



CHS Boys' School & Nursery



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th November

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 13th November, Odd Socks Day (click [here](#) to view details)

Tuesday 21st November 3:30pm, Reception and Pre-School Phonics Workshop

BOYS' SCHOOL

Monday 13th-Friday 17th November, Anti-bullying Week (click [here](#) to view details)

Thursday 16th November 5:30pm, Year 5 Teatime Music Concert

Thursday 30th November, ABRSM Exams

A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

This week has been one of **reflection** which culminated in coming together as a school for our **Remembrance Assembly** on Friday. Whilst commemorating those who so bravely fought in WW1 and WW2 it is also important to recognise all those who have fought in the many conflicts since. The current conflicts around the World deserve our prayers for all those who are suffering.

Cumnor Boys' and Cumnor Girls' attend the local Remembrance Service every year on Woodcote Green. Our Deputy Head Girls and Boys and Head Girl and Boy will be in attendance. As a family of schools it is always important to support and be a part of the community.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

A Focus on History...



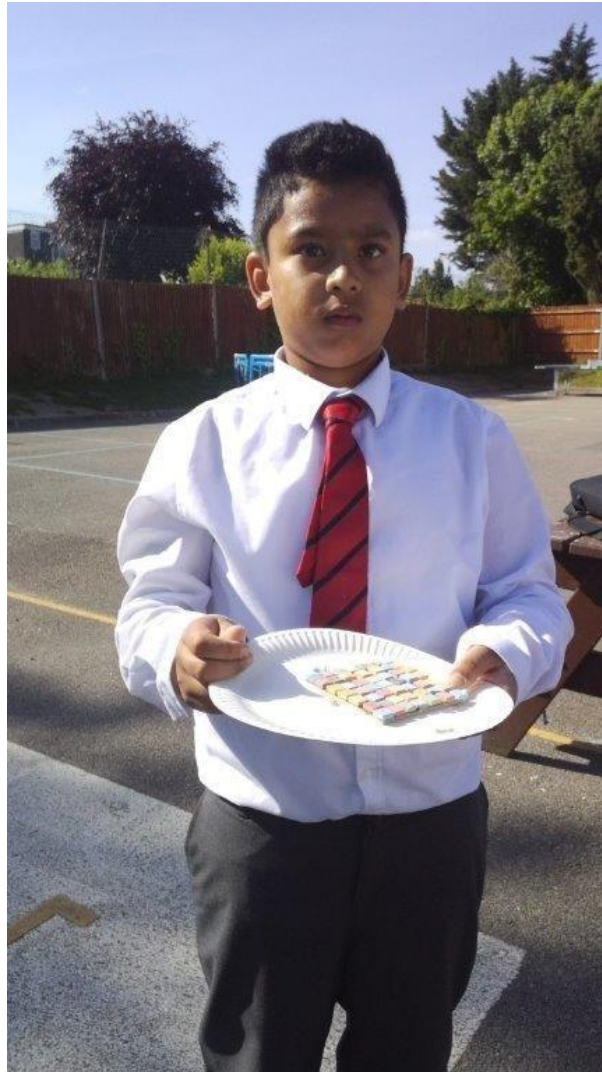




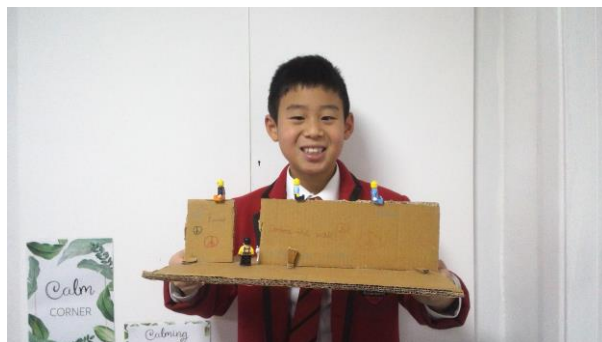








Last half term **Year 5** studied **Peacemakers in History**. They looked at complex situations from which people emerged as Nobel Peace Prize winners. One such situation was the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. This subject threw up many questions and allowed the boys to gain a better understanding of how Europe has been shaped within living memory. This topic was a huge success with many boys choosing to base their half term project work around it. This has led to some fantastic models, drawing and written work. Here are some pictures of models created by **Henry** and **Corban** in **5F**. They have even included graffiti on the 'wall' that gives deeper historical meaning. I am sure you will agree that they have shown excellent understanding and a wonderful degree of effort.











