



Cumnor House Boys' School and Nursery

Friday 18th March 2022

Key Dates - Early Years and Boys' School

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

EARLY YEARS

- Reception Spring Concert, Thursday 24th March. Booking has now closed, if you have not requested tickets please contact abbie.peterson@cumnorhouse.com
- After School Clubs finish, Friday 25th March
- Last Day of Term for Reception & Purley Nursery, collection at 11:45am on Friday 1st April

BOYS' MAIN SCHOOL

- Year 1 & 2 Spring Concert at the Girls' School, 2pm on Monday 21st March. Click here 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. Tickets can be purchased via the QR code by clicking [here](#)
- Last Day of Term, Friday 1st April finish times as follows:

12:00pm Year 1 & 2

12:10pm Year 3 & 4

12:30pm Year 5 & 6

12:45pm Year 7 & 8

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



Dear Parents

This week, we have enjoyed participating in **British Science Week** with the theme this year being **'GROWTH.'** Mrs Hibbert, Head of Science has kindly put together a summary below of the content we have had in what has been a fun-filled, exciting week exploring science innovation.

*On Monday we launched the week with an interactive PowerPoint in form time. The **Egg Drop Challenge** on Tuesday highlighted the fact that we have many **budding engineers and critical thinking problem solvers** in our school. So many of the teams were able to design protective casing for their eggs in order to survive a 3-metre drop.*

*Wednesday's assembly was dedicated to science, where Mrs Smith engaged pupils with a **session on the ISS.***

*On Thursday, an engineer from **STEM Ambassadors** showed boys in years 5 to 8 what the job of a structural engineer entails. Judging by the questions and answers, I can see that we have a lot of future **STEM professionals** at Cumnor.*

*Rounding off the week, Friday lunchtime was abuzz with **The Great Science Debate** hosted by Mr Jones. Two teams of five argued for and against **deforestation** – the causes and effects on climate, plant and animal wildlife, local population and global economy. The team who argued FOR deforestation won. Mars, here we come!*

*Finally, I would like to thank all parents for supporting your son in nurturing his **sweet pea plant.** There has been fantastic examples of growing and completing the diary. Please don't forget to send a photo of the plant if he was not able to bring it in. We have decided that it would be great for the plants to continue growing at home, then return them to school after the Easter break. Hopefully, we can then plant them in the school garden.*

Have a lovely, scientific weekend.

Mrs Hibbert





This time of year is often set aside for our **House Captains** to rally the troops to raise as much money as possible for their **given charity**. We are delighted that our senior pupils are able to take up **leadership roles** to further develop their essential skills before departing to senior school.



Normans House Captain, Teddy 8JB, has been leading his house in organising a '**Book and Games Sale**' which they will be hosting on Friday 25th March and are requesting for donations for the sale. Please find full details [here](#) and give generously.



I would like to say a big "thanks" on behalf of our band, Junior Coldplay, for everyone's support, attendance and generous donations.

Our first ever concert on the 7th of March 2022 was a great success. We had a fantastic turn out and really appreciate everyone's support.

Special thanks to Miss Secker, Ms Magill, Mr Walpot and Mr Heavens for helping us plan, practice and organise the event.

Thanks to Mr Jones for kindly promoting our show and also to Conrad and his crew for the amazing snacks and drinks provided for the after show party.

We were pleased to be able to perform "a sky full of stars", "my universe" and "happy birthday" to Mr Bolton who kindly joined us on his special day, together with his 3B boys.

We raised a total of £67 and are grateful to all those who generously contributed. The money raised will be donated to the RSPCA. We look forward to raising more money for this great charity at our next concert and hope that together we can build a world that is kinder to animals.

Thank you to everyone for their support and also to my amazing band members (Ayaan.M, Ethan.G & Oliver.S) for all their hard work.

Happy Red Nose Day

Kai (5B)

Last Friday, **Year 2** had a very enjoyable day at **Wisley Gardens**. The boys became gardeners for the day and helped to transplant seedlings, take cuttings of plants and sow some seeds. It was great to enhance the boys' **learning about 'Growing'** which we have been investigating in our **Science** lessons. The boys had a lovely time in the afternoon, **making 'Minpin' houses** using natural materials and exploring the plants in the large glasshouse. Despite the rain they even had time to enjoy the outside play area before heading back to school!







On Monday **Mrs Turner** and the boys in **4T and 3B** made some delicious looking cupcakes. Well done boys!







