



CHS Boys' School & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th October

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

Monday 16th to Friday 27th October Half Term (Reception & Purley Nursery closed)

Tuesday 31st October, South Croydon & Purley Kindergarten Parent Progress Meetings (Booking details have been sent via a Notice)

Wednesday 1st November, Purley Kindergarten Parent Progress Meeting s(Booking details have been sent via a Notice)

Tuesday 21st November Reception and Pre-School Phonics Workshop

BOYS' SCHOOL

Monday 16th to Friday 27th October Half Term

Tuesday 31st October, Year 1 to 6 Parent Progress Meetings (Booking details have been sent via a Notice)

Wednesday 1st November at 5:30pm, Ski Trip Information Evening

Thursday 2nd November, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 Parent Progress Meetings (Booking details will be sent shortly)

Thursday 7th November, Year 8 Parent Progress Meetings (Booking details will be sent shortly)

A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

A wonderful end to our first half term of the academic year bringing together the school community to celebrate **Black History Month**. We are extremely fortunate that we can draw on the experiences and support of our parents, staff and pupils to celebrate different cultures throughout history. A huge thank you to the **PTA** for organising the wonderful food festival - I have never seen the school hall so busy! There was such an array of tasty treats available. Thank you to everyone who worked hard at home to make and contribute to this community event.

Thank you to all our **parents** who came into school to share their stories and experiences.

I know the boys particularly enjoyed being introduced to **Road Tennis**. This is something that the boys have learnt about in the last six weeks. **Joshua in 3G** created a video which we played to the boys showing them how to play and the tournament proved to be a great success. I know that the boys will continue to play during break times. **A huge thank you to Mrs Aikins** who provided us with the resources and came in to show the teaching staff how to play. Learning about the history behind this sport means we have a greater understanding of how and why it is played.

Congratulations to the winners of the road tennis tournament below.

Year 2 - Alexander

Year 3 - Arav

Year 4 - Harry

Year 5 - Musa

Year 6 - Thomas

A fabulous day had by all.

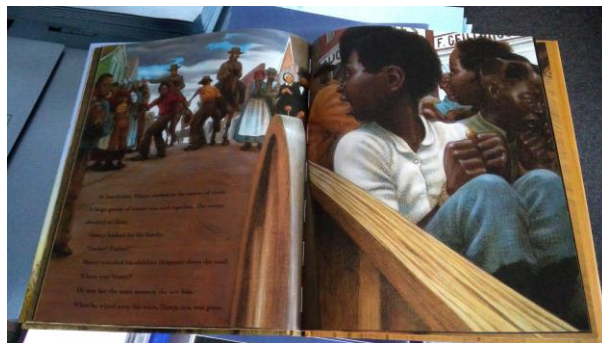
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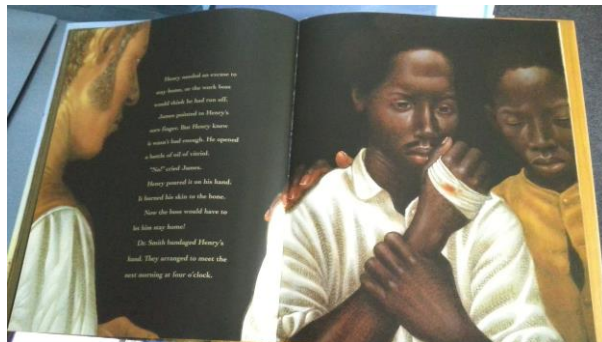
Miss Edwards

Head of School



In Year 4 Drama the boys have read through Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine and Kadie Nelson and have been recreating the most important moments from the book.







We have also enjoyed learning the African drums, researching inspirational black females, creating posters, making masks, listening to music, singing songs, making bracelets, decorating biscuits, listening to journeys, looking at cultural dress and much more. As a diverse school it is important that our curriculum reflects our pupils and we will continue to ensure that we celebrate different cultures throughout the school year in our lessons as well as special events.

