



CHS Boys' & Nursery Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

## 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

**Friday 2nd February 9:00am**, RA Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)

**Friday 2nd February** NSPCC Numbers Day

**Friday 9th February**, Lunar New Year Celebrations (details will follow soon)

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### BOYS' SCHOOL

**Friday 2nd February** NSPCC Numbers Day

**Tuesday 6th February**, Safer Internet Day

**Tuesday 6th February 5:30pm**, Year 4 Teatime Concert

**Wednesday 7th February 10:00am**, 6B Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)

**Thursday 8th February 5:30pm**, Year 2-3 Teatime Concert

**Friday 9th February**, Lunar New Year Celebrations (details will follow soon)

A reminder details of all sports fixtures are available on the [CHS Sports Website](#)

## A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

We have had a very busy **Eco Week** which ended with our **Go Green** day today where the boys arrived at school wearing something green and worked in their classes on their chosen initiatives.

We started the week with an **assembly on Sustainability**. I discussed with the boys lots of small things that we can do to make a real difference and they have been busy this week telling their teachers what we can all do. **3K** have been turning the lights and screen off when they are not in the classroom and have been busy making birdfeeders. **6T** are powering down, going paperless and looking into environmental research. **3G** are re using plastic containers to collect rain water to water the garden. **3O** are re using materials to create wildlife feeders and **5F** are collecting waste paper from the photocopier room to use in class. These are just some of the initiatives that have been happening this week and we will continue many of them.

I have been so impressed with how actively involved all the children have been and how enthusiastic they are about all the initiatives. It has been a great week and our **Sustainability Team and Eco Warriors have led the way brilliantly**. Well done!

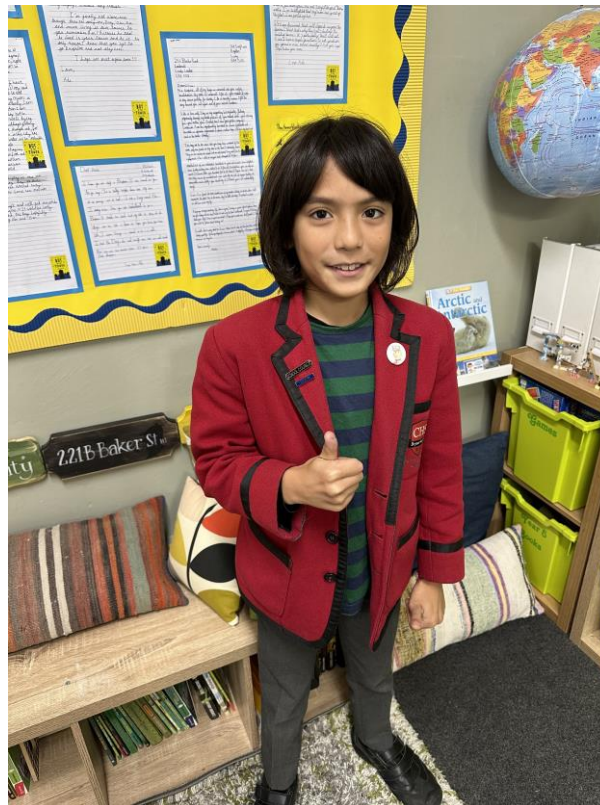
### Tip 1 - Thermostats

Turn your thermostat down. Reducing your room temperature by 1°C could cut your heating bills by up to 10 percent. You could save around £40 per year.





A fantastic achievement to share with you all is that our very talented young musician and **winner of last year's House Music Competition, Francis**, will be joining the **National Children's Orchestras**. It is a proud moment when our pupils get the recognition they deserve. **Huge congratulations to Francis**, this is thoroughly well deserved and we look forward to hearing of your upcoming performances.



More success in and out of school to report with **Tiago in 3K** who not only came to share his news that he has been awarded a **trophy from Swim to Win for most improved swimmer** but that he has spent some time with his **little brother** sewing together to create this fantastic little lion. Well done, Tiago!

**Aaron S in 5I** wrote a fantastic monologue and when I read it I was absolutely amazed at the content, style and technique. **Well done, Aaron you should be very proud**. You can read Aaron's work below.





