



## CUMNOR BOYS' & NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th 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

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## A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

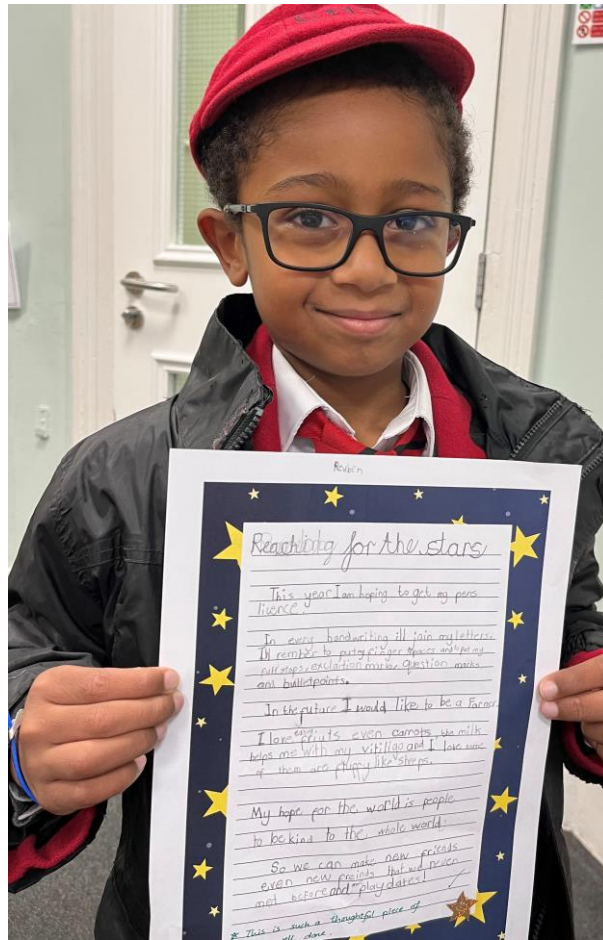
It feels like we have been back at school for some time now and we are really into the swing of the Spring term. The boys in **Year 6 took part in a citizen scheme trip** where they learnt lots of essential life skills. They had a great time and you can read the report below to find out more. It is always fantastic to be able to use the resources available in our local community to extend learning and development beyond the classroom.

Congratulations to our swim squad who did not disappoint in a friendly gala against Whitgift and Royal Russell on Thursday. A great effort to the Year 6, 7 and 8 boys and to the younger boys who swam in these age groups. I am looking forward to the upcoming competitions.

Our first **Head's Assembly** on Monday focused on '**a New Year, a New Start**' where we discussed **New Year's Resolutions** and the boys shared some of their own resolutions they had made and whether they were still on track. We also talked about supporting others to help them to achieve the resolutions that they make. As a school we have a resolution of our own which is to spread kindness from person to person and the boys and staff are committed to keeping this up. We will be celebrating '**Random Acts of Kindness**' later this term and will be talking about '**paying it forward**'.

Please do take a moment to read the PTA newsletter and upcoming events for the Spring Term further down in this edition of the newsletter. I would like to thank everyone who was able to join us in person and online for our EGM and PTA Committee meeting on Thursday evening and thanks to our committee for all the work they have done so far this year. We have some exciting events coming up this term and I know the boys and Cumnor community will enjoy these very much.

Well done to **Reuben** in **Year 2** who came to see me to show me how hard he has been working on his writing this term. He will be **reaching for the stars** this year and his very first goal is to work on getting his pen licence. What a fantastic goal to have at the beginning of the year. Judging by your writing it won't be long Reuben until this is achieved.



## Year 6 Citizenship Scheme Trip

On Tuesday Year 6 visited Croydon Fire Station for a Citizenship Scheme Trip, pictured at the top of this week's newsletter. **Daniy T-L (6T)** has kindly provided the following write up of his experience:

**'On Tuesday, Year 6 attended a session at Croydon Fire Station about different essentials life skills, like how to identify a safe stranger using ID, what to do when in a fire and knowing the difference between good and bad drugs. With multiple helpers from the police, the fire department and the ambulance, Year 6 had an exciting and wonderful trip and I am here to explain the details.**

**Firstly, after a brief introduction, we learnt about our first topic, knife crime. Unfortunately, children in year 7 are mostly affected by this, being the ones to rob stores and steal things most often due to wanting to fit in with friend groups. We were told it is mostly something where a person maybe at school could make a friend with someone, and they ask you to hold a prohibited item. Then, the next day, they can blackmail you and make you keep on doing it for them. A way to stop this is by telling a teacher. We then headed into the next room for another lesson.**

**Our next lesson was on ID identification or 'Stranger Danger'. We were firstly taught about how to identify someone using the three main parts of their ID. Their name, occupation and a picture of them. Then, the person teaching us left and someone came in. They said they were going to take a photo of us and take us in a fire truck. Before anyone fell for it, Oliver shouted 'ID!' and everyone realised he was fake. Then we learnt about travel. We learnt about how to measure where to**



