



Girls' Newsletter - 2nd February 2024

Upcoming Key Dates.....

All school dates for this term are available to view on the 'Calendar' section of your Cognita Connect app, please regularly check to keep up-to-date with upcoming events at school.

- **Monday 5th February** - U8-U11 Swimming Gala (a) @ Hazelwood (see sports website for further details)
- **Tuesday 6th February** - Year 5 Visit to Wilhelmina House (details have been sent via a 'Notice')
- **Wednesday 7th February** - Year 5 Hockey v Seaton House (h) - Parents Welcome (see sports website for further details)
- **Thursday 8th February** - PTA Pancake Races
- **Friday 9th February** - Year 1 Class Assembly - Parents Welcome (8.30am - 9am)

- **Friday 9th February** - *House Cross Country - Parents Welcome (details have been sent via a 'Notice')*
- **Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February** - **HALF-TERM**
- **Monday 19th February** - *Year 5 Trip to SES Water (details to follow)*
- **Tuesday 20th February** - *Year 3 to 6 ISA Regional Cross Country @ Radnor House (see sports website for further details)*
- **Tuesday 20th February** - *Year 4 Hockey v Aberdour (a) (see sports website for further details)*
- **Tuesday 20th February** - *Parents' Evening In Person (details to follow)*
- **Wednesday 21st February** - *Year 5 Hockey v Aberdour (a) (see sports website for further details)*
- **Wednesday 21st February** - *Croydon Schools Swimming Final @ Trinity (see sports website for further details)*
- **Thursday 22nd February** - *Parents' Evening Online (details to follow)*



**Cumnor House
School for Girls**

A Message from Mrs McShane

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome so many parents, and grandparents, to Look at Learning on Thursday morning. Your daughters really enjoy choosing pieces of work of which they are most proud and discussing their learning with you. I know that it is difficult for some parents to attend this, and other events, due to work commitments, and when this is the case other parents, pupils, or staff, step in to support. That is one of the very lovely and special things about Cumnor Girls, is that every member of our family community cares about all our girls.















Thank you to those of you who have already completed our annual “Voice of the Parent” Survey. This will be open for a couple more weeks and we do urge you to take part. If, for any reason, you have not received the link please contact the school office. Please remember to do one survey per child as each child’s experience may be different. Your constructive feedback, positive and less positive, is important to us.

Year 6 educated and entertained pupils and parents with their assembly showcasing their learning about the Second World War. They read accounts – that they had written - about various aspects of the war – empathising with, amongst others, soldiers and child refugees. I was really impressed with the depth of thought in these pieces. The girls sang and presented with great confidence. Sad to think that this will be their last assembly together.



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We are delighted to have been awarded a Food for Life Schools Bronze Award. This is awarded by the Soil Association and demonstrates that our school is doing fantastic work to provide healthy school meals, great lunchtimes, and food education that has a positive impact on our pupils. Well done to Miss Julia and her team.



A short moan – I have seen some parents doing U-Turns in the lane ... please don't. It causes hold-ups at busy times, is potentially dangerous, and is also one of the things that the neighbours expressly request that people do not do. Moan over.

The girls arrived at school this morning carrying bulky bags of cushions though not one of them found this burdensome as they were beaming with excitement about the film night that is taking place this evening. This will be a great event, thank you so much to the PTA for arranging this and for the volunteers who make it happen. The girls really appreciate the time and effort that you give so freely to them so that they have great experiences.

We are looking forward to our Reception Transition Day tomorrow, meeting parents and pupils who will join us in September.

Next Friday will be the turn of Year 1 to show us all some of their learning in their class assembly. We let parents come into school through Piccadilly at 8.30 when we know that all the girls have arrived at school. There will be tea, coffee, and biscuits on arrival.

Also, next Friday, is our annual House Cross Country, this is always a fabulous event of competition and camaraderie. We are happy to welcome parents to come and watch - please park tidily on the school side of the Lane. If the event finishes before the end of the normal school day, you are welcome to take your daughter home at that point, please make sure that your form teacher knows that you have taken her, so we don't think we have lost anyone though!

"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do." Mother Teresa

Important Info/Reminders.....

House Cross Country Competition - Friday 9th February

Further to the Notice that was sent earlier today on Cognita Connect, please find attached a letter with all the details for the event.