Thank you to Ms Nevill and her team who have worked extremely hard to ensure that the day was both enjoyable and inspiring for us all.

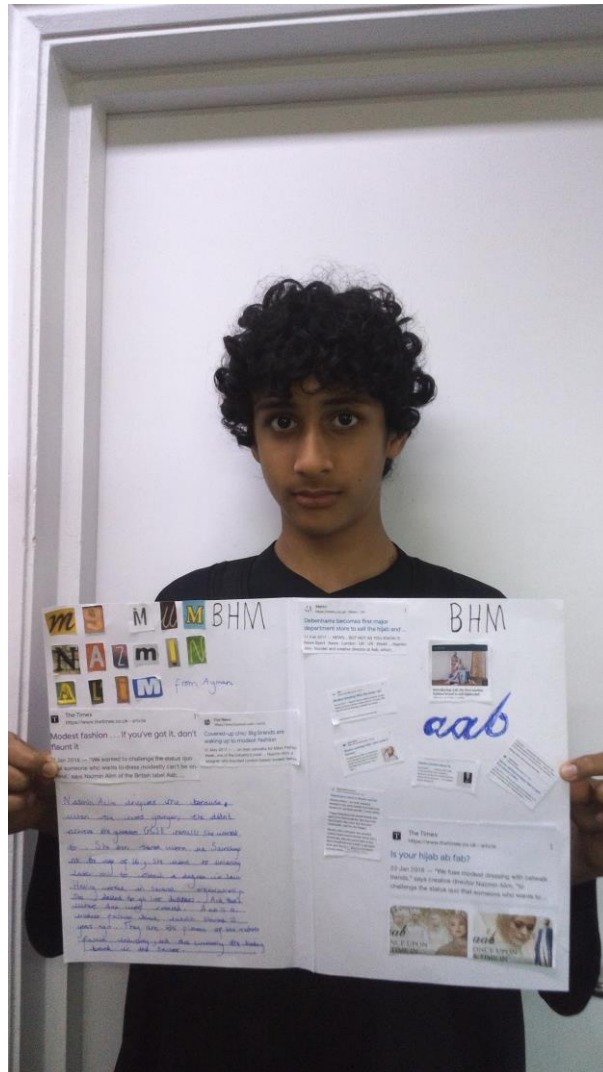


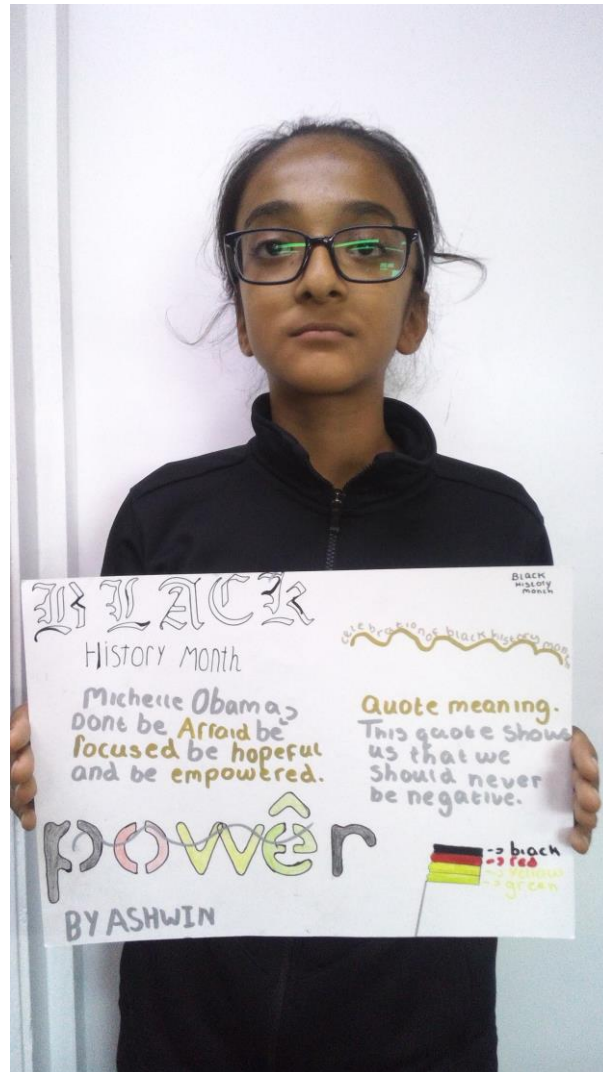






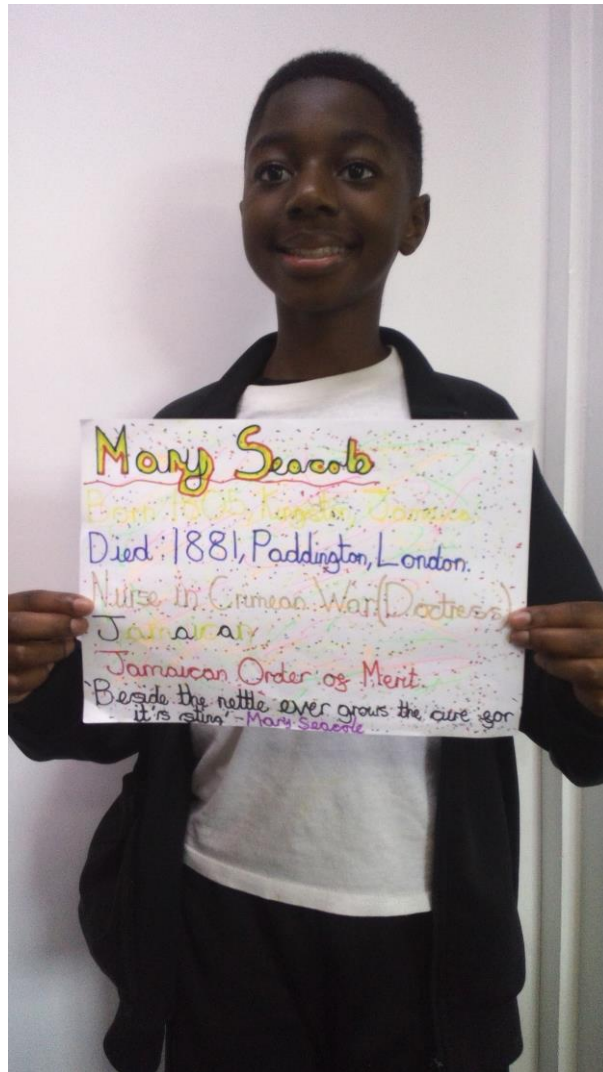


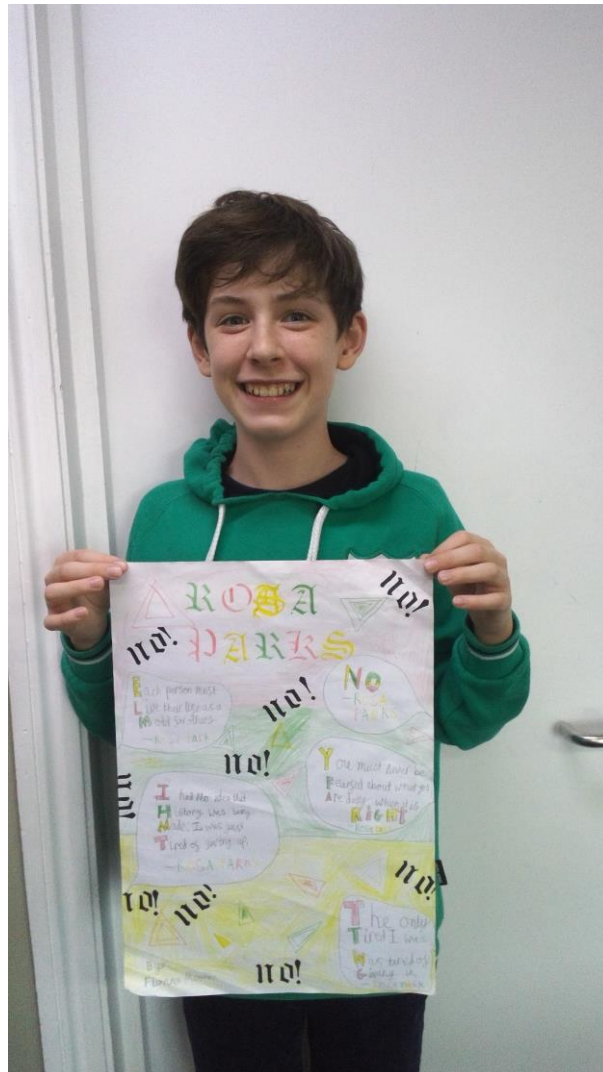


















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School Council

On the 27th of September we had a marvellous School Council Meeting. It was nice to see two students from each class (Year 1 - 8) and we discussed about how to improve learning, play time and our behaviour management system. One exciting initiative that was discussed is the introduction of 'Cumnor Credits'.

The contributions and suggestions of all were wonderful. I am very glad that I could be there to see it all unfold and I am sure the suggestions will be put into action. I can't wait for the next meeting next term. Good work everyone!

Andrew, Year 8

Chair of School Council



Maths in Year 5

