

# CHS Boys' School & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th 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.

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### BOYS' SCHOOL

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## A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. We have been back at school now and are as busy as ever. Thank you to all our parents who have joined us over the last two weeks for our Year Group meetings. I hope you found them informative and were able to meet the teachers your children will have this year as well as ask questions about the year ahead.

Our extra curricular clubs will start on Monday and I really hope the boys enjoy the wide variety of activities on offer. If you have signed up for a club and your son does not attend please do let us know so that we can offer places to those on the waiting lists.

Please can I politely remind parents that the morning drop off commences at 7:45am. Please do not stop in front of the entry gates to the drive prior to them opening as this is causing congestion to other commuters travelling along Pampisford Road. If you arrive before this time please kindly park on the surrounding roads and wait until the gates are open.

I also ask that if you enter the school as pedestrians prior to 7:45am to please remain with your son/s until a member of school staff is present and the tunnel gate is opened. We have had a number of children left outside before 7.45am and cannot be responsible for them before this time.

Please also ensure that you park respectfully in the surrounding areas taking into consideration our neighbours.

Mrs McShane would also like to remind parents about the drop off and collection procedures at the Girls' School. Parents must not park in the school grounds, please park on the school side of the lane and please use the turning circle in the school and do not turn in the road.

This year at school we have introduced a new award for those pupils who show kindness and compassion to others. Our 'Kindness Ambassador' award will be given out on a weekly basis in our Monday Head's Assembly. This celebrates some of the best examples of kindness each week in school. This week's winner is **Andy in Year 8**. The boy who nominated him said his new school shoes were very uncomfortable and wouldn't fit right on his feet. Andy took time out of his morning break to until they finally got them on.

If a teacher or boy would like to nominate a classmate all they have to do is put a note in our special post box outside 7B.



Well done to **Shaurya** who was presented the Beddington Cup for match hero for 3 wickets in the final. He plays for U9 Banstead Cricket Club Team.



Huge congratulations once again for the Triathlon team, '**The ShahKs**'. They were celebrated being the top fundraisers at an event held by Restless Development at Salesforce Tower, Bishopsgate. The boys were impressed by the views from the 36th floor.

**Aaron** was particularly fortunate to attend for a second year in a row and was commended by the co CEO herself for being the sole attendee for two consecutive years. They also mentioned how thankful they are that the school has chosen them as one of their charities.

The boys got to take part in a climate change panel and workshop. I'm sure they will have plenty of ideas on how the school can make small changes to make a big difference.

Team includes, **Isaac - 5I, Thian - 5T, Aaron S - 5I and Shaylen S - 5T.**

The team were well behaved, polite and true ambassadors for the school. We are all very proud of them.

Well done, a fantastic achievement boys!







I have already seen so many wonderful pieces of work. Mrs Irvine kindly shared a wonderful poem written by **Sebastian** in 5T. An impressive piece and a great start to Year 5, well done.

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### *The Best Part of Sebastian*

*Hi! Right hand here, waving at you,*

*Sebastian's favourite limb,*

*He would be lost without me.*

*And his world would be so dim.*

*I can sketch,*

*With a quick, click flick of his pen,*

*I can type with a cacophonous TAP!*

*I can puuuuLLLL in a vicious tug-of-war,  
And I can drive ferociously forward in a tight scrum, with a roar.*

*I'm awfully good at helping,  
I can catapult a tennis ball 10,000 miles away,  
I can climb all the way up Mount Everest any time of day,  
I can elevate things heavier than an overweight dinosaur,  
And retrieve lost objects fallen on the floor.*

*Left hand doesn't always see reason,  
And implores at me, "You're not right!"  
I however correct him humbly,  
"My dear fellow, how can I not be right?  
I'm right here, I'm right there,  
I'm right everywhere."*

*The best part of him is, obviously, me,  
Because with my awe-stricking blows I can take down a karate master,*

*Tee hee,  
I can snatch mouth-watering cake in a blinking flash,  
And write out endless poems, without missing a dash.  
Without me, Sebastian can't make a single plan,*

*Because I'm his right hand man!*

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

1S - **Jamie**

1C - **Yaseen**

1L - **Maximilian**

2CT - **Alexander T**

2R - **Ayaan A**

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

**Miss Edwards**

**Head of School**

## An Introduction and Welcome to Mr Tingle



A warm welcome to **Mr Kieran Tingle** who joined us at the beginning of this academic year as 5T form tutor and member of the Science and Games Departments.

**Mr Tingle** studied Physical Education at Brighton University. His favourite sport is swimming and he coaches swimming at the weekends. At college and university he played lacrosse as well as enjoying running, cycling and going to the gym.

Previously he worked at Warlingham School where he taught PE and Science.

In his free time, **Mr Tingle** enjoys going to the cinema, keeping fit and reading.

I have heard from the boys that they have already had some exciting science lessons.

