



Cumnor House
School for Girls

Girls' Newsletter - 10th November 2023

Key Dates.....

November	Monday	13	Anti-Bullying Week	Odd Socks Day
	Tuesday	14	2pm Year 3&4 Netball V Aberdour (A)	
	Wednesday	15	2pm Year 5&6 Netball V Aberdour (A)	
	Thursday	16	1.30pm Year 4 Netball Tournament @Aberdour	
	Friday	17		
	Saturday	18		
	Sunday	19		
	Monday	20	Ancient Greek Day – Year 4	
	Tuesday	21	2pm Year 3&4 Netball V Hawthorns (A)	Y5/6 Soloists Concert @ 2.15pm
	Wednesday	22	2pm Year 5&6 Netball V Hawthorns (A)	
December	Thursday	23	3.30pm Whiffy Relay Gala U8-U11	
	Friday	24	Victorian Day – Year 5	
	Saturday	25	Years 3-6 Cross Country League @ Woodcote High School	
	Sunday	26		
	Monday	27		
	Tuesday	28	1.30pm Year 3&4 Inter House Netball	
	Wednesday	29	1.30pm Year 5&6 Inter House Netball	
	Thursday	30	Look at Learning 8am – 8.30am	Yr 2 to 6 Swimming Gala @ Sutton High
	Friday	1	Year 4-6 ISA National Swimming Finals	
	Saturday	2		
	Sunday	3		
	Monday	4	Reception trip to Xmas Unwrapped	
	Tuesday	5	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal (To School)	Yr 1+2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (To School)
	Wednesday	6	8.30am Reception Nativity Performance to Parents	2pm Yr 1+2 Nativity Performance to Parents
	Thursday	7		
	Friday	8	Extra Curricula Clubs/Activities Finish	Christmas Lunch/parties
	Saturday	9		
	Sunday	10		
	Monday	11		
	Tuesday	12	6pm Carol Service	
	Wednesday	13	School Finishes:- 11.45am Reception – Year 2 12pm Years 3-6	

Important Info/Reminders.....

Odd Socks Day - Monday 13th November 2023

A reminder that on Monday 13th November it is 'Odd Sock Day' and we encourage your daughter to wear odd socks with their school uniform to celebrate how we are all different and unique.

Club/Squad Cancellations - REMINDER

Further to the Notice that was sent earlier today, this is a reminder that the following **squad** will not be taking place next week:

Tuesday 14th November: Year 5 & 6 Swim Squad

Please ensure you collect your daughter at the normal time or alternatively After School Care is available to book via Cognita Connect. Any girls that are not collected on time will be taken to ASC for which there will be a charge.

Instrument Hire

If your daughter hires a musical instrument from school, please would you go into your offers on Cognita Connect and pay for the term's hire.

Forms/Documents

If you have had a letter from the office asking for forms/documents to be returned, please send them as soon as possible to the School Office.

