



# Cumnor House Boys' School and Nursery

Friday 11th March 2022

## Key Dates - Early Years and 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

- Cumnor Girls 'Fairytale Ball' Reception 2022 Transition event, Saturday 12th March
- British Science Week, w/c 14th March
- Reception Spring Concert, Thursday 24th March. Please click [here](#) to view details and request tickets.
- After School Clubs finish, Friday 25th March
- Last Day of Term (Reception & Purley Nursery), Friday 1st April

## BOYS' MAIN SCHOOL

- British Science Week, w/c 14th March
- Year 1 Trip to Leeds Castle, Thursday 17th March
- Informal Concert, 7pm on Thursday 17th March
- Year 1 & 2 Spring Concert at the Girls' School, 2pm on Monday 21st March. Click her for [details](#).
- Year 3 Trip to Wakehurst, Wednesday 23rd March
- After School Clubs finish, Friday 25th March
- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat School Performance at Caterham School, 7pm on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March.
- Last Day of Term, Friday 1st April

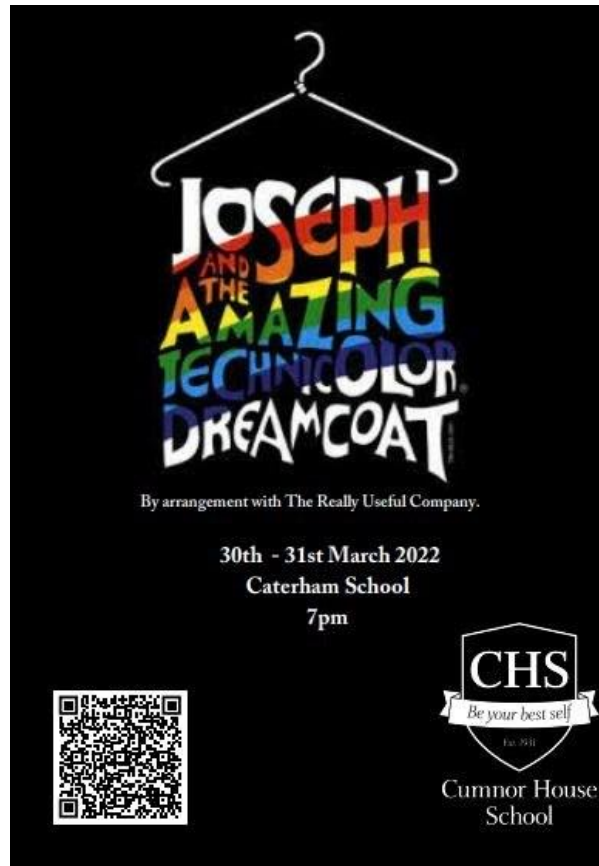
## This week in the Boys' School.....



Dear Parents

After a cold start to the week we were pleased to welcome the sunshine, however, it seems to have escaped us today and we have had a rather wet and windy day. The boys love the rain and are often disappointed when they have to come inside at break time. Therefore I thought I would take this opportunity to remind parents and boys to bring their **school coat** whilst the weather is like this as it means the boys can get some fresh air without getting wet.

Not being able to put on our annual **Senior Production** for the last two years has been extremely sad and we are pleased to announce **tickets are now on sale for 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'** which will take place at **Caterham School on the 30th and 31st of March**. Please do join us for what will be great event with the boys showcasing their amazing talents. The details are below with a **QR code to book your tickets**.



Many of our boys enjoy **raising money for different charities** and this is something we also encourage at school. Each of our Houses raises money for a charity of their choosing and the boys come up with different ways to raise the money. I have also been inundated with stories from parents about boys raising money outside of school for a variety of different reasons. I would love to be able to share these events and activities over the coming weeks so we will start with **Leo**. **Last weekend Leo (3C) and his neighbours took part in a sponsored litter pick to raise money for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal supported by the British Red Cross and have so far raised over £1,000.** If you would like to make a donation then please visit the Just Giving page by clicking [here](#)

Well done, **Leo**. What a **kind** and **compassionate** act.



You will see the **upcoming dates** at the **beginning of the newsletter** and it looks as though we have a very busy three weeks ahead. We have a number of day trips, the Reception and Year 1 and 2 concerts, rugby coaching, an informal music concert and British Science Week.

We also still have **parents evening next week for Y5 and Y7 on Tuesday 15th**. For those of you who have already attended I hope you all enjoyed the format of the parent evenings this year. We wanted to take this opportunity **to invite you to your son's classroom to view his work before your meeting**. It has been a long time since we have been able to invite parents into the classrooms and I was pleased to see some of the boys proudly showing their work.

