



Girls' Newsletter - 6th May 2022

Weekly Newsletter

Cumnor House Girls' School

A Message from Mrs McShane



A short week that has been crammed with amazing experiences for the girls. Tuesday brought the Redhill & Reigate Music Festival where the Chamber choir sang beautifully. They really are a talented bunch, encouraged and brought on by Ms Myall and Mrs Kimber. All had a super afternoon, and we were delighted that they were awarded an honours certificate and many positive comments from the adjudicators. The very next day the whole choir (which was in fact most of the girls from Years three to Six) excitedly went off to the O2 to join thousands of other children to sing at the Young Voices event. This was a long, tiring, joyous, uplifting, and fantastic day and the girls got a real sense of exhilaration from singing at such an incredible venue. Thank you again to Ms Myall and Mrs Kimber for preparing the girls but also to the other staff members who accompanied them to ensure their safety and wellbeing on the day.

Also on Wednesday, a few girls were not able to attend the Young Voices event as they were swimming in the ESSA qualifiers – read about how well they did later in the newsletter, suffice to say that at this point we are really proud of our resident dolphins! Thank you to Mrs Harvie and Mr OB for taking the

girls and to the whole swimming team for supporting and teaching them to get the girls to this incredible level.

The girls are really honing their cricket skills and we were incredibly pleased to see them play confidently on Thursday, winning their matches.

A reminder that we are still living in uncertain times and as the cost-of-living rises, so do the number of families relying on the local foodbanks, if you are able to pop a donation into the yellow one tin bin, please do. I know that some families have made this a weekly giving commitment, and this is much appreciated. The list of the items in short supply can be found later in this newsletter.

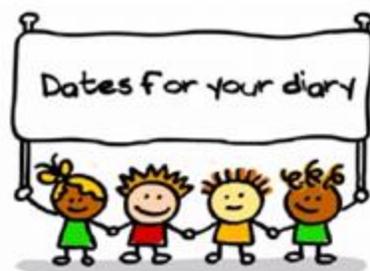
The bunnies are enjoying hopping about in their pen and would like you to know that they are happy to come and stay with families over weekends and holi days. If you would like to “Borrow the Bunnies” please contact the office so that we can update Monty and Coco’s social calendar.

Next week brings some day trips with a foodie bias as Year 6 go to a Chocolate Factory and Year 3 will be learning how to make pizza at Pizza Express. But the big event is Year 5, as they will be heading off on their Bushcraft adventures. The weather looks to be promising and I know that the girls, and boys, will have a fabulous time, learning new skills challenging themselves and growing deeper friendships.

Wishing you a restful and happy weekend.

“The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.”

Eleanor Roosevelt



Monday 9th May	Yr 6 Trip - Chocolate Factory Yr 6 Residential Parent Meeting at 6pm
Tuesday 10th May	Yr 3 Cricket v Banstead Prep (a) Yr 6 Matilda Rehearsal
Wednesday 11th May	Yr 5 Residential Yr 3 Trip - Pizza Express Yr 6 Cricket v Aberdour (a)
Thursday 12th May	Yr 5 Residential
Monday 16th May	Yr 4 Residential Trip
Tuesday 17th May	Yr 4 Residential Trip Yr 6 Matilda Rehearsal
Wednesday 18th May	Yr 6B & 5 Cricket v Aberdour (a) Year 6A Cricket v Sutton & Cheam Common (a)
Thursday 19th May	Year 3&4 Cricket v Aberdour (a)
Friday 20th May	Maths Day tbc
Monday 23rd May	Yr 6 Residential
Tuesday 24th May	Yr 6 Residential
Wednesday 25th May	Yr 6 Residential
Thursday 26th May	Yr 6 Residential
Friday 27th May	HALF-TERM

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Important - Please read.....

Residential trips consent forms and medical forms

If you have not already done so, please could we remind you to complete the following forms which are located under the 'forms' section of your Cognita Connect app.