A Message from Mrs McShane

Dear Parents/Carers,

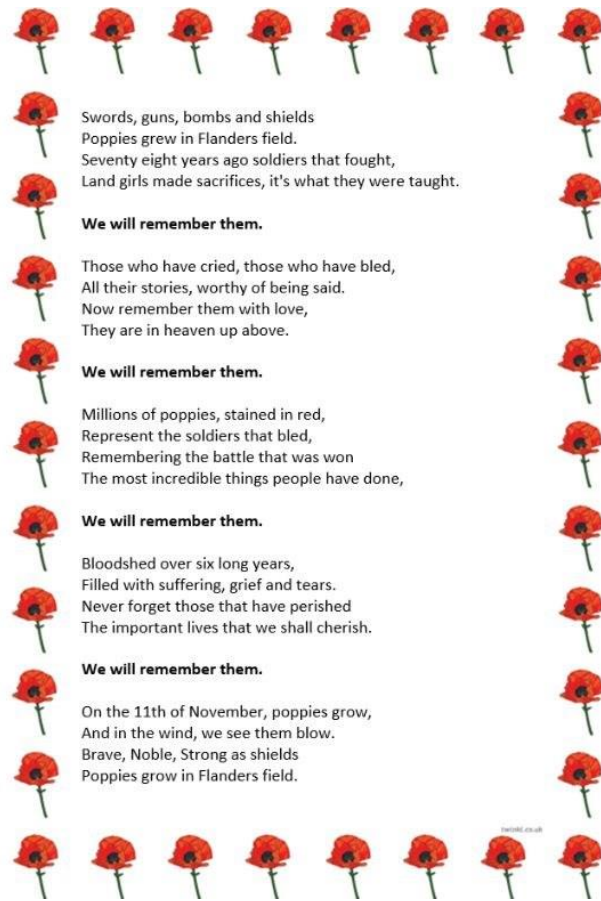
Another busy week this week with various trips out, Year 2 had a fabulous time painting sunflowers with the elderly residents of Wilhelmina House and we were really impressed by the way the girls effortlessly chatted and drew the residents into conversation. It was a genuinely happy time. Year 6 braved the weather – and traffic – and set off to London to the Cabinet War Rooms where they learned about what was the underground nerve centre where the British government directed the Second World War; the girls' learning was really put into context. Year 5 visited the Docklands Museum where the girls looked at artefacts from the Victorian period and they had the opportunity to learn about trade, travel, and life in London during the Victorian era. The girls from every year group were commended on their manners and impeccable behaviour.

On Friday, we walked up to Woodcote Green to have our own remembrance assembly and 2 minutes silence. We talked about the different flowers that people may wear rather than the traditional red poppy and some of these are reflected in the wreath that we laid. Year Six wrote a poem for the occasion and shared it after our two minutes' silence. I am always so impressed by how the girls walk up and demonstrate such respect at this occasion.









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Some of our Year 1 and 2 girls went confidently off to the Croydon Schools Cross Country event at Lloyd Park on Thursday. There were over 200 runners from a wide variety of schools. Sienna from Year 6 also attended and was the “hare” for all four of the races – which she took in her stride and served to inspire the other competitors. All of our girls did well but Marta and Evie took silver in their races - A huge well done to them. Thank you to Mrs Harvie for taking the girls and giving some of our younger sportswomen this fabulous opportunity.

Also, on Thursday Year 3 girls took part in a tournament held at Aberdour School. They won 5 of their 7 matches and came in third place overall, all proud of their bronze medals. Well done, girls, and thank you to Mr O-B for taking the girls and helping them to develop their netball skills.

This Sunday the Remembrance service will be held at the memorial on Woodcote Green again and I would suggest people arrive for 10.30/40. The service usually begins at around 10.45 before the silence at 11.00 following which the wreaths will be laid. If you are able to attend, please ensure that your daughter wears her school uniform.

There are beginning to be sounds of Christmas carols being rehearsed and all the girls from Years 3 to 6 must be learning their words over the coming weeks please. Reception, Year 1 and 2 girls will be working on their Christmas plays and we ask that you support them in learning their lines. Their plays are the week beginning 4th December. The Carol Service will take place on 12th December, the girls in Years 3 to 6 must arrive at St Mark's Church Purley, in their school uniform at 5.30pm. The carol service will last for approximately one hour all pupils in Years 3 to 6 should attend and parents are expected to stay. Children and parents in Reception to Year 2 do not need to attend but are, of course, welcome should they wish to. School will finish slightly earlier, at 3.30pm, for Prep on that day to give pupils time to get home, have their tea, change into smart uniform and get to the church for 5.30pm. There will be no after school care for Prep girls, however it will run as normal for Pre-prep girls.

We will soon be inviting parents in for A Look at Learning (between 8am – 8:30am) on the 30th November, this is a time for the girls to share their learning with you. We have put this at the start of the day to help working families, you do not need to be with your daughter for the whole 30 minutes. This event will take place in classrooms.

A reminder that all girls should have a Cumnor House School coat, and the correct pinafore (Reception to Year 2) both from Perrys. I do appreciate however, that some uniform orders may not yet have arrived.

“The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them.”

Czeslaw Milosz

This week at the Girls' School.....

Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed learning more about the festival 'Diwali'. They learnt about how and why it is celebrated and enjoyed listening to the story of 'Rama and Sita'. We then spent time looking at different Rangoli patterns, comparing shapes and bright colours. In teams, the girls used natural objects to create their own Rangoli patterns. They all worked well together collecting different objects and didn't let a 'little spot of rain' deter them from completing them! What beautiful Rangoli patterns- well done Year 1!











Year 2

On Tuesday, Year 2 went for a visit to Wilhelmina House. The girls thought it would be a nice idea to paint with the residents so they sketched some sunflower pictures beforehand and organised the paint and brushes needed to take with us. Miss Maple, Mrs King and Mrs Shaw were beyond proud of how the girls conducted themselves. They showed such kindness and compassion to the residents and asked

many questions, listening and waiting patiently for an answer. These links with the wider community are so valuable. They were a great example of how we should treat everyone we meet!

The class also kindly donated items to create a lovely Christmas hamper for their new friends at Wilhelmina House.





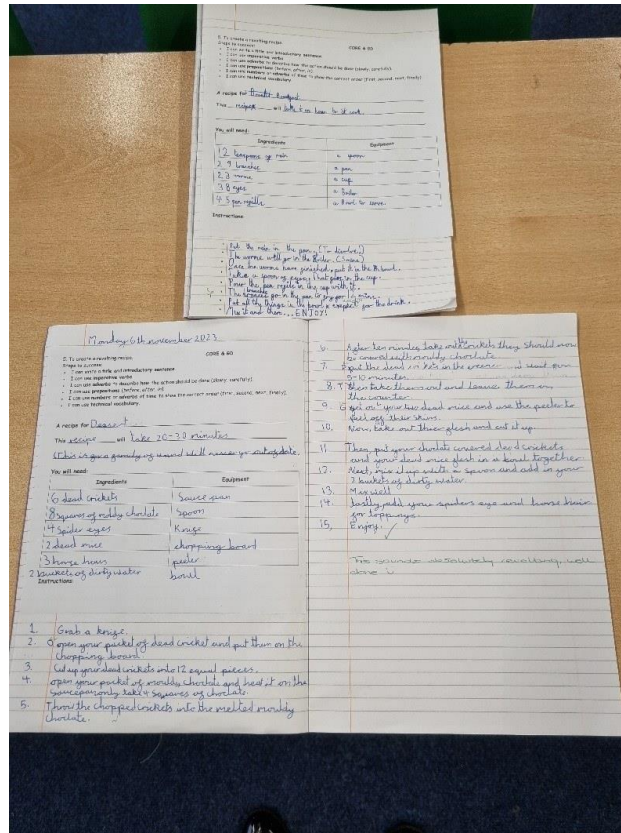






Year 3

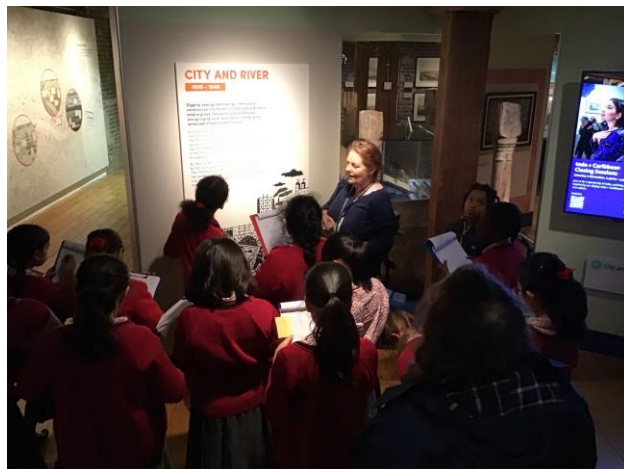
In Year 3, the children have been reading *The BFG* by Roald Dahl and this week we focused on using imperative verbs and time connectives to create an imaginative recipe for the human eating giants to eat.



Year 5 Trip

On Thursday Year 5 visited the Museum of Docklands and we learnt about how the docks were developed during Victorian times. The girls visited Sailor Town and tried on some Victorian costumes in the Victorian house. They also learnt about the "Great Stink" and the Tooley Street fire. At the end we

watched a film about Docklands at War and heard about Black Saturday. The girls got to go in an Anderson Shelter too which was a prelude to their topic on WW2. The workshop which involved finding out about and handling Victorian artefacts was really interesting and the girls enjoyed hearing about the bed warmer and chamber pot. The girls handled all the different modes of transport really maturely and for some it was their first time on the Elizabeth Line!