With the recent success of our **Swim Squad** at the **London League Final**, our **amazing Musicians playing at Woldingham** the **super Little Voices Choir** awarded for their **beautiful singing at the Coulsdon and Purley Music Festival** and now some of our **LAMDA boys** also have something to **celebrate**. After their recent examinations we have some **outstanding results** to share with you. All the boys have received their feedback and certificates and a huge well done to everyone below.

**Ansh C** - Speaking in Public Grade 2 - **Distinction**

**Alexander C** - Acting Grade 1 - **Distinction**

**Kanishk B** - Speaking in Public Grade 2 - **Distinction**

**Thomas F** - Speaking in Public Grade 1 - **Distinction**

**Arav K** - Speaking in Public Grade 1 - **Distinction**

**Erakan G** - Speaking in Public Grade 3 - **Distinction**

**Aryan V** - Acting Grade 1 - **Distinction**

**Atul V** - Verse and Prose Grade 4 - **Distinction**

**Josh P** - Verse and Prose Grade 3 - **Distinction**

**Oliver Q** - Verse and Prose Grade 3 - **Distinction**

**Fionn M** - Shakespeare Level 1 - **Distinction**

**Andrew A** - Verse and Prose Grade 2 - **Distinction**

**Elijah W** - Verse and Prose Grade 1 - **Merit**

**Myels T** - Verse and Prose Grade 2 - **Merit**

Special **Congratulations** to **Charles A** - Verse and Prose Grade 3 - who gained the highest **distinction** in this grade. **Well done!**

Absolutely amazing results - well done, boys! And a special thank you to **Mr Simmonds** our **wonderful LAMDA teacher**.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School

## Music News



### **Woldingham Orchestral Day**

On Tuesday last week, 19 intrepid explorer musicians set off excitedly for Woldingham School (it did seem like we were explorers just from the length of the driveway to the school itself!) to take part in their inaugural orchestral day. As soon as instruments were unpacked, we made our way into the auditorium of the Millennium Centre along with musicians from 7 other primary and Prep schools, Woldingham School Orchestra and the London Mozart Players.

It took a while to get everyone seated in the right places, but very soon the rehearsal was underway for "Press Play", conducted by the composer of the piece Jeff Moore. The piece was written to bring together musicians of all ages, abilities and experiences, from near beginners to professional players and the rehearsal was a little chaotic to begin with, but very soon it started to sound like everyone was playing the same piece at the same time.



After nearly 2 hours of rehearsals (the boys assured me it felt like much shorter than that!) and a short time to relax it was time to make our way to the dining hall for tea, which many of the boys said was the best part of the day – possibly because it was pizza, chips and ice cream *and* there was seconds!

Very soon it was time to get instruments out again and head into the auditorium for the concert. We were first treated to some pieces by the London Mozart Players and with some solos from Woldingham's older musicians, then finally it was our turn. Counting bars rest, watching the conductor, listening to the teachers around the orchestra helping – all the hard work from the afternoon paid off and the orchestra performed the whole piece amazingly.

I was immensely proud of the ways our boys focussed during both the rehearsal and the concert and I hope they were proud of the final performance as they certainly should have been!

### **House Music Finals**

On Wednesday and Friday mornings last week, the **House Music Finals** took place. With **57 musicians** from **Years 1 – 8** taking part in the **three finals**, there was great excitement and just a few nerves in the hall. It was lovely to be able to play live, not just to each other, but also to an audience as classes were invited to join us in the hall and this added to the atmosphere. I have to say that I was very glad not to be involved in the judging this year, as there were some tough decisions. My thanks go to **Mr Walpot, Mr Bolton, Kai (5B) and Yusuf (7J)** for **judging the Bronze finals** and to **Mrs Usher (Head of Music at The Cedars School) and Mr Jones** for **judging the Silver and Gold Finals**. Congratulations to all boys who took part, not just those who were awarded certificates. Now I just need to work out all the house points from the finals to see which house has won!



**House Music Winners:**

**BRONZE**

***Lower School***

1st Dhiyaan (2R)

2nd Daniy (4F)

3rd Arav (1C)

Certificate of Recognition – Aaron S (3B), Henry (3G), Timothy (3G), Charles (4T)

***Upper School***

1st Rishan (7BL)

2nd Dominic (8JB)

3rd Archie (5I)

Certificate of Recognition – Fred (5B), Ethan G (5B), Micah (5I), Erakan (8JB)

**Overall Bronze Winner** – Dhiyaan

**SILVER**

1st Logan (3B)

2nd Timothy (3G)

3rd Youhan (3C)

Certificate of Recognition – Fionn (6B), Logan (3B)

**GOLD**

1st Francis (3B)

2nd Oliver S (5B)/ Ishaan (6B)

3rd Aiden (6T)

