



# Cumnor House Boys' School & Nursery

Friday 11th 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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### **EARLY YEARS:**

- **Reception Parent Progress Meetings**, Monday 28th February & Wednesday 2nd March. Details of timings and bookings will follow in the coming weeks.
- **World Book Day**, Thursday 3rd March.
- **Pre-School and Kindergarten Parent Progress Meetings**, week commencing 7th March. Details of timings and bookings will follow in the coming weeks.

### **BOYS' MAIN SCHOOL:**

- **Year 1,2,3,4 Parent Progress Meetings**, 5pm-8pm Thursday 3rd and Tuesday 8th March (booking details will follow).
- **Year 5,6,7 Parent Progress Meetings**, 5pm-8pm Thursday 10th and Tuesday 15th March (booking details will follow).
- **Year 8 Parent Progress Meetings**, 5pm-8pm Monday 7th March (booking details will follow).

A reminder that After School Clubs/Activities run up until the preceding week prior to the end of a **full term** (Friday 25th March for the Spring Term).

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







Dear Parents

It has been a **joyous** week with lots to **celebrate**. On Monday we introduced '**Children's Mental Health Week**' which is **championed** by our **Deputy Head, Mr Bolton**. As many of you know he is **extremely passionate** about this subject and as our Designated Safeguard Lead and Head of PSHE we were equipped with lots of resources and activities to share with the boys.

On **Tuesday** it was **Safer Internet Day** and I shared some **online safety tips** for the **Lower and Upper School**. As part of this assembly the boys also watched some clips from <https://www.saferinternetday.org/resources> which also has some extremely **useful information for parents**. Please do click on the link.

As our **Mental Health Week continued** we had lots going on at home and at school. Today we had a **dress up day** and the theme was, 'What I want to be when I grow up'. As you can see from the fantastic pictures we had **train drivers, police officers, ice cream sellers, astronauts, vets, teachers, footballers, swimmers, formula one engineers, architects and many more**.





Loving the sunshine



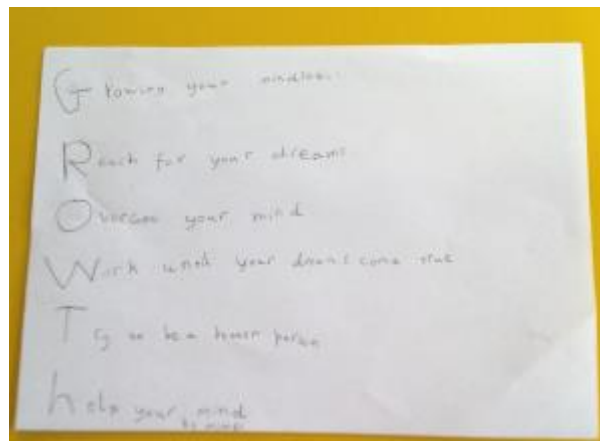
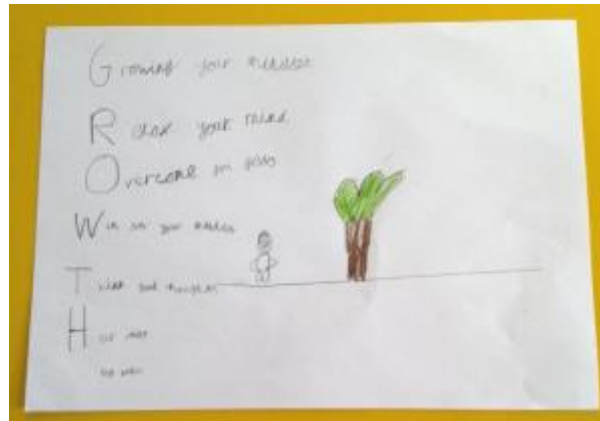


**Isaac (3C), Ethan (RUS) and Joshua (Purley Kindergarten)** enjoyed **yoga for relaxation** before bed this week! Thank you to Mum for sending us the photo below. **Well done, boys!** I am sure you slept soundly.



