



Girls' Newsletter - 17th November 2023

Key Dates.....

November	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)	
	Thursday	23	3.30pm Whitgift 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
December	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	

A Message from Mrs McShane

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week in the Cumnor Household! It was anti-bullying week, and this began with the girls arriving at school resplendent in their odd socks. Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! We have had an assembly led by the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABAs) and the older ABAs who received external training have now imparted their knowledge to the younger ABAs. Click here to see the official Odd Socks Day video which you may wish to watch with your daughter to promote further discussion.

https://youtu.be/6UU_jOiway0

We had some lovely celebrations of Diwali, we have been delighted to welcome Vasuda's mum and Avika's mum to talk to the girls in Year 2 and Reception about Diwali and their celebrations; Iva performed a beautiful dance in the assembly (please find the video below); and I was thrilled to be given a Rangoli by Pari to place on my door to welcome people into my office.



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Year 6 girls are working hard in preparation for their forthcoming examinations for senior schools, this is often an anxious time for the girls, but every day they come into school smiling and ready for the day's challenges. Some of the girls have already had interviews and come back to school beaming, confident that they have portrayed themselves well. These girls are such good role models, a positive outlook is so important, when you have a positive attitude, you'll benefit from motivation which will help you accomplish things and reach your goals. The problems then can turn into opportunities which allow you to grow and learn and it will in turn lead to an increased self-esteem because you'll begin believing in yourself and you'll realize that you are capable of achieving great things. I know that our girls can, and will, achieve great things.

Next week Year 4 will be having their Ancient Greek Day on Monday and Year 5 will be experiencing life as Victorian school children on Friday. The girls thoroughly enjoy these immersive theme days. We are also looking forward to the Year 5 and 6 demonstrate their musical prowess in their concert on Tuesday.

I couldn't choose just one quote this week so here are two to think on.

"We explain when someone is cruel or acts like a bully, you do not stoop to their level. Our motto is when they go low, you go high." — Michelle Obama

"The meanest people are the weakest people, for they do not even have the strength to believe in goodness. Do not let this be your life's curse." — Sean Patrick Brennan

Wishing you a splendid weekend – hopefully the sun will shine!

Cognita Connect Issues.....

As you are probably aware we are currently experiencing some issues with Cognita Connect whereby many parents are unable to log into the app. The relevant team is looking into this but in the interim, if you need to book Before School Care (BSC) or After School Care (ASC), please email admin.purley@cumnorhouse.com and we will manually add your daughter to the registers and payment can be sorted out after the issues have been resolved. The cut-off times will still be applicable so please ensure you notify us by these times to avoid paying any late charges.

BSC - by 7am on attendance day

ASC - by 2pm on attendance day

Any important information required to reach parents the class reps will share via the class WhatsApp groups.

Please note that if you have a child on a different site you will need to inform that site that you are unable to access the app so that you do not miss out on any important information for your child.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and are hopeful for a resolution early next week.

Important Info/Reminders.....

Year 4 Ancient Greek Day - Monday 20th November

This is a reminder that on Monday 20th November Year 4 are taking part in an Ancient Greek Day in school. Please click on the link below to view the letter that was sent as a 'Notice' on Cognita Connect earlier this week.

[Year 4 Greek Day](#)

Year 5 & 6 Soloists Concert - Tuesday 21st November 2023

This is a reminder that on Tuesday 21st November it is the Year 5 & 6 Soloists Concert. Please click on the link below to view the letter that was sent as a 'Notice' on Cognita Connect on 7th November.

[Year 5 & 6 Soloists Concert Letter](#)

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 21st 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.

If you are still experiencing problems logging into the Cognita Connect app please email the office to book your daughter into ASC.

Year 5 Victorian Day - Friday 24th November

This is a reminder that on Friday 24th November Year 5 are having a Victorian Day in school. Details for this event are as follows:

The girls will be taking part in some Victorian lessons and other lessons will have a Victorian theme. Slates, pencils, and the Dunce Cap will all be provided. At playtime, the girls will have a chance to play Victorian playground games with hoops and skipping ropes.

