



Girls' Newsletter - 4th February 2022

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th February 2022

Cumnor House School

A Message from Mrs McShane



Dear Parents,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. It has been another busy week at Cumnor Girls and has not been without challenge in terms of Covid and staffing. However, I know that all the girls have continued to have their lessons as normal, and that quality teaching and learning has taken place.

When I first knew that I wanted to lead a school, I could never have dreamed that I would have a team so cohesive and strong as the one that we have here at Cumnor Girls. This week the staff have ensured that all lessons were covered, if they have been off with Covid, and ill, they have still set lessons. The staff in school have managed hybrid teaching and learning to enable those pupils isolating to still access the key curriculum; they have done extra duties. All of this to ensure that the girls get the very best that we can offer and remain safe and supported. All the while the staff have kept on smiling and kept spirits high. I know that it has meant an inordinate amount of work and energy and has required massive resilience - the same qualities that we try to instil in your daughters - what phenomenal role models they are! Your teachers are all total heroes and I have the utmost respect for every one of them.

I would like to particularly acknowledge all that Mrs Syradd has done to keep everything in school running smoothly and for dealing with any issues arising in my absence. I hope to return on Monday.

This Omicron variant is certainly proving to be very transmissible, and we continue to do everything in school to ensure that your daughters remain safe. It is easy to think that covid has "gone away" but this isn't the case. With cases rising amongst children across the country it is imperative that everyone continues to be vigilant and if their daughter shows symptoms to get them tested, possibly on consecutive days if symptoms persist and the first test is negative. Please respond to symptoms promptly and do not send your daughter in to school if they are likely to have covid. Every member of our community has a duty of care to ensure that we keep everyone safe.

If you have not yet booked your appointment for parents' evening, please do so as soon as possible. We have prioritised Years 3 - 5 for short meetings with Art, Music, Drama, Sport so that if you think you may be looking at scholarships in these subjects at senior school these staff members will be able to advise accordingly. As mentioned previously, we have taken onboard parental comments about the length of the meeting and extended them to 15 minutes which should mean that parents do not need to arrange follow up meetings. However, please be prompt to your meetings, School Cloud will automatically close the meeting at the prescribed time.

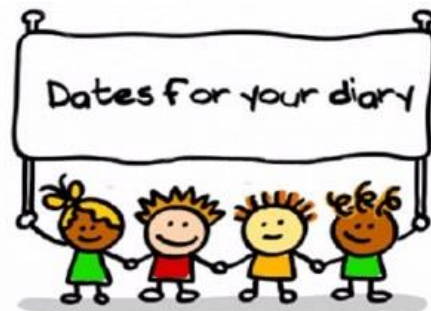
We have postponed the annual cross country event to the end of the term, hopefully this will mean that parents will be able to come and watch and support their daughters.

I hope that you will continue to remain healthy.

"Unity is strength when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

Mattie Stepanek

Important Dates for your Diary



Monday 7th February	Swimming gala U8-U11 @ Banstead Prep (CANCELLED)
Tuesday 8th February	4.30pm - 6.45pm Parents' Evening online (NO CLUBS OR SQUADS) Year 3 Hockey (a) v Aberdour 3pm
Wednesday 9th February	Year 6 Hockey Tournament @Banstead Prep 1pm 4.30pm - 7pm Parents' Evening online (NO CLUBS OR SQUADS)
Thursday 10th February	Reception Fairy Tale Ball - Pre-school Girls Transition event Year 4 Hockey v Aberdour (h) 3pm
Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February	Half-Term
Friday 25 th February	Charity Election Day
Tuesday 1 st March	PTA Pancake Race
Wednesday 9 th March	Speech and Drama Recital (Years 3 and 4 and Mrs Kimber's LAMDA students)
Tuesday 15 th March	Pre-Prep Look at Learning
Thursday 17 March	Prep Look at Learning
Wednesday 23 rd March	Celebration Evening
Thursday 24 th March	PTA Mother's Day pop-up shop during school
Tuesday 29 th March	Year 5 ESB exams
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

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.

Extra Curriculum Activities

Please note that there will be **NO clubs or squads** running on Parents Evenings (**8th & 9th February 2022**), so please ensure you make alternative arrangements for your daughter/s on these days. After school Care will still be available to book via Cognita Connect.

Parents' Evenings - 8th February (4.30pm - 6.45pm) and 9th February (4.30pm to 7pm)

Parents' Evenings are now open to book. The evenings will be **online only**.

To book your slot please visit:-

<https://cumnorhouse.schoolcloud.co.uk>

If you are having problems please click on the link below for more information:-

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

For Year 6 Parents' Evening Mrs Syradd and Mrs Pettinger will be together to speak to you but 6P will only be on Tuesday 8th February and 6SOB only on Wednesday 9th February.

Fairy Tale Ball - Thursday 10th February 2022

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](#).

NB: For our **current Reception girls in RM and RS** please send a **princess dress/party dress** in a **named carrier bag** on **Thursday 10th February**. The teachers will help the girls get changed into the dresses in time for the Ball in the afternoon.

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

Year 5 Trip to Bough Beech

Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous trip to Bough Beech and visited the SESWater Treatment Plant and Education Centre. In the Education Centre we revised the Water Cycle and learnt the process of water treatment before we saw it in real life.