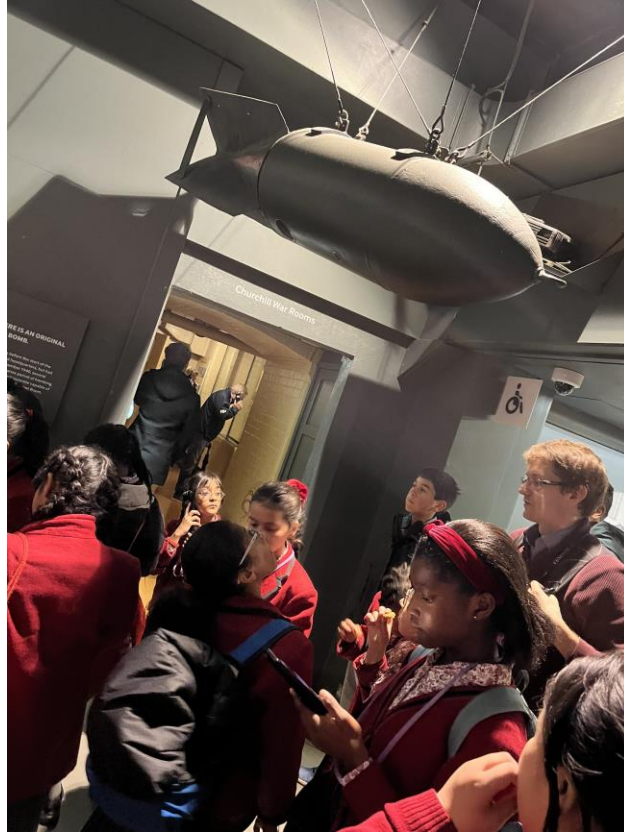




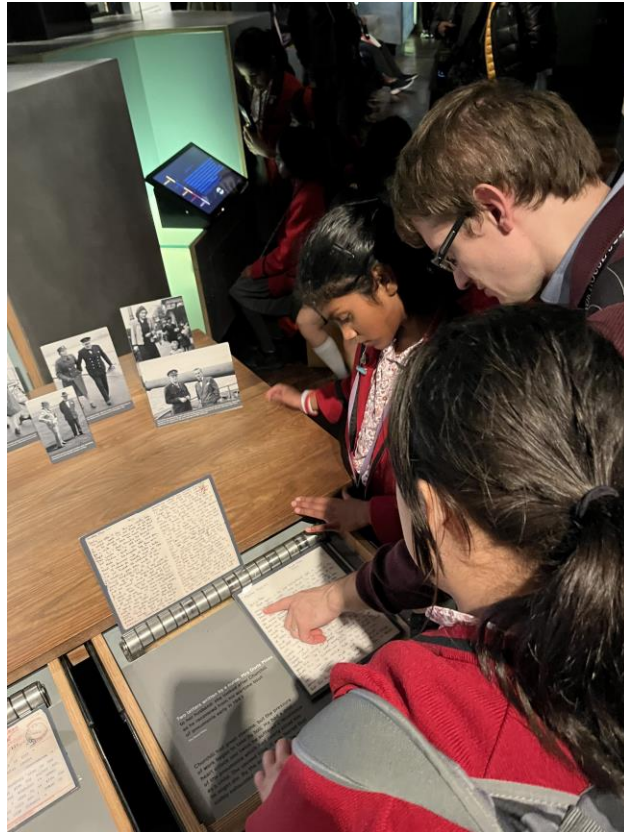


Year 6 Trip

On Wednesday Year 6 went into London to visit the Cabinet War Rooms. The girls explored the underground tunnels, the headquarters of Winston Churchill's war cabinet. Using audio guides we learnt all about the extraordinary courage and incredible hard work of the government in achieving victory in WW2. They particularly enjoyed the Winston Churchill museum, finding out about the extraordinary life of our wartime prime minister. On the way home we visited the Cenotaph and Women of WW2 memorials to inspire us before remembrance day later this week. On the trip, members of the public (including a retired teacher) thanked the girls for their exemplary behaviour.

















