



CHS Boys' School & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th 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

Wednesday 4th October South Croydon Nursery Individual Photographs

Thursday 5th October Reception Nasal Flu Vaccinations (deadline for return of consent form now passed)

Monday 9th October Reception & Pre-School Parent Progress Meetings (booking information will be shared shortly)

Tuesday 10th October Pre-School Parent Progress Meetings (booking information will be shared shortly)

Friday 13th October Black History Day. Please click [here](#) to view letter

BOYS' SCHOOL

Tuesday 3rd October, 6pm Year 3 to 8 EdTech Workshop for Parents (online) - details have been shared via a 'Notice'

Thursday 5th October Nasal Flu Vaccinations (deadline for return of consent form now passed)

Monday 9th October Individual Photographs

Wednesday 11th October 5F Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)

Thursday 12th October, 5:30pm Teatime Music Concert (Years 6,7,8)

Friday 13th October Black History Day. Please click [here](#) to view letter

A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

We have had another busy week at school with our Year 7 boys departing on Tuesday for their residential and our annual Global Be Well Day. This year the focus was on digital learning and being safe online. The boys had a fantastic day today with a range of different sessions from digital work shops and nutrition information to dancing, fun runs and mindful exercises. You can see from the pictures and videos that it is one of the many popular events we take part in every year. The boys are learning that physical health and mental health go hand in hand.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and all who donated to our Macmillan Coffee mornings today too. The scrumptious cakes on offer were delicious and the boys were walking past the dining hall very slowly this morning with wide eyes when they saw them. It was lovely to welcome our Boys' School and South Croydon Nursery parents to the main site and our Purley parents at Woodcote Lane. It is always lovely to have some time to sit and have tea or coffee with you all and catch up.

We are pleased to announce that last week's Jeans for Genes Day was a huge success and we have raised a total £860.

The highlight for me this week must be our 'spreading kindness' activity where the boys were excitedly moving around the school passing on messages of kindness and thanks to staff and pupils. The SLT office was very busy and we were delighted to receive a number of messages from the boys thanking us for making sure that they are happy and safe, thanking Mr Bolton for being such a good maths teacher and thanking Mr Jones for being kind. It really does brighten up your day when someone smiles, says something kind or thanks you for something you have done. I would like to thank our pupils for making Cumnor such a wonderful place to be every day.

Global Be Well Day

'In Year 5, the boys discussed the impact of technology on their well being and values. We had lovely discussions about, which values we hold in greatest regards and why. The boys had great fun exploring dance, mindful doodling and creating fires (with the odd marshmallow sandwich)!'

'At South Croydon Nursery the children took part in litter picking around the Sport Field and made a tuff tray.'

'In Reception the boys enjoyed a beautiful story about 'love'. How we can show it in different ways from helping our friends and families to doing good deeds. They also had fun dancing together, practising their 'Waka Waka' dance and took part in some peaceful yoga. The boys also had a fabulous time visiting our local supermarket to buy ingredients to make a delicious fruit salad. To spread happiness to others, the boys gave positive messages around the store to members of the public!'

'All the Pre-School children went on a walk around the Webb estate and shared pictures and cards with local people in an effort to spread kindness'.

'Mr Bennett living his best life building a football stadium during Privilege time today out of lego!

'2CT had a lovely calming start to the day by drawing what makes them happy or their favourite type of exercise and also doing some mindfulness colouring. The boys listened to a story about DigiDuck and discussed ways to stay safe and happy on the internet. Then they played a game on the laptops and answered questions about internet safety. After playtime, we walked up to the field and had a lovely Fun Run around the field in the sunshine. In the afternoon, the boys enjoyed a music session with Miss Secker. We ended the day with a story about a boy called Billy who was a worrier. The boys made their own worry dolls to tell their worries to before they go to sleep at night'.

