

Cumnor House Boys' School and Nursery



Friday 29th April 2022

Key Dates - Early Years and Boys' School

A reminder that all dates can be viewed on the Cognita Connect calendar.

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday (School & Nurseries Closed)

Tuesday 3rd May - Year 8 Humanities Trip (details have been sent via Cognita Connect 'Notice')

Monday 10th May - Year 5 & 7 Next Steps Information Evening (details will be shared shortly)

Wednesday 11th May - Year 5 Bushcraft Residential Departure (details have been sent via Cognita Connect 'Notice')

Tuesday 17th May:

- *Year 2 to 3 Transition Information Evening. Please find details [here](#)*
 - *Year 4 Celtic Harmony Residential Departure (details have been sent via Cognita via Cognita Connect 'Notice')*
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This week in the Boys' School.....



Dear Parents

It has been an extremely busy start to the **Summer term** with two day trips in our first week back and galas this week. A big thank you to parents for the efforts to have the correct uniform as I know this has been difficult. The boys look **extremely smart** and members of the public commented on how well presented they were and what good manners they have on the recent Year 4, 5 and 6 trips.

Last week Year 4 enjoyed a brilliant day out at **Hampton Court** where the boys participated in a guided tour led by **Sir William, an actor in Tudor garb**, who taught the boys about the politics of the **Tudor Court** and shared some interesting details about Henry VIII and his life at Hampton Court. The boys especially enjoyed preparing a Tudor feast and exploring the magnificent gardens.





Year 5 and 6 headed to the **Science Museum** on the train. Fred in 5B has produced a superb write up of his trip experience which can be view [here](#). Well done, Fred an outstanding piece of writing and well done to all the boys for the **exceptional behaviour**.











Our **extensive Clubs** provision commenced this week and you can see below the lovely calligraphy work that the boys have produced in the **Mandarin Club**.



Once again Cumnor House took part in the **Restless Development Triathlon** at Royal Russell School, on Sunday the 24th of April. 28 teams from Year 3 to Year 8 took part in the event, all with the same goal of raising money for charity. The Ferocious Four, comprised of Gabriel, Zaeem, Rhys and Arvav, finished an amazing third out of 92 teams! All our teams competed with great **Cumnor Spirit along with smiles, encouragement and supporting one another**. This great spirit is embodied in the pictures of two other teams below, comprising of Noah, Oliver, Mehaan and Benyameen and Logan, Aaron and Ayden and also Leo, George, Daniel and Isaac M. Aaron S was awarded a medal for outstanding fundraising efforts and being top fundraiser. Well done to all the boys who took part. A wonderful day for all!





On **Earth Day** last week 2R decided to go **litter picking around the school** for Earth Day last week, they loved doing their bit! Our Year 2 classes have been learning about the importance of Earth Day and what we can do to protect our **environment**.



Our **School Council** met today with representatives from Year 1 through to Year 8. The boys put forward their requests and ideas for new playground toys as well as catering requests and **feedback for our Chef**. I am happy to report that I was able to feed back the new menu to the boys and after some minor tweaks they are very happy with the offer so far. **The Chair** of our School Council, Ali 7BL will minute the meeting and our representatives will be able to pass on the feedback to their classes.

On Thursday and Friday of next week and the following Monday we have our **LAMDA examinations**. I am so excited to report that we have an **astounding 70 boys** taking an examination, so many in fact that we have had to add three dates. Good luck to those of you who are involved and we look forward to publishing the results soon.

And finally, **thank you to Mr Jones** for a very informative '**Next Steps' evening for Year 3 and 4** on Tuesday evening. I have had many positive comments from parents and we look forward to continuing to provide useful information for **your son's educational journey**. I would also like to **thank Mr Beesley** for his excellent Year 5 Trip Information evening yesterday. Having sent his son on this residential last year and having also attended himself he was able to allay many fears about washing and cleaning teeth, being cold at night as well as some useful kit to pack.