1S - Rowen



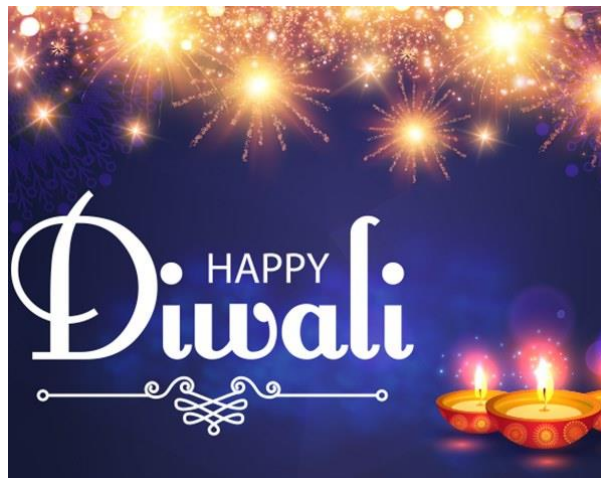
Finally, may I wish a happy Diwali to you all.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School



Many of you may have recognised one of our very own pupils on BBC2 on Sunday at the **Charlton vs Cray Valley FA cup match**.

Noah was a mascot and was also cheering on his uncle who plays for Cray Valley. He loves football and wants to be a footballer when he is older just like his uncle.

The score was 1-1 and a rematch will take place on 15th November on BBC2 at 7.45pm. **Good luck to Cray Valley and Noah's uncle.**





Save the Date - Merry Market!



Music

Ensembles Update

The percussion group had a large number of boys from years 3 and 4 who tried out for it, so I have selected some from each class for this half term only. If any fail to turn up, or do not wish to continue, they will be replaced by someone else on the list. In the Spring term, 2 more groups will be selected (one each half term), so that all boys get to have a longer trial of 4 or 5 weeks. Some from each of these will be selected for the Summer term, and this group will work towards performing in the Summer Showcase Concert.

Some ensembles will be taking part in a Christmas Informal Concert on Tuesday 14th December at 4.30pm. Currently this includes String Orchestra, Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Jazz Band and Year 5 Bell Band. This should be a lovely way to finish the musical term!

Class Lessons – Year 7

Over the course of the year, we will be trying to share with you some of the things we get up to in our class music lessons. This half term Year 7 are exploring 'Sonority City', learning about, and trying out some of the instruments that you find in an orchestra. Today we were exploring the String Family, and the boys were able to have a go on the violin, cello and double bass. In addition, we were extremely fortunate that Mr Walpot brought his harp into school and all the boys were able to have a go – it turned out to be a lot harder than many of them thought!





Future Dates – a reminder

Thursday 16th November – 5.30pm – Year 5 Teatime Concert

Monday 20th November – rehearsals for ABRSM exams with Miss Brown (accompanist)

Wednesday 29th November – Whitgift Autumn Concert (selected Choristers)

Thursday 30th November – ABRSM exams

Miss Secker

Head of Music

Swimming

Well done to all of the boys who competed in the gala against James Allen Girls School on Wednesday. JAGS are a very strong swimming school and for the past 3 years us and JAGS have finished first and second in the London League area final.

It was a very tough format for a gala with 3 swimmers from each school in every event, and with each boy only being able to compete on one stroke, we had 12 boys swimming individual races in each year group.

All the boys swam exceptionally well, and we put in a very dominant performance, winning the gala very convincingly. Our strength in depth really shone through and it was great to see that our second and third swimmers were much stronger than our opposition. This was also very evident in the relay events.

The final score was:

1st Cumnor 798 points

2nd JAGS 676 points

Keep up the great work!

Mr Fitzgerald

Head of Swimming

Football



U8A Football Team win the CHS Football Tournament

After having the opportunity to lift the Premier League Trophy before the tournament, the boys managed to lift their very own trophy by winning the U8 Cumnor House School Tournament. It was very tight between all 6 schools on the day and Cumnor came out on top by only 1 point. Well done to all boys for their hard work in lessons this year and it great to see the boys play as a team and put into practice what they have learnt.

U9C Football team remain unbeaten!

