



Girls' Newsletter - 17th June 2022

Weekly Newsletter

Cumnor House Girls' School

A Message from Mrs McShane



What a busy week we have had, with much to reflect upon.

The year 3 girls enjoyed their in-school residential, with the situation over the last few years this was the first time most of our girls had spent a night away from home, some had stayed with relatives but there was little experience to be had for general sleepovers. So an overnight residential was a very big event. We were delighted with the way the girls were excited to embrace this new challenge. They had a fabulous day on the Friday, with some activities with the boys and the evening was special with pizza, hot chocolate, stories and what turned out to be a good night's sleep. Well done to the girls and a huge thank you to Miss Dunnell and Ms Myall for overseeing this event.

The Summer Fayre on Sunday was simply lovely. It had such a fabulous buzz whilst retaining our very special family and community feel. There was a fabulous range of stalls with lots to do for the children and parents. The team on the BBQ were kept very busy with a very high demand and the quality of what was produced was incredible. Children were very pleased to have some lovely Henna patterns, funky

nails and face paints. I had a very lovely piece of cake from the cake stall but it was difficult to choose from the wide range of deliciousness. The emergency services put on a good show but I will admit to being very glad that we didn't go for the hat-trick and require an ambulance. An event like this takes a huge amount of effort from everyone on the day and a tremendous amount of work prior to the event. Thank you so much to Mrs Haley and her team for the skill and many hours that you give so freely to the school.

Monday was a very busy day with the joint Girls' and Boys' schools teambuilding events. The Pre-Prep went over to the boys' field in the morning and were in co-ed groups facing challenges and solving problems together. The challenges were designed to work on key motor skills incorporating throwing and catching, as well as balancing and running. Learning to share and take turns. The Prep department did the same in the afternoon but with the focus on developing children's social skills with activities that encouraged students to learn when to step up and lead, and when it might be better to let others take charge. The theme of the day was "Mission Possible". This was a fabulous day organised by Mrs Syradd and Mr Bolton, thank you.

This week we were treated to a Breakfast Concert by Year 6, the standard to which these girls play is quite extra-ordinary and their commitment to, and enjoyment of their music is to be commended. We know that it does not happen by magic, so well done to parents for continuing to support your daughters with their practice. I hope that the girls will continue to play and love their instruments. It would be incredible to have an alumni concert in the future.

Tuesday Evening brought our Future Schools event, and it was fabulous to welcome so many senior schools to Cumnor and to have so many Years 4 and 5 parents talking to their admissions teams. It is so important to make these connections and to glean as much information as possible to inform your decision making. The guest speakers were insightful and offered good advice and thinking in the Q and A session. This was a ticketed and catered event, so it was a little disappointing 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 that we do not over cater for the event.

On Saturday we have Cumnor Girls, and Boys, competing in the English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA) finals in Sheffield. This is a fabulous achievement for these pupils and we are very proud of them for reaching the national finals in both the Medley and the Freestyle relays. Wishing Afua, Arielle, Ashanya, Tarryn and Tien the very best of luck!

Years 1 and 2 donned sun hats and sun cream, made sure that water bottles were full as they embarked on their outing to Sutton Ecological Centre on Thursday. This trip really augments their classroom learning in science in a practical, hands on and fun way with the aim of creating a better understanding of their local and global environment.

Next week we have the Year 6 Leavers' Play and we are all looking forward to watching "Matilda". The girls, and Mrs Kimber and Ms Myall, have all worked incredibly hard and from hearing some of the rehearsals I know that it will be of an exceptional standard. Please note, that the show will begin promptly so please arrive in good time. There will be some parking available in the school car park, but

there is also some parking at the Nursery at no 13. If you need to park on the Lane, please park on the school side, being mindful of the driveways to properties. Also please remember to use the school driveway to turn rather than doing U-turns in the lane. Thank you.

On Monday we have our Year 6 cricketers playing in the U11 Surrey Starburst County Schools Finals at Reigate, they are a strong team and have had a fabulous season and we wish them luck with this.

