



CHS Boys' School & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd September

Cumnor House School

Key Dates - Early Years and Boys' School

All school dates for this term are available to view on the 'Calendar' section of your Cognita Connect app.

EARLY YEARS

Friday 29th September, Global Be Well Day

BOYS' SCHOOL

Tuesday 26th September, Year 7 Residential Departs

Thursday 28th September at 6pm, Year 6 & 8 Future Schools Evening

Friday 29th September, Global Be Well Day

Friday 29th September, Year 7 Residential Returns

A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

We have had a fantastic day today raising money for a very worthy cause. I was very impressed to see so many trendy pairs of jeans around the school and we have raised £600 so far for Jeans for Genes. If you have not yet contributed please do [click here](#) to make your contribution. Mrs McShane and I are keen to reach the £1,000 mark across the schools and nurseries.

At the beginning of each academic year there is always a buzz of excitement throughout the classrooms at form time because there are so many new responsibilities for the boys to take on. These are put to the vote and the boys and staff are involved in voting for Form Captains, Digital Champions, Eco Warriors, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and many more. Year 8 also have the added responsibility of becoming prefects and I am delighted to say that all of Year 8 have been awarded with prefect ties, Well done! I have had so many comments from teachers about how pleasurable it is to teach you. Your effort and hard work in lessons and behaviour is exemplary. I have been trying to catch them all week for pictures for various roles. This week I would like to congratulate:

Louis - Head Boy

Andrew - Deputy Head Boy

Alexander - Deputy Head Boy













Global Be Well Day - Friday 29th September



What is Global Be Well Day?

Global Be Well Day (GBWD) is a very special day in the Cognita calendar when our global community comes together to focus on and celebrate the importance of student wellbeing. It also provides an opportunity for schools to connect with each other through a range of wellbeing activities linked to the Be Well Charter.

The Be Well Charter was designed to provide a clear definition of wellbeing for all students, across five regions and 16 different countries, explicitly naming the contributors to wellbeing. By appreciating that sleep, diet, exercise, connecting, doing, and giving are integral to maintaining good physical and mental health, students can begin to analyse these contributors and identify which might not play a prominent enough part in their lives.

It is crucial that students understand that achieving optimum wellbeing is something within their control and that healthy habits around wellbeing are best formed in childhood and adolescence.

Global Be Well Day gives that extended opportunity to focus on these contributors and brings the school and Cognita community together. It is that unified and consistent message that is so powerful for students. The actions mirror the words. Wellbeing must be a priority.

In short, GBWD is:

- A celebration of everything schools do throughout the year to prioritise wellbeing and a reminder of its importance
- An opportunity to have a deeper and prolonged focus on the Be Well Charter as a school community
- A vehicle to connect students and colleagues from around the world through wellbeing

There is such variety, every year, in the different approach schools take on GBWD. For some, it is the springboard to integrate wellbeing into their curriculum for the year and for others, it is the celebration of all that has been done throughout the year to focus on wellbeing. Many use the opportunity to build around the day, often making it a week or even a month of learning more about wellbeing. Colleagues from all around the world celebrate wellbeing not only in their own schools, but also in other schools – learning from and being inspired by their colleagues and peers.

We have been working hard behind the scenes with our current PTA committee on our new terms of reference document. The document is available [here](#) and outlines the aims, membership and roles and responsibilities of the PTA. I can also announce that we have taken the decision to advertise the following committee roles. If you are interested in taking on one of the roles below please complete the form below. The Senior Leadership Team will review all applications and a decision will be made based on this. After careful consideration the school felt due to the fact that we have a large parent body across three sites this would be the fairest process moving forwards.

The roles available are:

PTA Roles

- Chair/Co Chair
- Vice Chair

- Vice Treasurer
- Secretary
- South Croydon EYFS Lead
- Comms Lead
- Events Coordinators x4
- New Parent Lead
- Good As New Uniform Coordinator

Applications should be completed and submitted no later than 4pm on 29th September by clicking here: [Application Form](#)



We have had some more news this week which parents have kindly shared with us; Siddharth 4C was awarded the 'Boys' U9 Hardball Club Person of the Year 2023' by Banstead Cricket Club and Ariyan in 3G won 'Best Bowler' for his season with Purley Cricket Club



Finally a huge well done to our '**Star of the Week**' winners and '**Kindness Ambassador**'. Well done, you have made your teachers and parents very proud.

