



Girls' Newsletter - 7th July 2022

A Message from Mrs McShane



The academic year 2021 – 2022 brought us almost back to normal and whilst there was still challenge we did the best that we could for all members of this very special Cumnor Community. I would like to highlight that this is because of courage and resilience that **all members** of this community demonstrate. Every day we have inspired each other to live with hope and face the future; we have grown together, learned together and thrived together.

When asked in assembly the things that the girls have enjoyed this year, I was astounded by just how much we have crammed into the past 10 months. To highlight just a few things the girls cited all of the things that they had enjoyed in terms of theme days, day trips and, in the summer months, the residential for Years 3 to 6. The Christmas Parties, including the staff pantomime, the house performing arts competition, the list goes on.

It has been wonderful to invite parents back into school for events such as Look at Learning, sports matches, concerts, our fabulous Year 6 production of Matilda, the Future Schools event and Sports Day.

The PTA have been able to run their fundraising activities, feeding us with Friday tuck shops, the pop up shops to name just a few things, but the crowning glory was the summer fair where our whole community was able to be together.

The girls continued to be outward looking with their charitable giving for families who rely on the Purley Food Hub. The charity elections meant that the girls followed the full democratic process and after hustings and voting, "Shooting Stars Children's Hospices" was elected as our school charity.

Wellbeing continues to grow as a focus, beginning with the Global Be well Day in September, but the wider use of wellbeing sessions for girls and a thread of mental wellness running through all we do at school.

Prizegiving gave us the opportunity to celebrate a wide range of achievements of the girls this year and it was wonderful to be back together in the Minster. Thank you for coming to support your daughters in what was a very lovely and memorable ceremony.

When we look back on this year, our girls have had the breadth of opportunity and experience that we all would wish. But this is not at the expense of excellent academics. Every girl at Cumnor achieves well and is encouraged to meet their potential and still aim higher. This year's Year 6 have achieved remarkable things in terms of senior school accolades with 5 out of the total of 20 academic scholarships that Caterham offer going to Cumnor girls, one of them being their top scholarship. Every girl who applied to Old Palace was given an award and one of those was the top scholarship that they offer. Our Year 6 girls gained 61 scholarships or Headteacher awards, which include 22 academic awards, 10 sports awards and 11 awards for creative arts.

I am immeasurably proud of my colleagues and I marvel at their resourcefulness and the compassionate solicitude that they show. They have moved proverbial mountains time and again to ensure the best outcomes for our girls and they have done so willingly with grace and kindness. I am proud of them, grateful to them and humbled by them.

Being shortlisted for Small Independent School of the Year again, in two categories – Independent School of the Year for Student Wellbeing and Small Independent Independent School of the Year is a fabulous high upon which to end our academic year and it is a real testimony to everyone who is a part of this school and the way we work together to create this school. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

WE ARE CUMNOR. WE ARE FAMILY. WE ARE STRONG

"A woman with a voice is, by definition, a strong woman"

Melinda Gates

Cumnor means so much to us all and we are really proud to be part of this community. We are all so pleased to be back together.

C = COMMUNITY, because we are here sharing our learning and joys together. C is COMPASSION because we care for each other when things are tough. C is CAN because "this girl can!" C is COURAGE because we are willing to go beyond our comfort zone and C is CURIOUS because we will always want to know more.

U = UNIQUE because we are all individuals, we are all different and we are all special. U is for UPBEAT because we always look on the bright side and stay positive and optimistic. U is for UNITED because we know that we are stronger together. And Cumnor Girls are ULTRACOOOL

M = MIGHTY because we are strong in will. M is MUSICAL because we always have a song in our hearts. M is MAGNIFICENT because we stand proud of who we are and our achievements.

N = NOTABLE because we are interesting people. N is NEVER GIVING UP because we are resilient problem solvers.

O = OUTSTANDING because we are - in so many ways. O is for OVERJOYED because we actively seek happiness, and OBSERVANT because we look for wonder every day. O is for OPTIMISTIC because we look for the positives and know that darkness shows us stars.

R = RESILIENT because we are determined and will not quit. R is RESPECTFUL of each other and our environment. R is REMARKABLE because we are not ordinary we move forward despite and obstacles or challenges that we face.

Key Dates.....



Autumn Term 2022 starts on Monday 5th September

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

Inter-House Cricket Results

To end the cricket season the girls had a lovely afternoon taking part in their final Inter-House competition. All the girls played amazingly well and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

The winning house was BLUE!



Class Swap

Reception recapping phonics during class swap!



International Day

What a riot of colour was created on international day by the girls' fabulous costumes. It was a fun-filled day from start to finish. The girls included a range of activities which saw them visiting:

Egypt-to write in hieroglyphics

Ireland-to Irish dance

Japan-to make Koinobori kites

Australia-to make dreamcatchers

Greece-to make masks

England-to play rounders

and a look at food and countries around the world through Art

We were entertained by a Samba performance from Year 5 & 6 along with an Indian dance performed by Iva Makkar.

We were also joined by Mrs Newman (Poppy's mum) who taught the girls the Mexican game Lotteria.

Thanks to everyone for embracing the day.

Mrs S.Syradd



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Other News.....