After 6 football fixtures this term, the U9C team have remained unbeaten with 3 wins and 3 draws. In doing so, they are the only school side to remain unbeaten this year. Well done to all pupils that have represented the U9C team this term.

Mr Brotherton

Director of Sport

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Early Years



Stars of the Week

Pre-School South Croydon: **Leo**

Pre-School Purley: **Lyla**

RA: **Andrei**

RL: **Petra**

RW: **Viraaj**

Gold Awards

Pre-School South Croydon: **Sienna**

Pre- School Purley: **Cadence**

RA: **Asher**

RL: **James**

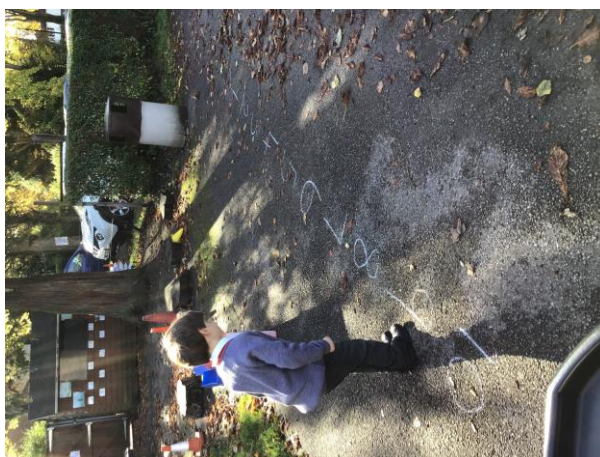
RW: **Kur**

Congratulations to all these children.

Reception



This week Reception have been very busy learning about two Celebrations; **Diwali** and **Remembrance Day**!







For Diwali we looked at the story 'Binny's Diwali' which explores all the different ways in which Hindu's and Sikh's celebrate. We designed henna patterns, used Numicon pieces to make a Rangoli pattern and then worked together as a class to create our own by using bold, bright coloured tissue paper and shapes!

For Remembrance Day, we looked at the fallen soldiers from the past that helped shape our lives today. We also thought about the animals that were also impacted by the Wars from the past. During Art this week, we created our own poppy flowers, which we then took to our local monument on Friday to pay our respects.

This week in maths we have been using our knowledge of numbers to 10 to support us on counting back. We noticed that the numbers started 'big' and have ended 'smaller' the closer we got to 0!

We have also started our Nativity rehearsals, so please continue to support your child with their Nativity lines at home, thank you!







Pre-School

Pre-School Purley

Our week has been a week to say thank you and remember those who helped us in the past and are helping us in the present by making different poppies together. We enjoyed watching the beautiful Cbeebies poppy animation. We enjoyed eating our poppy biscuit. Ava's poppy story was so joyful and a beautiful ending which our children responded to with great joy

We are starting our Diwali celebrations; we are looking forward to sharing any videos or photos from the coming weekend.



Pre-School South Croydon

This week in Pre-School we have been celebrating Diwali, we have watched a video of how some people prepare for Diwali, with beautiful paintings and golden marigolds. We have also made our own pretty Diwali lamps using glitters and sequins to make them beautiful. On our tuff tray there has been a lovely Rangoli pattern than we have been developing our fine motor by moving the buttons onto the patterns.





Kindergarten

Kindergarten South Croydon

In Kindergarten the Children have been learning about Diwali, They watched a clip on the celebration of Diwali and have also been dancing along to traditional music. We have explored different rangoli patterns and using brightly coloured rice we have decorated these patterns. Using Clay the children created their own candle holder and decorated them with beautiful brightly coloured paint.

We also learnt about 'Remembrance day' and the children created some beautiful poppies to take home. Have a lovely weekend, Happy Diwali.



Kindergarten Purley

This week we have been learning all about Diwali, the festival of light and a way to celebrate good over evil. Mrs Barry has very kindly brought in lots of beautiful outfits to show the children and decorate the classroom. She has told us all about the festival and how Ravana tricked Sita into going far away with him and how by lighting their Diyas they help Sita and Rama find their way home. All the children made their own Diyas cards and some decorated Rangoli patterns.



At the end of the week we marked Remembrance Day by making poppies, using red, purple, black and white tissue paper to represent the different poppies that people wear, as a way of remembering all the men, women and animals that gave their lives to help keep us safe.

The children were amazing when we conducted our 2 minutes silence on Friday at 11am.