In 5T this week, we have been tackling long division. To begin with, it seemed quite daunting and we had to use perseverance skills to keep with it. A pneumonic we learned to help us with all the steps was: Dad, Mum, Son, Daughter. This reminds us that the steps are Divide, Multiply, Subtract, Drop. As the week went on, we gained confidence. Here is a photo of Daniel, Issac and Francis working collaboratively which was great to see. The maths discussion being had by these boys was excellent.



This week's winner of our Kindness Ambassador Award was nominated by Mrs Greenash. She said the following about Thien:

'He has been a buddy for one of our injured pupils since his return to school and been super kind and helpful. He has been sharpening his pencils for him, and keeping him company at break times.'



Standardised Data Report (Year 2- 8)

Just before half term your son (Y2 to 8) should have come home with his most recent report outlining his performance in the Cognitive Ability Test, sat earlier in the term. Please use the following link to help analyse and understand the results that you receive:

[Data Explained](#)

Sport

Football Team of the Week:



Golden Boot Leaderboard:



Top Goalscorers (5+ goals)

Corey (U9A) – 19
 Tobin (U10/11A) – 19
 Rahiel (U9DEF) – 12
 Malachi (U10/11A) – 8
 Rian (U9B) – 6
 Luca (U11A/B) – 5
 Musa (U10B) – 5
 Zachariah (U9C) – 5
 Harveer (U10A) – 5
 Christian (U9A) – 5
 Matteo (U9C) – 5
 Ahnay (U9DE) – 5

Autumn Term 2023

Football Match Report of the Week:






CHS U9A v Dulwich College U9A






Cumnor U9A Team won 3 – 1






“A seriously impressive performance. A quick-fire goal from Dulwich sparked Cumnor into life, and from that point they controlled the game. Lawrence was a Rolls Royce at the back, paying intelligent passes forward. Christian was a maverick in both boxes, using his fitness and physicality to get 2 goals and defend heroically. Corey added a third with a smart finish across the keeper. An impressive team performance, well done boys!”