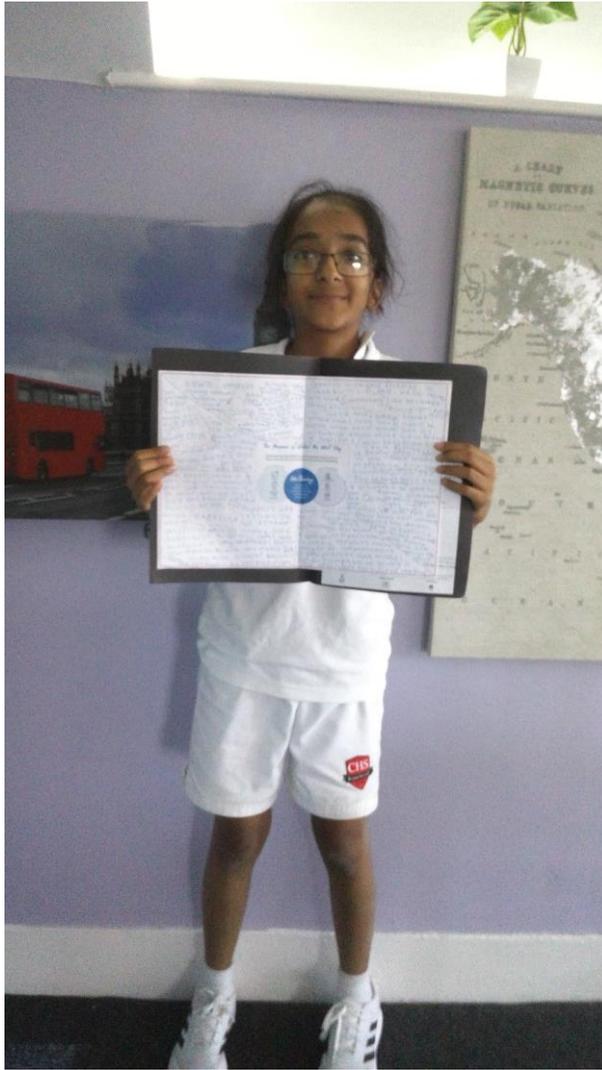
'As part of GBWD Year 8 have had some thought-provoking sessions today. We have looked at: Digital Wellbeing and how to recognise and improve it, the Be Well Charter and its contributors, as well as swimming, nutrition and Music. In our final session this afternoon in Year 8, we took the opportunity to relax and some even chose to get ahead with their homework! Roman Helmets were worn, discussions were had, and smiles were worn by all. A wonderful end to a wonderful day of discovering much about our own self-regulation and how to have agency over it'.



















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As part of our topic in Year 1 we are learning about France this week and the boys made pancakes with the Chef, Justyna.



I am sure our Year 7 parents have tired boys this evening after their fantastic residential, they have taken part in a host of activities included rafting, cooking and laser tag. The aim of this residential is to build relationships and welcome our new Year 7 boys. I know they had an enjoyable time and I am sure they will sleep well tonight.





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 - **Syan**

1C - **Dylan**

1L - **Vivaan**

2CT - **Arthur**

2R - **Kezron**

We must also publish the pictures of some of our stars from previous weeks.

2CT- **Alexander**

2CT- Benjamin

1C - Raahim



This week's winner of our Kindness Ambassador Award is Aaron S in Year 5. Aaron, was walking through the school and he let two classes of Year 3 boys to go in front of him. He then offered to let Mrs Turner go in front of him, with no expectation of going first.

If any boy would like to nominate a classmate then all they have to do is email Mrs Turner, tell their teacher or put a note in the special post box which is next to 7B.



I would like to also wish our families a 'Happy Moon Festival' or in Korean 'Happy Chuseok'. The Mid-Autumn festival is a special celebration in many Asian countries like China and Vietnam. It happens in September or October when the moon is big and bright. People believe that the moon is the brightest and roundest during this time. Families light lanterns to celebrate. The festival is all about spending time with family and friends to share stories, play games and enjoy delicious mooncakes together!

Thank you to Faris in 2R for giving all the boys in Year 2 their own lantern to celebrate the Mid-Autumn festival. The boys enjoyed hearing and learning about this special celebration. Each boy was also sent home with an information leaflet all about the Mid-Autumn Festival.





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Finally I would like to introduce our Year 8 Pupil Leadership Team for this academic year.

Head Boy - Louis

Louis is in the Romans and he enjoys seeing his friends and playing at break time. He would like to be a successful real estate agent and his favourite food is mac and cheese. Louis loves the 1980's and swimming. His most embarrassing moment was when he tripped onto the stage in Oliver and forgot his lines.

Louis is a kind and hard working boy and we are thrilled to have him as our Head Boy this year.

Andrew - Deputy Head Boy

Andy is a Norman and Vice Music Captain. He enjoys Music because it gives him the opportunity to show his talent. He would like to achieve a University degree and also loves mac n cheese. He loves Jazz Band and Football.