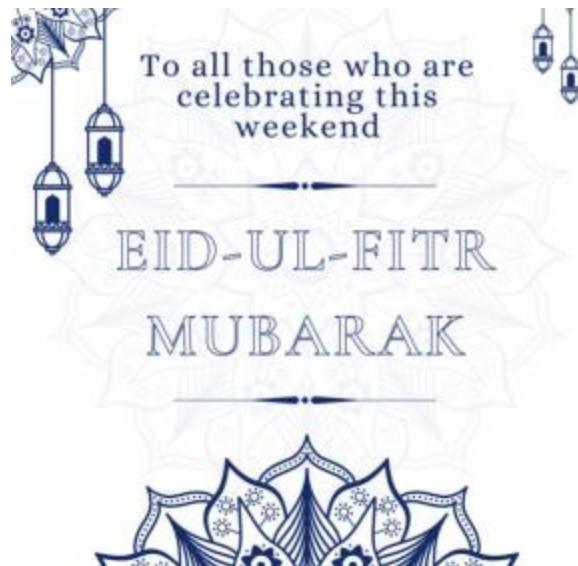
For our families who are celebrating, **Happy Eid!**

I hope everyone has a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School



Music News



ABRSM Exam Results

Congratulations to all the boys who took their exams just before Easter, particularly those who were juggling getting ready for these as well as rehearsing for Joseph!

Francis	3G	Violin	Grade 5	Distinction
Charles	4T	Singing	Grade 2	Distinction
Oliver S	5B	Piano	Grade 5	Merit
Oliver S	5B	Trumpet	Grade 4	Merit
Johnnie	7B	Saxophone	Grade 3	Merit
Yusuf EG	6T	Violin	Grade 3	Merit
Jeremy	5B	Clarinet	Grade 2	Merit
Micah	5I	Oboe	Grade 2	Merit
Louis	6T	Flute	Grade 1	Merit
Dominic	8JB	Piano	Grade 1	Merit
Atul V	8JB	Flute	Grade 5	Pass
Joshua EI	6B	Violin	Grade 4	Pass
Arshia	5T	Piano	Grade 4	Pass
Aarushjyoti	6B	Euphonium	Grade 3	Pass
Kanishk	5I	Violin	Grade 2	Pass
Jonathan	3G	Piano	Grade 2	Pass
Noah C	4F	Piano	Grade 1	Pass

In addition to those who took their exams at school, congratulations also to Henry (3G) who passed his Grade 2 Piano with merit.

Rehearsal Schedule

There have been very few changes to the rehearsal schedule for this term. Some rehearsals may be rescheduled, or extra rehearsals added due to trips. Boys are reminded to always check the music notice board and any changes for the week will also be displayed in the music house.

There are still spaces for boys in Years 4 – 8 in the summer term Musical Theatre Club which runs on a Friday after school. The boys will be preparing an item for the summer concert which includes acting/speaking, singing and some choreographed moves! If your son is interested – please email Mrs Trice or Miss Secker as soon as possible.

Dulwich Youth Orchestra Easter Course – a report from Dominic, Cumnor House Music Captain

Over the Easter holidays I was involved in the Dulwich Youth Orchestra where we rehearse for four days and perform on the fifth. There are different sections, strings and woodwind. I was in woodwind, but not just that, there was a senior orchestra for more experienced players which I was in as well.

There were two other bassoonists and one of them had the same bassoon as me.

We played Waltz no.2 by Shostakovich, ABBA on Broadway, Scramble, The Cobra Dance. Then from the senior orchestra: Mozart, Brahms and then everyone came together to make the Grand Orchestra which played The Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

It was fun to meet and talk to other musicians and I really enjoyed learning new pieces. My favourite was Dancing Queen from ABBA on Broadway .

Summer Concert – a date for your diary!

The Summer Showcase concert, featuring our instrumental ensembles, all four choirs, the Musical Theatre group, a full orchestra and a massed choir is taking place on Monday 4th July at St Mildred's Church, Addiscombe. Full details will be sent nearer the time but put the date in your diaries now!

Miss Secker

Head of Music

Sports News



Team photo:

The U11A side (photo above) make their first steps towards retaining the U11 National Cricket title by winning all three of their Surrey Cup Group fixtures.

Honours Board

Batting:

Name / Team / Runs (Balls) / Opposition

Zachary B (U12A) 101 v CHS U13A*

Ansh C (U11A) 55(28) v CHS U10A

Zachary B (U13A) 53(28) v CHS U13A*

Ishaan B (U11A) 53(41) v CHS U10A*

Kavish P (U10A) 46(29) v CHS U11A

Ishaan B (U11A) 32(42) v RGS U11A*

Rhys P (U9A) 30(14) v CHS U9A*

Bowling:

Name / Team / Wickets-Runs / Opposition

Sebastian A (U11A) 3-0 v Royal Rusell U11A

Ishaan B (U11A) 3-2 v Cheam Park U11A

Shanav G (U12A) 3-9 v CHS U13A

Jamie H (U11B) 3-12 v CHS U10B

Josh P (U9A) 3-16 v CHS U9A

Kavish P (U11A) 3-27 v RGS U11A

Congratulations to all boys on their internal 'warm up' fixtures this week.