Year 6

- 'Year 6 Multi-Activity Residential'
- 'Residential Medications (Prescription) Form'

Year 5

- 'Year 5 Bushcraft Residential'
- 'Residential Medications (Prescription) Form'

Year 4

- 'Year 4 Celtic Harmony Residential'
- 'Residential Medications (Prescription) Form'

Scarlet Fever and Chickenpox

There has been an increase in the number of scarlet fever and chickenpox outbreaks linked to nurseries and primary schools reported to UKHSA Health Protection Teams since the beginning of March 2022, including some where both infections are co-circulating. Evidence suggests that chickenpox is the most common risk factor for invasive group A streptococcal (iGAS) disease in children.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs and symptoms of scarlet fever and the actions to be taken if you become aware of an outbreak at your school or nursery.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea, and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

Infection control advice

In schools and nurseries, it is recognised that infections can be spread through direct physical contact between children and staff and through shared contact with surfaces such as table tops, taps, toys and handles. During periods of high incidence of scarlet fever there may also be an increase in outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings.

As per national Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings, children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should be excluded from nursery, school, or work for 24 hours after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Resources

Scarlet fever FAQ: [Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-and-treatment)

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

Year 3 angles topic

Currently in Maths, Year 3 are learning about properties of shape. This week, we used a protractor for the first time to try and identify right angles in different 2D shapes. We used our protractors to measure

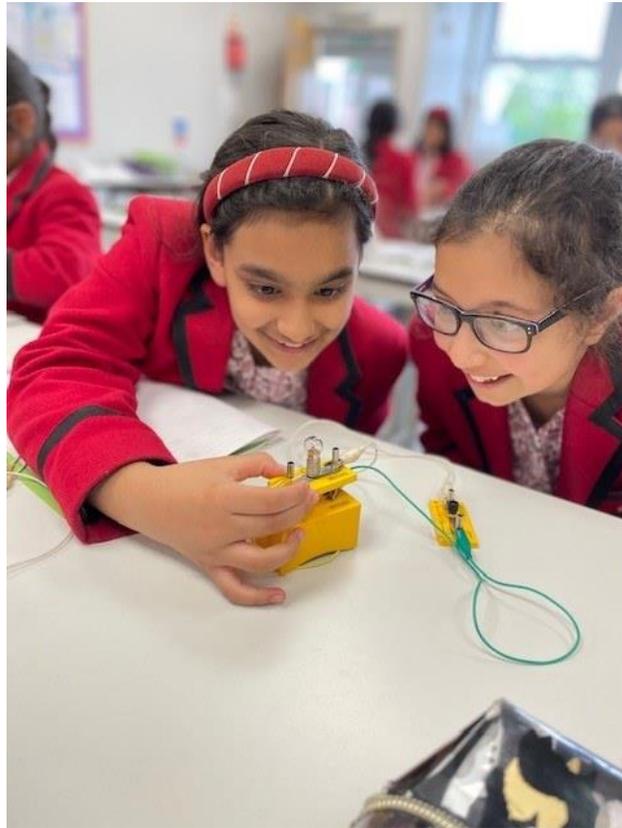
the size of different angles and when we found an angle that was 90 degrees, we knew we had found a right angle!