Stars of the Week:

1S - James

1C - Raahim

1L - Dominic

2CT - Benjamin

2R - Umair

Kindness Ambassador:

This week's winner is Joshua in 1S. Mrs Turner was covering a duty for the Year 1 and 2 boys on Thursday and a little boy got hurt. Joshua was playing a game with his friend and immediately stopped and offered to take this little boy to the school office when he didn't even know him. Well done, Joshua - that is so kind of you!



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School

An Introduction and Welcome to Mr Williams



A warm welcome to **Mr Harry Williams** who joined us at the beginning of this academic year as a year 4 form tutor and member of the Maths and Games Departments.

Mr Williams grew up in Devon where he attended school. He then studied Sports Science at Durham University along with playing cricket, football and hockey.

He moved to Brighton where he worked at Brighton College Prep for 2 years in the Games Department. Last year he went on to study for a PGCE at Brighton University.

Mr Williams' hobbies are playing cricket and golf, surfing, and watching Wales and Exeter Chiefs play rugby.

Sport



Football Match Report of the Week:

CHS U11B v Royal Russell U11B

Cumnor won 5 - 1

"An outstanding victory for the U11B team, who followed a game plan to perfection and put away 'pretty' football for a wet weather attritional game. Henry was a rock in defence, holding up numerous attacking forays from Royal Russell, whilst starting many of our own with powerful precision. Gabriel played a brilliant game using finesse and nouse to assist Luca to many of his five goals. Despite an unfortunate mistake, Oliver produced several greats save when Royal Russell began to look dangerous in the second half. Overall, a wonderful team performance played with intelligence and maturity. Onwards and upwards.

MOTM - Luca Watson (5 goals, no assists)"

Cross Country Leader Board:

CHS Cross Country Leaderboard

Position	Name	Year Group	Distance (km)	Time
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1	Alex SGY	2	0.65	2.59
2	Max	2	0.65	3.02
3	Leo	2	0.65	3.07

1	Agastya	3	1.3	6.08
2	Joshua A	3	1.3	6.23
3	Theo	3	1.3	6.24

1	Henry	4	1.3	6.01
2	Corey	4	1.3	6.07
3	Mason	4	1.3	6.09

1	Logan	5	1.3	5.12
2	Michael	5	1.3	5.38
2	Leo	5	1.3	5.54

1	Gabriel	6	1.3	5.51
2	Tom	6	1.3	5.57
3	Noah	6	1.3	6.23

1	Ethan	7 & 8	1.3	5.08
2	Ray	7 & 8	1.3	5.09
3	Rashaad	7 & 8	1.3	5.55

Whole School

1	Ethan	7	1.3	5.08
2	Ray	7	1.3	5.09
3	Logan	5	1.3	5.12

Please let me know how you get on with any park runs Saturday (5k) or Sunday morning (2k).

Fixture Day Pick Up:

Parental support is welcome for all home and away fixtures. All return times are published on the sports website under team-sheets. Upon collection after a fixture, boys are required to sign out with the coach in charge.

Home fixtures/Training: Please park outside the CHS Sports Ground (CR2 6DH) on adjacent roads. Pick up is from Edgehill Road gate (behind clubhouse).

Away fixtures: Pick up is from the school site (CR2 6DA). **If your son normally relies upon school transport home, then other transport arrangements will need to be put in place.**

Music News



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It is exciting to have our instrumental ensembles up and running now. A few boys didn't have their instruments, but hopefully everyone will be able to play next week! Please check the timetable below for the days/times.

Percussion auditions are still ongoing until half term.

You will also see the choir rehearsal times. These will not start until the week before half term, and boys will be informed if they have been selected.

