



## CHS BOYS' & NURSERY

Newsletter



Friday 19th 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

**Tuesday 23rd January 5:00pm-7:00pm**, Pre-School to Reception Transition Event – Q&A Drop In Evening at Boys' School

**Friday 26th January 9:00am**, RW Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)

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

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### BOYS' SCHOOL

**Wednesday 31st January 10:00am**, 8J Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)

**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)

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

## A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

We have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating **World Religion Day** this week. **Mr Bolton** and **Mr Jones** led **assemblies** on Monday to introduce it to the boys and we completed the week with a fantastic event in the hall where we could all come together to learn about different religions. **Thank you to all the boys and parents** who set up stalls with information, lovely activities and yummy food. There will be more information about our **World Religion Event** in next week's newsletter but I could not resist posting a few pictures below.

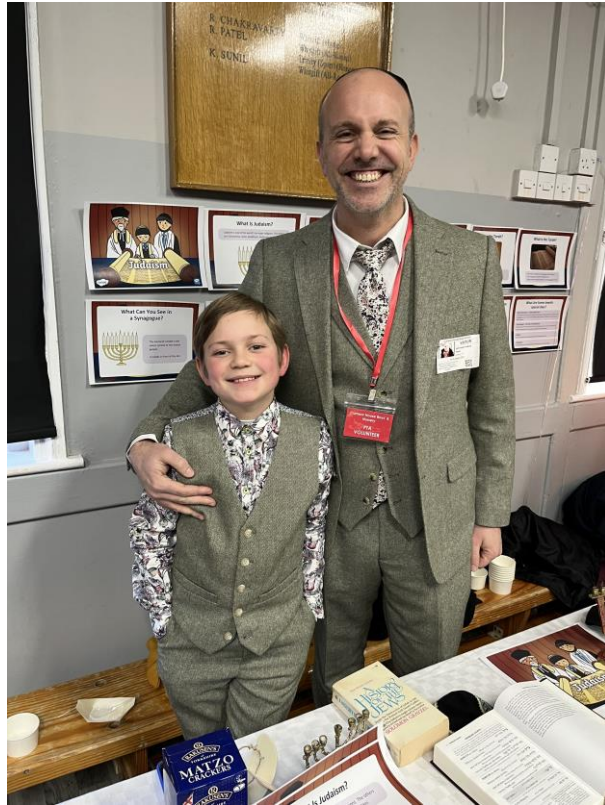


















Well done to all of the boys who swam in the **squad gala** yesterday with the Girls' School swim squad. It was lovely to have a gala with both schools involved and this is something which we will do more of in the future.



It has been a very cold week with temperatures so low that we have been unable to use the sports ground on most days. However, we are looking forward to warmer weather soon so that the boys can get back out on the rugby field.

Next week is **Eco Week** and the boys will be looking at **sustainability** across the school and wider community. Our sustainability team met with **Councillor Dwesar** today and had lots of questions for him about **sustainability in our local communities of Purley and Croydon**. As an old boy of the school **Councillor Dwesar** was keen to come and talk to the boys and to visit his old school. Next week each class will be focusing on a different initiative ranging from **saving energy** by turning the lights and other equipment off when the classroom isn't being used to **collecting rainwater** to **recycling** and **designing a sustainable garden**. We will finish the week with a 'Go Green' Day.

## World Religion Day

The boys have been busy looking at different religions in class and sharing pictures and artefacts that they have brought in from home. You can see below that **2CT** were also busy creating artefacts representing different religions.





## Star 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 - **Henry**

1L - **Aari**

1S - **Oscar**

2CT - **Rohan T**

2R - **Eden**

Well done, boys!



We are looking forward to hosting our **Pre-School to Reception Q&A Evening** for parents of **boys in Pre-School** on **Tuesday 23rd January** from 5pm. The **Reception team** will be there as well as the **Senior Leadership Team** to tell you a bit more about the Cumnor Journey and answer any questions you may have. Please do pop in as we have timed it so that you can collect the children and join us or join us and then collect the children.

I hope you all keep warm and have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind Regards

**Miss Edwards**

**Head of School**



## Music

The Class rounds of the House Music competition are well underway across all year groups. We are aiming to have completed this round by Friday 2nd February, so please support your son in making sure he has anything he needs on a day that his class have music. Sometimes there will be too many to perform in that lesson, so some boys may be asked to wait until the next lesson to perform – we encourage them to think of this as extra practice time!

Our Senior Musical Rehearsals are in full swing, with extra rehearsals taking place both during the school day and after school, in addition to our Friday after school rehearsal. Please help your son as necessary with learning lines and rehearsing songs – all the tracks are on Teams and everything they need is in their script book. It would also be useful if boys could make sure they have their script books in school every day – particularly if they have any solo lines to sing, as I may use any spare time available to help them with these!

