



Cumnor House Boys' School and Nursery

Friday 1st April 2022

Key Dates - Early Years and Boys' School

Dates for the Summer Term will be added to the Cognita Connect calendar during the Easter Break

EARLY YEARS

- Tuesday 19th April - Staff Inset Day (Purley & South Croydon Nursery Closed)
- Wednesday 20th April: Summer Term Commences (Purley Nursery) / South Croydon Nursery re-opens

BOYS' MAIN SCHOOL

- Tuesday 19th April - Staff Inset Day (School Closed)
- Wednesday 20th April - Summer Term Commences

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



Dear Parents

It has been a very busy and productive term and there have been so many moments to share.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our boys on their senior school results. Our results have been better than ever with a total of **60 scholarships so far**. These include **prestigious awards** such as the **Tonbridge Foundation Award, the Peter Beckwith Scholarship from Harrow and the Headmaster's Award at 11+ and 13+ from Whitgift and many more**. 89% of boys in Y8 were offered a school of choice and 88% of boys in Y6 were offered a school of choice. There were also an amazing **9 grammar school places at 11+**. This is due to great talent and hard work and the boys should be very proud of their achievements. **A big thank you to the staff** who work extremely hard teaching the boys and preparing them for these assessments. A full list of scholarships is below:

13+

Humzah --- Head's Scholarship/Sport-Whitgift

Ibrahim --- Academic-The Cedars

Dominic --- Music-The Cedars, Music -Ewell Castle, Music-Lingfield

Blake --- Sport-Royal Russell

Pascal --- Sport -The Cedars

Atul --- Academic-Trinity, Academic-Dulwich College

Zachariah --- Sport-Royal Russell

11+

Alfred --- Sport/Academic-Trinity, Academic-Royal Russell

Ishaan --- Headmaster's Scholarship/Academic/Sport/Music-Whitgift, All Rounder-Trinity,
Foundation Award-Tonbridge, Peter Beckwith -Harrow, All Rounder-Epsom

Keyaan --- Sport-Royal Russell

Joshua El --- Academic/Music-Whitgift, Headmaster's Scholarship/Music-Caterham,

Music/Academic-Royal Russell

Joshua Ep --- Music Award-Whitgift

Noah --- Music-Whitgift, Music Exhibition-Trinity, Academic/Music Exhibition-Caterham

Sean -- Sport-Cedars

Jayden --- Academic-Trinity

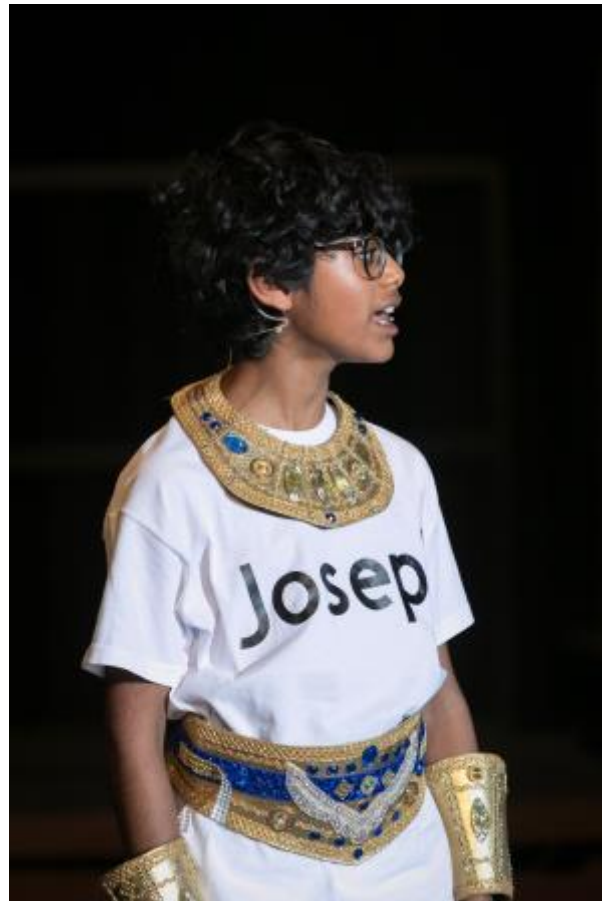
Nicholas --- Academic-Cedars

Kieran --- Drama-Whitgift, Academic/Drama-Trinity, Drama-Caterham

Caelan --- Sport-Trinity, Sport-Royal Russell, Sport/Academic-Charterhouse

Kayin --- Sport-Caterham

Ajibola --- Headmaster's Scholarship-Farringtons





Over the last two evenings our boys performed '**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**' at **Caterham School**. The cast were **absolutely outstanding** and thoroughly deserved the **applause**

and cheers from the audience. A huge amount of work goes into a production of this size. Not only have the **performers** on stage been rehearsing for many months under the direction of **Mrs Trice (Director)** and **Mrs Sullivan (Assistant Director)** but we also had **three pupils** in the **live band along with our Musical Director Miss Secker**. The back stage crew were, of course, made up of **pupils** led by our **Technical Director Mr Turner**. You can also see our very own **Mr Walpot** testing out the props below.