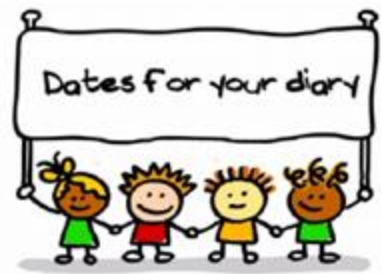
Please click [here](#) for information about the Sports Day lunchtime picnic.

A reminder that we have Prizegiving on Tuesday 5th July, we do anticipate that all parents will be there to support their daughters and take them home straight after the event. There will be no after school care that day.

“Green was the silence, wet was the light, the month of June trembled like a butterfly.”

Pablo Neruda

Key Dates.....



June 2022		
Saturday 18 th June	ESSA Primary Teams Final 2022	In Sheffield
Sunday 19 th June		
Monday 20 th June	Year 6 Cricket Finals Day at Reigate Cricket Club	Departure: 9.30am Arrival: 4pm
Tuesday 21 st June	Reception trip to Bocketts Farm	
	Year 1 Parents swimming watch week	Arrival at Boys' School – 11.25am (in lesson time)
Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 6 Matilda Dress Rehearsal	(Rec – Yr 4 to watch)
	Year 6 Matilda performance to parents	6pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 6 Matilda performance to parents	6pm – 7.30pm
Saturday 25 th June		
Sunday 26 th June		
Monday 27 th June	Reception parents swimming watch week during lesson	11am-12pm
	Enterprise Fair	3.15pm Pre-Prep 4pm Prep
Tuesday 28 th June	Year 2/3 Concert (including Music Scheme workshop)	8.30am – 9.30am
	Year 3&4 Interhouse Cricket	1.30pm – 4pm (during Games lesson – no parents)
Wednesday 29 th June	Look at Learning	8am – 8.30am
	Year 2 Parents swimming watch week	11am – 12pm
	Year 6 Cricket v Seaton House (h)	2pm – 4pm
Thursday 30 th June	Year 6 Junior Citizenship	12:45pm – 2.30pm
July 2022		
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day	KS1 @ 10am – 11.30am KS2 @ 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Saturday 2 nd July		
Sunday 3 rd July		
Monday 4 th July	Meet new teacher	
	Prize Giving rehearsal	1.30pm – 4pm
Tuesday 5 th July	Cumtior Girls' Speech Day – at The Minster (details to follow)	1.30pm – 3pm
Wednesday 6 th July	International Day	
	Year 5&6 Interhouse Cricket	1.30pm – 4pm (during Games lesson – no parents)
Thursday 7 th July	Term finishes	11.45am – Reception to Year 2 12pm – Years 3 to 5 (11am -12.30pm Year 6 drinks and nibbles)

Reminders.....

Extra Curricula Activities

Please note that **Year 1 & 2 Little Voices Choir** is **cancelled** next **Tuesday 21st June** due to the Matilda rehearsals taking place. Please collect your daughter at normal time (3.15pm) or alternatively you can book ASC via the Cognita Connect app.

Absence Notifications

Please can we remind parents that if your daughter is going to be late/absent from school can you please call the school office on **020 8668 0050 option 2** and/or email her Form Tutor **and** admin.purley@cumnorhouse.com for **each day** of her absence.

Late/ill - please inform us **before 9.30am** each day

Appointments/other - please inform us at least **24 hours** in advance where possible

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

Year 3 Sleepover

Last Friday, Year 3 took part in their first experience of a residential. The girls started their day at Cumnor Boys and took part in some fun and challenging team-building activities like spaghetti and marshmallow building and scavenger hunts!

After lunch, Year 3 took a stroll up to Woodcote Green and got their creative grooves on by designing an environmentally friendly activity to fill the space on the green. We had ideas such as play parks, areas for vegetable growing and even a chocolate factory!

After tucking into their dinner, Year 3 sat with hot chocolates whilst watching a film with their friends. The girls were incredibly well behaved during the night, especially as it was a lot of their first times sleeping away from home!

Miss Dunnell is so proud of everyone and hopes this shows that residential aren't so scary. Well done, Year 3!