More **Mental Health activities** in 5I where the boys discussed **who aids their growth** (both physically and mentally). They created **support balloons** using Art Roc and poster paints and then added strips (with the names of their support group on them). They had a lot of fun making them and discussing the importance of our mental wellbeing.





A very big thank you to all our parents who have taken the time to complete the '**Voice of the Parent**' survey which you will have received via email on **Tuesday 1st February**. Every year your



answers help us to plan effectively, and to make sure that we are placing our energy and resources in the right place, to deliver the best education for your child. Please note if you have more than one child at Cumnor House you will have received a survey per child - please complete your answers based on each child's experience of the school.

The survey will remain open **until Monday 21st February 2022** and I would be grateful if those of you who have yet to complete it would be able to find the time to do so in the next week or so.

We will be analysing the results carefully and have already identified specific themes we will be addressing.

We are also delighted to hear from so many of you who have commented on **leadership, teaching and learning, operations and communications**. We value the lovely comments and also appreciate the feedback to continue to work to make the school the best it can be.



The boys in the **Lower School** also took part in a **Top Trumps Competition**. Top Trumps can be a **powerful learning tool** for boys with the **competitive nature** of the game, the themes of the cards, the need for good **number and communication skills** and the **ability to outwit each other** makes for a **great learning experience**.

This was expertly organised by **Ms Nevill and her team** along with **Jack, Ethan and Michael in 3B**. We had **runners up** and **winners** in each **year group** and then a **champion of champions** round where the **winner of each year group** played to be the **overall Lower School winner**. You can see the winners of each category below and some pictures of the competition in action.









Finally I would like to **wish our boys** who received their **senior school results** today **huge congratulations**. Once again they have **secured excellent places at great schools** along with **scholarships in Academics, Sport, Music and Drama** as well as **prestigious Headmaster Scholarships too**. The results will be collated and published very soon. **Behind the scenes** in the future schools process **Mr Jones works tirelessly** discussing assessments and school choices with staff and parents, and liaising with admissions departments at all of the senior schools to ensure they have all the relevant information to secure the best possible outcome for our boys. **He has done a sterling job** once again and **huge thanks** go to him for all the hard work that often goes unnoticed.

Have a lovely half term.

Kind regards

**Miss E Edwards**

**Head of School**

## Music News



This half term has been a busy one in the Music Department, and next half term looks even busier! The first stage of the **House Music Competition** is complete, and the finalist lists for each final have been posted around the school and will be sent out separately on Cognita Connect. Congratulations to all boys who have taken part - it has been lovely to see how enthusiastically they have performed and how thoughtful their classmates have been in their feedback. The finals are taking place on Wednesday 2nd March (Bronze) and Friday 4th March (Silver/Gold) and I am very excited to announce that we have the Director of Music from The Cedars School coming to judge the Silver and



Gold finals. In the same week, some boys are taking part in an **orchestral day** at Woldingham School with the London Mozart Players, and the **Little Voices Choir** are singing at the Coulsdon & Purley Music Festival - two fantastic experiences for the boys. There is also an **informal concert** coming up on Thursday 17th March for those boys taking AB exams this term and we will be inviting some of the certificate holders from the House Music Finals to perform as well. All dates are on the Cognita Connect Calendar.



This week the **Year 3** boys are very excited that they are being allowed to take home their **Music Scheme** instruments. *Please can I ask that if there are any issues or problems with instruments (strings/valves/keys/reeds/etc!) during half term, that you drop me an email - more often than not it is something I can fix easily which saves time (and money!) in the long run.* If it is helpful for those boys with larger instruments, they can bring them to school on a Monday to save them carrying them along with their sports bags.

The individual instrumental teachers are busy writing **half yearly reports** for all the boys they teach, and these will be coming home in named envelopes in the week after half term, so please check your sons' bag if he has not handed it to you by the Friday!

