



# Girls' Newsletter - 24th June 2022

Weekly Newsletter

Cumnor House Girls' School

## *A Message from Mrs McShane*



We have had a glorious week here at Cumnor girls and there is a happy and excited buzz in the air. The week began well with the Year 6 cricket team performing their best in the final of the surrey schools' cricket. They played with great style and demonstrated clear skills winning all but one of their matches. They have had a great season and we hope that they will continue to pursue their love of this great game.



On Saturday our swimming team travelled up to Sheffield to swim in the ESSA finals. This event was live-streamed, and I spent most of my Saturday supporting our girls, and Cumnor boys, from a distance. It made for exciting viewing as both the girls and the boys got through their heats to the final races. We were really impressed by the camaraderie and team support that they showed to one another. Sportsmanship at its finest. We are so proud of you, girls.

Year 1 had their swimming watch week, and it was lovely to welcome parents to the pool to see the progress that their daughters have made in swimming. I think it is fair to say that some of the girls have been impacted by lockdowns and having to miss regular swim sessions because of this, but their endeavour is strong, and we are pleased with their progress and their determination – perhaps some of these girls will be at the ESSA finals in a few years' time!

Reception had a fabulous time at Bockett's Farm learning about all of the different animals. They asked multitudinous questions of their guide and when I chatted with them afterwards, they were still bubbling with joy at their day out. As is not uncommon for our girls, they were commended by staff and teachers from other schools for their behaviour and attitude. Thank you to Mrs Mearkle, Miss Maple, Mrs King and Mrs Lee for taking the girls for this great experience.



The Year 6 girls had their performances of “Matilda” on Wednesday and Thursday. Suffice to say that audiences were mesmerised by what they saw. The West End has nothing on what our girls performed. Simply incredible. The confidence with which they performed was quite remarkable but their acting skills, singing, timing, comedy were exemplary. Every child shone in whatever role they took – on and off stage. A superb finale! Recognition must go to all staff who support in some way, whether that is with props, make up, preparing the hall or supervision of children. The PTA did a great job serving drinks and ice-cream too. Every member of our Cumnor team. But huge thanks go to Mrs Kimber and Ms Myall in particular, for teaching, inspiring and preparing the girls in their Music and Drama culminating with this final joyous experience.





















We have had to put out some of the less-than-lovely posts around the front horseshoe of the school as sadly we have had a couple more instances where people have driven over the flowers and damaged them. The front of the school looks remarkable because Mr Zekir works very hard, and with great pride, to maintain it. Please do your part by keeping your vehicle on the quite wide driveway.

Sports Day is only a hop, skip and jump away, thank you for returning forms in regards to whether you will be coming and sharing a picnic with your daughters on that day. I do need to stress that **there must be NO NUTS of any kind, Or FISH** on the premises due to some of our girls having severe food allergies, therefore we also ask that there is **no food sharing**. The PTA will be selling non-alcoholic drinks and ice-creams over the lunchtime period.

Looking forward to Prizegiving, a reminder that we will expect all pupils to attend with smart uniform, polished school shoes, neat hair and blazer. Any hair adornments need to be subtle and in school colours. Hats are not needed that day. We will begin promptly at 1.30pm. There is no transport for children back to school or any after school care on that day.

If you are interested in reading my latest blog follow the link below

<http://headshipjourney.com/2022/06/20/get-unknotted/>

Wishing you a fabulous weekend.

**“Dreams are stories made by and for the dreamer, and each dreamer has his own folds to open and knots to untie.”**

Siri Hustvedt

## Key Dates.....



June 2022		
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception parents swimming watch week during lesson	11am-12pm
	Enterprise Fair	3.15pm Pre-Prep 4pm Prep
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Junior Citizenship	12:45pm – 2.30pm
July 2022		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Day	KS1 @ 10am – 11.30am KS2 @ 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet new teacher	
	Prize Giving rehearsal	1.30pm – 4pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Cumnor Girls' Speech Day – at The Minster (details to follow)	1.30pm – 3pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	International Day	
	Year 5&6 Interhouse Cricket	1.30pm – 4pm (during Games lesson – no parents)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 **Friday 1st July** will be the last day for all clubs/squads for the Summer term.



### Year 6 Device return

Mrs Syradd will be collecting in the Year 6 121 devices on **Friday 1st July**. Please ensure the girls have their **laptop, charger, sleeve cover and pen** in school to avoid being charged for any missing items.

