



Cumnor House Boys' School and Nursery

Friday 17th June 2022

Key Dates - Early Years and Boys' School

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

Early Years:

Tuesday 21st June- Reception Boys' Swimming Gala. All boys to be dropped off at Boys' Main School, Pampisford Road at 8.15am. (no on site parking)

Friday 24th June:

- *Reception Boys' Sports Day- All boys to be dropped off at the Sports Field, Pampisford Road from 8.00am-8.30am (no on site parking).*
 - *PTA Pre-Ordered Pizza Making Kits, collection at pick up times.*
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Boys' School:

Monday 20th June - Year 2 Swimming Gala, 9:00am.

Tuesday 21st June:

- *Year 3 Scheme Concert, 3:00pm.*
 - *Piano Concert, 4:20pm.*
 - *Informal Concert, 7:00pm.*
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Wednesday 22nd June - Year 8 Trip.

Thursday 23rd June:

- *Year 1 Swimming Gala, 9:00am.*
 - *Informal Concert, 7:00pm.*
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Friday 24th June:

- *Year 1 & 2 Sports Day, 10:30am-12:30pm at the Sports Field (no onsite parking)*
- *Year 3 & 4 PTA Film Night, 4:00pm (details in PTA Section).*

- *PTA Pre-Ordered Pizza Making Kits, collection from playground at pick up times.*
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This week in the Boys' School.....



Dear Parents

Whilst we have been blessed with fantastic weather I am sure we are all looking forward to a cooler weekend. I know that the the boys were extremely pleased to have ice cream on the menu today! They have coped with the heat remarkably well and we have relaxed uniform with no ties and top buttons so that they are as comfortable as possible.

The last of our residential took place last week with **Year 7 and 8 camping at Gilwell Park** near Epping Forest. The boys had an amazing experience with activities included fire lighting, orienteering, archery, hiking and grass sledging. On their return Year 8 were lucky enough to stop off at the Olympic track, Lee Valley for BMX riding.

Year 3 also spent a **night camping** at the sports ground. I was there for most of the evening and I have to say that the boys behaved exceptionally well. They had such a fun time and thoroughly enjoyed the barbecue, games and sharing tents with their friends. Whilst they told me that they had planned to stay up all night and party they were all sound asleep much earlier than we thought they would be. Once again we had lovely weather for the evening and toasting marshmallows on the fire with a view across London was such a lovely experience.

















Our amazing swim squad boys in Year 5 to 8 boys competed in the **National IAPS Finals** held at the **London Aquatic Centre** on Saturday, they all did extremely well and we are very proud of yet

another amazing achievement in Swimming. You can see the full report below from **Mr Fitzgerald** but a special mention to our **Year 5 team** being crowned **National Champions**. Huge congratulations to **Arshia, Archie, Arnav, and Sebastian** and well done to all the boys who competed in the competition this year. I must take this opportunity to thank someone special who makes this all possible. ***Mr Fitzgerald is the most passionate and dedicated coach I know and I am sure that the boys and parents would like to join me in thanking him for his outstanding work.*** With the **London League Grand Final on Wednesday** going very well and **Year 4 to 6** coming 2nd to such prestigious schools as we did in a grand final the boys deserve huge congratulations. **I am extremely proud** of the squad and **good luck** to those of you who are swimming in **English School's Finals in Sheffield at the weekend**.

Please find below links to view the '**Whitgift Admissions Key Dates for 2023 entry**' and to book to attend one of their 'Open Events' in September (maximum of 4 places per family)

[Whitgift Key Admission Dates for 2023 Entry](#)

[Open Events 2022 - Whitgift School](#)

For any further information please contact Whitgift School at admissions@whitgift.co.uk

On **Tuesday** we held our annual **Future Schools Evening**. This is always a great event and a chance to meet a number of staff from a range of senior schools who join the exhibition. We had an excellent **question and answer session** led by **Mr Jones** and were fortunate to have **Mr Robert Burnett** the Admissions Director at Tonbridge, **Mr Ceri Jones** the Head at Caterham and **Mrs Jane Burton** the Head at Old Palace answer your questions about the admissions processes for different schools and some great advice for parents. **Thank you to Mrs Syrad and Mr Jones** who organised the event and the fantastic caterers at the Girls' School for some wonderful food. This was a ticketed and catered event, so Mrs Mc Shane and I were a little disappointed that 90 tickets were taken, to the point that we had to turn people down, but only 50 people turned up. Perhaps the lure of our England football team playing was too much? We are going to trial a text reminder service for events so that there is less chance of people forgetting in future, but we also ask that if you are not able to attend any event, that you let us know beforehand so that your ticket can be allocated elsewhere and so that we do not over cater for the event.