Finally, we are reaching the final stages of rehearsals towards our production of **Joseph**. If your son is involved in anyway, it is vital that he now attends every rehearsal he is asked to (unless off school ill) as well as learning his words/music and using the rehearsal tracks on Teams. A rehearsal schedule will be on Teams and on the music noticeboards in school, but there may be extra rehearsals for soloists/groups during break times. Mrs Trice has said there will be 5 House points given to any boy who is "script down" after half term!

Kind regards

**Miss Secker**

**Head of Music**

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



Dear Parents

**Pre-School parents please visit the 'NOTICES' section below for some important details regarding upcoming transition events/information.**

Earlier this week we sent a **'Notice'** to parents of **South Croydon Nursery** advising them of a new case of **chickenpox** within the setting. Although chickenpox is a mild disease in normal healthy children, it can be serious in individuals whose immune systems are impaired, are pregnant and have not had chickenpox and young babies. A reminder that children should be kept away from school for at least five days from onset of a rash AND until all spots have completely dried out.

This week at **South Croydon Kindergarten** the children have been reading the book **'The three little pigs'**. The children enjoyed talking about the different houses and the **scary wolf** and enjoyed using the story props to retell the story and some made up their own versions. There was much excitement when some of the children used the props to build towers and worked hard to see if they could make them balance. This story was then extended into the **role-play** area where the children dressed up in pig and lion costumes and pretended to be the wolf blowing down the pig's houses.

At **Purley Kindergarten** the children have been trying to catch fish from the nursery rhyme **'1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive'**. They thoroughly enjoyed using a makeshift fishing line with magnets attached to catch the fish, and became very excited when they caught one or two! Also as part of **Mental Health week** the children have been talking about their feelings, looking at the emotion spoons and using an **emotion** wheel to talk about how we are feeling and having great fun pulling angry, sad, happy and funny faces.











This week in our **South Croydon Pre-School**, our story focus was '**Jack and the beanstalk**'. The children have been doing lots of different activities including making their own beanstalks and measuring themselves to see if they are as tall as the giant. In Music, **Miss Secker** taught them a song about Jack and the Giant.



The **Pre-School** children at **Purley** have been focusing on identifying the initial sound in words this week. One group of children were "**building**" **3 letter words** with their teacher. They were able to find the initial and final sounds of the words and then decided what the missing middle sound was and build it on the display board. **Great work Pre-School!**







**Reception** started their week having an assembly about '**Children's Mental Health Week**'. They discussed some of the different **emotions** we experience, and what they should do if they felt they were struggling with an emotion. I was very impressed at how many different people they suggested they could talk to, from their teachers and parents to siblings and grandparents. On Wednesday the Reception boys welcomed back **Mrs Gannon** after her maternity leave. It was lovely to see so many of the **RUS parents** at the virtual coffee morning. Feedback has been that it was a great opportunity to say a proper 'hello' and put a face to the name of Mrs Gannon for many of the parents who have boys attending after school clubs.

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

Stars of the Week: **Aamirah and William - South Croydon Pre-School, Srey- Purley Pre-School, Alexander- RUS, Arjun - RS**

Gold Awards: **Aryan - South Croydon Pre-School, Hanna- Purley Pre-School, Ethan- RUS, Dillon- RS**

Have a wonderful weekend!

**Mrs Shelley**

**Head of EYFS**

## **NOTICES:**

### **Pre-School to Reception Transition Information & Events**

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#### **TRANSITION INFORMATION**

*All children who attend our Pre-School are guaranteed a place in our Reception classes and are expected to continue their Cumnor Journey to Reception. Both the Reception teams at Cumnor Girls and Cumnor Boys are looking forward to their arrival in September 2022.*

*If your child is not continuing through to our Reception classes, we will require one full term's notice - this is (due by the 19th April 2022) in writing to Miss Edwards via the Head's PA:*

[heads.pa@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:heads.pa@cumnorhouse.com) and Head of Marketing & Admissions:  
[thea.phillips@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:thea.phillips@cumnorhouse.com).