Mr Barnett has asked me to remind you that **boys currently in Year 5, 6 and 7** are still able to **book a place on the football tour to St. George's Park in October 2022**. Please find the details [here](#) and to register your interest please do so via the 'Offers' section of Cognita Connect. Please see some photos below of this great opportunity.





The **U11A team** finish the season off in style with a fiercely fought 15-15 draw with Parkside in our **Milbourne Lodge Festival Final**. The team should be commended for their attacking flair this season; 9 separate try scorers and 9 separate MVP's.



	Rugby Union Boys-U11A	tbc at 13:10	Downsend School	Lost 0 - 25	Festival
	Rugby Union Boys-U11A	Neutral at 13:30	Hill Grove School	Lost 20 - 25	Festival
	Rugby Union Boys-U11A	Neutral at 14:10	Claremont Fan Court School	Won 20 - 10	Festival
	Rugby Union Boys-U11A	Neutral at 14:40	Parkside School	Draw 13 - 15	Festival

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Miss Edwards

Music News



Coulsdon & Purley Festival Success!

Huge congratulations to **Charles in Year 4** who has been taking part in several solo classes at the **Coulsdon & Purley Festival**.

On Friday 4th March he was awarded 1st place in the Solo Singing 10 Years And Under and then on Saturday 12th March he was awarded **Solo Woodwind Grades 3 & 4 Class**.

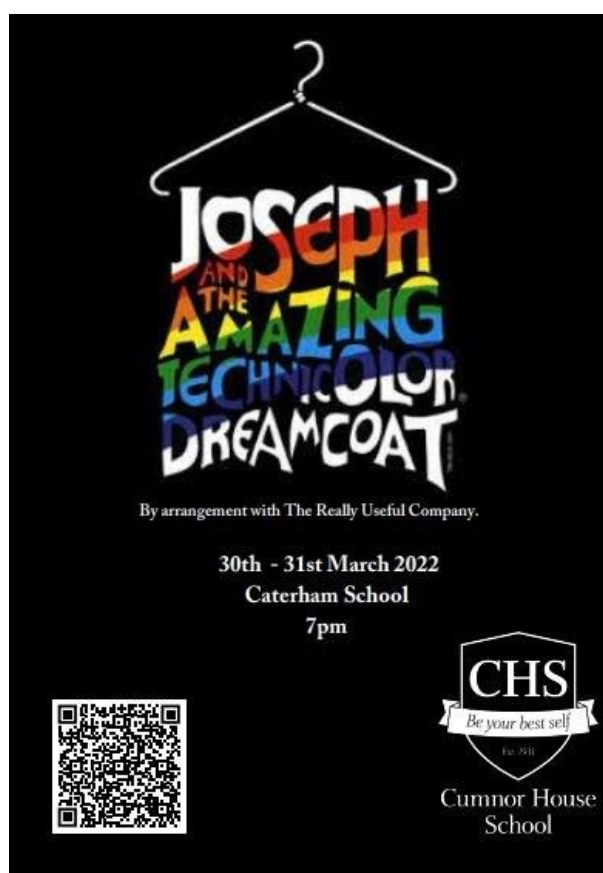
In the woodwind class he was the youngest performer. He played America from **West Side Story** and the adjudicator commented that she thought it was an ambitious piece because of the speed and articulation needed and that she was impressed when **Charles** achieved it with good shaping.

The practice he got from performing the same piece at the **House Music Competition** (in which he was awarded joint Silver 3rd place – sorry **Charles**, your name somehow slipped off my list) last week certainly helped him in his performance! Well done, **Charles**!

If any boys are taking exams externally, or taking part in festivals or concerts, please do send me the details so I can include them in the newsletter and in my music assemblies. **Music at Cumnor House** is not just about what happens here during the school day!

Miss Secker

Notices:



This week in Reception and Nursery.....



Dear Parents

Miss Bennett will be leaving us at the end of the month. She has been a member of the Cumnor House Nursery since 2017 and has been an **excellent** member of staff, most recently managing our **South Croydon Nursery** as maternity cover. I know you will all **wish her well** with future endeavours. **Miss Clark** will be returning from her maternity leave in April, and we will all give her a warm welcome upon her return.