National Football Rankings:


The following CHS Football sides are ranked in the top 5 teams in the country: U8A, U9A, U9B, U9C, U10A

SchoolsSports.com ALL COMERS LEAGUES										
Season: 2023/24 Team Level: Boys-U9A										
#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Win Ratio	LP
1	 Cumnor House School for Boys	15	9	2	4	20	10	10	66.67%	40
2	 Somerhill	8	8	0	0	17	3	14	100.00%	32
3	 Cranmore School	7	7	0	0	46	3	43	100.00%	28
4	 Surbiton High School	6	6	0	0	17	1	16	100.00%	24
5	 Amesbury School	8	5	1	2	12	7	5	68.75%	22

SchoolsSports.com ALL COMERS LEAGUES										
Season: 2023/24 Team Level: Boys-U9B										
#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Win Ratio	LP
1	 Cumnor House School for Boys	11	8	1	2	18	7	11	77.27%	34
2	 Amesbury School	10	4	3	3	14	12	2	55.00%	22
3	 Ewell Castle School	5	5	0	0	32	5	27	100.00%	20
4	 Summer Fields School	5	5	0	0	19	2	17	100.00%	20
5	 Somerhill	6	5	0	1	13	1	12	83.33%	20

SchoolsSports.com ALL COMERS LEAGUES													
All Leagues		Season: 2023/24		Team Level: Boys-U10A		About this League							
#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Win Ratio	LP			
1	 Orchard House School	17	12	2	3	44	9	35	76.47%	52			
2	 Cumnor House School for Boys	15	10	3	2	36	15	21	76.67%	46			
3	 Rokeby School, Surrey	13	8	1	4	23	17	6	65.38%	34			
4	 Lambrook School	7	7	0	0	38	7	31	100.00%	28			
5	 Arnold House School	8	7	0	1	19	6	13	87.50%	28			

SchoolsSports.com ALL COMERS LEAGUES													
All Leagues		Season: 2023/24		Team Level: Boys-U8A		About this League							
#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Win Ratio	LP			
1	 Surbiton High School	12	9	1	2	31	9	22	79.17%	38			
2	 Twyford School	5	5	0	0	28	2	26	100.00%	20			
3	 Aldro	6	5	0	1	20	5	15	83.33%	20			
4	 Cranleigh Preparatory School	5	3	1	1	21	16	5	70.00%	14			
5	 Cumnor House School for Boys	7	3	1	3	9	8	1	50.00%	14			

SchoolsSports.com ALL COMERS LEAGUES													
All Leagues		Season: 2023/24		Team Level: Boys-U9C		About this League							
#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Win Ratio	LP			
1	 Twyford School	6	5	0	1	19	10	9	83.33%	20			
2	 Amesbury School	8	4	2	2	11	7	4	62.50%	20			
3	 Shrewsbury House School	4	4	0	0	20	2	18	100.00%	16			
4	 Braeburn School	4	4	0	0	18	3	15	100.00%	16			
5	 Cumnor House School for Boys	5	3	2	0	16	3	13	80.00%	16			

Rugby Mouthguards (Year 2 to 8)

With the current Rugby World Cup in full motion what better time to start thinking about your son's rugby mouthguard. Your son will be required to wear a mouthguard for all training and matches during the Rugby season. The Rugby season officially starts in January however there will be pre-season training starting from 27th November. Mouthguards are a MANDATORY for contact sports.

To order an Instant Custom-Fit please follow the steps below:

1. Visit <https://opro.info/CumnorHouseCroydon>
2. Choose the mouthguard you'd like to purchase
3. Enter the discount code at checkout to receive 10% off

4. Your OPRO Instant Custom-Fit will be sent to the delivery address provided
5. Follow the fitting instructions included with the mouthguard
6. Your mouthguard is now ready to use!

Mr Brotherton

Director of Sport

Cross Country



The Year 5 and 6 boys were ran ragged last Friday and this Monday as the two external cross country event fell on consecutive days. The Epsom race was a fantastic event, posing a challenging 3.5km course. It was a highly competitive field, with over 130 runners in each event. The first finisher for Cumnor at Year 5 was Logan, finishing 23rd overall. The first finisher at Year 6 was Tom, who finished 62nd overall. The whole performed admirably, with each boy giving their all, absolutely exhausted by the end of the race.