*stand, how to use oyster cards and what to do when someone or something falls onto train tracks. My highlight was when we simulated entering a bus and Toprak made the goofiest grumpy face because no one said hello to him!*

*We then learnt about fire safety. We learnt about what to do in a fire and the effects of a fire when not extinguished. We also learnt about fire hazards and luckily, the fire department has a smoke detector for every household for free! Then, we learnt about what to do when you see someone on the street. You follow this procedure called DR ABC with stands for danger, response, airways, breathing and Call 999. Finally, we learnt about drugs. We learnt about the good and the bad and what to do when you see someone with drugs. It was then the end. We took a photo in front of the travel area and left, making sure to greet the bus driver. I am glad that our school signed us up for this scheme because it really taught us a lot about how to be a good and aware citizen'.*

## Stars of the Week

Well done, to our Year 1 and 2 stars this week. It was amazing to hear how brilliant, brave and hard working you have been this week.

1C - Faris

1L - Samson

1S - Joshua

2CT - Wesley

2R - Alexander St G-Y

Well done, boys!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind Regards

**Miss Edwards**

**Head of School**



## Swimming



### Relay Gala

Well done to all the boys who competed in a friendly **Year 6, 7 and 8** relay gala against **Whitgift School** and **Royal Russell School** on **Thursday**. We had a very young team competing with many boys swimming up age groups, and they all swam exceptionally well.

We **won nine of the ten events in Year 6 and 7**, and **nine of the sixteen events overall**. It was great to see the 4 boys who are in **Year 7 and 8** compete in their first gala of the year. A special mention must go to the **three Year 4 boys** two of them competed in Year 8 races against boys who are four years older.

We have a big term of swimming ahead with the **London League and Croydon Schools finals** and the **heats of the National IAPS**.

Keep up the great work!

**Mr Fitzgerald**

**Head of Swimming**

## Early Years



Dear Parents

Welcome back to our Spring Term together. It was a pleasure to see how delighted the children were to see each other and to complete a full week. Across Early Years the children have been celebrating the New Year and thinking about goals for the year.

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

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

Pre-School South Croydon: **Riyaan**

Pre-School Purley: **Shayan**

### ***Gold Awards***

Pre-School South Croydon: **Yuven**

Pre- School Purley: **Oliver**

RW: **Jacob**

RL: **James**

RA: **Ibrahim**

Congratulations to all these children.

## Reception



**Reception** have been very busy diving into their new topic, '**Stories from around the World**'. The boys will be immersed in a variety of cultures and traditions through stories told in different parts of the globe.

This week we have been transported '**down under**' all the way to **Australia** through the story 'Wombat Stew'. The boys have enjoyed learning about animals that originate from Australia, some of which they had not heard of before, like an echidna and a kookaburra.

The boys put their creative skills to the test by creating their own 'Dot Painting' inspired by the Indigenous people of Australia, a traditional piece of art created through dots in bright colours, patterns and shapes.

In **Maths** this week, we have begun to look at **teen numbers**. We looked at their place value by exploring each numbers composition by using a variety of objects. We have used language such as 'tens' and 'ones' to explain our findings.

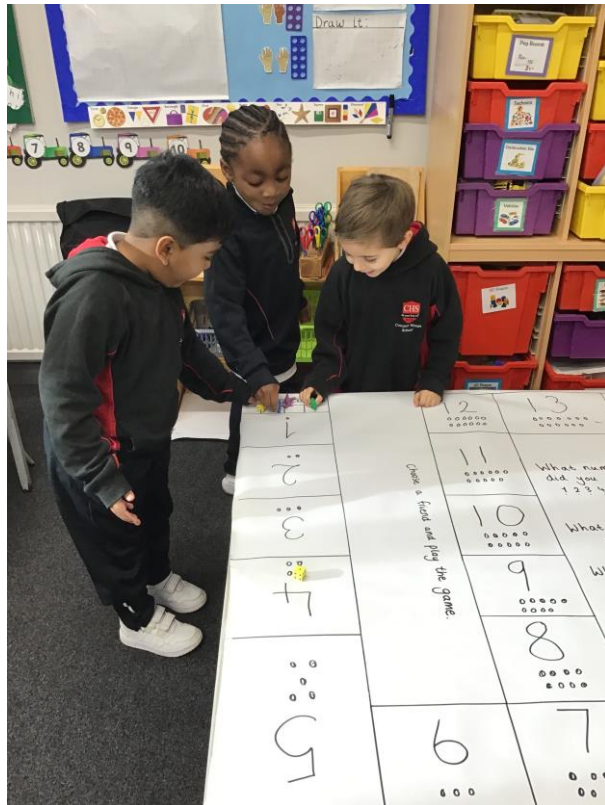


















## Pre-School



### Pre-School South Croydon

The week in **Pre-School** we returned from our Christmas break excited to learn about '**Traditional Tales**', with this week's topic being '**The 3 Little Pigs**'. We have used straw bricks and sticks to make



houses for our display wall, as well as building our own houses using the materials. We have been learning how to recognise objects for 0-5 within a group of irregular objects. In phonics we are learning the sound 'u'.