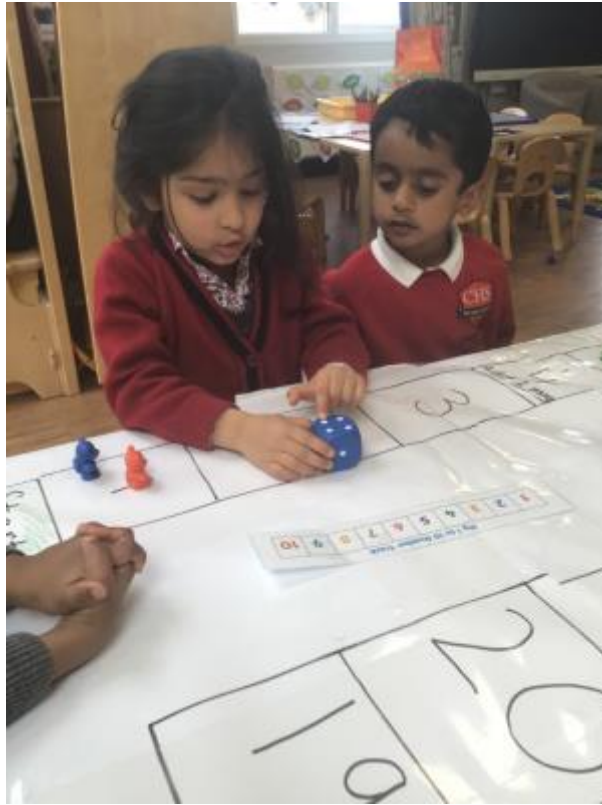
On **St Patrick's day** we had a fantastic treat at the *Purley Nursery and Boys' Reception*, when **Mrs King** brought in her **Irish dancing costume** and gave us a little demonstration. Thank you so much Mrs King for sharing your **hidden talent** with us all!

This week the **Purley Kindergarten** have continued learning about their animal theme. The children have thoroughly enjoyed telling their friends all about their family pets, and especially enjoyed seeing their pets on the big screen in class. **Kindergarten** have been looking at animal farm sheets, recognising and counting the animals and placing the animals in size order, big, medium and small.





This week the focus at **South Croydon's Kindergarten** has been colours. The children have enjoyed matching different coloured objects into groups. We also enjoyed feeding our **hungry robot** different coloured foods each day. They listened to a song about colours and also read the **colour monster** book at circle time. Kindergarten's favourite activity of the week was doing a colour hunt around the room and finding objects that were the colour that our teacher named.





This week in our **Croydon Pre-School**, the children have been learning about **compositions** to 9 and 10. They have been practicing with objects and ten frames and have also played fun games such as bingo and 'Willows number train'. **Pre-School** have had lots of fun exploring the various ways to make 9 and 10 using two single digit numbers. Some children **discovered** how to use 3 single digit numbers! The children also enjoyed our numbers board game on the maths table. They have learnt to use their adding more, one less, and one more knowledge to play the game. **Miss Rhodes** is very proud of you all, well done.







During the **Purley Pre-School** children's Forest School session they each had a chance to describe an animal and let their friends guess which animal they were thinking. The teachers had their turns first to **show the children examples** of how to play the game and then the children gave it a go. We were so **impressed** by the children's descriptions of the animals! They told us about where the animal lived, how big it was, whether it was smooth or furry and what colour it was. They didn't even need to act out their animal's movements or tell us the sound it makes because their descriptions were so detailed that their friends were able to guess it correctly! After the game the children had a chance to explore the outdoor area and all of the wonderful things it has to offer.

The **Reception boys visited Farthing Downs for Forest School** on Tuesday. As we have been celebrating British Science weeks 'Growing' theme, the boys tried to look for different signs of growing and in particular the different trees that grow on the Downs. Much discussion was had about how to identify the trees when they were not in full leaf. The boys learnt about the difference between **deciduous and evergreen trees** and looked at alternative ways to identify the tree species. **The boys have also been busy rehearsing for their forthcoming Spring Concert next week. Please can we remind you to send in the photograph of your special guest and a Spring coloured t-shirt by Monday 21st March latest.**

Congratulations to the children below who received awards this week:

Gold Awards:

South Croydon Pre-School: William Purley Pre-School: Tara Reception: Kezron (RUS) Alexander W (RS)

Star of the Week:

South Croydon Pre-School: Priya, Elora and Joshua Purley Pre-School: Aari Reception: Faris (RUS) Nana (RS)

Kind Regards

Mrs Shelley

Head of EYFS

PTA EVENTS:

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)