Pinafore dresses will also be provided which the girls will wear over their school blouses so please do not provide alternative costumes.

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. Some of these are now very overdue.

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

Anti-bullying Week

We have been excited to celebrate anti-bullying week with a series of activities planned by our anti-bullying ambassadors.

On **Monday**, the ABAs led an assembly written by them and the girls marched out of assembly chanting their anti-bullying messages and wearing their odd socks. [Anti-bullying Assembly 2023](#)

On **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**, the girls composed poems and raps to make a noise about bullying and these were performed to their class and some were shown to the school in assembly on Friday.

On **Thursday**, the girls thought about their superpower to end bullying. Posy said, "My superpower would be to fly and I would be able to see bullying and fly down and stop it."

On **Friday**, we made crowns with our pledge to stop bullying and wore them to assembly to tell everyone how we were helping to ensure our school is an anti-bullying school.

Lastly on Friday afternoon the Y5 and 6 ABAs used their training from the summer term to train the younger girls how to be a great ABA. The focus was on making a noise about bullying and empowering our girls to stand up for themselves and challenge unkind behaviour.

A huge well done to the ABAs for leading the week and sharing the positive message that we do not condone bullying in our school.









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6 - Year 6



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7 - Year 6

Reception - 'People who help us'

Last week Reception were very kindly visited by Avika's Mummy who told us all about Diwali and the celebrations the family take part in at home. She told us the story of Rama and Sita and presented us all with a diya lamp to take home.



Reception were also lucky enough to be visited by DI Dormer who explained how the police help people. The girls were able to try on some of her uniform and had their fingerprints taken. Emily was handcuffed and 'arrested'! A big thank you to DI Dormer!







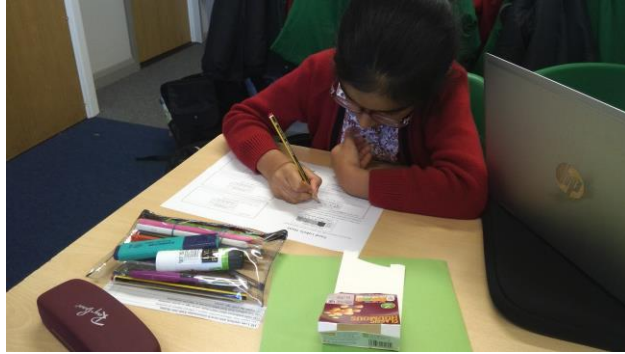




Year 3 - Science

Over the past few weeks, Year 3 have been learning about what makes a healthy diet. Today, they used old food packaging and supermarket websites to learn about the traffic light system. They learnt what the different colours mean and how much fats, sugar and salts are in the food we eat everyday!





Year 5

The girls in Year 5 took part in a mock Parliamentary debate. We were looking at Lord Ashley and how as a Social Reformer he campaigned for the rights of children working in mines and factories during the Victorian Era. Lord Ashley was instrumental in improving the lives of working children by making sure laws were passed in Parliament that prevented children working in mines and ensuring that only children over the age of 13 were allowed to work in factories. During the debate they acted as Lord Ashley and also as other Members of Parliament. A Speaker was needed to keep order!



Spotlight on Digital Safety.....



Cyberbullying

In Digital Leaders Club this week the girls created their very own video on Cyberbullying.



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Cumnor House Admissions.....

Are you looking for a Kindergarten or Preschool place for your son or daughter? Please join us at our Open Mornings from 9-11am next Thursday 23rd at our South Croydon Nursery and Friday 24th at Purley Nursery. We have places available for an immediate start and beyond in 2024/2025. Don't miss out! Please secure your appointment via our website www.cumnorhouse.com or call our friendly Admissions team on 0208 660 3445.



Cumnor House School

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective families for an opportunity to see what Cumnor House Nurseries and Preschools have to offer



JOIN US AT OUR NOVEMBER NURSERY OPEN MORNINGS

South Croydon Nursery - Thursday 23rd
Purley Nursery - Friday 24th