There are still lots more events to come before the end of the year and the boys have been busy with **sports day and gala practices**. Once again our **wonderful PTA** were able to provide the boys and Nursery children with a lovely **Father's Day gift shop** and I am sure many Fathers, Uncles and Grandads will be very touched with their presents this weekend. **Thank you to all of our PTA volunteers** who helps with this and to ensure it goes smoothly.

You may remember that each year our **Cognita School Support Centre** hold an **Art Competition** and the winning entry is displayed in the Support Centre Offices. Many of the boys entered and **Mrs Irvine and I** chose one winning entry from Cumnor to go forward into the Cognita Competition. Our winning entry was a beautiful peace created by **Sidd, 2R**. It really captured what Cumnor is all about and we are proud to submit it to the Cognita Competition. **Well done, Sidd**. A special mention for a fantastic sculpture entry by **Harrison, 7J** which we were really impressed with too. The Cognita results will be in next week's newsletter.



And finally...

Well done to our **Year 2** boys who I visited a few weeks ago to see the amazing stories they have been writing. I am always so impressed with the writing that I see and this time I was **absolutely amazed** at the presentation and language used. Well done, boys, you have worked extremely hard on your writing skills this year.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School

WALT: Write a narrative based
on a story 13.05.22

The Journey Home

All the trees were being destroyed.
Where are all my trees? said the Tiger. I can't
stay here so he went to find some water. Then he
found a little boat ^{so} he sailed along he came across
the north pole. What are you doing here? said the
arctic fox. I'm sailing my boat. Said the Tiger. Well I
can't stay in the melting ice I'll come with you.

The next hour they came where a forest used
to be. there was a red panda. all my trees are gone said
the panda. You can come with us said the Tiger.
Ok so they sailed joyfully but then they ran into a storm.

WAL: Write a narrative based on a story 13.05.2022

The Journey Home

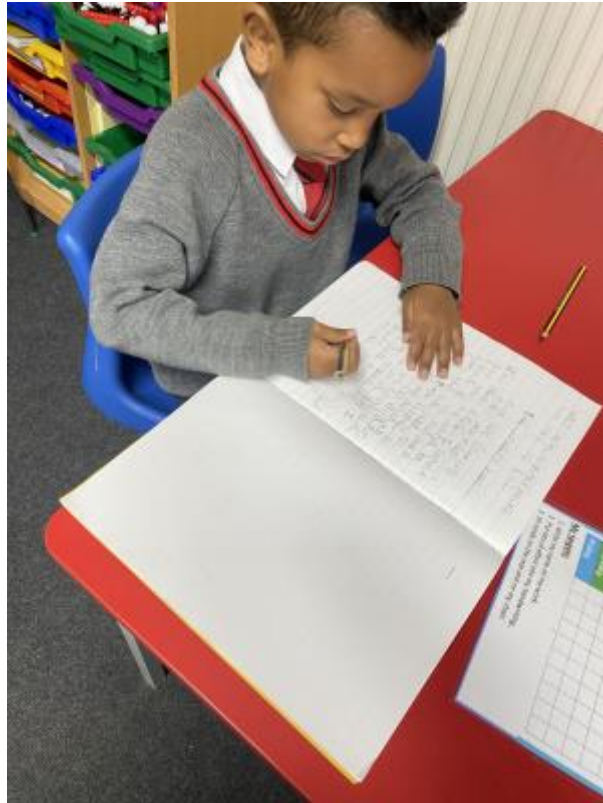
My lovely trees are being destroyed. Where's are all my trees gone?
I saw a boat over there and ~~off~~ he went sliding in to sandy hills.
My trees said jaggyer help help my snow is melting
jaggyer said jaggyer we will fix you a new home said jaggyer to cheyer. snow leaped up
we skated a bob head said bob we can't ride here
cried jaggyer you men the trees grow back and then the snow comes back and then the hills stop men will that he said jaggyer let see what tomorrow bring.

WAL: Write a narrative based on a story 13.05.2022

The Journey Home

The white beautiful snow was melting where's my snow? Where should I go?
He did not want to get wet. So he went to the top of the mountain then he got a boat. He climbed into the boat.

after a while a tiger tuning from poachers do you want to come with me said the



WALT wrote a narrative based story 13.05.2022

The journey Home

The trees were disappearing, when keeps chopping down my umbrella like trees? I can't stay here he said: so he scampered until he found a big truck. He drove into a swampish. where he met

A year or while he met an elephant. together they drove in search of a new home. they drove into a forest to India to meet a tiger. I can't stay here I think I should come with you: so he climbed in to.