Certificate of Recognition – Noah (6B)



### **Little Voices Choir**

On Saturday, the boys in **Little Voices Choir** were up bright and early to make their way to **Sanderstead URC Church** to take part in the **Coulsdon & Purley Music Festival**. After a quick warm up (and making sure we all looked smart), we headed into the church to take the stage. After we had performed, another choir took our place and we sat to listen, then it was time to hear what the adjudicator had to say. Here are some of her comments:

*“You all look very smart and ready to entertain us today! Super introductions too. What a lovely sound you make. I could hear all the words...all the notes in the right place and I liked the way you keep your faces lively and interesting.”*

Being the only choir in our class, **we came first**, but we were also delighted to find that we have been awarded a trophy which we have to collect at the end of the festival.

The boys sang amazingly and behaved impeccably, and I am so proud of them!

### **Rehearsals for the remainder of term**

Just to let you know that, because of extra rehearsals for Joseph, **some choirs and groups will stop rehearsing now** until after Easter. These include – **Choristers, Junior Choir, Bell Band and Jazz Band**. Any other changes to rehearsals or extra rehearsals will be posted on the music noticeboard and in the music house (and on Teams for groups with a separate Team).

Kind Regards

Miss Secker

Head of Music





## Notices:

### Summer Term '22 School Fee Preferred Payment Option

Since our successful launch of the preferred payment option through Direct Debit, a significant amount of our Cognita parents have chosen to manage their parent account in this way. The Direct Debit option ensures the term's tuition fee is paid in full, shortly before or around the due date specified on the invoice and before the commencement of the new term, as set out in the Parent Contract terms and conditions.

One of the key benefits of signing up to the Direct Debit option is knowing, in advance, when the collection dates for each term will be, enabling you to plan ahead. The collection dates are stated on the email communication that accompanies the termly invoices.

The Summer 22 termly fee invoices for your school will be issued shortly. Should you wish to take up the Direct Debit payment option, please complete the Direct Debit mandate by 20th March 2022, following the instructions below, to enable this payment method to be set up on your account in time for the summer term.

If you already pay by Direct Debit, then there is no action for you to take. We will already have your account set up to automatically process payment direct from your bank account on the specified collection date.

Please contact [finance@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:finance@cumnorhouse.com) if you have any queries regarding this payment option.

#### **Direct Debit – Set Up Preferred Payment Option**

By clicking on this link, you will be directed to your School's direct debit portal. Follow the instruction on the site to get this facility set up straight away. <https://portal.fastpayltd.co.uk/signup/personal-details/2546>.

From the Cumnor House Finance Team

### Box Hill School - Upcoming Open Events

Open events Spring/Summer Term 2022

Box Hill continue to enjoy welcoming visitors and have planned a variety of open events for prospective families for the coming months. These include a mixture of mid-week events for those families interested in September 2023 entry, and a Saturday morning and Thursday evening event for families interested in any year of entry:

Next Open Morning – SATURDAY 19TH MARCH which runs from 10:00 – 12:00pm.

Parents can book onto any event via their website here: <https://www.boxhillschool.com/admissions/open-events> or by contacting [admissions@boxhillschool.com](mailto:admissions@boxhillschool.com).

Further details can be found in the flyer.



## This week in Reception and Nursery.....

Dear Parents

We were very excited to welcome the **new Boys' School Reception 2022** intake for a **Springtime Welly Walk** on Tuesday for their first transition event of the year. The weather was glorious as the current intake led the **Pre-School boys to Upper Woodcote Village Green**. Along the way they collected natural treasures to stick onto a collection board and enjoyed finding some Spring daffodils out in full bloom. On Saturday the **Girls' School Reception team welcome their new 2022 intake to a Fairytale Ball**. I hope that the **Pre-School girls** have a wonderful time and I look forward to hearing all about it on Monday!



At **Purley Kindergarten** children have had great fun this week mixing their own putty paint with Mrs Hollands. The children mixed shaving foam, glue and food colouring together, stirring it all with a spatula before 'blobbing' it onto plates to make the farm animals of their choice and in their own

colour choices. They then coloured in their animals faces before sticking them onto the plates for the finished 3D effect. The children had a wonderful time making their own paint, enjoying the "very foamy" effect.





At **South Croydon Kindergarten** the children have enjoyed learning about sizes and weights. Their key words were 'big, small, heavy and light' while they used scales to weigh a variety of different toys and objects. The children used problem-solving skills and hand eye coordination to put the buckets correctly on each end of the scale. They enjoyed choosing which items to put in each side of the scale and then watching to see which side of the scale weighed more. To extend this activity they then read a book called 'Big pig and little pig'.