## Sport

### Cross Country

Well done to all boys in Year 4 to 6 who navigated two laps of the sports ground (1.3km). We hope to see the times improve and good luck to all of those attempting the junior (2km) park runs on a



Sunday morning. Please let me know how you get on (parents and boys) as I will be taking part in the Beckenham Place Park Run on Saturday morning.

CHS Cross Country Trials				
Position	Name	Year Group	Distance (km)	Time
1	Henry	4	1.3	06:01
2	Corey	4	1.3	06:07
3	Mason	4	1.3	06:09
1	Logan	5	1.3	05:12
2	Leo W	5	1.3	05:54
2	Michael	5	1.3	05:54
1	Gabriel	6	1.3	05:51
2	Tom	6	1.3	05:57
3	Noah	6	1.3	06:23

## Football

The season has kicked off for **Years 5, 7 and 8** - please see our very own sports website ([www.cumnorhousesport.com](http://www.cumnorhousesport.com)) for results, scorers, MVPs & match reports.

### CHS U10A v Hornsby House U10A

In an exciting U10A football match, CHS showcased their prowess with a commanding 5-2 victory. From the first whistle, the young talents displayed remarkable teamwork and skill. The goals came thick and fast, with the A team showing their attacking flair. The opposition put up a spirited fight but couldn't keep up with the relentless pace. Debutant, **Toby**, netted a brilliant brace, while **Malachi** and **Jotham** also contributed to the score line. Despite conceding two goals late in the second half, Cumnor's solid defence ensured their well-deserved triumph with captain, **Michael** picking up man of the match. A thrilling performance from the U10A squad left fans cheering for more!

Please keep an eye on the sports website for all upcoming fixture information ([www.cumnorhousesport.com](http://www.cumnorhousesport.com))

## Music News

Welcome back to the new year in music. It has been lovely to hear all the instrumental lessons starting up with most boys remembering their instruments and books. Alongside this, all the year groups are currently singing in their lessons, with auditions for all the different choirs taking place in these lessons over the next couple of weeks.

We are now starting up some of our instrumental ensembles, which meet at the following times:

Tuesday 10am Brass Ensemble (all boys from Y4 – 8 playing a brass instrument)

Tuesday 12pm Woodwind Ensemble (all boys from Y5 – 8 playing a woodwind instrument)

Tuesday 12.30pm String Orchestra (all violinists from Y4 – 8 and all cellists from Y5 – 8)

Friday lunchtime – Jazz Band (by invitation)

The lists for these groups are all up on the music noticeboard and in the music house, so please encourage your son to check!

Auditions have begun for Percussion Group (Years 3 and 4). Boys will be asked during class lessons whether they want to try it and auditions are taking place on Friday lunchtimes for the next few weeks, starting with Year 4.

Auditions for Bell Band will begin next week for boys in Year 5 – 8, and more information will be shared with the boys in assembly on Tuesday.

There are still a few places left for individual instrumental lessons, particularly for boys in the Upper School. Please do email me if your son is interested.

I look forward to getting everything up and running over the next few weeks.

Miss Secker ([helen.secker@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:helen.secker@cumnorhouse.com))

## Notices



Please do book onto our dinosaur themed stay and play session on Tuesday 26th September at Cumnor House Kindergarten & Pre- School at 13 Woodcote Lane, Purley. This is aimed at Kindergarten and Pre-School age, but everyone is welcome from 1 year onwards and will run from 9.30-10.30am.

Please purchase one ticket per child, adult goes free and includes a healthy snack for your little one along with refreshments and cake for you! Tickets are on sale now [here](#)

## Early Years

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start to the year. We have all been outside enjoying the sunshine and getting to know all our new friends. I have been so impressed with the Reception boys and how they have settled into school.

A polite reminder that the contact books are for sending messages to school. If your child is unwell or you are on holiday please email the office on [admin@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:admin@cumnorhouse.com).

Tapestry is up and working, as last year Newsflashes or Paparazzi photos come out weekly and Pre-School and Kindergarten share their planning. All observations appear every half term.

This week

***Stars of the week***

South Croydon Pre-School: Summer

Purley Pre-School: Aaran

RA: Asher

RL: Joshua

RW: Kyle

***Gold Awards***

South Croydon Pre-School: Nia

Purley Pre- School: Ethan

RW: Kur

RL: Petru

RA: Andre

Congratulations to all these children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

**Mrs Upfold**

**Head of EYFS**

## Reception









The Reception boys have had another fantastic week settling into their classes. They have responded excitedly to the different learning activities on offer and are developing good relationships with their peers.

The boys are becoming accustomed to our school routines and expectations. They worked together to create important rules for our classroom and playground. They spoke about how we can work together to ensure that we can have a happy and safe learning environment.





Mrs Upfold held a special assembly and discussed the meaning of 'Compassion' as part of 'The Cumnor Way'. We thought about the different ways we can be compassionate towards those around us. As an introduction to our 'Me and My Community' topic, the children have enjoyed sharing things that are special to them as well as discussing what makes them unique. They created their own self-portraits in Art, which we are delighted to display in the school. The boys had their very first swimming lesson in Reception and impressed their teachers with their enthusiasm and efforts.