Team Building Day

Cumnor Girls' and Boys' schools came together on Monday for a fabulous day of Team Building. It was a glorious sunny day and the pupils were challenged to solve a series of challenges in order to gain information on a terrible crime that had been committed! For the Pre-Prep children they were solving the mystery of 'Who ruined the perfect pie?' and in Prep 'Who stole Kevin the llama?'. It was a great opportunity for the girls and boys to work together and a huge thank you to all of the staff from across both sites and the nurseries for supporting the groups during their sessions.



Reception

On Tuesday, Miss Maple sent Evie and Amara to Mrs Wise to show her their fantastic independent writing. Mrs Wise was so impressed with the girls and shared it with her Year 1 class. Anya thoughtfully made the girls some certificates to show how proud she was of the Reception girls also.



Future Schools Event

The Future Schools Event on Tuesday 14th June was a huge success and a big thank you to all of the parents who were able to make it on the night. We had 16 secondary schools attend the exhibition to offer useful advice on entry to their schools. We were then joined by Mrs Jane Burton, Headteacher of Old Palace; Mr Richard Barnett, Head of Admissions at Tonbridge; and Mr Ceri Jones, Headteacher at Caterham for a really interesting and informative Q& A session. We ended the evening enjoying some delicious refreshments from Miss Julia. We look forward to running a similar event again next year.

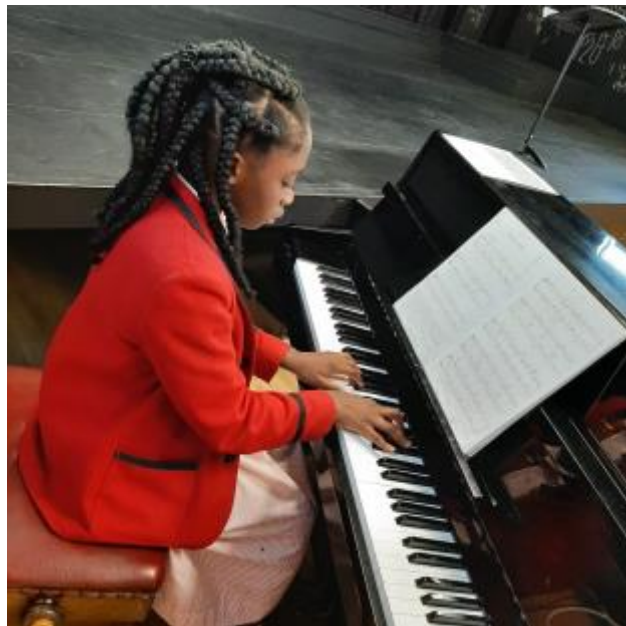




Year 6 Concert

On Wednesday morning we welcomed parents, students and staff to the School Hall to enjoy the Year 6 Concert. This event was a celebration of the wealth and breadth of musical talent of the Year 6 students

and the audience were treated to a wonderfully varied programme of solo items. Instrumentalists and singers performed music ranging from Baroque piano pieces and virtuosic violin repertoire to jazz - inspired instrumental numbers and a fabulous selection of musical theatre songs from the vocalists. Thank you to all of the Year 6 performers for their hard work in practising for this concert during a very busy term, to all of the audience who came to support on the day and to all those who have supported the girls in their preparation at home.





Year 5 & 6 Cricket Match

On Wednesday Cumnor girls took 3 teams of Year 5 & 6 girls to Ewell Castle for their cricket matches and came away with 3 great wins! The Year 6 A's continued their unbeaten run with a 42 run win. Excellent bowling from Yasmin (a double wicket maiden) and superb batting from Sophie (14 runs in 1 over) sealed the victory. The Year 5 & 6 mixed team won by a closer margin of 9 runs with much praise going to Sumayya for her excellent batting and Isabella N for her great bowling. Finally the Year 5 team snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with Eliza scoring 12 runs off the final 3 deliveries of the match to get the team over the line! Well done girls!



Year 1 - Mad About Maps!