On Monday afternoon the team went to the Croydon Schools Cross Country. The temperature dropped and the shorter course began to suit our runners. The message was to go out quickly and try your best to hold on and the boys followed it to a tee. Logan and Michael finished 5th and 6th respectively, whilst every member of the Year 6 team improved their place considerably. Oliver and Jotham were the most improved between the two races, clearly learning a lot about how to pace themselves. Most encouragingly though were the conversations had after the races about how much they enjoyed it, and how running is a sport that people can do anytime, anywhere! Onwards and upwards.



Football



Well done to the U10 A side for winning the 5 aside Hawthorn's tournament last weekend. The team went unbeaten throughout the tournament scoring 13 goals and conceding a solitary goal. The boys improved across the morning showing grit, determination and intricate link up play. Well done to Tobi A who was the standout player, demonstrating clinical finishing up front.

Swimming



On Sunday the 8th of October four pupils; Gabriel, Corben, Henry and Archie participated in the Autumn Gold Swimming event hosted by Bromley club at the Crawley K2 Centre. Over the 2 sessions the boys competed in a range of events. After the long arduous day, all 4 boys came out with medals, placing in their age category.

Music

Teatime Concert

On Thursday 12th October, musicians from Years 6, 7 and 8 gathered with their parents for the first ever Teatime Concert. As this was open to all boys who learn an instrument, we had performers ranging from those who are very experienced to those for whom it was their very first solo concert. The concert itself was very informal and gave the boys a chance to perform to their peers and their parents. Thank you to the boys who performed and the parents who attended. With such a wide range of instruments and chosen pieces, it was a very enjoyable way to finish the school day.



Choir news

Little Voices, Junior Voices and Choristers are now all up and running and the boys have lyrics to be learning over the half term holiday. Choir lists will be published on Cognita Connect towards the end of half term.

Decisions about members of Chamber Choir will be made over half term, and parents of those boys selected will receive an email (including those who have been reselected from last year). We have also been invited to provide a small group to take part in the Whitgift Autumn Collective Concert at Fairfield Halls on Wednesday November 29th. As always, I have far too many boys who wish to do this, so I will be sending out availability/permissions in groups until all the spaces are full. The boys selected for this will be learning music in addition to that for our Carol Service and will therefore be required to put in extra work to ensure this is learnt.

Dates for your diary

Year 5 Teatime Concert Thursday 16th November 5.30pm

ABRSM Exams Thursday 30th November All day

Carol Service Wednesday 6th December 7pm (tbc)

Y1/2 Nativity Friday 8th December 2pm

Christmas Informal Concert Tuesday 12th December 4.30pm

Miss Secker

Head of Music

Early Years

Dear Parents

This week has been a fantastic end to our Black History Month. Thank you to all the parents that came in and gave talks to the children, they were all fantastic and the children enjoyed every one of them. Every class has been learning about inspirational people past and present from Alma Thomas to Mona Baptiste the information and facts that the children have been sharing with me has been amazing and fantastic to see them all so enthusiastic about their learning.

We ended the week celebrating Black History with an amazing lunch all wearing our crowns and an exhibition of all the children's work. What a busy 6 weeks it has been to all the children having a half term break, enjoy the rest ready for another busy 6 weeks on your return... (Nativity). To our children at South Croydon I hope you enjoy all the fun activities planned over the next two weeks, I know Mrs Flannery and Miss Clarke have been planning some exciting activities for you all.

Kind regards

Mrs Upfold

Head of Early Years

Big Toddle Walk

Back in June the PTA kindly arranged for the Early Years to take part in the 'Big Toddle Walk' in aid of Barnado's. I am pleased to announce that we raised an excellent total of £973.37! Thank you to all those who donated and gave up their time to help.

Thank you also to everyone that donated to the Purley Food Hub, the children enjoyed the talk from the representative on Friday and enjoyed putting the items into the car to be sent of the to Food Hub. Over the past few weeks Reception have been busy practising a special Autumn poem which they performed in Harvest Assembly.



Lots of little feet can make a massive difference

Dear Cumnor House Nursery,

Thank you so much for taking part in The Big Toddle 2023, we are so grateful for your support and hope you all had a roar-some time!