### *Briar Rose Monologue*

*As usual, I was immersed in my thoughts and dreams, when I thought I heard a door slam beside me. A subtle patter of footsteps trotted towards me, and the softest cushion gracefully skimmed my lips. Like a bolt of lightning, I jolted into an upright position. An angelic figure sent down by the Lord himself, stood tall in front of me.*

*How did this stranger infiltrate the castle so stealthily that not even the guards have taken notice? As if an apparition had travelled so seamlessly through the fortified walls. His very presence beamed off a radiant, golden glow; how could anyone had missed this? Around his gilded belt, a gleaming cutlass inhabited a pristine, leather scabbard off which the sunlight reflected onto my forehead. After taking a breath to absorb my surroundings, I wasn't sure what to expect next.*

*A few moments later, but what felt an eternity in the clouds of confusion, the handsome prince began regaling his tale. However, the more he explained, the less sense it seemed to make; the more questions began running through my head. How could I possibly have fallen into a deep slumber*

*lasting for one hundred years, and yet remember my fifteenth birthday celebrations as if it were yesterday? Alas, what of Mother and Father? Where are they? Are they alive?*

*Then, to my astonishment, the prince saw fit to claim me like a prize. As if I were a velvet lined cloak; something to be worn and by his side. It was, however, enveloped in seemingly innocent marriage proposal. Taken aback, I was lost for words in a state of shock. How could one even contemplate marriage when they had barely made an acquaintance? Like a delicate marble ball, I gently placed him down and instead suggested a committed courtship. After all, he had been determined enough to battle through a forest of thorns and other countless tales of bravery to put an end to my frozen state – or so I am reliably told. It seemed quite proper to spend some time with one another before pursuing the golden path to a blissful matrimony.*

*Unfortunately, the prince had interpreted the events in a very different light. He showed no hesitation in expressing his outrage, his eyes lit like a bonfire. His incessant ranting and raving lay doubt in my mind about the kind, selfless and well-mannered nature he claims to possess. It was rather a lot to take in, not at least as I had just been awoken. Struggling to control and express his emotions, he stomped out of my chamber clumsily like a bull in a china shop. He had eventually realised, his goal of seeking my hand in marriage was simply unachievable.*

*Whilst I am grateful for what he had done for me, a rash decision into marriage would never have exposed his true colours. As I adjust to life again, there are many questions that need answering. There are certainly plenty more fish in the sea. C'est la vie!*

*By Aaron S (5I)*

## Numbers Day

**Numbers Day** will be taking place across **Cumnor House Boys' School and Nursery** on **Friday 2nd February**. Throughout the day, children across all year groups will be partaking in a variety of different mathematical activities. These tasks will engage the children and provide opportunities to think creatively solving puzzles and codes; continue to build on and apply basic skills in new contexts and develop team work and collaboration within their peer group.

**Numbers Day** is an initiative from the **NSPCC** and if you would like to make a donation please visit our Just Giving page by clicking [here](#).

## Eco Week continued

**5I** have been feeding the birds daily. They have been learning about suitable foods to feed birds, when, when and how to feed them and the correct maintenance of bird feeders.





As I mentioned last week one of our ex-pupils **Councillor Dwesar** visited to talk to our School Council.. He provided the boys with an excellent opportunity to discuss some of the initiatives that they have across the school, and also present some questions to him with regards to what the local Councillors are doing to improve sustainability within the local area and for schools. Thank you Councillor Dwesar for for coming in and meeting with the boys, we hope you enjoyed your visit and tour of your old school.



## Voice of the Parent

# Voice OF THE PARENT

At **Cumnor House School and Nursery**, one of our key aims is to ensure that our close partnerships with our families remains strong throughout your child's educational career. Having a solid understanding of your views on the school, enables us to work together to ensure Cumnor House is moving forward in the right direction. You will shortly receive a link to our annual **Voice of the Parent** Survey. We ask that families **complete one survey per child** that they have at the , responses reflecting each child's experience. If you have children at both Cumnor Schools or Nursery you will be sent separate links for each school. We understand that people have busy lives with may draws on their time but we do value your input.

Every year, your answers help us to plan effectively and to make sure that we are placing our energy and resources in the right place to deliver the best education for your child. I would hope that if you have any serious issues you would have spoken to me about it already – that's why we have an open door policy. I hope that this VoP will give the space and opportunity to celebrate the many fantastic



things that we do in our school. Thank you, in advance, for your time in completing the survey and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions in relation to the above.



And finally...

Our Stars this week are:

1C - **Theo**

1L - **Manav**

1S - **Noah**

2CT - **Dillon**

2R - **Cruz**

Well done, boys!

Kind Regards

**Miss Edwards**

**Head of School**

## Year 3 and 4 Baking Club

The **Year 3 and 4 Baking club** made a yummy start (or shall we say dollop) to term by making some delicious cupcakes!