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

### Year 3 History lesson

This week in Year 3's history lesson, we finally got the chance to play our board games we created! Our board games were themed around the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons which has been our history topic this term. Some board games included a Viking themed Top Trump game, a snakes and ladders themed Anglo-Saxons game and many more. We had so much fun playing each other's games as everyone had worked really hard! Great job, Year 3!







### **Reception Trip - Bocketts Farm**

On Wednesday Reception headed out in the sunshine to enjoy a day at Bocketts Farm. Our guide Harvey showed us around the farm and we met a variety of animals, including some two week old piglets and two day old kids! We learnt lots about the animals needs and how to care for them, as well as the names of the male, female and baby animals. We noticed lots of similarities and differences between the animals. Harvey was very impressed with our listening and knowledge and said we were the best group he had worked with! Well done girls.















### **Wellbeing Club**

This week in Wellbeing Club, we made calming jars. Calming jars are a great way to centre you emotions and calm yourself down slowly if you are feeling a bit too high with emotion. To make our calming jars we used recycled jam jars, and chose different glitters and items to put inside. We also wrote down words or phrases that make us feel calm and popped those in our jars too! Once we had filled our jars up with water, we coloured our water with a colour that makes us feel calm. Once our lids were on (tight!) we could shake them around and then watch our items inside slow down and slowly settle to the bottom again. Try it for yourself at home!



## Year 5

In Humanities, Year 5 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and they made their own papyrus paper. They will now decorate it with their own hieroglyphs.







### **Reception - Maths**

To enhance our Maths provision in the outside area, we now have a brand new set of wooden weighing scales. Yesterday, the girls invited Mr Zecir to explore these with them, to show him what they have learnt about weight, capacity and balance. We hope these will continue to encourage our girl's mathematical learning, reasoning and curiosity.







*Other News.....*

**Year 6 present...**  
their 2022 Enterprise Sale







### **The Year 6 Enterprise Sale**

Monday sees the return of the exciting Year 6 enterprise sale.

The Year 6 girls have been working hard on designing and making products which this year include:

- Keyrings
- Mocktails
- Dessert kebabs
- Smoothies

- Artistic initials

**All items will be £1.** We would appreciate it if you are able to bring change.

The girls have been shown some videos and posters advertising their product in assembly today.

Please come along to the Year 6 stall after school on Monday at the following times:

**3.15pm Pre-prep**

**4.00pm Prep**

All profits will be used for a Year 6 treat and the rest will be donated to charity.

Many thanks from Year 6



### **International Day**

We will be hosting an international day on Wednesday 6th July. On this day the girls are invited to wear mufti celebrating anything international. Staff will be organising a range of exciting activities celebrating different countries and cultures which the girls will rotate around during the school day. If any parents' would be interested in sharing their own experiences or culture as part of the international theme please contact Mrs Syradd to discuss further via email at [sarah.syradd@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:sarah.syradd@cumnorhouse.com)

**Please note: Year 5 & 6 girls will be having their Interhouse Cricket match in the afternoon so please ensure they have their games kits in school.**



### Year 6 Citizenship

On Thursday 30th June, Year 6 have been invited to take part in the Junior Citizenship programme run by Croydon Council in partnership with TfL. This is designed as support for primary pupils as they transition to Secondary School focusing on issues such as travelling safety to school. This will take place, during the school day, at The Timebridge Centre, New Addington and the girls will travel there and back by school minibus.

**Year 6 parents, please complete and submit the form on Cognita Connect to give permission for your daughter to take part.**

### Letter from the Queen

Maria in Y2 sent her lovely art work to the Queen and received a letter back (see below).

Well done Maria!



## Books for Bugs

Just a reminder that our Virtual Book Fair **closes on Sunday 26th June.**

### **Have you ordered yours yet?**

We can't wait to hand out these colourful parcels to the children when we receive our Virtual Book Fair delivery.

Simply visit [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk) And get your books delivered for free to school.



All these books are £2.50 each and brand new. Get your free delivery to school during our Virtual Book Fair and help school earn free books too!

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## Wellbeing Corner.....



Model how to be a good listener when your child is talking to you. Build in regular times where you ask your child to talk. "What book are you reading at the moment? Tell me all about it!" Model sitting still, looking and nodding to show you are listening. When they have finished talking, ask follow up questions to show that have listened and want to know more! "What do you think? What did you do then? Could you explain this bit again?"