Well done on raising **£973.37**, which is a wonderful amount and adds to the overall Big Toddle total of a magnificent £184,000 and counting! The money you have raised will help the thousands of children Barnardo's supports every year to feel as brave as a roaring lion, as confident as a cheeky monkey, and as fearless as a great white shark.

Barnardo's believes no child's past, should determine their future, and with a child taken into care or referred to social services every 49 seconds the need for Barnardo's has never been greater! You may be aware that last year, Barnardo's supported more than 350,000 children, young people, parents, and carers through more than 791 services, schools, and partnerships across the UK. Your commitment to the Big Toddle is truly inspiring, and enables us to transform lives, which we simply could not do it without you. Your donation could help to supply healthy eating cookery sessions for young carers, cover the cost of therapy for a young child that has been bullied or provide specialist support to help a child recover from the trauma of abuse.

Enclosed you will find your certificate, which we hope you will display with pride! If you signed up as an individual, we have left the name on the certificate blank, so you can add your little one's name. At Barnardo's, we are very proud of you and your little ones, who have marched, ran, skipped, and jumped their way along their Big Toddle routes, all to support other children. Please don't forget, there are 'thank you for taking part' certificates available to download, (www.barnardos.org.uk/big-toddle-resources) and we do hope the Todd Squad are proud of their achievements.

We really hope you enjoyed Toddling with us this year and would appreciate you taking some time to complete our survey: www.forms.office.com/e/txLTVGBHGN. It will really help us try and make next year even better and we would be overjoyed if you were able to join us again, for The Barnardo's Big Toddle from 10th to 16th June 2024.

With very best wishes,


Janice Gilroy
Big Toddle Manager



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Stars of the Week

South Croydon Pre-School: **Sevyn**

Purley Pre-School: **Aizah**

RA: **Zane**

RL: **Shayn**

RW: **Kur**

Gold Awards

South Croydon Pre-School: **Layla**

Purley Pre- School: **Simran**

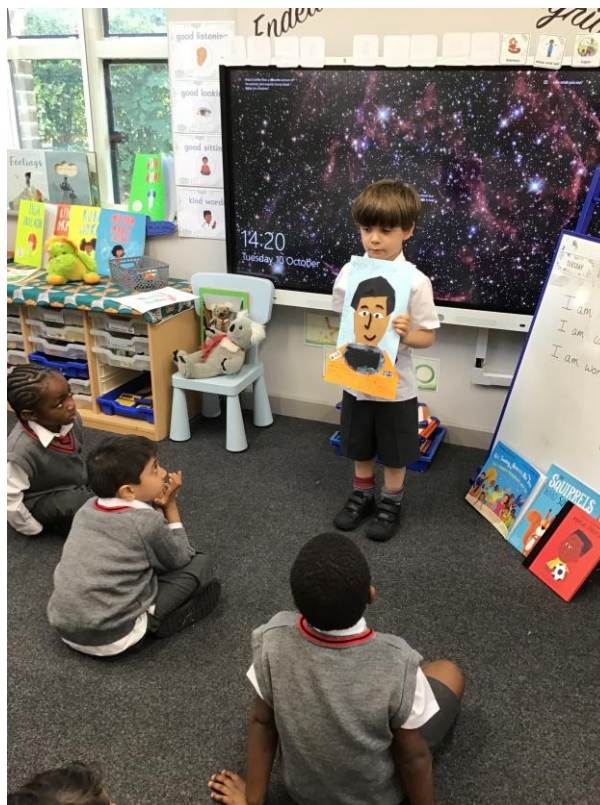
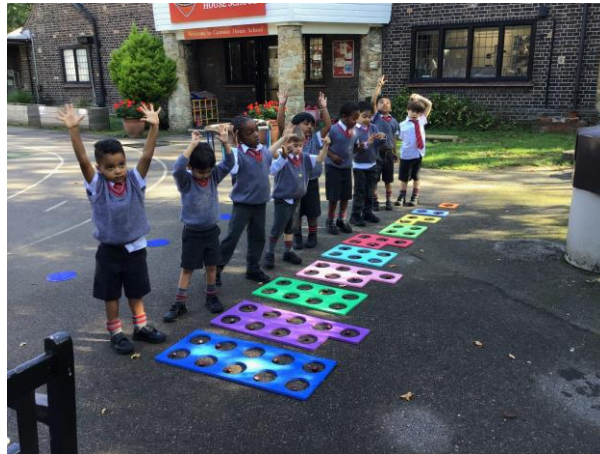
RA: **Ibrihim**