*Notice received after this date will be liable for Fees in Lieu of Notice for the first term of the next academic year. If your child is continuing into our Reception classes, please contact our admissions department to confirm their transition into Reception.*

*If you are still assessing your options and haven't seen our Reception classes either at Cumnor Girls or Cumnor Boys, then please do contact the admissions team who would be delighted to arrange a personal tour for you in the coming weeks.*

*Mrs Thea Phillips, Head of Marketing & Admissions*

[admissions@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:admissions@cumnorhouse.com) 0208 660 3445 (option 3)

### TRANSITION EVENTS

*Cumnor Girls and Cumnor Boys are delighted to invite you and your child to our first transition events of 2022. These events are a great opportunity for your Pre-School child to become familiar with their new school setting, take part in activities and games, meet their teachers, see their classrooms, and make friends prior to transitioning to Reception in September.*

*Please click on the appropriate event details below to register:*

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- *Cumnor Boys - Springtime Forest School Walk - Tuesday 8th March 1:15pm to 2:15pm: [register here](#)*
  - *Cumnor Girls - Fairytale Ball - Saturday 12th March - 10:00am to 11:30am: [register here](#)*
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*We look forward to seeing you there!*

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## 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:

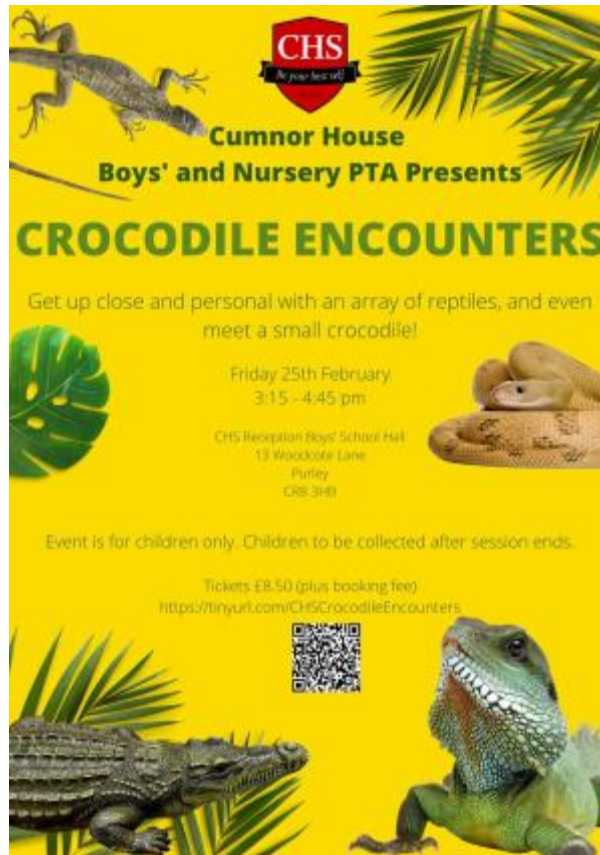
- **Bot Builders and Coders** – Our popular robot programming course
- **Ingenious Inventors** – Implement circuitry to make anything from an alarm to an FM Radio!

- **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 Events



**CHS**  
As you see it!

**Cumnor House  
Boys' and Nursery PTA Presents**

# CROCODILE ENCOUNTERS


Get up close and personal with an array of reptiles, and even meet a small crocodile!

Friday 25th February  
3:15 - 4:45 pm

CHS Reception Boys' School Hall  
13 Woodcote Lane  
Putney  
CR8 3JH

Event is for children only. Children to be collected after session ends.

Tickets £8.50 (plus booking fee)  
<https://tinyurl.com/CHSCrocodileEncounters>



Images of a lizard, a crocodile, and a snake are featured on the poster.



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# Moo Music

Come and join the moosical fun with Maggie Moo, Ollie Oink, Henry Horse and the rest of the band!

**SOLD OUT**

Putney parents can bring their children to South Croydon Nursery at session time. Event is for children only, with both Putney and South Croydon nursery staff in attendance. Children to be collected after session ends.

Tickets £4.50 (plus booking fee)  
<https://tinyurl.com/CHSMooMusic>



Images of a cow, a pig, and a donkey playing musical instruments are featured at the bottom of the poster.