WALT. Write a ~~short~~ narrative based on a story 13.05.2021

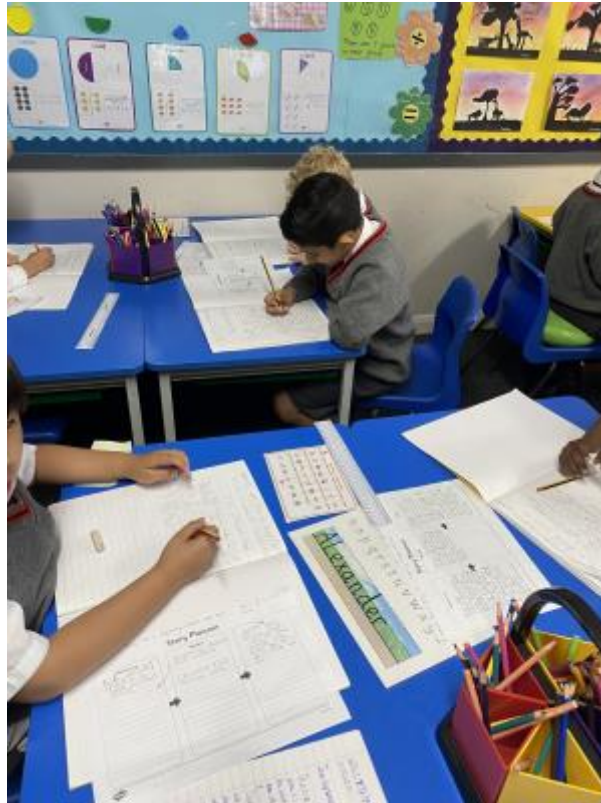
The Journey Home

There's so much plastic! "Where has this plastic come from? I can't stay here," he ~~said~~ & he said. So he went for a swim. Meanwhile, he found a small, brown boat. As he sailed, he saw an oil leak.

After a while, he met a striped tiger alone ~~on~~ in the dark jungle. "I can't stay here," because of deforestation and someone is trying to hunt me. So he climbed into. They both sailed along. They met a penguin. "I can't stay here, because of climate change so he climbed in to."







WALT: ~~RTT~~ Write a narrative based on a story
12.05.2022

The big trees where- The Journey Home

The big trees where breaking. where has all my trees gone? I can't stay here he said. so he went for a run and he found on a little boat ~~he~~ he sailed along he came near the city where long buildings hid the sky. and then he saw a turtle.

That same day, he met a turtle and he was about to eat plastic but the gorilla quickly stopped him and smiled please don't eat plastic and he said and the turtle just said ok the gorilla ask to want to hop in said Gorilla and the turtle said ok so they sailed along to find a new home.

Sports News



This has been our biggest week of swimming this year with our two main competitions both held in the same week. The boys didn't disappoint and put on great performances in both the **National IAPS** Finals and the **Grand Final** of the **London League**. Please see below the reports for both competitions.

National IAPS Finals

Well done to all the boys who qualified to compete in the **National IAPS Finals** held at the **London Aquatic Centre** on Saturday. There were 635 schools, and over 4,500 competitors who took part in the preliminary rounds and only the top 20 swimmers in each event made it through to the finals.

13 of the 15 boys who competed for us in the preliminary round made it through to the finals in either an individual event, a relay event or in several cases both.

Our boys really stepped up to the challenge and every boy achieved a personal best time on the day, when the pressure was well and truly on.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the day was our Year 5 team being crowned National Champions. **Arshia, Archie, Arnav, and Sebastian** teamed up to win both the Medley and Freestyle relays, which gave us a big points advantage going into the individual events. We were the only school who had all four swimmers qualified through to these races, so hopes were high that we could be crowned top school. The boys did not disappoint, and with **Archie** achieving Bronze on Breaststroke, **Arnav** finishing 5th in the Butterfly (against boys who were all a year older than him), **Arshia** finishing 6th on Backstroke, and **Sebastian** finishing 14th on Front Crawl, we were very convincing winners, finishing 14 points ahead of the next top school.

The Year 6 and 7 Boys also swam fantastically well. The Year 6 relay teams of **Sean, Aiden, Joshua, Kayin and Andre** finishing 5th in the Medley, and 9th in the Freestyle relays. **Sean and Aiden** also had solid performances in their individual races, with **Sean** finishing 15th on Backstroke, and **Aiden** finishing 19th on Breaststroke. The Year 7 relay teams of **Rishan, Shanav, Oscar, and Zachary** finished 7th in the Freestyle relay and 8th in the Medley relay, they were in second place in the Freestyle relay for 3 of the 4 legs. We saved our best individual performance until last with **Rishan** swimming a great race in the Year 7 50M Butterfly Final. He led from the start and was only caught on the very last stroke, losing out on Gold by only 3 one hundredths of a second in a fantastic time of 30.9 seconds. This ended a great day of swimming for Cumnor.