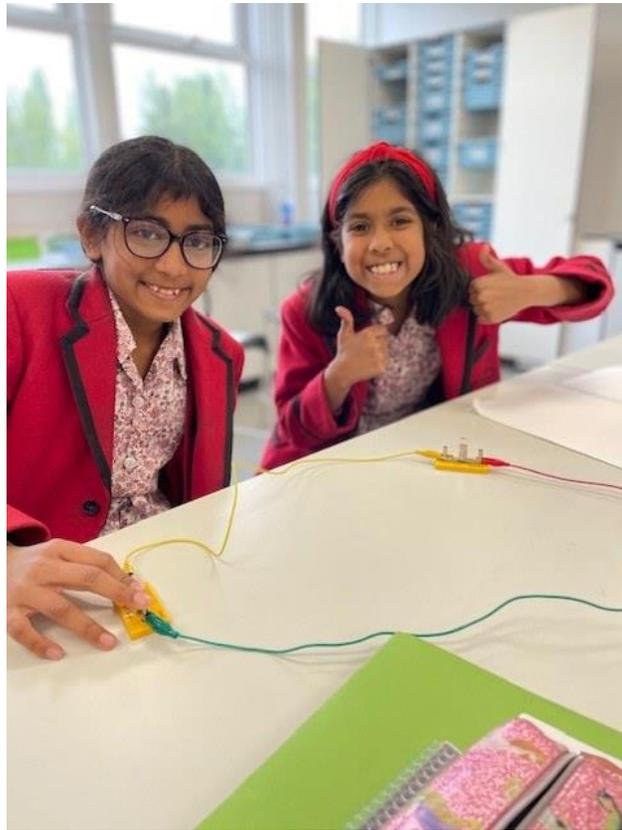


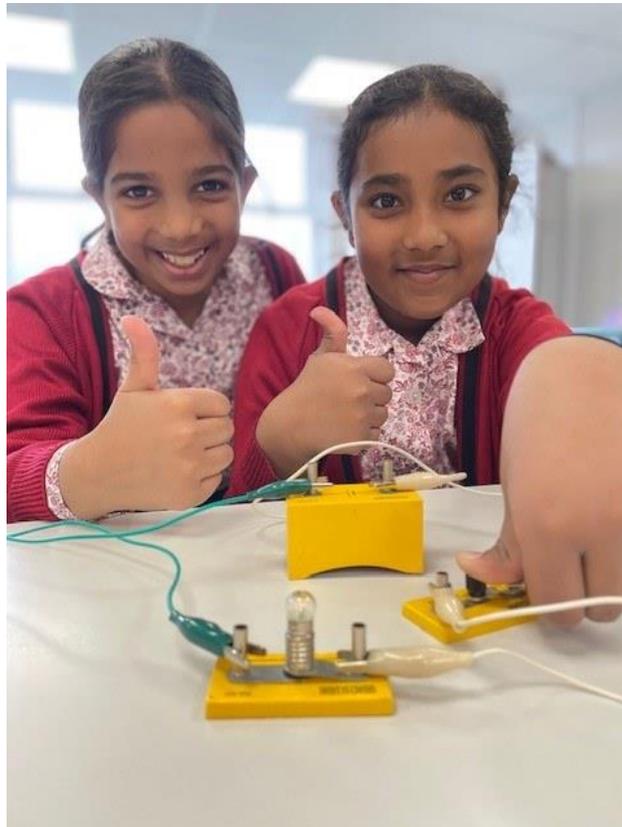


Year 4 making circuits in Science

Year 4 are looking at electricity this term in Science and this week we successfully built working series circuits. By identifying the different components in a circuit, we were able to safely experiment using a switch, a cell, a bulb and wires to try and get the bulb to light up. Well done Year 4, everyone was successful!









Sport.....

Swimming - ESSA Relay Swimming Championship

On Wednesday 4th May 5 girls took part in the ESSA Relay Swimming Championship at JAGS. They had a fantastic swim and placed 2nd in the Medley relay and joint 1st in the Freestyle relay. Both teams have qualified for the 26th Annual Nations Swimming Final held at Ponds Forge on Saturday 18th June. We wish them luck!



Year 6 Cricket

Yesterday the Year 6 A team played their first Surrey Star Burst qualifier match against Cheam Park Farm and performed incredibly well winning by a score of 258 - 193. Top scorer with the bat was Safaa who scored 10 from her over including one mammoth 6. Captain Ishi took 2 wickets for 0 in her bowling over, the opposition also giving her the player of the match award. All in all, a great start to their group games as they amassed 11 league points out of 12 on offer with the remaining 2 matches in 2 weeks time to determine who goes to finals day in June, so watch this space!

Music.....

Redhill and Reigate Music Festival - Chamber Choir

Tuesday 3rd May Chamber Choir, accompanied by Mrs Myall and Mrs Kimber, went to Reigate Park Church to take part in the Redhill and Reigate Music Festival. The girls performed 'Fire!' by Jonathan Dove and 'Shone' from 'Billy Elliott' by Elton John and Lee Hall - complete with choreography and received excellent feedback from both the judge and people in the audience. Although pipped to the post for first place, they were award an Honours certificate and it was a wonderful opportunity for the girls to perform. Well done girls, we are very proud of you.