## Music

### Music Rehearsals and Clubs – Spring 2024

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.45	Instrument Rehearsal <i>Instrumental only</i>	Instrument Rehearsal <i>Instrumental only</i>	Instrument Rehearsal <i>Instrumental only</i>	Instrument Rehearsal <i>Instrumental only</i>	Instrument Rehearsal <i>Instrumental only</i>
8.00		Aural Drop-Ins	Chamber Choir <i>Invitation only</i>	Little Voices	Senior Bell Band
10.00	Guitar Ensemble	Brass Ensemble			
10.30				Junior Woodwind Ensemble	
11.45	Junior Voices				Percussion Group 2
12.00		Senior Woodwind Ensemble			
12.30		String Orchestra <i>Baroque to Roll</i>			
12.50	Choristers <i>(Shrek rehearsals)</i>		(Junior Bell Band) Shrek Rehearsals		SHREEK BAND
3.15			Y 1/2 Music Club		
4.15		Musical Theatre Club Soloist rehearsals	Music Theory <i>Invitation only</i>	Musical Theatre Club Soloist rehearsals	Musical Theatre Club


Wednesday  
13th and  
Thursday  
14th March  
at Caterham  
School

**Design a poster for  
our show?  
Closing Date  
Tuesday  
February 6th**

IT MUST BE  
ALL YOUR  
OWN WORK!

# SHREK





# **YEAR 4 TEATIME CONCERT**

**TUESDAY  
6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
5.30PM**

ALL BOYS IN YEAR 4  
WHO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT  
ARE INVITED TO PERFORM.



# **YEAR 2&3 TEATIME CONCERT**

**THURSDAY  
8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
5.30PM**

ALL BOYS IN YEARS 2 AND 3  
WHO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT  
are invited to perform.

## Sport



### Running

Well done to the following four Cumnor House boys that took part in Sunday's Junior 2km Parkrun:

**Daniel G** (Year 4) – 10:24

**Krish A** (Year 3) – 11:06

**Vihaan T** (Year 5) – 11:28

**Viaan P** (Year 3) – 16:21

Here is the link to Lloyd Junior Parkrun: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/lloyd-juniors/>



### Lloyd junior parkrun

**What is Lloyd junior parkrun?**

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). Nearby Saturday parkrun events can be found [here](#).

**When is it?**

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

**Where is it?**

The event takes place in Lloyd Park, Coombe Road, Croydon CR0 3RA. See [Course page](#) for more details.

**What does it cost to join in?**

Nothing - it's free! but please **register** before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a **scannable** copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, [you won't get a time](#).

**How fast do I have to be?**

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!


**Lloyd junior parkrun needs you!**

It is entirely organised by volunteers - email [lloydjuniors@parkrun.com](mailto:lloydjuniors@parkrun.com) to help.

**Safeguarding**

parkrun is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk. For our full safeguarding processes and policies, including how to report a concern, please see our [Safeguarding Hub](#).

**We're friendly!**



**Thanks to this week's volunteers**

Bruce ACOMBAR • Chris LEONARD • Claire MITCHELL  
David ALDERSON • Fiona DELANEY  
Frederick BALCOMBE • Greg WILLIAMS  
James WOODWARD • Konrad BREZA • Lesley BASSETT  
Louise CARSON • Madeleine LITTLE • Marianna AL-VEUNG  
Matt MILLER • Megan WILSON • Michael BASSETT  
Nicki CLARK • Nicola TARRANT • Ronan KENNEDY  
Serena STRACEY • Stephen SIU • Stephen TARRANT  
Susan ROGERS • Surmeet PANIGRAHI  
Theresa STAUNTON • Vanessa WHEELER

See our [volunteer page](#) for information on how you can get involved.

**Upcoming**

Lloyd junior parkrun takes place every week on a Sunday at 9:00am

**Other junior parkruns nearby**

Crystal Palace juniors(3.8m), Beckenham Race juniors(4.6m), Figgis Marsh juniors(4.9m), Bromley juniors(4.9m), Tooting Common juniors(5.6m), Foster Memorial Park juniors(5.6m), Brockwell juniors(6.1m), Peckham Rye juniors(6.2m), Nonsuch juniors(6.5m), Hilly Fields juniors(7m)

#### Leaderboard from the U10/11 2km XC Race on Thursday:

Name	Position	Time
Logan L	1	8.13
Michael P	2	9.00
Tom F	3	9.01
Gabriel J	4	9.09
Dhruv S	5	9.33
Ayden P	6	9.37

#### Leaderboard from the U12/13 2km XC Race on Thursday:

Name	Position	Time
Caelan N	1	8.25
Ethan QH	2	8.41
Ray O	3	8.43

### U9A SHS Rugby Festival (Pictured above)

The U9A team started their rugby season by going away to the U9 SHS festival and were slotted in an extremely difficult group, seeding alongside Donhead & Caldicott Prep.