As a result of all our performances, we finished 5th on the overall points total for years 5-8 combined. An amazing achievement.

London League Grand Final

Well done to all the boys that competed in the very prestigious London League Grand Final. They all swam exceptionally well and personal best times were achieved by almost every boy in the team.

Year 3 were scored separately in the Final which didn't help our cause as we were extremely dominant in this year group. In the year 4-6 competition we finished runners up overall and were 40 points behind Bute House who were very strong and were deserved winners on the night. Had the year 3 races been included in the overall result then we would have been 25 points away from winning the Grand Final.

This is a fantastic achievement and every boy who competed in this competition should be extremely proud of your performance, this was truly a team effort with over 30 boys competing in the final.

We were very close to going the whole year undefeated in galas. Including all the schools who competed in the London League competition, we have competed against over 60 schools this year, and have only been beaten by one.

Please see below the year 4-6 result

1st - Bute House - 457

2nd - Cumnor House - 417

3rd - JAGS - 373

4th - KCS - 323

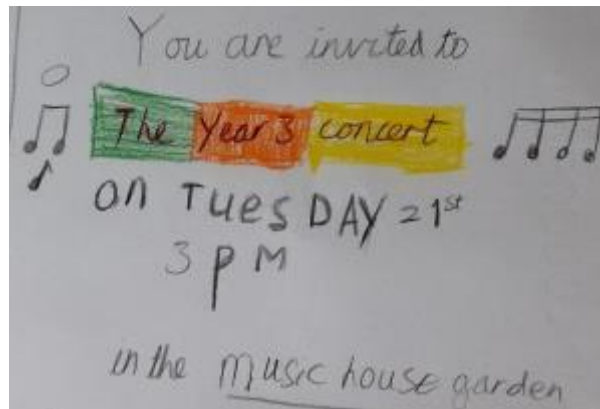
5th - Latymer - 322

6th - Wetherby - 267

Good luck to the boys who are competing at the English school's finals this weekend, and the London Schools Finals next week.

Mr Fitzgerald, Head of Swimming

Music News



Year 3 Scheme Concert

Just a reminder that all Y3 boys will be performing in the concert which will start at 3pm.

If the weather is dry, we will be in the Music House garden. There will be some chairs available, but please bring a blanket or rug to sit on the grass!

[If it's wet, we will squeeze into the hall]

School Instruments

If your son is leaving and currently hires a school instrument for individual lessons, please make sure this is returned either to Miss Secker or Mrs Magill on Tuesday 5th July (unless another arrangement is made).

Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 21 st June	3pm	Y3 Scheme Concert
Tuesday 21 st June	4.15pm	Mrs Young's Piano Concert
Tuesday 21 st June	7pm	Informal Concert 1
Thursday 23 rd	All day	AB Exam rehearsals (not pianists)
Thursday 23 rd June	7pm	Informal Concert 2
Tuesday 28 th June	8 – 10am	Full Orchestra Rehearsal (all instrumentalists)

This week in Reception and Nursery.....



Dear Parents

We warmly welcomed **Mrs Williams** back into the boys Reception this week after her maternity leave. She has had a busy week meeting all the children in RS and RUS and has enjoyed joining the boys for the Swimming and Sports day practices. This week in Reception the boys have been learning the important lesson that 'it is the taking part that counts' as they prepare to show off their swimming and sporting abilities next week. In PSHE the boys have discussed how they are all different and that they all excel in different areas, however in competitions in the Early Years it is about taking part, enjoyment and endeavouring to do your best that counts more than your final position.





This week in **Purley Kindergarten** the children have started making their own interpretation of boats, talking about the shapes they need to make the boat and then the colour of glitter they used to decorate them. On Wednesday the children had an extra special treat when **Alexis'** father came in to talk to Kindergarten about being a pilot! The children enjoyed talking about the different coloured planes they have been on and the places they have visited. They were all given some little gifts and had decorated their own paper aeroplane which they all had great fun flying.



This week at the **South Croydon Pre-School**, the children have been revisiting pattern. It has been wonderful to see how much the children have remembered when creating repeated patterns. They have made patterns using 2, 3 or more shapes, made patterns with themselves and had a go at painting their own repeated patterns in art.