Please see the Spring Term Music Rehearsal and Clubs timetable below. New clubs (and extra Shrek rehearsals) are highlighted. I am particularly excited by our new Junior Woodwind Ensemble for our Year 4 Woodwind Players and I know they are as well! The choirs are all working towards different performances and competitions – Little Voices and Junior Voices will be taking part in the Coulsdon & Purley Music Festival once again (an email and permission form will be out very soon), Choristers are working towards Cognita Sings in May, and Chamber Choir were this morning having a discussion about whether they might enter the Coulsdon & Purley Festival too, so watch this space (and your emails!).

If your son is going to be taking an ABRSM exam this term, they are more than welcome to come to the Music House any morning to use an individual rehearsal room. The only rule is that they must sign in with me first! Aural test drop-ins are also available on Tuesday mornings – these are particularly important for anyone taking Grade 4 or above.

With lots of things going on, here are some upcoming dates for your diaries!

**Tuesday 6th February – 5.30pm Year 4 Teatime Concert**

**Thursday 8th February – 5.30pm Year 2/3 Teatime Concert**

**Wednesday 21st February – Bronze House Music Finals (am)**

**Thursday 22nd February – Silver and Gold House Music Finals**

**Saturday 2nd March – Coulsdon & Purley Festival Choral Classes**

**Monday 25th March – ABRSM Exams**

Music Rehearsals and Clubs – Spring 2024					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.45	Music House	Music House	Music House Chamber Choir Invitation only	Music House	Music House
8.00		Aural Drop-Ins		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>Everyone is Jo!</i>			
12.50	Choristers (Shrek rehearsals)		(Junior Bell Band) Shrek Rehearsals		SHREK BAND
3.15			X 1/2 Music Club		
4.15		Musical Theatre Club Soloist rehearsals	Music Theory Invitation only	Musical Theatre Club Soloist rehearsals	Musical Theatre Club

Kind Regards

**Miss Secker**

**Head of Music**

## Early Years

Dear Parents

We started the week with an assembly about **World Religion Day** and all the children learned how we can celebrate the variety of people around the world and promote peace and understanding. We ended the week in our traditional dress and celebrating all our individual religions. Thank you to all the parents that shared resources or came in to speak to the children.

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: **Anaiah**

Pre-School Purley: **Ersin**



RW: **Raymond**

RL: **Dylan**

RA: **Ayyan**

***Gold Awards***

Pre-School South Croydon: **Jayen**

Pre- School Purley: **Zayna**

RW: **Viraaj**

RL: **Ptru**

RA: **Zane**

Congratulations to all these children.

## Early Years' After School Care



At After School Care on Tuesday the children enjoyed taking part in yoga, with a mixture of ages from Kindergarten to Reception.



The children listened brilliantly to instructions, many made up their own actions and movements. They interacted with each other with amazing ideas for their next moves!







## Reception



Reception have continued to enjoy stories set around the world. This week we have looked particularly at the African culture through a variety of stories including following the adventures of Anansi the Spider. The boys have been developing their vocabulary by exploring adjectives to describe a character.



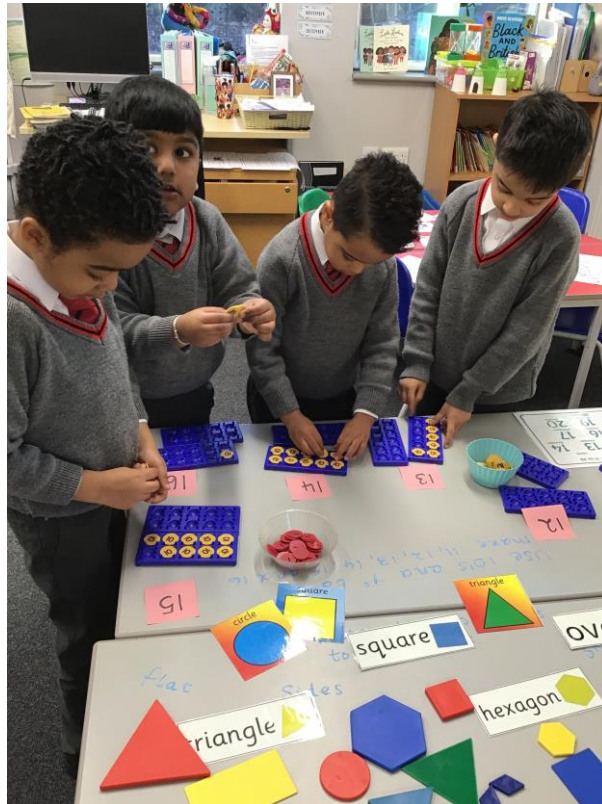




We also celebrated 'World Religion Day' and were excited to have one of our parents Ms Chatoo come in to talk to the boys about Islam. They also got to make their own mini mosques!