Sports News.....

Year 1 & 2 Croydon Schools Cross Country

On Thursday 9th November, 4 girls in Year 1 and 4 girls in Year 2 took part in their first Croydon Schools Cross Country fixture at Lloyd park. It was a very cold and muddy course from the start. Zaya took a very

early tumble in the course but showed pure determination and resilience and finished the race. All the girls were fantastic! A huge congratulations to Marta in Year 1 and Evangeline in Year 2 on their silver medals!

A special mention to Sienna in Year 6, who was the Hare for all the runners. She was a true ambassador for Cumnor House and a fantastic role model for all the participants. Well done, Sienna!



Spotlight on Digital Safety.....



Cyberbullying

As next week is Anti-bullying week, it is a good time to remind parents that bullying can occur online as well as face to face and this is called Cyberbullying.

The Anti-bullying ambassadors will be leading an assembly for the pupils next week to remind them what bullying is and what they can do about it.

Here is a useful guide for parents to help understand what Cyberbullying is and how we can work together at home and school to ensure it is stopped.

If you are ever concerned your child is being bullied, please speak to us.



Restless Development - Schools Triathlon 2024

On Monday, the girls had an assembly from the charity Restless Development. They run a fun and friendly Triathlon once a year to raise money to educate and train young people around the world to support themselves and their community. Last year participants from our community raised £2,526.56. The Triathlon is to be held at Royall Russell School on Sunday 19th May. Girls from Years 3-6 are invited to make teams of four participants to enter the event. More details can be found in the Restless Development leaflet below. The closing date for team submissions, which are to be sent straight to Restless Development, is 24th November 2023. More information regarding the charity can be found at <https://restlessdevelopment.org/what-we-do/>



CUMNOR HOUSE GIRLS IS INVITED TO THE SCHOOLS TRIATHLON 2024
We were very pleased to come into assembly this week and speak to Cumnor House Girls pupils about the Schools Triathlon, and would love them to be a part of this special event.

The Schools Triathlon is the largest sports fundraising event for children in the UK. Since 2015, more than 25,000 children have raised over £3.4m for Restless Development and 100s of different charities chosen by participating schools. As part of a team, children of all abilities are invited to take on the challenge of swimming, running and cycling to raise money for charity.

When? Sunday 19th May 2024

What is involved in The Schools Triathlon?
Teams of 4 complete the course as a relay. Each team member will swim 50m, cycle 1km, run 750m. The event is split by Year Group: Years 3 and 4 will participate together, as will Years 5 and 6.

Who is invited?
Anyone in Years 3 - 6 can enter. All abilities are invited to participate!

How Can My Child Enter?

- Create a team of four children
- Choose a team name (the more creative the better!)
- Elect one parent from the team to enter the whole team into the ballot (you will need all participant names and their parent/guardian's email)
- You will receive an email to confirm you have entered your team into the ballot (NB: if you do not receive an email your entry has not gone through)
- If you are successful in the ballot, each participant's parent/guardian will then be emailed directly to complete their child's registration
- The team's place is only secured when all members have completed registration

Hoodies are available to preorder during registration, or can be purchased on the day of the event

Important Information
Your school's deadline for entering the ballot is Friday 24th November.
Due to the high demand for places and limited capacity at the venue, each participating school is limited to a set number of teams.
We aim to notify teams within 3 weeks of your school's deadline.

Restless Development
Through education and training Restless Development develops young people's skills so they can support themselves and their community. We support young people all over the world to use their youth power to lead change and tackle challenges they face such as lack of education, unemployment and climate change.

Fundraising
Each participant must fundraise a minimum of £50, with a target of £100. This can be done through JustGiving. The first £50 raised by each child will go to Restless Development as the organising charity. The second £50 raised will go to your school's chosen charity. Anything raised over £100 will go to Restless Development.

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Please check out our FAQs, or email us on schoolstriathlon@restlessdevelopment.org @schoolstriathlon