Alexander - Deputy Head Boy

Alex is a Saxon and unity and togetherness is very important to him. He would like to be a football player, barrister or a project manager and enjoys pancakes, beatboxing and football. His proudest moment was winning the English Award last year.

Congratulations to Andy and Alex on their new roles. I know the boys will make a great team.

Our **House Captains** this year are:

Saxons - **Fionn**

Danes - **Ayman**

Romans - **Callum**

Normans - **Ayman**

We will be introducing more of our Pupil Leadership Team next week.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School



An Introduction and Welcome to Miss Sam Kelly



A warm welcome to Miss Kelly who joined us at the beginning of this academic year as a year 3 form tutor.

Miss Kelly completed her teacher training at the Institute of Education, after finishing her Masters in Forensic Psychology and working in primary education in an assistant role.

After completing this, she began working in a school in Forest Hill and has led Science and RE, as well as mentoring fellow teachers. During her 8 years of teaching she has worked in schools in South East London, across KS1 and KS2.

In her spare time outside of school she enjoys taking part in various activities including attending music concerts, going to the theatre and watching rugby matches.

Sport

Football team of the Week:



Football Match Report of the Week:

CHS U10D v CHS U10E

Cumnor U10E Team won 2 – 1

“An excellent performance from the U10E's with every boy contributing in some way with their focus and willingness to get stuck in. Leo stood out with 2 incredible solo goals and Vihaan proved to be a rock at the back. Well done, boys!”

Cross Country Leaderboard:

CHS Cross Country Leaderboard				
Position	Name	Year Group	Distance (km)	Time
1	Alex SGY	2	1.3	6.23
2	Kezron	2	1.3	6.34
3	Leo / Max	2	1.3	6.40
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
CHS Fun Run Leaderboard				
Position	Name	Year Group	Distance (km)	Time
1	Thian	3	2	9.12
2	Agastya	3	2	9.40
3	Theo	3	2	10.05
1	Henry	4	2	9.28
2	Lawrence	4	2	9.40
3	Arthur	4	2	9.42

Please let me know how you get on (parents / boys) with any park runs Saturday (5k) or Sunday morning (2k). Here is mine from last Saturday:

POSITION	PARKRUNNER	GENDER	AGE GROUP	CLUB	TIME
1	Kevin FINI	Male	SM30-34	University of St. Andrews AC	PB 17:36
2	Richard PRICE	Male	SM25-29	Kent AC	PB 17:41
3	Ryan BROTHERTON	Male	VM35-39	Beckenham RC	PB 18:07

Here is the link for the Lloyd Park Run in Croydon: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/lloyd/>

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.**

Yours in Sport

Mr Brotherton, Director of Sport

Music News

Choirs

By the time you read this, some of the choir lists will have been put up on the Music Notice Board, and all choir members will be announced in assembly on Tuesday, so that they have all started rehearsing before half term (and can be sent home with song lyrics to start learning ready for performances in December). Those who have not been selected, but wish to be in a choir, will be encouraged to speak to (and arrange a time to sing to) myself or Mr Walpot. If they are not successful this term, there will be another window in January!

New Concerts!

This term we are exploring some new opportunities for the boys to perform to each other and you.

The first of these we are calling 'Teatime Music Concerts'. These will be for all boys learning an instrument in a particular year group and will be very informal.

Thursday 12th October – 5.30pm – Years 6, 7 and 8

Thursday 16th November – 5.30pm – Year 5

More details will be sent out to relevant year groups nearer the time.

We are also considering a Christmas Concert for some of our ensembles – watch this space!

We will also be holding our traditional Informal Concert for those taking instrumental exams, which takes place at 7pm in the evening. We will be in touch with those taking exams after half term to confirm the date for this. If your son is taking an exam outside of school, please let us know, as he will be more than welcome to perform in this concert if he wishes.