Sports Day 2022 Results

Last Friday both Pre-Prep and Prep took part in the annual Sports Day, this time with families allowed to attend to enhance the atmosphere and make for a great day of competition. Pre-Prep were first up in the morning and they ran, jumped and threw their hearts out over the four fun events plus relay races for them all. Once the scores had been added together we were delighted to announce that Red House were the overall victors with 53 points! After a lovely family picnic lunch it was the turn of the Prep girls and they did not disappoint! After going round in their year groups taking part in the 4 traditional activities it was then down to sprint races for everyone, middle distance and relays to finish the day, with medals and (potentially) school records to be had. Below are the results:

Year 3&4 60m Sprint

Gold Daisy (blue)

Silver Shyla (blue)

Bronze Matilda (red)

Year 5&6 75m Sprint

Gold Daisy (yellow) *

Silver Zarah (green)

Bronze Tien (yellow)

Year 3&4 600m

Gold Sienna (yellow)

Silver Lyla (yellow)

Bronze Iva (blue)

Year 5&6 800m

Gold Tien (yellow) *

Silver Arielle (green)

Bronze Holly (green)

3-6 House Relay

Gold Daisy, Shyla, Anaya & Kara (blue) *

Silver Abigail, Saanvi, Arielle & Zarah (green)

Bronze Bethany, Matilda, Mika & Sophie (red)

* Denotes a new school record. There was also 1 more school record awarded to Ashanya for breaking the Year 5&6 throwing record by over 3metres! This happened at a previous athletics tournament but was announced on the day as well.

Once all the scores from all the events were added together the overall results looked like this:

1st Yellow

2nd Blue

3rd Green

4th Red

Special mentions must go to the Year 5 girls for helping with the running of the Pre -Prep activities in the morning! To Bethany & Elianne of the Year 3 Red Team who never stopped all afternoon as they were the only 2 girls in their house, amazing effort! Also Amy and Safaa in Year 6 who insisted on leaving their respective induction days at their new schools early to make sure they made it back to compete for their houses, amazing commitment by both! And finally Aliyah in Year 4 who sadly tore a ligament in her ankle the day before and was unable to compete, but was there on her crutches cheering on her team and also being the chief time keeper for the afternoon making sure we didn't finish late! Thank you to everyone for your support over the day, it was a lovely event and a fitting way to round off the year.

Mr OB

HB Sports - Summer Camp

HB Sports will be running over the summer holidays at Cumnor House Girls' School. Please click on the link below to book.



Future Gymnastics Summer Holiday Camps

A vibrant poster for Future Gymnastics Summer Holiday Camps. The background is yellow with a sunburst pattern and green palm leaves. At the top left is a QR code. The main title 'Future Gymnastics SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS' is in large, colorful letters. A red speech bubble says '£35 PER DAY OR £125 FOR THE WEEK'. A blue starburst says 'NINJA WARRIOR DAY EVERY FRIDAY AT SANDON HILL VENUE'. Three circular photos show children in a gym. Text at the bottom includes '3 WEEKS OF GYMNASTICS THIS AUGUST', '2 venues available', 'Please refer to the website for dates & timetable', '8.30AM - 4.30PM', 'GYMNASTICS - GAMES - TUCK SHOP', 'All abilities welcome!', and two venue addresses: 'SANDON HILL WOODFIELD, BEDDINGTON GARDENS, CARTHALTON, SM5 3HW' and 'COOMBE WOOD SCHOOL, MELVILLE AVENUE, CR2 7NY'. Contact info at the bottom includes 'www.futuregymnastics.co.uk', 'camps@futuregymnastics.co.uk', '@futuregymnastics Surrey', and '@futuregymnastics'.

Future Gymnastics
PRO CAMP

Pro camp will run for week 1 at Coombe Wood and week 2 at Bandon Hill with our development coaching team

COOMBE WOOD SCHOOL, MELVILLE AVENUE
 CR2 7HY
 9AM - 4PM

BANDON HILL WOODFIELD, BEDDINGTON GARDENS,
 CARSHALTON, SM5 3HW
 8.30AM - 4.30PM

These camps are designed for the more serious gymnast who want to achieve harder skills. The only requirements for this camp is that gymnasts should be in either a Development or Pro class at Future Gymnastics OR train elsewhere 2+ hours a week.

£25 PER DAY OR £100 FOR THE WEEK

Future Gymnastics
MINI CAMP

Mini camp will run for weeks 2 & 3 at Bandon Hill AND week 1 at Coombe Wood.
Ages 3 - 5 years old

COOMBE WOOD SCHOOL, MELVILLE AVENUE
 CR2 7HY
 9AM - 11.30AM

BANDON HILL WOODFIELD, BEDDINGTON GARDENS,
 CARSHALTON, SM5 3HW
 9AM - 11.30AM

Bring your little ones along for a fun filled morning focusing on all key gymnastics skills

Please ensure they bring water and a snack

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Wellbeing Corner.....



Model having healthy, robust conversations with one another. Show your children that different perspectives can be shared, without any one person dominating. Purposefully model scripts such as “That’s an interesting perspective, but it’s not one I share.” “Whilst I respect your opinion; I have a different one.” “I think we need to accept a difference in opinion.”