We are all proud of how they have come into school positively and the listening skills they have demonstrated towards their teachers.

## Pre-School



### ***Purley Pre-School***

A very warm welcome to our Pre-School year. It has been a busy start here in Purley getting to know each other and learning the Cumnor Way. Our children have been wonderful and very brave getting to know each other and us.

Our day-to-day learning has involved learning our friends and teachers names. We are very grown up now and we are all learning to share and take care of our wonderful resources. We have had happy



times outdoors with Reception in the playground, with Mr Blain in our PE lessons and in our Forest school.

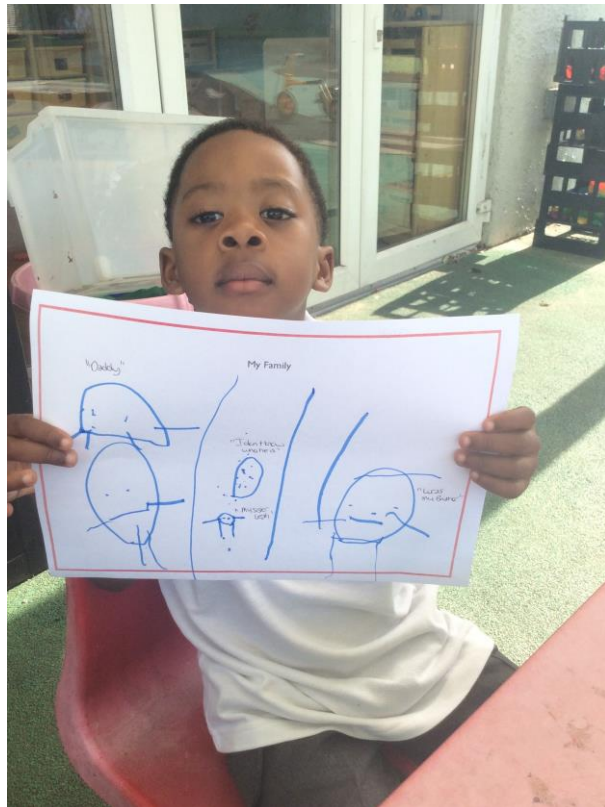
We went on our first visit to the library to choose a book to share at home. Our self-portrait task linked with our learning -All About Me task led by Mrs Edmonds have filled our classroom with the most wonderful creations.

Have a wonderful weekend and a good rest ready for Monday together.



### ***South Croydon Pre-School***

This week in Pre-School we have had a great week starting and being part of the class. We have been learning our new routine and the rules of the nursery. We have also been talking about 'all about us' by drawing pictures of our family and talking about who we live with. We have been talking about features of each other and what is similar and what is different. We celebrated World Afro Day on Thursday and read the book 'My Hair' by Hannah Lee, we then created our own Afro style with Cheerio's and paint.











## Kindergarten

### ***Purley Kindergarten***

This week, we have been settling all our new children and they are doing amazingly well.

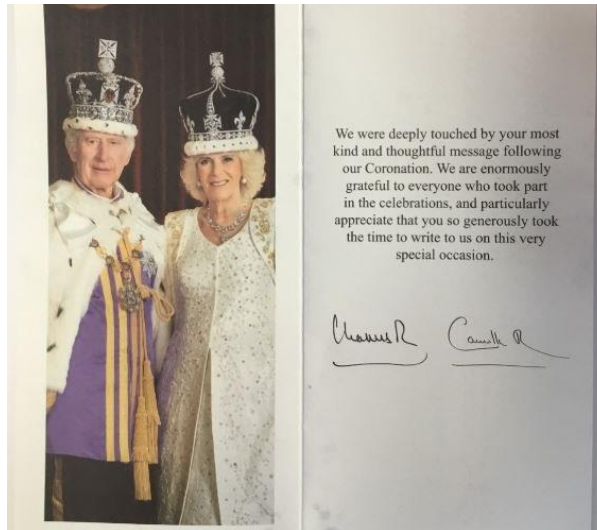
We have also been looking at how unique we are, looking at our reflections and drawing ourselves in our own mirrors. Discussing the colours of our eyes and hair, as well discussing how many eyes, mouths and noses we all have. Our mirrors have started going on the wall for everyone to enjoy.





We are delighted to share the card we received from the King, thanking last year's Kindergarten Purley class for the card they sent for his Coronation.





### ***South Croydon Kindergarten***

This week it has been lovely to welcome some new children and parents to the Cumnor family, As the children have been settling in we have spent the week getting to know each other and focussing on the topic 'All about me'.

The children have enjoyed looking at themselves in the mirror, recognising their facial features and have taken the time to draw their own portraits. They have used playdough to make faces developing their fine motor skills to mould the playdough.



We have also be learning the class routine, knowing where our peg is and learning class peers and teachers' names.



Next week we will be continuing the all about me topic and will be focussing on 'Ourselves and our Family' so please do share family photos on Tapestry for us to share with the children.

## 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.