Dates for your diary

Carol Service – Wednesday 6th December – Croydon Minster

Summer Showcase Concert – Monday 1st July 2024 – St Mildred's Church

Miss Secker, Head of Music

Notices

WHITGIFTIAN JUNIOR RUGBY

All Ages from U5's to U16's



SCAN ME



SUNDAY @ 10am

**Whitgift Sports Club
Croham Manor Road
CR2 7BG**



For more information contact:
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TEAMWORK RESPECT ENJOYMENT DISCIPLINE SPORTSMANSHIP

SENIOR TEAM TRAINING
Tuesday @ 19:00

**SAFFRON STORMERS
GIRLS TRAINING**
Monday @ 18:30

TOUCH RUGBY (MIXED)
Wednesday @ 19:00

**STORMERS LADIES
TOUCH RUGBY**
Monday @ 19:30

WALKING RUGBY
TBC

Whitgift Sports Club, Croham Manor Road, CR2 7BG

Early Years

Dear Parents,

What a busy week! In assembly this week we discussed GBWD and how we were trying to spread kindness and spread our smiles. Throughout the day the children did different activities from giving out stickers at the supermarket to sharing pictures with people out on our walk around the Webb Estate. We also enjoyed opening our new wellness garden at South Croydon that the children watched being built this week and I know all the children are going to enjoy using.

Stars of the Week

South Croydon Pre-School: Myan

Purley Pre-School: Charles

RA: Luke

RL: James

RW: Zakariah

Gold Awards

South Croydon Pre-School: Joshua

Purley Pre- School: Yana

RA: Ethan

RL: Shayn

RW: Arjun

Congratulations to all these children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Upfold

Head of EYFS

Gentle reminders

Uniform

As the weather is getting colder a polite reminder that your child should have a school coat or a plain black coat. Please make sure their school shoes are weather proof and do not have laces. Finally please make sure all items are named.

Reception



This week Reception have been continuing their learning on the topic 'Me and My Community' by looking at places within our local community and the people who help us! We took an exciting trip to a local supermarket to buy ingredients for a yummy snack. Beforehand, we used our phonics to help us write a shopping list to take with us on our adventure.

As part of Black History Month, Reception learnt about the traditional method of making Kente patterns by weaving fabrics together in bold colours and patterns. This week we created our own Kente patterns in Art. They cut out and wove strips of paper and added patterns for their desired effect. We used bright, bold colours and we are so proud of our Kente patterns that we have hung them in our classrooms to show them off!

A friendly ask, if you could please check your child's uniform as some uniform has gone missing recently after clubs. Thank you for your support.





Pre-School



Purley Pre-School

A busy week in Preschool finding out about our emergency services who help us on land and on the sea in so many ways. We saw how the fire service and lifeboat crews train and look after their equipment ready for an emergency. We are starting to build our own emergency vehicles.

We used a range of 2D shapes to make a variety of pictures. Our shape monsters enjoyed eating flat shapes.

Using our autumn conkers that we collected from our garden as a snail shell our children added salt dough for the snail body. They look great and we had a lot of fun making them together.

The longest snake we have ever seen came to join us to learn this week's sound – s. We made playdough and ring o link snakes. Our ring o link snake is as long as our sound snake Sam.

A busy week together with so many different learning experiences.





South Croydon Pre-School

This week in Pre-School we have been learning about emergency services, we have made a hospital using boxes and named it 'Cumnor Hospital', cutting the windows and writing the letters for the word 'Hospital'. We have been using our fine motor skills to use the tweezers in the game 'operation'. Using spray bottles we put the 'fire' out on the tuff tray.







Kindergarten



Purley Kindergarten

Harvest Festival is fast approaching, so this week in kindergarten we started to learn that sometimes it is nice to give to people that are not as fortunate as ourselves. We spoke about some people may

not have as much food as us and that Harvest festival gives us all a chance to help those that may need it. The children talked about what foods they wanted in their baskets as well as what were their favourite foods. Some wonderful baskets were made, full of wonderful food!





South Croydon Kindergarten

This week in kindergarten the children have focused on 'Our Body'. They have been identifying parts of their body and discussing their features. The children have explored different hair types, skin tones, eye colours and been able to recognise similarities and differences. We have also been

focussing on the importance of keeping our bodies healthy and been recognising healthy foods, Importance of drinking water and taking part in exercise. For Be well day Kindergarten took part in 'Yoga' and discussed what makes them happy and what they can do to be kind to others.

To develop our fine motor skills, we have been practicing using tweezers to pick up pom poms, we have been sorting them into colours and counting how many we were able to get.

It is the time of the year where we will see lots of Autumn leaves, conkers, Pine cones on the ground. We will be going on a nature walk around our site next week to collect some natural resources so we can create some lovely Autumn Art in Class. We would like to encourage parents and children to also take a Autumn walk and please do bring in any leaves, conkers, pine cones you may find.





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.