It has been a very exciting week in the **South Croydon Kindergarten**. The children have watched their beautiful butterflies learn to use their wings within the net. They have been eating the fruit the children left for them and they asked lots of questions about the left-over cocoon shells. The sunshine came out so they decided it was time to let out butterflies go and explore the outside area. **Kindergarten** ventured down to the field where there were lots of flowers and natural things for the butterflies to go to. The children were very excited as they flew off, saying goodbye to them as they went. Some of the butterflies stayed in the grass for a little while to practice fluttering their wings.





The **Purley Pre-School** children requested that they played their favourite 'teamwork' game this week - the parachute! It was incredible to see how much their listening and instruction following skills have improved since last time they played this game! After practicing lifting and lowering the parachute together as a team, they took turns letting children identify their 'opposite' friend and swapping places underneath the parachute while it was lifted. The boys then held up the parachute for the girls and vice versa. While the children were sitting underneath the parachute we shook the material to make a 'storm' - what thrills of excitement we heard! At the end of the session everyone, including the teachers, sat underneath the parachute which made a dome-like tent for all to relax under the beautiful colours above.



Finally, a further plea to remind all parents collecting from the South Croydon Nursery not to stop for drop off or pick up's at the top end of the driveway near the Kindergarten and Pre-School classrooms. Please drive down to the far end and park along the fence

Congratulations to the children who have received the following awards this week:

Gold Award:

South Croydon Pre-School : Noah BK Purley Pre-School: Tara RS: Dillon RUS: Arjun

Star of the week:

South Croydon Pre-School : Niiia Purley Pre-School: Ryker RS: Alexander St G-Y RUS: William U

Kind regards,

Mrs Shelley

Head of EYFS

PTA Events

PTA Doughies Pizza Making Kit Sale - PRE-ORDERS CLOSING TODAY!!

A reminder that pre-orders for the pizza making kits closes today, please click on the appropriate link below to place an order:

[Reception & Purley Nursery](#)

[South Croydon Nursery](#)

[Boys' School](#)

Kits will be available to collect at your child's pick up time on Friday 24th June.


CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY
PTA PRESENTS

**FILM
NIGHT**

ENCANTO

**Boys' School Main Hall
YEARS 3 - 4**

Friday 24 June, 4:00-6:00 PM

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£8* plus
booking fee

*INCLUDES PIZZA, POPCORN AND A DRINK


CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY
PTA PRESENTS



**SUMMER
BALL**

A BLACK TIE EVENT

Woldingham Golf Club

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

FROM 18:45 PM - 00:30 AM
DINNER 19:15 PM

£50 PER PERSON
PLUS BOOKING FEE

Arrival drink, 3 course meal, after dinner coffee and mints
Entertainment to include DJ, casino, silent auction and 560 camera



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1 - Only 24 tickets remaining!! For catering purposes, the deadline for purchasing tickets is **Saturday 18th June**


CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY
PTA PRESENTS



SUNDAY 3RD JULY
 1 - 4 PM
 BOYS' SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD

ENTRANCE £3* PLUS BOOKING FEE
UNDER 3'S ARE FREE
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 INCLUDES BURGER OR HOT DOG




CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY
PTA



SUNDAY 3RD JULY

Do you know anyone with their own business who would like to donate a raffle prize?

The Cumnor House Boys' and Nursery PTA are hosting a Summer Fayre with a raffle to help raise funds for the Student Council's wish list, which will benefit all our children.

We are looking for donations of any raffle prizes for example, gift vouchers, new items, day experiences, small gifts.

For more information, please contact your class rep, cumnorhousepta@yahoo.com, or alternatively PTA Chair Natalie Grant at 07956120266.

Thank you in advance.





Muffin Day!
Tuesday 28th June

The boys and nursery children are invited to come to school on Tuesday 28th June to their mum clothes, in return for bringing in a donation for the Vegetable Stall for this year's Summer Fayre!

We would appreciate donations of the following:

- Scented Candles / Toilettries
- Scented Soaps
- Scented Waxes/Balms
- Confectionery
- Stationery / Notebooks
- Or any other suitable gifts

Thank you for your continued support!

CRAFTERS NEEDED

ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, NIFTY WITH YOUR NEEDLES OR CLEVER WITH YOUR CRAFTING?

IF SO, THE BOYS AND NURSERY PTA ARE LOOKING FOR CRAFTERS TO RECYCLE OLD NURSERY SWEATSHIRTS AND JOGGING BOTTOMS TO MAKE BUNTING TO BE USED AT SCHOOL EVENTS.

PLEASE CONTACT RIA ON 07982345670