In our first game, we were up against Donhead: the boys started slowly, conceding 3 early tries with Cumnor only fielding 6 players on the pitch against 7 Donhead players for over half the match. Cumnor rallied up and performed exceptionally well bringing the game to a final score of 20-15 to Donhead.

Cumnor came up against Caldicott School for game two: again, another fantastic performance from all the boys! The boys tackled brilliantly against a big and physically mature side. Final score 25-25.

In our third game, we came up against Parkside School: What a team display it was! The boys emphatically won 60-20, with some eye-catching attacking rugby on display.

For the final game, we played Dulwich College: the boys showed maturity, intelligence and looked like a team that has played half a season already. Cumnor came out on top with a comfortable 45-30 win over Dulwich College.

Stats: **Mason** (12 tries), **Lawrence** (5), **Henry** (2), **Christian** (7), **Haris** (2), **Zaiden** (2) and **Harry** (1)

Kind Regards

**Mr Brotherton**

**Director of Sport**

## Early Years

Dear Parents,

The children this week have enjoyed learning about how to look after our planet. In assembly we read the story 'The under the sea cleaning spree' and discussed how we can make sure we keep our beaches and seas nice and clean and not full of rubbish. The children had some lovely ideas, from donating plastic toys so they are reused to using reusable bottles instead of plastic ones.

We also had the RW class assembly this week, in which we learnt about stories from India the boys retold the story of 'the Run'.

Congratulations to all the children in **Pre-School** this week who received the **Star of the Week** or **Gold Awards**.

### ***Stars of the Week***

Pre-School South Croydon: **Roman**

Pre-School Purley: **Riyaan**

RW: **Arjun**

RL: **James**

RA: **Ethan**

### ***Gold Awards***

Pre-School South Croydon: **Gabriel**

Pre- School Purley: **Alara**

RW: **Ralph**

RL: **Ethan**

RA: **Zane**

Congratulations to all these children.

### **Staff Announcement**

As some parents are aware, **Miss Clark** will be going on **maternity leave in mid March**. I am pleased to announce that **Miss Liasi** will be stepping up and taking over the role of **Nursery Manager** during Miss Clark's maternity leave. Miss Liasi has been with us since June and has a wealth of experience leading in other nurseries and has developed excellent relationships with the children and parents in Kindergarten and is very excited about this opportunity.

## Reception



This week in Reception, the boys have continued to explore the Anansi stories and have had a go using different adjectives to describe the characters within their writing. In Maths, we have been learning different strategies to add two numbers together and thought carefully about counting on from the biggest number.

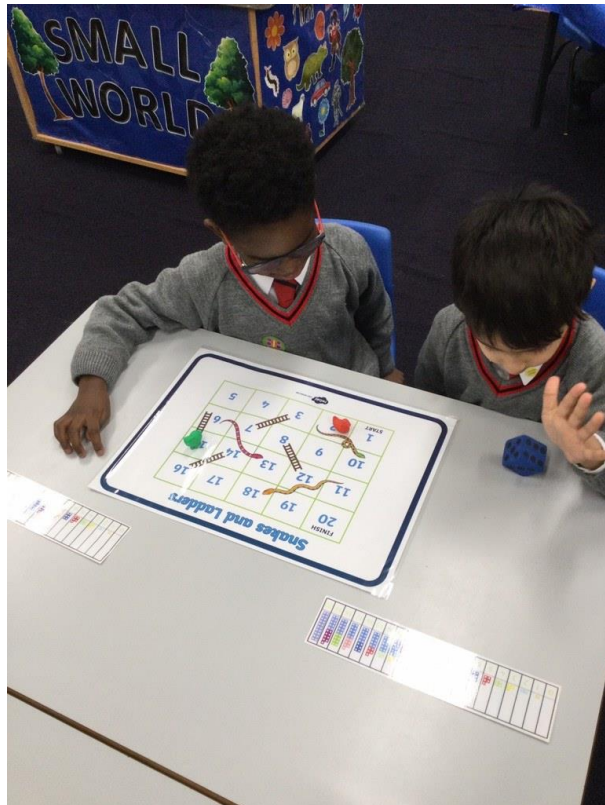
We have all continued to think about our planet and how to be eco-friendly in and out of school. The boys have come up with lots of ways that we can reuse, reduce and recycle!