The beautiful weather enhanced our trip and we had a tour of the Reservoir, Valve Tower and saw all the different stages including the underground tunnel under the reservoir. At the end of the day, we had a go at lots of interactive water activities and learnt how to save water and we even had a drink of water to taste it.



Other News.....



Children's Mental Health Week 2022

Next week, Cumnor House will be taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is Growing Together. We will be encouraging the girls to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

Human beings change and grow- we do it all the time and in many different ways. Physical growth is easy to see as we grow from babies to children. We grow intellectually as we gain new knowledge, skills and understanding at school. Growing together is about growing emotionally, and finding ways to help each other grow.

Miss Dunnell (Wellbeing Lead) and Zarah (Wellbeing Prefect) have been super busy creating a fun and engaging list of activities for our school to take part in to help promote CMHW. From live assemblies with BAFTA nominated actors, a whole school art project for everyone to take part in, to a special surprise on Friday.

We can't wait to take part at school but feel free to send Miss Dunnell an email (sophie.dunnell@cognita.com) sharing what you get up to at home or over the half term to promote positive mental health.

On **Friday 11th February**, we would like the girls to come to school dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up (teacher, doctor, artist etc). With the theme of our week being 'growing together', what better way to start the conversation about growing in the future, then showing everyone what you would like to grow up to be! We look forward to seeing all the fantastic outfits!



Celebrating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 8th February 2022

During their PSHE lesson the girls will be celebrating Safer internet Day by doing various activities. To keep parents informed, Safer Internet Day is focused on Respect and Relationship Online.

Check out "Safer Internet Day 2022 - Campaign Film (Sub)" from UK Safer Internet Centre on Vimeo.

The video is available for your viewing pleasure at <https://vimeo.com/642677917>

If you like this video, make sure you share it, too!

Vimeo is filled with lots of amazing videos. See more at <https://vimeo.com>.

Have a good weekend

Mrs Hood



UMAA

UMAA is a amateur sports club with a full time centre located in Purley at The Royal Oak Centre on Brighton Road.

Their goal is to get as many kids into fitness activities as possible from all levels, ages, gender, backgrounds and abilities. They pride ourselves on our inclusive, fun, friendly and supportive training environment!

They provide Karate and Boxing sessions for kids and juniors from age 4 years old to 16 years old. They offer a 2 week trial membership, available on their website. All of our staff are DBS checked and trained in first aid!

If you would like to try their classes please contact them, details on the link below.

[UMAA](#)

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

A promotional poster for a 'Tech Holiday Camp' at Cumnor House School for Girls. The poster is split into two main sections. The left section features a collage of images related to technology, including a girl coding, a girl using a laptop, and a girl with headphones. Text on this side includes '2022 Creative Club', 'Code', 'Create', 'TECH HOLIDAY CAMP', and 'FEBRUARY HALF-TERM'. The right section is titled 'FEB HALF TERM 2022' and 'What's on?'. It lists activities for Monday (Culture & Creativity), Tuesday (Language & Literacy), Wednesday (Writing & Reading), Thursday (Sports & Games), and Friday (Coding & Robotics). It also mentions '14TH - 18TH FEBRUARY LIMITED SPACES' and 'AGES 7-11 MULTI-DAY BOOKING DISCOUNT!'. A 'Covid-19 Safety Procedures' section is included with a 5-star rating. The 'How to book' section has three steps: 'STEP 1: VISIT THE WEBSITE', 'STEP 2: READ YOUR NEAREST DATE', and 'STEP 3: USE YOUR LOGIN OR CALL US ON 01442 873150'. Contact information at the bottom includes 'W: WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION' and 'E: INFO@NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150'.

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/3rpips>

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

PTA News.....

Creating happy memories for our beautiful girls

PTA NEWS

oh what FUN

Purchases
Last term the PTA generously purchased:
Books for the prep classroom libraries - £351
Encouraging gifts for Year 6 - £63
Welcome gifts for reception - £40
Christmas parties and gifts from Santa - £100
Pre-Prep Playing blocks - £337

Key Dates
Tuesday 1st March - Pancake race - free event
Thursday 24th March - Mothers Day pop up shop
Thursday 31st - Cross Country Tuck Shop
Friday 1st - Easter Egg Hunt

Tuck Shop
The tuck shop will run again on Friday 18th February. Helpers are always needed please do reach out to Marcia (p5) and Patricia (p6) the leaders to offer your support help.
There will be hot food and tasty healthy treats on sale.

Summer Fair
Our Summer Fair will be taking place on Sunday 12th June. Please save the date.

Our Team
Charlene - PTA Chair
Angela & Dee - Co Vice Chairs
Nicola Marshall - Teacher rep
Alison - Treasurer
Mac - Vice Treasurer
Thuong & Anita - Secretaries
Paula - Events Co-ordinator
Nuz - Marketing & Communication Lead
Sally - GAN Lead
Marcia & Patricia - Tuck Shop Lead

Class Reps:
Nadia & Nuz - Reception
Zainn & Sandra - Year 1
Mac - Year 2
Paula - Year 3
Raj - Year 4
Naveen - Year 5
Sophia, Tri, Uj, Anna, Namrata - Year 6

Old Uniforms
We are still collecting old style summer dresses. These will be given to a charity who sends them to children in need abroad. Please leave your washed old style summer dresses in the office for us.



Wishing you a happy, warm and restful weekend.

Amanda McShane

Headmistress of Cumnor Girls