First Century of the Cricket season! Zachary in Year 7 hit 101* runs off 54 balls against the Year 8 boys in a practice match on Monday.



Last weekend out Head Boy, Humzah and his team, Sutton United FC, played a match against Tottenham at the training centre.



Notices

Antihistamines / Eye Drops

Please could we kindly ask that if your child suffers from hay fever, that you ensure any antihistamines or eye drops are administered before they come into school. Please **DO NOT** send your child into school with any medication unless it has a prescription label.

This week in Reception and Nursery.....



Dear Parents

This week we have said **farewell to Miss Bennett** from our South Croydon Nursery. Miss Bennett was due to leave at the beginning of April but circumstances meant she stayed a few weeks longer. I

know you will join us as we thank Miss Bennett for her hard work and wish her well with her future endeavours. Our **management team** based at South Croydon Nursery is now Miss Clarke the Nursery Manager and Mrs Drummie, the Deputy Nursery Manager. I am also delighted to welcome **Mrs Sacharuk to the South Croydon** Nursery team. Mrs Sacharuk is a highly experienced Nursery Practitioner and we are very excited to have her join the **Willows Pre-School class**.





This week in **Reception** the boys have been learning about money. On Monday they looked at the different coins we can use in England, and they tried to spot the **similarities and differences**. During the week, they have been using them in their role play area putting price tags to their garden and farming products. Reception have been working in small groups to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s using the 2p, 5p and 10p coins. The fun has not stopped inside the classrooms, as the boys had

the chance to develop their knowledge further in the outside learning area completing a “Treasure hunt” in which they had to find the hidden coins in the sand and sort them out.





This week at the **Croydon Kindergarten** the children have been learning about the **festival of Ramadan**. The children followed the instructions to **create light lanterns**, and used their fine motor skill to pinch the glitter onto the lantern. Kindergarten talked about the colours used and shapes that were cut and added to the tops of their lanterns. The children have also been cutting Ramadan shapes to develop their scissor control.





In **South Croydon Pre-School** this week the children have been talking about the jobs they might like to do when they grow up. The topic this term is '**Growing and life cycles**' and their focus story this week is 'A superhero like you' about a little girl who wants to do a job that helps people when she grows up. The children had fun dressing up in different costumes linked to jobs, exploring our doctors and construction workers area and contributed to the circle time activity '**What I want to be when I grow up**'.





At the **Purley Kindergarten** the children have been reading the *Hungry Caterpillar* and talking about what the caterpillar eats to make him big and strong, building his cocoon and then becoming a beautiful butterfly. The children have also been talking about what seeds need to grow and enjoyed **planting their own runner beans** which they will care for over the next few weeks. To celebrate Ramadan, Kindergarten have been making moon and star pictures with **Mrs Brown**, placing cupboard shapes on the card and making fingerprint marks with paint around the shapes before removing the cardboard and revealing their patterns





At Purley Pre-School during their topicsession on Monday the children did a little experiment. The staff are focusing on using “why” questions this term and asking the children what they think will happen if different events were to occur. The children were asked what would happen if the apple was not eaten straight away. “It will go brown!!” they all replied. They cut an apple into four pieces and placed them each into a cup of water: one with vinegar, one with salt, one with sugar and one with just plain water. The children are going to see which apple is the most brown at the end of the week! **Be sure to ask your child what the result was!**

Congratulations to the children below who received awards this week:

Gold Awards:

South Croydon Pre-School: **Joshua** Purley Pre-School: **Roman** RS: **Ibrahim** RUS: **Faris**

Star of the Week:

South Croydon Pre-School: **Aamirah, William & Musa** Purley Pre-School: **Faris** RS: **Leonardo** RUS: **Cruz**

Kind regards

Mrs Shelley

Head of EYFS

PTA Events

PTA Pets & Ponies

- South Croydon Nursery - Thursday 9th June
- Purley Nursery - Friday 10th June

Please see flyers below for timings and tickets.





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!