We were fortunate enough to have Andrei and Petru's mum come in and share a Romanian story with the boys. It has been wonderful to discover new stories around the world, thank you kindly to all the parents who have shared their time with us so far.

RW were excited to perform their class assembly to their parents and the children. Thank you to those who came along to watch them share the story of 'The Runaway Chapatti' and have a turn at Bhangra dancing!













## Pre-School

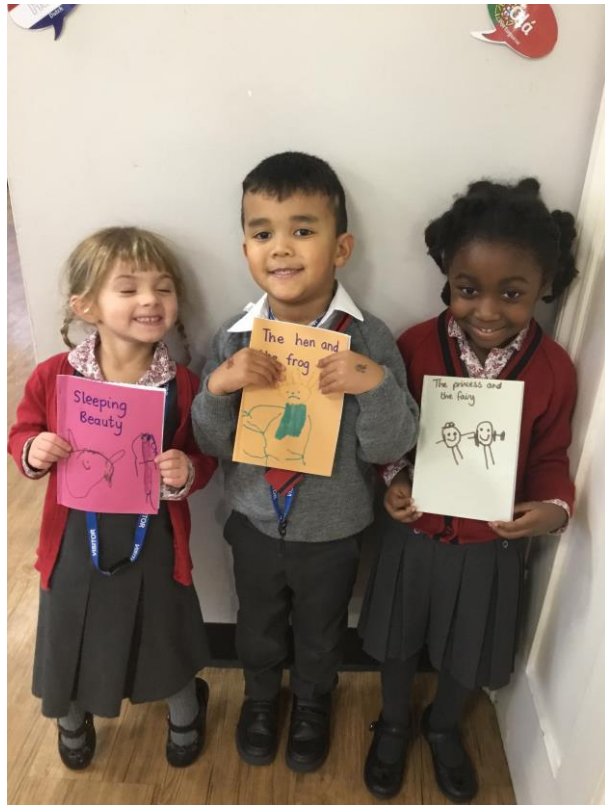


### Pre-School South Croydon

This week in South Croydon Pre-School we have been reading the book 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears'. There was a crime scene that Goldilocks left behind, so we had to make wanted posters to catch her! We made some porridge in the microwave, with golden syrup and sultanas, which was yummy.

In literacy we have all written our own books, there were some amazing stories, like the Princess and the Big Bad Wolf. We all wrote the ending, at the end of our book and our names because we are the authors.









### **Pre-School Purley**

Our focus story -The little Red Hen has provided us with so learning opportunities. We made fun collage red hens using different shapes. Our children said they would all have helped hen plant the grains of wheat and make the bread.

Our maths sessions were busy using bucket scales to discover which objects were heavy and which were light. We helped the numbers find a friend to go to number 5's birthday party.

We enjoyed getting ready meeting birds that we hope to see during the British Birdwatch weekend. We hope they enjoy our delicious apple and sunflower seed bird feeders.

A week full of variety and fun. Well done children.







## Kindergarten



### Kindergarten South Croydon

This week we have been focusing on 'The Wheels on the Bus'. We have talked about different transport and painted cardboard boxes to make them into buses and started making our Lunar new year lanterns.

We are focusing on learning our shapes, number and letter recognition and learning to recognise our names and forming first letters of our names.

The children have enjoyed practising their fine motor skills using scissors for their cutting skills and playdough disco at circle time.

The star of the week is Kaizen.





### **Kindergarten Purley**

As part of Eco week and looking after the planet, we have been talking about how we can help the birds find food in the winter. This weekend is the RSPB bird watch, so all the children have made bird feeders to take home and hang in their gardens. It has been another perfect opportunity for them to work on their hand eye co-ordination and fine motor skills.

We have talked about some of the birds that might come into our garden and looked at pictures so that we can recognise them and each child has a sheet to take home to tick off the birds that they see, we have also made extra feeders to hang in our garden for the birds that visit us in nursery.









PTA

**Quiz Night Friday 8th March 6:00-10:00 pm Machan Kitchen**



The Cumnor House Boys' and Nursery PTA would like to invite you to Quiz Night.

Delve into your banks of useless trivia and join us for a night of fun, laughter and friendly competition with Quiz Master Mr. Jones.

Come down and enjoy a lovely two course Sri Lankan cuisine at the **Machan Kitchen** from **6:00-10:00 pm** on **Friday 8 March**.