The most exciting activity part of the week has been making 'Wolf' soup. We added the ingredients of sweet potatoes and carrots into a soup maker and by the afternoon the soup was ready. We all tried the soup with a little bit of bread, all the children were very excited!

A polite reminder that our learning day starts at 8.30am.













### **Pre-School Purley**

We have already had lovely times celebrating our **New Year 2024** and some of our **children`s birthday celebrations**.

We brought our teddies to enjoy our school day as part of our '**Traditional Tales**' learning linked with '**Goldilocks and the three bears**'. Our bears had great dance moves! They enjoyed looking around our classroom and garden doing lots of lovely learning with us. On Friday we made porridge, some of it was too hot, some of it was too cold but most of it was just right!





## Kindergarten



### Kindergarten South Croydon

This week in **Kindergarten** we have been having lots of fun learning about **farm animals**. Our song of the week is '**Old Macdonald had a farm**' and the children have loved learning about a different

animal each day. We have been doing art and craft activities making the different animals, watched videos with facts about each animal, learnt about where they live, what they like to eat what noises they make and what they look like. We have also been exploring our new sensory toys and have had a fun time playing with the flashing lights, touch a feel objects and squishy balls.

Our star of the week is Sebastian for excellent listening and helping to tidy up every tidy up time.





### Kindergarten Purley

It has been a very busy first week back and we have welcomed several new children to our **Kindergarten** family.

This term our topic is **nursery rhymes** and this week we have been learning all about **Humpty Dumpty**, we have had a variety of activities to enjoy, from making their own Humpty Dumpty's, to matching the Humpty heads to the correct bottoms by recognising numbers 1-5. We also had picture cards telling the nursery story, as the children sang the song, they had to find the correct picture to make their own picture board.













[PTA](#)

**PTA Spring Term Newsletter**



## CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY PTA

### Welcome Back To School!

We hope the holiday break was festive and restorative in every way. We are very excited to start the year anew, and are already getting back into the swing of things.

As we settle into the second term, we wish to keep working towards an open, collaborative and successful relationship between us all.

We have a few events coming up that should not be missed!

### Doughies

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in.

Order your pizza and cookie making kits by **Saturday 20th January** and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan Margherita pizzas, and warm gooey cookies in your home oven by pick up on **Friday 26th January**.

Each pizza kit makes 1 pizza, costs £7 and includes:  
Fresh dough ball perfect for baking that evening  
80 grams of special tomato sauce  
80 grams of fresh cubed mozzarella (vegan options)  
10 grams of grated Grana Padano cheese  
A pouch of stretching flour

Each cookie kit makes 5 cookies, costs £4.50 with the options below:  
Chocolate brownie  
Chocolate chip  
Oat and raisin

**SOUTH CROYDON NURSERY & BOYS' SCHOOL**  
<https://doughies.co.uk/products/cumnor-house-boys>

**PURLEY NURSERY**  
<https://doughies.co.uk/products/cumnor-house-purley-nursery>

### Upcoming Dates

#### World Religion Day

Friday 19th January  
3:00 - 4:00

Boys' Main Hall  
Please contact your rep if you wish to contribute towards a specific religion

#### Doughies

Friday 26th January

Order your take home pizza and cookie kits for a fun family night in! Site specific information found on the left!

#### Lunar New Year

Friday 9th February

Please contact your rep if you wish to join in on the planning towards this event



### easyfundraising

We are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cumnorhouseboysschoolpta/?utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-wa1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cumnorhouseboysschoolpta/?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-wa1)



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### Good as New

Got old uniform you would like to donate?

We are currently accepting Cumnor specific NEW logo items.

Drop them off to the school office.



### UPCOMING EVENTS!

Fri 23rd Feb	Year 1 & 2 Movie Night
Fri 1st Mar	Second Hand World Book Day Costume Sale (all sites)
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day Tuck Shop (Pampisford Road)
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day Book & Cake Sale (Purley & South Croydon)
Fri 8th Mar	Parent and Teacher Quiz Night
Wed 13th Mar/ Thurs 14th Mar	Refreshments for "Shrek"
Fri 22nd Mar	Year 3 & 4 Movie Night
Mon 25th Mar/ Tues 26th Mar	Easter Event TBC

contact us

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Doughies Pizza & Cookie Orders



Order Details have been sent via a 'Notice'. Deadline for ordering is Saturday 20th January.

## Notices







## Perform Dance and Drama School

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Cumnor House School Boys** if they sign up by Saturday 4th May. Parents should quote LDGS040524 when they book their free session by going to [perform.org.uk/try](https://perform.org.uk/try) or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at [perform.org.uk/try](https://perform.org.uk/try). Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).