On Wednesday, I (with the help of some of the boys continuing from last year) auditioned 16 boys for Bell Band. This is a huge number, far too many for the bells we have, and I will need to think carefully about how to manage this! I will think about it over the weekend and let the boys know next week!

In the meantime, the continuers met this morning and instead of ringing any prepared music, they decided to create their own piece. Not bad for 15 minutes work!

The Music House is open every morning between 7.45 and 8.30am (during form time) for any individuals who wish to have some time to practice. Boys must sign in with me first, before going to a room so that I can make sure they are registered and get to their 8.30 lesson on time. If your son is finding they do not have enough time at home, then maybe you could suggest that they make use of this a couple of times a week.

Miss Secker, Head of Music

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.45	Individual Rehearsal <i>(Invitation only)</i>	Individual Rehearsal <i>(Invitation only)</i>	Individual Rehearsal <i>(Invitation only)</i>	Individual Rehearsal <i>(Invitation only)</i>	Individual Rehearsal <i>(Invitation only)</i>
8.00			Chamber Choir <i>Invitation only</i> (HS)	Little Voices Y1/2 (HS)	Bell Band Y5-8 (HS)
10.00	Guitar Ensemble (BP)	Brass Ensemble Y3-8 (AW)			
10.30					
11.45	Junior Voices Y3/4 (CW)				Percussion Y3/4 (KP)
12:00		Woodwind Ensemble Y5-8 (AB/BC)			
12.30		String Orchestra Y3-8 (HS/LP/TH) <i>Baroque 4 Roll (LP)</i>			
12.50	Choristers Y5-8 (HS)		TBC		Jazz Band <i>Invitation only</i> (HS)
3.15			Music Club Y1/2 (HS)		
4.15			Music Theory <i>Invitation only</i> (HS)		Musical Theatre Club Y3-8

Notices

Scouts, 29th Purley



Black British Book Festival, South Bank Centre - 27th & 28th October

(www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on)



Early Years

Dear Parents

This week in assembly we enjoyed looking in the star of the week books and discussing Jeans for Genes day. We also gave our leadership badges to be worn on our Reception children's blazers. The boys will be a Playground , Lunch or Class Leader for the whole term.

Reminders

Blazers and Caps

Please can I remind parents that children should wear their blazers and caps to school everyday even when in PE kit.

Parking at Purley

A polite reminder that it is important to follow the parking rules on the Webb Estate or they will lock the gates. Please make sure you park on the side with the school and no 'U' turns. When dropping off or collecting, please do not block the entrance waiting for a space please ensure that you drive through and park on the lane if no spaces available. Please do not park in non designated parking spaces as again this causes delays.

Stars of the Week

South Croydon Pre-School: Iyla

Purley Pre-School: Shanaya

RA: Ayyan

RL: Hayder

RW: Ralph

Gold Awards

South Croydon Pre-School: Zachary

Purley Pre- School: Oviyan

RA: Arhaan

RL: AJ

RW: Jacob

Congratulations to all these children.