With Wednesday night's show came some nerves and a little apprehension, however, fast forward to Thursday and the bar was raised considerably. I felt **incredibly proud**, as did the many staff members and parents who attended, of all the boys and their **hard work and commitment** to making a **success** of the production. It is clear to see that Cumnor is full of **extremely talented boys** and many of those **shone on stage**.

A big thank you to the production team and all the staff who gave up their time over the weekend and in the evenings to support and thank you to our families for joining us for such **a wonderful two evenings**. There will be many more pictures to come and you will also be able to purchase them online.





I have included a brief summary of the **Voice of the Parent Survey** response below. We have analysed the results carefully and have highlighted some key themes that we are currently working on. We will be providing more information on these themes and how we are improving in future newsletters. Whilst this isn't a comprehension list it does capture the main themes, however, we have also had individual conversations with many parents to enable us to continue developing in all areas across the school.

Boys' School link [here](#) Nursery link [here](#)

And finally...

We celebrated our Lower School and Upper School End of Term Assembly this morning and we had a great number of awards and certificates to give out. This included Gold Effort Certificates, House Point Certificates, Form Cups, Head's Commendations and much more. Congratulations to the boys for their effort and attainment this term. As part of this morning's assembly I asked the boys to ask themselves one question, 'Did I do my best?' and for most the answer was, 'Yes!' Being your best self is all we ask, striving to be a best version of you is better than a second rate version of anyone else.

We also celebrated our Year 5 and 6 boys who completed the 'Bonus Round' of the **Primary Maths Challenge**. We would like to congratulate the following boys on earning a Silver Badge: Aarushjyoti (6B), Jayden (6B), Xiaoran (5B), Oliver (5B).

We do hope you have a lovely Easter break. I have asked the boys to do the following three things... Read, Relax and Return! We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 20th April.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School

















Summer Term Trips

We are delighted to announce the schedule of day trips and residentials for the summer term (letters with specific detail will follow in due course):

Reception

Godstone Farm- *Wednesday 18th May*

Year 1:

Kidzania- *Friday 1st July*

Year 2

Port Lympne Animal Park- *Wednesday 29th June*

Year 3

Camping Residential- *Friday 10th June*

Year 4

Hampton Court- *Friday 22nd April*

Celtic Harmony Residential- *Monday 16th- Tuesday 17th May*

Year 5

British Science Museum- *Thursday 21st April*

Bushcraft Residential- *Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th May*

Year 6

British Science Museum- *Thursday 21st April*

Cuffley (Multi-Activity Residential)- *Monday 23rd- Thursday 26th May*

Year 7

The Amazing Race (London)- *Thursday 19th May*

Gillwel Park Adventure- *Monday 6th June- Thursday 9th June*

Year 8

Humanities Local Study Trip- *Tuesday 3rd May*

Imperial War Museum- *Wednesday 11th May*

Gillwel Park Adventure- *Monday 6th June- 10th Friday June*









Year 1 baking with Chef Konrad

This week in Reception and Nursery.....



Dear Parents

As you will have read via our **Cognita Connect** announcement yesterday, **Mrs Drummie** has been appointed as the new **Deputy Nursery Manager for South Croydon**. Mrs Drummie is an excellent classroom practitioner and the team at South Croydon are excited to welcome her. She will be at

South Croydon for a few days over the **Easter** break to meet the children before starting fully after Easter. We are currently recruiting for member of staff to fulfil Mrs Drummie's role and will keep you updated with this as and when we recruit. We are delighted to formally welcome **Miss Silva** to our South Croydon Nursery. Miss Silva has joined us as a **Nursery Apprentice** and we wish her the very best in her studies and her journey to become a **Nursery Practitioner**. We are very happy to share that **Miss Bennett** will be continuing with us for a few weeks longer than expected which will further ensure a smooth transition when **Miss Clark** the Nursery Manager returns from maternity leave over Easter.