[House Cross Country Competition Letter](#)

A reminder for Parents that all fixture details are on our sports website. Please check here for event timings and additional info.

www.cumnorgirlssport.com

Password: Cumnor23

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

Reception

The Reception girls have been learning about patterns and shapes this week. At FOX on Wednesday, we used natural objects to make simple 2D shapes. These then evolved into imaginative pictures. Can you spot the bus, campfire, and the North Pole?









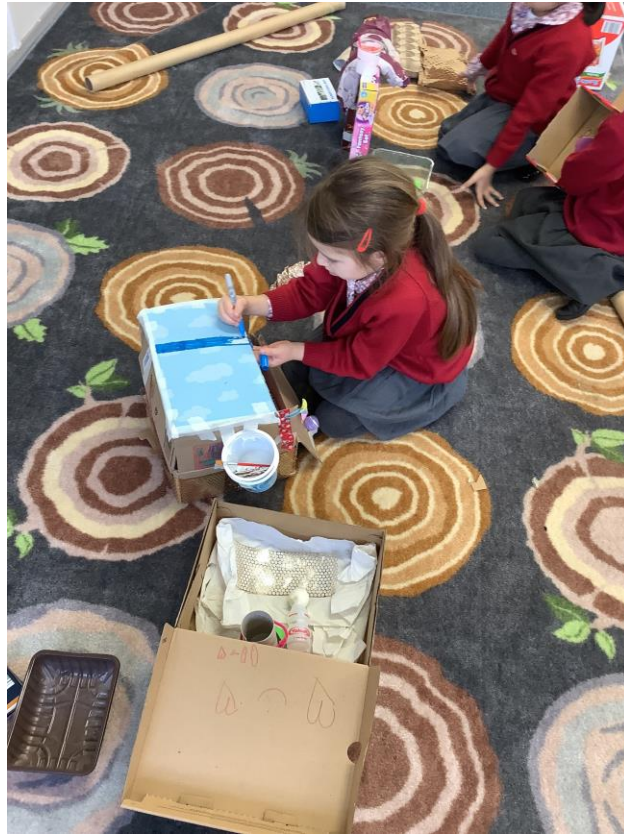






Year 1

This term in Year 1 we have been learning about different types of houses and keeping the environment clean. During our Art lesson, we combined these two topics and asked the girls to design a house using a variety of recycled materials. They then went and collected a range of recycled materials from home and brought them into school for our junk modelling session. The girls created a variety of different houses including bungalows, detached and semi-detached houses. Well done, girls!













Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London. It was such a historic event in history and we have enjoyed learning all the facts about how the fire started and what has been done since to make things safer. In Art, we made silhouette pictures, wrote a newspaper report in Literacy, wrote diary extracts in the role of Samuel Pepys in Humanities, and wrote our own acrostic poems. We hope you enjoy listening to them.



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Year 2 were inspired by Year 6's assembly on WW2 this morning and wanted to learn how to sing "We'll Meet Again" so they could sing it together with the Year 6's at the end of their lesson



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Year 3

The Year 3 girls have been hard at work over the last few weeks learning about how the earth was formed, the different layers of the sea, and the properties of rocks. The girls were really interested in how mountains were formed and so today, they explored the tectonic plates and investigated whether there was any correlation between their location and where the different mountains were.





Year 4

This term, Year 4 have been learning about music from Brazil and today they composed their own pieces for Samba instruments.



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Year 4 Science

Year 4 began their topic on States of Matter this week, investigating and recognizing the different properties of solids, liquids, and gases, asking questions such as “Does it flow?” “Is it compressible?” “Does it keep its shape?” and “Does It keep its volume?” and learning about particle arrangement.



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Year 5

In RE this week, Year 5 have been learning about Life of the Prophet Mohammed and they made a storyboard to depict his life.

Hand their sign... about key events in my life

★ The Life of the Prophet MUHAMMAD

In roughly 570 CE, Muhammad was born. His father, who was a merchant, had died, so he was brought up by his uncle.

As Muhammad grew older, he learned the ways of a trader from his uncle, who he was living with.

He was a good man and he loved, conversations and working and other... over the past and more, were peaceful.

Muhammad was very thoughtful and spoke very wisely in public. One night he was alone praying when he heard an angel.

The angel told him to recite. The angel said that he was Allah's messenger. These words became the words of the Quran.

After this Muhammad began to preach, saying that Allah was the only god, and that you must get ready to prepare for death.

In 622 CE, there was an unsuccessful assassination attempt against Muhammad. He moved to a place with his followers.