On Thursday Years 1 and 2 visited Sutton Ecology Centre to learn all about maps. We started the day travelling by public bus (very exciting!) to Carshalton. When we arrived we started our workshop playing a game to help us to remember the four compass directions. We then learnt about maps, creating our own with a key and symbols. We hid special badges and marked this on our maps. Then, whilst pretending to be pirates, we used our friends maps to direct us to find the hidden treasure! To finish the morning we walked around the ecology centre searching for animal evidence, carefully marking this on a map of the Ecology Centre. When we left the Ecology Centre we went to The Grove Park and enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine! What a fabulous day we all had!











Year 3 Science lesson

Year 3 are learning about forces in Science this half term and in this weeks lessons we looked at 'push and pull'. Year 3 had to create freeze frames showing an activity using either the push or pull force. Can you tell which force they are using?







Other News.....

House Art Competition – Round Two

Jubilee Celebration – design a number 70!

Thank you to everyone who entered our Jubilee Art Competition. We received many beautiful works of Art, both 2d and 3d and made from a variety of Art materials.

I am pleased to announce that the following girls are our winners. Their work was chosen to represent our school in the national ISA Jubilee Art Competition.

Ava

Leila

Eden

Elizabeth

Sophia

Heidi

Maria

Isabella N

Ishi

We were delighted to find out that three of our girls were chosen by The ISA judges and their artwork can be seen in the ISA Jubilee Online Gallery.

ISA Selection Certificates go to:

Ishi

Isabella N

Maria

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in both our competitions so far. We are totting up the points and will be announcing the Winning House at the end of the year.

Many thanks,

Mrs Clingan and Ashanya (Art Prefect)



1 - Ava



2 - Leila



3 - Eden



4 - Elizabeth



5 - Sophia



6 - Heidi



7 - Maria



8 - Isabella N



9 - Ishi

Future Gymnastics Competition

Last Sunday some of our girls from Pre-Prep entered the Future Gymnastics competition. 11 Schools took part and Maryam in Year 1 came 4th in her group. Well done to all the girls that participated in this event!



Books for Bugs Book Fair

Books, books and more books....whether you're buying birthday gifts, a treat for your child or simply books to enjoy every day... Perhaps you even want to buy some books for your daughter to read in the next school year! (Book lists are on the cognita connect message) We have something for everyone and all available at this week's Virtual Book Fair.

You and your children will be pleased to know there is a huge range of brand -new books from which to choose, including board books, picture books, chapter books and hundreds of non-fiction titles, all at just £2.50 each!

To order, see below:

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Once you get to the checkout stage, please complete the billing details as normal but remember at the delivery details stage to add your **child's name and class** where prompted. The link shows you how easy it is to order

<https://booksforbugs.co.uk/virtual-book-fair-info-for-parents/>

For the delivery address please put **Cumnor House School for Girls** and the school's postcode **CR8 3HB**, this will remove all postage fees.

You can order up until **midnight on Sunday 26th June**.

All orders will then be dispatched, and we will let you know when you can collect from school.

Buying through the Virtual Book Fair will help **Cumnor House School for Girls** as we will receive a free book for every 5 collectively sold that has a value of £2.50, so every book counts!

Happy Shopping!

Charity Fashion Show - Friday 24th June 2022

Dottie Lottie's Boutique
Hosts

EVE'S CHARITY FASHION SHOW

CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, WOODCOTE LN,
PURLEY CR8 3HB
FRIDAY 24TH JUNE
ARRIVAL FROM 6.15PM

TICKETS £12- INCLUDES A GLASS OF PROSECCO

JOINING US ALSO
THE BODY SHOP AT HOME
ENDLESS STORIES JEWELLERY
COUPLE BAKES
ONE GUY & O

Scan the Qr code to purchase your tickets!
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the eve appeal

Wellbeing Corner.....



Remind your child that nerves are a natural response to a new situation; comedians, actors, politicians, sportsmen all feel nervous leading up to an event. Normalise their nerves. "Of course you feel nervous going into Year 3; it's a big transition and most people would feel a mixture of excitement, nerves and worry." Explain that adrenaline is a healthy stress chemical that can energise and motivate us!

PTA News.....

Girls' School Summer Fayre









