



Girls' Newsletter - 11th February 2022

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th February 2022

Cumnor House School

A Message from Mrs McShane



Dear Parents

Half term already and we have achieved so much and shown such fortitude in this first half of term. I hope that you will take this opportunity to see family and friends and be able to have a good rest to recoup energies and health.

All the girls in Years Three to Six passed their initial introductory course in Mandarin, and I was delighted to see how many girls are tackling things online to further develop their skills. We were delighted to hear that Dragons received official recognition from the Mandarin Excellence Programme, and is endorsed as a recommended teaching resource.

We are looking forward to World Book Day in early March, and the heads up is that the girls will be coming into school in their pyjamas, perhaps clutching their favourite bedtime story more to come.

I am delighted that I have managed to secure an outside gymnastics club to begin in the Summer term, initially due to staff availability, this will only be for Years Reception One and Two but we will look to expand when we can. Please look out for further information nearer the time. This club has been arranged as many parents have requested this as an option, so I hope that there will be a good uptake.

Please also, during this half term, order a school coat if you have not already done so, we will be emailing reminders to people in half term.

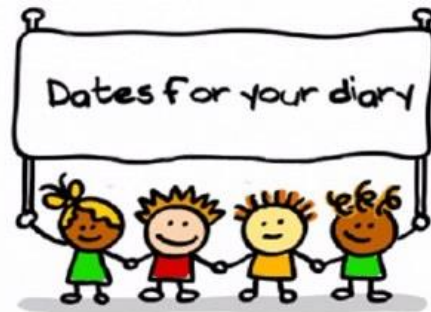
A reminder that the Piccadilly doors open at 8.00am, any child coming into the school building prior to that will be charged for breakfast club.

Have a great half term break, please encourage your daughters to read, and please read to and with them - when we open books we open our minds.

I opened a book and in I strode
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me.

Julia Donaldson

Important Dates for your Diary



Monday 14 th - Friday 18th February	Half-Term
Tuesday 22 nd February	U9-U11 LS Cross Country 9am – 3pm
Wednesday 23 rd February	Year 5+6 House Cross Country
Friday 25 th February	Charity Election Day
Tuesday 1 st March	Year 3+4 Inter House Hockey 2pm
Wednesday 2 nd March	Year 5 +6b Hockey v Aberdour (h) 2.30pm
Thursday 3 rd March	Years 3+4 Hockey v Ewell Castle (a) 2.15pm
Saturday 5 th March	Year3-6 Cross Country @ Farthing Downs 9.30am
Monday 7 th March	KS2 Swimming Gala away
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 6 Netball Tournament @ Margaret Roper Year 3 & 4 Hockey v Banstead Prep (a) 2.30pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Speech and Drama Recital (Years 3 and 4 and Mrs Kimber's LAMDA students) U9-U11 Swimming Gala at JAGS
Tuesday 15 th March	Pre-Prep Look at Learning Year 3 Hockey Tournament @ Banstead Prep
Wednesday 16 th March	Year 5 Hockey v Banstead Prep (a)
Thursday 17 March	Prep Look at Learning
Saturday 19 th March	Yrs 3-6 Cross Country League @Woodcote High School
Wednesday 23 rd March	Celebration Evening Yr 6 Hockey v Seaton House (h) 2.30pm
Thursday 24 th March	PTA Mother's Day pop-up shop during school
Tuesday 29 th March	Year 5 ESB exams U8-U11 Swimming Gala @ Royal Russell 4pm
Wednesday 30 th March	House Performing Arts Whole School 1pm
Thursday 31 st March	Inter-house Cross-Country Years 1-6, 1.30pm, PTA doughnuts and tuck shop sale during event
Friday 1 st April	Break up for Easter PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday 20 th April	Summer Term begins

Useful Resources

Mental Health Week

[Children's Mental Health Week resources](#)

Internet Safety Day

[NSPCC Keeping Your child safe online](#)

[Thinkuknow-advice for parents](#)

[Parent Zone](#)

[Childnet-Parent and Carers' toolkit](#)

[Internet matters-keeping children safe online](#)

Reminders.....

Year 5 Senior School Meeting

Please would all the Year 5 parents call the office to arrange a time to meet with Mrs McShane to discuss Senior Schools.

Year 3 Music Scheme

Further to our letter last week, please remember to pay for the Year 3 Music Scheme by 11th February via Cognita Connect under offers. The fee is £75 for the year and is put towards the cost of the upkeep of the instruments, including servicing, and the general wear and tear on flute keys, strings and reeds, music books etc. The school pays for the three specialist instrumental teachers and the purchase of the instruments. Your daughter will be able to take her instrument home once payment has been made.

This week at the Girls' School.....

On Wednesday 26th January 2022, the Cumnor House girls under 11 A team played a match against Banstead Prep school. It was at Banstead Prep and the team consisted of Tien, Sophie, Ashanya, Zarah, Afua, Daisy and me (Holly). We practiced before the match started and while the B team played their match and we cheered them on when we weren't practicing. Soon, it was our go to play against the rival team. Early into the match, our first goal was scored by Zarah. After the amazing goal, we really got into the hang of it again even after not playing hockey for a year. As the match went on, we all played amazingly, adding 6 more goals (two by me, another one from Zarah, one from Afua, one from Tien and one from Sophie). By the end of the match, the score was 7-0 to Cumnor House. We had won! After the match, the hosts provided us with match tea – sausage rolls. A special mention to Daisy our goalkeeper

who didn't have much to do so instead supported us throughout the match, cheering us on. Well Done Cumnor House. Better luck next time Banstead Prep.

February Half-Term Camps at the Girls' School



HB SPORTS

Dear Parents,

HB SPORTS will be running over February Half-Term at Cumnor House School for Girls.

Dates: Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February

Please visit the following website to book online:

www.hbsports.co.uk



Next Thing Education - Tech Camp

We are pleased to announce our Tech Holiday Camps are running on the **14th - 18th February 2022** at **Cumnor House School**.

We have 5 days of exciting activities to feed the mind of your inquisitive genius 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!

Wishing you a happy, warm and restful half-term.

Amanda McShane

Headmistress of Cumnor Girls