Tickets are **£30\*** (plus booking fee) which includes a drink on arrival, a Sri Lankan two course meal and nibbles. Bottles of wine can be pre-ordered using the payment link. Tickets will close at midnight **Tuesday 27th February**.

Gather your friends and create teams of **4 or 6** and email them over to [cumnorhousepta@yahoo.com](mailto:cumnorhousepta@yahoo.com) by **Friday 1st March**. Those without a team will be allocated one.

Please remember to bring a few coins, for a few fun icebreaker games!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chspta/t-krlqynj>

*\*Please note that tickets are non-refundable.*



## Notices

### Knight Frank Schools Triathlon Update & Volunteering Opportunity!

*'We've been overwhelmed by the response from students so far and excitingly we've had 81 sign-ups from Cumnor House Boys! We're off to a flying start and can't wait to see everyone there on event day soon.*

*The success of the day relies on a huge number of volunteers who work together to ensure all the young triathletes have a great day out. Volunteers support us with things like meeting and greeting all the athletes, helping us at the registration desk or handing out the medals and goody bags to all our excited finishers. There is always lots to do.*

*We would therefore love to invite staff, parents and friends the opportunity to volunteer at the event and get involved themselves. I have attached the event day volunteer information and it would be a huge help if you could provide any support at all in helping us to spread the word about this volunteering opportunity. Anyone who is interested can sign up directly by clicking [here](#).'*

*Kind Regards*

*Knight Frank Schools Triathlon Organisers*

**SCHOOLS TRIATHLON**  
Knight Frank

**BECOME AN EVENT VOLUNTEER FOR TEAM RESTLESS!**

**RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT**

Come and join us for the most exciting event in the school calendar by becoming a volunteer at the Knight Frank Schools Triathlon.

Volunteering at the Schools Triathlon is a great way to show your support for the event and all the children taking part. You'll be part of the fun and excitement as well as helping to ensure the day runs smoothly for everyone involved.

**What will I be doing?**  
No experience is needed. Just bring bags of energy and enthusiasm and we'll allocate your role on the day. This could involve;

- Meet and Greet at the registration stand, welcome budding young triathletes and their families
- Route marshals, help triathletes (and parents) get to where they need to go
- Hand out medals and goody bags to our excited finishers
- Car Parking, welcome them and wave them off.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO BECOME AN EVENT VOLUNTEER**

**How long do I need to volunteer for?**  
You can either help for the full day (8am-5pm) or half a day (either AM or PM)

We'll even provide you with a free t-shirt and complementary breakfast/lunch to say thank you.

**What next?**  
Sign up today and we'll let you know all the information you'll need for the day.  
You can also send this invitation on to anyone you think would like to volunteer with us.

Without the presence of our incredible volunteers working together this event wouldn't be possible. By volunteering you'll be supporting young people achieve something great and ensuring every penny donated goes to charity.

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.

**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.

Please check out our FAQs, or email us on [volunteers@restlessdevelopment.org](mailto:volunteers@restlessdevelopment.org)

[@schoolstriathlon](#)

**Reigate Grammar School Hockey Camp 12-13 February 2024**

The **RGS Sports Camps** programme has been designed to give RGS students and students from the wider community access to top coaches and RGS's world-class facilities throughout the year. Whether starting a new sport or looking to reach the next level in the sport they already play, there is a camp for every student.

RGS Camps and RGS Partner Camps offer students a unique opportunity to interact with and learn from specialist coaches and elite players from diverse backgrounds, who will educate, challenge and inspire.

# HOCKEY

12 - 13 Feb 2024  
10am - 3pm  
£40 per day



RGS Hockey camps are expertly designed and run by our Head of Hockey Development, Mr Robert Field, with the aim to provide fun and engaging hockey for all abilities and skill levels. Our expert team of coaches, many of whom are currently working at RGS, include senior international hockey players and current premier league stars. Our experienced team of coaches have worked with complete beginners all the way up to junior international level to provide an environment where all abilities can learn and develop. RGS Hockey camps are open to everyone! Non RGS players are very welcome and all goal keepers will be well catered for with specialist GK sessions and gameplay.

Open to students of all abilities, aged 8+ (Year 3+).

**Venue:** RGS Hartwood Sports Ground,  
Dovers Green Road, Reigate RH2 8PN

Book via the RGS online booking system:  
[rgs.to/booksportsamps](https://rgs.to/booksportsamps)

For further information please contact Mr Field:  
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