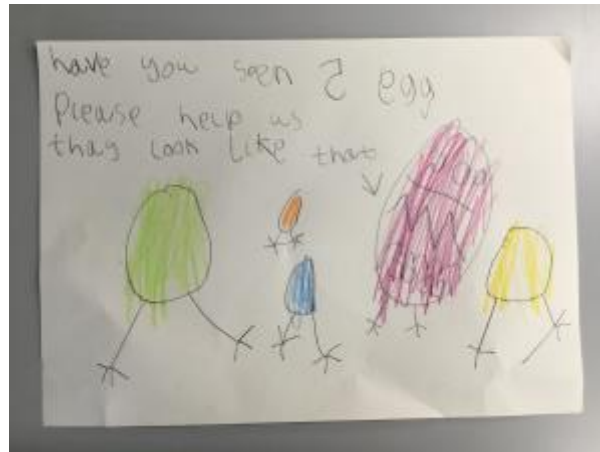




This week the **Reception boys** have been exploring their creativity with different **Spring** related activities. On Tuesday, the boys went for a spring hunt to observe the first signs around the school. Thanks to the amazing observing skills from RUS, the boys were able to **spot a big bird nest**. Please can I ask parents to continue to send the boys into school wearing their black tracksuit bottoms on Tuesday's for **Forest School** after the Easter Break until further notice.



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The boys had a very 'egg' citing encounter on Thursday when **Mrs Shelley** captured some mischievous eggs on camera in RUS. This led to some amazing writing in the form of spontaneous posters being made in RUS and an intricate trap from RS. On Friday, we had an **egg hunt** around the school reading and **solving mysterious and intriguing clues** which the mischievous eggs had left us.



Well done to the **Purley Pre-School** children for completing their second graph this week! After speaking about **Endangered Animals** in their topic session they decided to look at some information regarding which were the most and least endangered animals, and record the information on a graph. The children were even able to remember what the word extinct means! Each child was given a coloured counter which was replaced with a sticker when their group came up. They placed their stickers on the correct spot on the graph in their corresponding animal's column. When the graph was complete they spoke about which animals were the most and least endangered and whether any were equal. Each child had a chance to practice reading the information off our graph. Well done Pre-School, great work!

This week in the **South Croydon Pre-School**, the children have enjoyed learning about Easter. They have made Easter crowns and **Easter 'nest' cakes**'. During PE with coach Harry, they also took part in an Easter egg hunt. It has been lots of fun!



This week in the **Purley Kindergarten** they have been looking at matching pairs. They had a selection of broken Easter eggs and the children had to find the matching pair in order to make the egg complete again. The children have also been making their own Easter eggs with **Mrs Longhurst** using potato mashers and paint, the effect has been fantastic. On Tuesday **Mr Blain** did another one of his wonderful Easter hunts. With Mrs Hollands help, **he hid 80 little chicks around the courtyard, classroom and decking area**. The children had a lot of fun finding and collecting the chicks.

This week in **South Croydon Kindergarten** the children have been developing their **hand eye coordination and fine motor development**. The children have enjoyed using elastic bands on peg boards to try to make lots of different shapes. Kindergarten followed directions and observed what their teachers and peers did in order to learn how to do the activity. They then spoke about sizes and colours.









It was a delight to visit both Nursery sites this week as the children took part in **fabulous Easter parades** to show off their amazing homemade Easter bonnets. The South Croydon Pre-School children even delighted Kindergarten with songs during the parade! They sang 'Little Peter Rabbit' and 'Colours of the Rainbow' using BSL sign language. I am so proud of you Pre-School! Equally, the **Easter Bonnet parade** at Purley was amazing. All the bonnets looked incredible and the children did a lovely parade for the Reception boys and their teachers. **Thank you parents** for all your hard work supporting the children to make the bonnets- they were fabulous!

Congratulations to the children below who received awards this week:

Gold Awards:

South Croydon Pre-School: **Freya** Purley Pre-School: **Nathaniel**

Star of the Week:

South Croydon Pre-School: **David** Purley Pre-School: **Thomas**

End of term Progress Cup:

RS: **Nana** RUS: **Aadam**

If you are intending to go away for the Easter holiday and are planning on keeping your child off from South Croydon Nursery, please can I kindly ask that you let Miss Bennett know in advance. Wishing everyone celebrating Easter a joyous time and those on Easter holiday a restful break.

Kind regards

Mrs Shelley

Head of EYFS



PTA Events

PTA Summer Ball - Save the Date!!

Following the great success of the Quiz Night, the PTA are pleased to announce the return of our Summer Ball, please save the date - **Saturday 25th June at Woldingham Golf Club**, further details to follow.

This is one event not to be missed!



CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS AND NURSERY
PTA PRESENTS

SUMMER BALL

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

SAVE THE DATE

WOLDINGHAM GOLF CLUB

Details to follow