The **Pre-School** children at **Purley** engage in a “Write-Dance” session daily before their lunch. This is extremely beneficial for their physical development and gets their upper bodies ready for writing. The movement that they perform helps stabilise the shoulder girdle, increases arm and wrist strength and improves their pencil control also giving them a chance to practice their grip. They usually do this on white boards but this week the children used team-work and wrote on a gigantic

piece of paper. Writing on their tummies is good for their core strength and even better for making their shoulders strong! Miss Sutton always reminds them that "Write-Dance" is about the movements they are making and exercising their bodies, rather than drawing a picture.



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Meanwhile at **Pre-School in South Croydon** the children have "travelled" to South America as part of their 'animals around the world' topic! This week their focus story was 'Alpacas with maracas'. As well as finding out some interesting facts about this amazing continent and the llamas and alpacas, the children have been learning all about rhyme. **Pre-School** played 'silly soup' where the children helped to identify different objects that rhyme. They had lots of fun making up their own silly rhymes. They ended with retelling the story using shakers that the children had made throughout the week.





This week in **Reception** the boys have been developing their creative art skills within their habitats topic. After learning about a variety of different habitats over the last few weeks, the boys chose a favourite one to create a paper plate collage of. Using a variety of resources they independently designed a habitat for a living creature. The **boys in RUS** can be seen here making a variety of habitats from oceans and forests to the savannah. I was very impressed with their imaginative designs, well done boys! Next week the boys will be spending a lot of time preparing for their upcoming **Spring Concert**. Please make sure you read the letter attached about the event in the 'Key dates' section at the top of the newsletter for further information and ticket requests.







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

### **Gold Awards:**

South Croydon Pre-School: **Noah B** Purley Pre-School: **Nyahrobi** Reception: **Aadam (RUS) Reuben (RUS)**

### **Star of the Week:**

South Croydon Pre-School: **Deborah** Purley Pre-School: **Manav** Reception: **Hamza (RUS) William S (RS)**

Have a wonderful weekend

Kind Regards

Mrs Shelley

Head of EYFS

## **PTA EVENTS:**

### **Gaming Night - Friday 18th March**

Due to popular demand, the Ultimate Gaming Experience is back on **Friday 18th March**. Tickets are £11.50 (plus booking fee) and the price includes a hot dog and drinks.

Year 3 (This event has unfortunately sold out)

Year 4: 5pm-6pm. Purchase tickets [here](#)

Year 5: 6pm-7pm. Purchase tickets [here](#)

Year 6, 7 and 8: 7pm-8pm. Purchase tickets [here](#)



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FRIDAY  
18  
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NOTHIN  
SEE US

# GAMING NIGHT

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

YEAR 4

[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK  
/CHSPTA/T-ZEMZLQ](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/CHSPTA/T-ZEMZLQ)

The poster features a central image of a blue and white video game controller with yellow lightning bolts and pink and blue paint splatters. The background is dark with a faint 'NOTHIN SEE US' sign.



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Cumnor House School PTA Presents Mothers' Day Gift Shop - Wednesday 23rd March 2022

An opportunity for the children to pick up lovely Mothers' Day Gifts.

The price of the gifts are £3, £6, £10 or £15 each, plus booking fee.

If you have multiple children, please can you complete a separate booking for each child.

<https://tinyurl.com/chsmothersday>

### **Deadline For Orders & Making Payment – Friday 18th March**

(The deadline date is set to give us enough time to ensure that we have enough volunteers to help run the event, as well as allowing us time to order the gifts, we will not be able to accept order after Friday 18th March)



### **The Return Of The Cumnor House Quiz Night - 7:30pm on Thursday 24th March**

Come down and enjoy lovely Sri Lankan cuisine at the Machan Kitchen restaurant

Tickets are £21.50 (plus booking fee) which includes entrance, a Sri Lankan banquet style menu and a glass of bubbly.

Which team will win the trophy for 2022!!!!!!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chspta/t-nlrgjq>

(Please note that tickets are non-refundable)



CUMNOR HOUSE  
BOYS' AND NURSERY PTA PRESENTS

# QUIZ NIGHT

WITH QUIZMASTER MR. JONES (DEPUTY HEAD)

THURSDAY  
24 MARCH  
7:30 - 10:00 PM

EST. 50PP.  
FOR FOOD\*  
AND DRINKS

MACHAN KITCHEN  
#4-30, SOUTH END  
CROYDON  
CR9 1DP



\*SRI LANKAN CUISINE PRESENTED BANQUET STYLE INCLUDING  
STARTERS, MAINS, SIDES, AND DESSERTS.  
MENU INCLUDES VEGETARIAN, MEAT, AND FISH OPTIONS.  
BOTTLE OF RED, WHITE, OR ROSE CAN BE PURCHASED FOR £19.99 EACH.