterpiece. **Well done, Eisa!** You should be extremely **proud** of your writing skills.

It has been an extremely busy half term and I am sure the boys are looking forward to a well deserved break. **Covid cases** have caused **considerable disruption** this term and we hope that boys and staff who are isolating and/or unwell recover soon and we look forward to seeing you back at school. We will continue to use our **three step** process to inform you of numbers of cases in classes and year groups any **additional measures** we are putting in place. I am pleased to report that many of the pupils in the classes affected have been completing daily lateral flow tests and this has **reduced the spread significantly**.

I would also like to take this opportunity to **thank the staff** for working hard to cover different lessons and the staff at home who are continuing to work remotely. Boys who are well enough have been able to continue with their learning joining online where appropriate.



You will also see **Year 6** have been hard at work with their **Maths Project** - design your own office. **Nicholas, Aiden and Ishaan** have made a great effort with this thinking about the cost of furniture, measurements the space. Well done, some exciting ideas and very creative too!

And finally, next week our focus will on '**Children's Mental Health Week**' which is a **very important** area for us. We will be looking at interviews and stories based on the theme for this year which is **Growing Together**. We want to encourage **growing emotionally** and finding ways to help each other grow. We all have times when it can be **challenging and tough to feel positive**. Trying **new things** can help us to **move beyond our comfort zone**. **Emotional growth** can be a **gradual process** but there are many things we can do to '**kick start**' it! I am looking forward to sharing some of the activities with you next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

**Miss Edwards**

**Head of School**

## This week in Reception & Nursery.....





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Dear Parents

I am delighted to announce that **Mrs and Mr Upfold have welcomed a healthy baby boy** into their family. Baby **Harrison** was born last week and both **Mrs Upfold** and baby are home and well, enjoying the new-born stage. This Thursday, we sadly say **farewell to Mrs Silim** who has been at Cumnor since January 2021 as maternity cover. **Mrs Silim** has been a strong member of the team and we thank her for all of her hard work teaching the children over the last year. Sadly, **Mrs Silim** is currently isolating and we will therefore say farewell when she visits us after half term. We will let you know the exact date nearer the time.

There has been some movement of **staff** across the **Early Years classrooms** over the last half term to ensure we are able to manage any disruptions caused by our covid cases across the school,



therefore please find a **list of the current staff** working in our different classrooms as of **Monday 7th February**.

**South Croydon Kindergarten** - **Miss Bennett**, Miss Woods, Miss George, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Saul

**Purley Kindergarten**- **Mrs Hollands**, Mrs King, Mrs Longhurst, Mrs Brown, Mrs Sutton

**South Croydon Pre-School** - **Mrs Rhodes**, Mrs Martin, Miss O'Keefe

**Purley Pre-School** - **Miss Sutton**, Mrs Drummie, Mrs Edmonds

**Miss Vickery** now supports the **Purley** Wrap-around Care provision only.

**RUS** - **Mrs Gannon (from Wed 9th)** and Mrs Khera on **Mondays and Tuesdays**. **Mrs Gannon** and Mrs Forshaw on **Wednesday**. **Mrs Shelley** and Mrs Forshaw on **Thursday and Friday**.

**RS** - **Miss Urbiola** and Mrs Howard

It has been a very **exciting** week across the **Early Years** as we have all been learning about the **Lunar New Year** and we hope all our families who celebrate have had a wonderful week.

In our **South Croydon Pre-School** class the children listened to the story of '**The tiger who came to tea**' in honour of the year of the tiger and had a tea party with their own decorated biscuits. They have also enjoyed making paper plate tigers, red lanterns and took part in a celebratory new year dance. In our **Purley Pre-School** class the children's favourite activity was parading their own **Chinese dragon puppet**! Throughout the week, each child had a chance to work on the **puppet** through painting and decorating or carrying the puppet. The dragon puppet will be **on display** in our classroom for everyone to see until the end of term - come and visit, **he is magnificent!**



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This week **Reception** have also been learning about the **Lunar New Year** and its traditions. On Tuesday they went out on a very **sunny walk to Upper Woodcote Village Green**. They used musical instruments and a **homemade dragon head** to replicate the famous **Dragon dance**. The boys showed **amazing rhythm** as they moved to the beat of their accompanying instruments. **Faris** then sang a traditional **Chinese New Year song** that his family sing to all the boys, which then sparked an impromptu talent show with boys showing how well they can sing songs in different languages.



In our **South Croydon Kindergarten class** the children have participated in different **Lunar New Year activities** such as **mixed coloured rice play** using chop sticks for our fine motor skills and enjoying using play dough mats with **red** play dough. They have been making **celebration cards** and listening to traditional stories. In our **Purley Kindergarten class** the children have also become fascinated with **spiders** this week. **Mrs Hollands** has talked to the children about spiders, how they spin their webs, have **8 legs and 8 eyes**. They watched a clip of spiders spinning their webs and then had a turn at **making their own webs**, using paper plates and wool.



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**Congratulations to the children below who received awards this week:**

**Stars of the Week: Reisha - South Croydon Pre-School, Miles- Purley Pre-School, Max- RUS, Alexander S - RS**

**Gold Awards: Ved - South Croydon Pre-School, Ryker- Purley Pre-School, Leo- RUS, Leonardo- RS**

Kind Regards

**Mrs Shelley**

**Head of EYFS**

## NOTICES:

### Fairy Tale Ball - Thursday 10th February

For **Pre-School** parents with **daughters** we would like to warmly invite you to attend our **first transition event of 2022, our annual Fairy Tale Ball!** Held at **Cumnor Girls' School**, on the afternoon of **10th February 2022**. For full details and to register to attend please click [here](#).



### Tech Holiday Camp - February Half Term

Tech Holiday Camp is running from **14th - 18th February 2022** at **Cumnor House Girls' School**.

5 days of exciting activities to feed the mind of your inquisitive genius with the following themes:

- **Bot Builders and Coders** – Our popular robot programming course
- **Ingenious Inventors** – Implement circuitry to make anything from an alarm to an FM Radio!

- **Virtual Reality** – Engage with your imagination! Learn about the world of virtual reality including motion sensing and video control skills to bring places and characters to life through your headset.
- **Expert Engineers** – Fantastically fun! Discover how to construct and make mechanisms move.
- **Media Madness** – Have a creative blast, with movie editing and music production

With the world becoming more digital, this is the perfect camp to **develop STEM skills** and keep your child ahead. Our camps are for ages 5-11 (years 1- 6) only. **Spaces are limited**, for more information, please see the attached flyer, or to enrol now simply visit: <https://bit.ly/3rpipsS>

**Don't forget to use the code 5FEB for £5 off your booking!**



## PTA News/Events

### PIZZA MAKING KITS - ORDER DEADLINE TODAY!!!

A reminder that the deadline to order pizza making kits is today, so please don't miss out. Orders can be placed by clicking on the relevant CHS site link for your son/s and daughter/s below:

[Year 1 to 8, Boys' School Orders](#)

[Reception Boys & Purley Nursery Orders](#)

[South Croydon Nursery Orders](#)



### YEAR 6,7 & 8 FILM NIGHT

**Thursday 10th February, 4:30pm to 7:15pm - Year 6, 7 & 8 Film Night** - Come and join us for 'SPIDER-MAN: Far From Home' and enjoy with your friends, pizza and popcorn! More details on the flyer below and tickets can be booked [here](#)