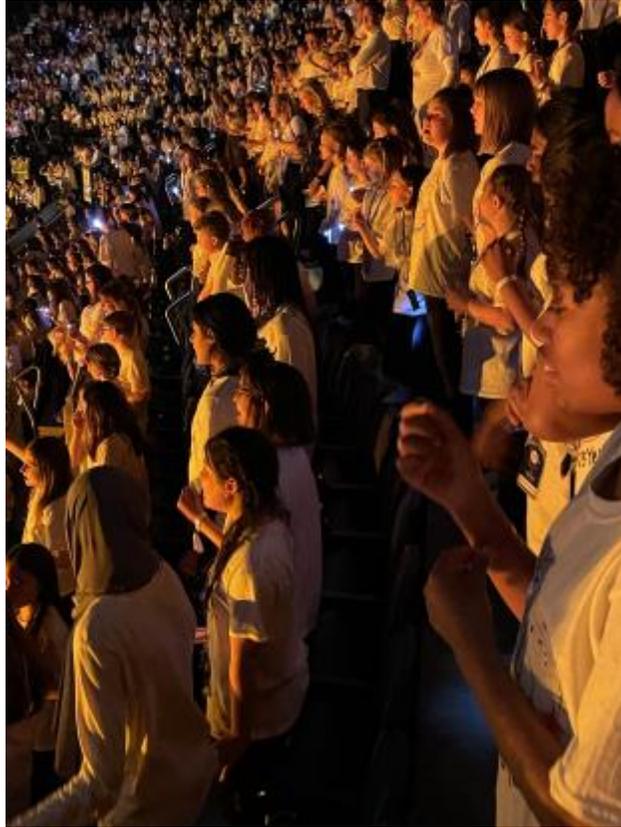


O2 Young Voices Concert - School Choir

On Wednesday, the School Choir set off from school on their adventure to head to the O2 Arena and the long-awaited Young Voices concert! The original concert was due to take place in January and was delayed due to the Covid situation at the beginning of the year and the uncertainty that surrounded it before Christmas. It was certainly worth the wait! Despite our seats being right at the top of the O2 (and once Mrs Kimber had found her 'sea legs'), the whole experience was amazing from start to finish. It was so exciting to sing with 7000 other 'Young Voices' from 160 other schools, with a wonderful band, backing singers, the incredible Street Dancers from Urban Strides and special guests The Beat Box Collective, Ruti and Connie Talbot. Well done to our wonderful girls in the choir, you sung your hearts out and showed off some pretty impressive dance moves too. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied us and made the trip possible and well-done parents for your beat boxing attempts and your dance moves - you certainly delighted your children who loved every minute!!!!









Wellbeing Corner.....



Children have lots of creative, imaginative inventions, thoughts and ideas buzzing around their mind which can be exhausting and overwhelming if they hold them all inside. Maybe buy your child a notebook or a sketchbook to write or draw their ideas, thoughts, inventions. If you want, buy one for yourself too! Every so often share your ideas with each other. Ask questions to show you are interested

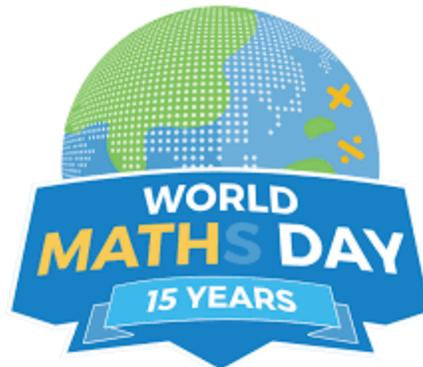
in their thoughts and ideas. "What triggered this idea?" "How could you develop this idea more?" "Could I help you build/ make this?"

Other News.....

Maths Day 2022!

On Friday 20th May 2022, Cumnor Girls will be taking part in Maths Day! The theme of Maths Day this year is investigations. Throughout the day, the girls will have the opportunity to try varied fluency questions, expand on their reasoning understanding and challenge themselves with problem solving activities.

To make Maths Day even more fun, we are inviting all the girls to come dressed as a Times Table Rockstar for the day. We will be having a times table rockstar online battle during the day to see which class come out as the ultimate times table rockstars.



Yellow Food Bin Donations

Thank you for all the wonderful donations you have been adding to the Yellow Food Bin. Please have a look at the most needed items for May and hopefully we can continue to fill the bin and help those less fortunate than ourselves. Remember all items need to be non-perishable and able to form part of a healthy, balanced meal.



FOOD LIST - MAY 2022



At Purley Food Hub we provide food and other items to local people in crisis. Please consider donating one or more from **this month's Top 12 priority items:**

- 500g Packets of Breakfast Cereals
- 500g Bags of Sugar
- Cartons of Long Life Whole Milk (*for clients' children*)
- Small Jars of Honey
- Jars of Baby Food 10 Months+
- Microwavable Meals for Toddlers
- Small Tins of Meat - Ham, Chicken
- Tins of Peas & Carrots
- Tinned Dessert Rice Pudding
- Unisex Deodorant
- Adults' & Children's Toothpaste
- Washing Powder Tablets

Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity. It means that since 2013 we have provided **260,000 meals** to hard-pressed clients and their families.

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COUPLE BAKES
ONE GUY & O



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