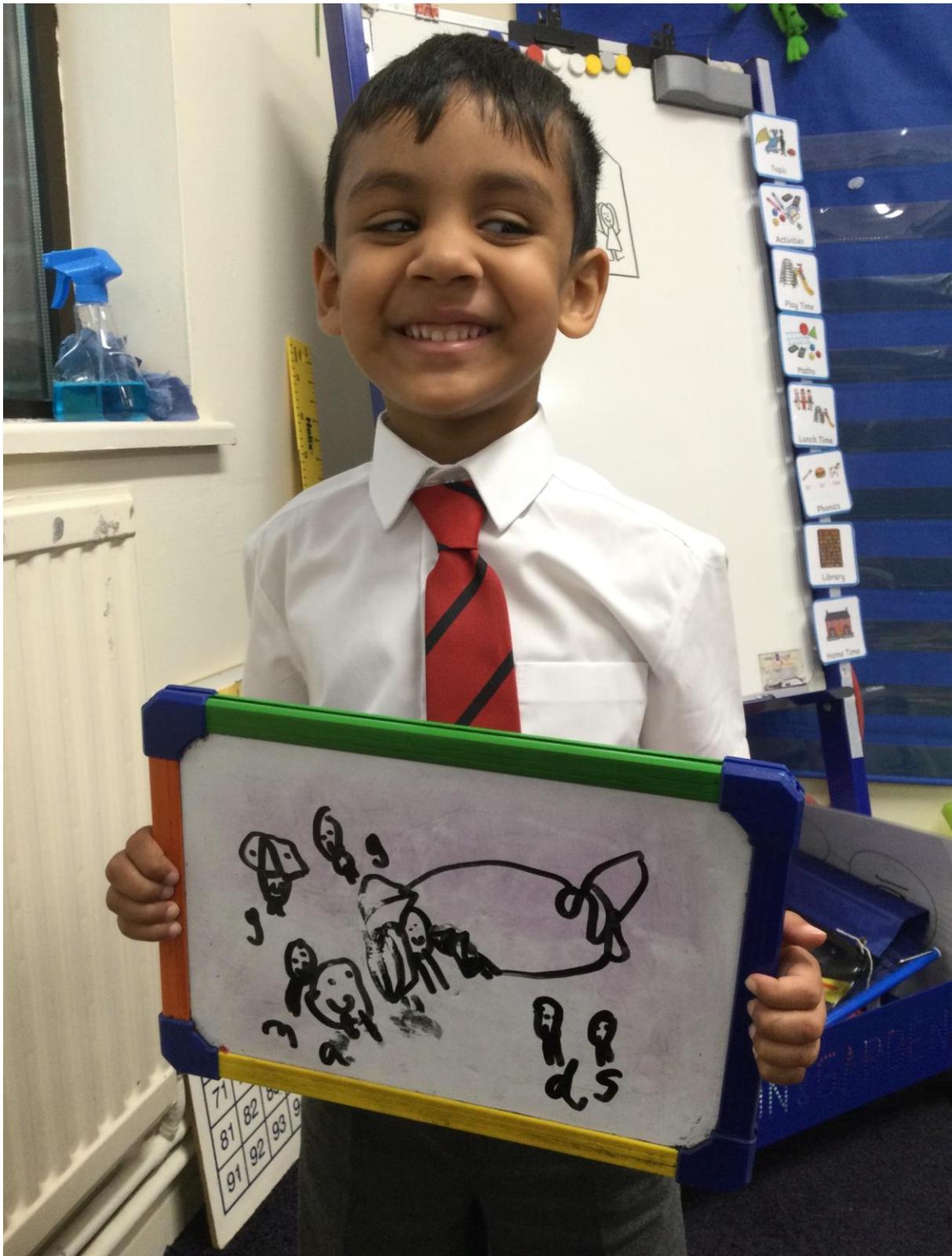
Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Upfold