RL: **Joshua**

RW: **Kyle**

Congratulations to all these children.

Reception





Reception have ended this half term with a BANG! Over the past few weeks we have been diving into Black history, looking at the inspirational people from the past and the present, hoping to become an inspirational person in the future. We have focused our learning on Notting Hill Carnival and looking at the different cultures that celebrate diversity in such a vibrant and fun way. We made our very own head dresses and masks fit for carnival out of bright coloured tissue paper, feathers, sequins and glitter! Throughout the month we have also read a variety of stories from Africa and the Caribbean. The children especially loved the story 'We sailed across the sea. The Empire Windrush and me' listening to music by Mona Baptiste. We have been very lucky to have special parent visitors come to talk to us about their own stories and journeys to England and their amazing heritage from all over the world. To celebrate Black history day, we all came together for a fun carnival parade, we performed the Waka Waka Dance and we opened our Black history exhibition with a extra special performance of the song, Something inside so Strong!





Pre-School

Pre-School Purley

Our half term together has been a busy one getting to know each other and exploring many learning opportunities from our Forest School sessions to our inspirational Black History Month Artist Alma

Thomas. We have enjoyed our phonic activities starting to learn our stretchy and bouncy sounds each week. It is wonderful to hear our children counting in Spanish. They love our music sessions with Mrs Secker and join in with great energy. It has been lovely to see their involvement in our role play area being doctors, dentists and enjoying a Caribbean flavour this week. Their interest and engagement based on the Windrush experience table has been a pleasure to observe.

We hope you enjoy our Art Exhibition inspired by Alma Thomas. Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to all the wonderful events and Christmas excitement our next half term brings.





Pre-School South Croydon

This week in Pre-School we have been making our carnival head dresses ready for the exhibition. We used lots of bright and textured materials to make our own creation.

We also learnt about some traditional instruments from the Caribbean. Mrs Drummie brought in her steel pan for the children to play, where they learnt about the history of the steel pan, the only instrument invented in the 20th century! We watched a steel pan band plan and listened to the different sounds.

Mrs Martin brought in some of her traditional African dress. She showed use the flag from her country and spoke about some of the food they eat. We all were amazed by the different patterns of the African fabric.





Kindergarten
Kindergarten Purley

This week we have been learning about all the animals that we find in Africa. The children have worked very hard with Miss Kaz to paint 2 Africa's, they have then talked about the different animals you can find in Africa that we do not have in England. They have also decorated their own individual Africa's using red, yellow, green and red pens. We have all been very impressed with the children's knowledge by being able to correctly identify some of the animals just from their shadows!

All of us, teachers included, have been working very hard over the last 2 weeks to learn the 'Waka, waka' dance ready for today's Black History celebrations, the exhibition and all the children's work looks truly amazing. We hope you enjoyed it.







Kindergarten South Croydon

This week we have been focusing on Black History Month and Autumn. We have been designing a life size dress with African patterns and have done some food tasting that Mrs Martin organised. Mrs Martin and Miss Frank brought in some traditional African clothing and showed the children how to wear them. Miss Frank showed the children some African art work and a basket that's used for eating food.

We have made collages with leaves that we collected on our Autumn walk and enjoyed using the leaves, sticks and conkers in the tuff tray to make a 'soup'. T



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.