To add to our fun and busy week, the boys also celebrated 'Martin Luther King Jr day'. We talked about who he was, his bravery and his dreams for peace and love for all. The boys talked about their dreams and made lovely doves of peace.













## Pre-School



### Pre-School South Croydon

This week in we have been learning about the story of the 'Gruffalo'. We have been on a Gruffalo hunt around the field after reading the story in the Wellbeing Garden. With the playdough we have created our own Gruffalos and added purple prickles to his back. Using tweezers to pick out the poisonous warts from the noodles we have developed our fine motor skills, we were also adding the correct amount to the pots labelled as we are learning about the numbers 0-5.

During the week we have spoken about different religions for 'World Religion Day', we had some pictures of children's different celebrations for their religions, who all told us about what their religion means to them. All the children enjoyed seeing the different religions symbols and looking at the amazing different buildings.









### **Pre-School Purley**

We have had so much fun with our focus story – Little Red and the very hungry lion. We made lion masks and pretended to be lions. Lion ate 5 doughnuts so we helped Lion and little Red make a healthy choice by making smoothies together.

To celebrate Martin Luther King Day and World Religion Week we made a dove to send Peace and love around our world.

To celebrate Eco week we went around our school grounds collecting and sorting litter and packaging to be recycled.







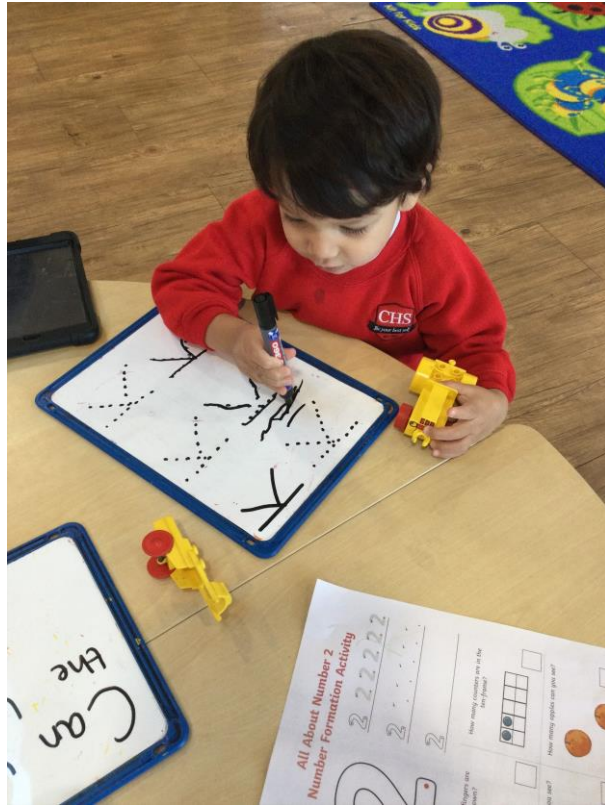
## Kindergarten

### Kindergarten South Croydon

This week in Kindergarten we have been focusing on the row, row, row your boat rhyme. We have made paper plate boats, role play making boats from the crates and sitting in them and blue noodles messy play tray to represent water with boats and animals.

The children have been learning about the different types of boats there are and have designed their own one to see if they will sink or float.

Our star of the week is **Nia**.







### **Kindergarten Purley**

This week we have been learning all about spiders, where they live, how many eyes and legs they have and Incey Wincey spider. As part of this theme, the children have all had the chance to practice their sewing fine motor skills and make their own webs for Incey. Their concentration was amazing and some beautiful webs were created.

We also had pretend drain pipes, again using their fine motor skills, the children had to turn the stick to pull Incey up the drain pipe, before letting go and watching him fall down. The children were fascinated in where Incey disappeared too and it also encouraged a lot of beautiful singing.











PTA

Doughies Pizza & Cookie Orders

Order details have been sent via a 'Notice'. **Deadline for ordering is tomorrow (20th January)!!!**



CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY  
PTA PRESENTS

# DOUGHIES



ORDER BY  
SATURDAY  
20TH JANUARY

**PIZZA KIT £7**  
**COOKIE KIT £4.50**

ORDERS TO BE COLLECTED ON FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

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## Join the Adventure





**Join the Adventure**

**NEW** Squirrels - Thursdays  
Beavers - Mondays  
Cubs - Thursdays  
Scouts - Fridays  
Explorers - Fridays

Weekly term time meetings plus camps and events

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