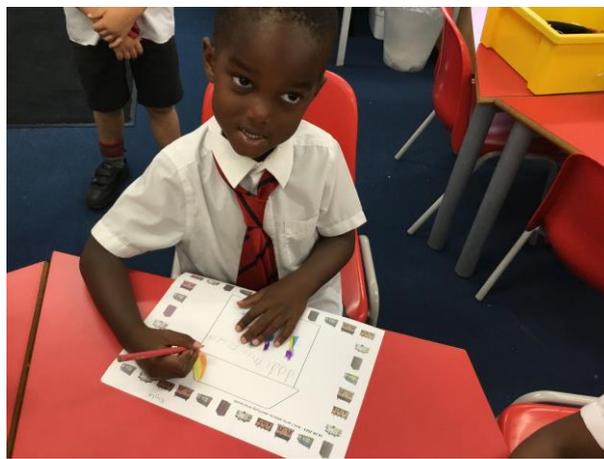
Head of EYFS

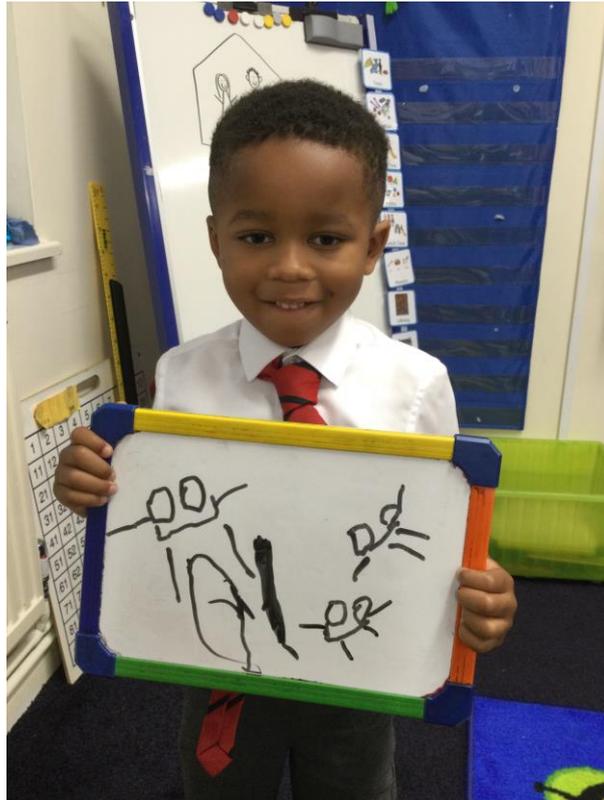
Reception



As part of our topic 'Me and My Community' we went on an adventure to the Girls' School and explored the pond. We thought about how we can use our listening skills so we can stay safe and spoke about what we might find in and around it. The boys loved looking for bugs and frogs, and we talked about our environment, thinking about how and why we need to look after it.

In class we shared about the people in our families and the boys drew each member then labelled them. It was lovely to hear the excitement the boys showed when speaking about the people they love.





Pre-School

Purley Pre-School

We have had a busy start to our week with lots of appointments to see the doctors and nurses in our surgery. The phone has been ringing nonstop with unwell patients. All our patients have been looked after and are now getting better. Well done to Purley Pre-School surgery!

Our children have been printing with apples linked with our phonics and learning how to write the sound a (round the apple and down the leaf). Autumn suddenly seems to have arrived and we are making great use of its treasures. We are making salt dough snails using the conkers as the snail's shell.

We have had lots of learning making and matching number 1, 2, and 3 number families.





Our children have been keen and eager to take part in all our learning experiences, which is so lovely to see. Well done children on a busy happy week together.

South Croydon Pre-School

The week in Pre-School we have been continuing our topic of 'all about me' by looking at dentists and how to look after our teeth. We have sorted healthy and unhealthy foods and cleaned the dirty teeth with the toothbrushes. We have created facial self-portraits with paint and different coloured wool for the hair.

Within the class we have introduced our colour monster to help us express our feelings and think about how we can self-regulate these. This opened up some great discussions on what the children enjoy within the classroom and how to make ourselves feel happier if we are sad or angry.







Kindergarten
Purley Kindergarten

This week we have been talking about Autumn. Over the weekend some of the teachers collected leaves, this has opened up the discussions for what different coloured leaves we can find and whether they are big or small. The children chose what colours they wanted their leaves to be and made their prints on the paper, ready for our Autumn board display.





We have also introduced our colour monsters with yellow for happy and blue for sad. Each child and teacher has a spoon with their photo on so they can choose whether they are happy or sad and place their spoon in the corresponding pot.



South Croydon Kindergarten

This week we have focused on 'Our Family'. The children shared their family photo with the class and it was lovely to hear them introduce their family and share some of their experiences with them. We then used our family photos to create a family tree for Kindergarten which we have displayed in our home area.

At circle time we had a class discussion about who is special to us and why, some of the responses we got from the children were:

'My grandpa'

'My mummy she plays with me'

'My daddy does painting with me'

'My teacher'







PTA News and Events

Swimming Caps - Order Deadline 31st October

The PTA are kindly arranging the CHS swimming caps.

The deadline for ordering these is **31st October**, and can be ordered by clicking [here](#)

All orders will be sent to school to be distributed.