There were many wars between Medina and Mecca. Finally, Muhammad moved to Mecca and his home town.

★ The Life of the Prophet MUHAMMAD

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He went to live with his uncle and became a trader with him.

He was a noble man and lived in a very common and poor area.

Muhammad was kind and spent his time in a cave. One day, while praying, an angel came.

"You are Allah's messenger," said the angel. Muhammad said that he was Allah's messenger.

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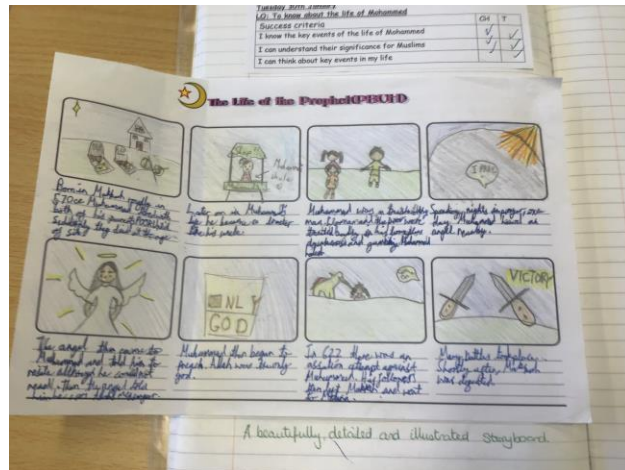
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A beautiful story of...



Year 6

In our recent science classes, Year 6 delved into the fascinating world of microbiology with an engaging investigation. They explored the impact of temperature on yeast growth by conducting an experiment that combined science with hands-on learning.



Sports.....

Croydon Schools Swimming Final

Last Friday the girls took part in the Croydon Schools Swimming gala, we received news early this week that we **WON** the gala!



Congratulations to the following girls who have all qualified for the Croydon Schools Swimming final on Wednesday 21st February at Trinity School starting at 7pm.

Alyssa H on Freestyle

Sara G on Freestyle

Shyla S on Backstroke

Daisy D on Breaststroke

Lyla D on Breaststroke

Abigail E on Freestyle

Zeynab B on Breaststroke

Abigail E on Butterfly

Alivia S on Freestyle (1st reserve)

Daisy D on Butterfly (1st reserve)

Amelia K on Freestyle (2nd reserve)

Layla V on Backstroke (2nd reserve)

This is a ticketed event, so team sheets and tickets will be sent out in due course.

Spotlight on Digital Safety.....



Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day. Today Mrs Syrradd spoke to the girls about being safe online and next week classes will be completing activities to support Safer Internet Day. The digital leaders also made games to promote Safer Internet Day which they will be playing with classes next week. Why not have a conversation with your daughter to remind them of the importance of being safe online?

[Safer Internet Day 2024 - Film for parents and carers](#)

House Points.....

Congratulations to Yellow House who were the winners of the House Points Cup for the second part of the Autumn Term until now. All members of Yellow House were delighted to receive their Yellow 'This Girl Will' pencil.

The points were:

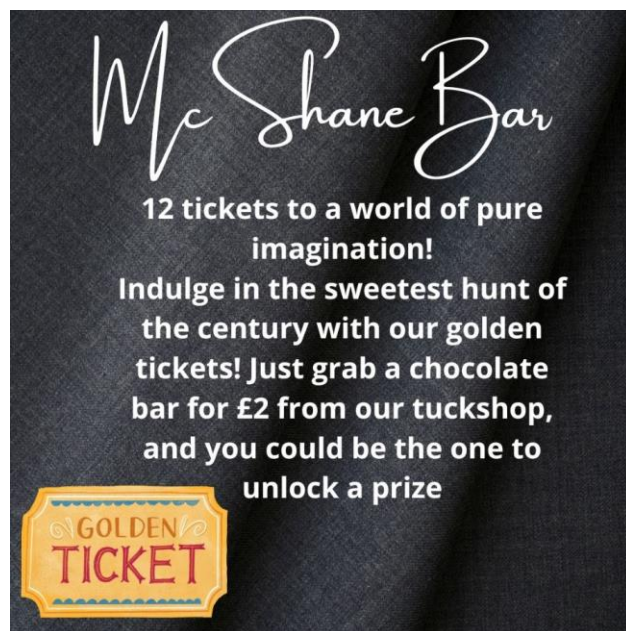
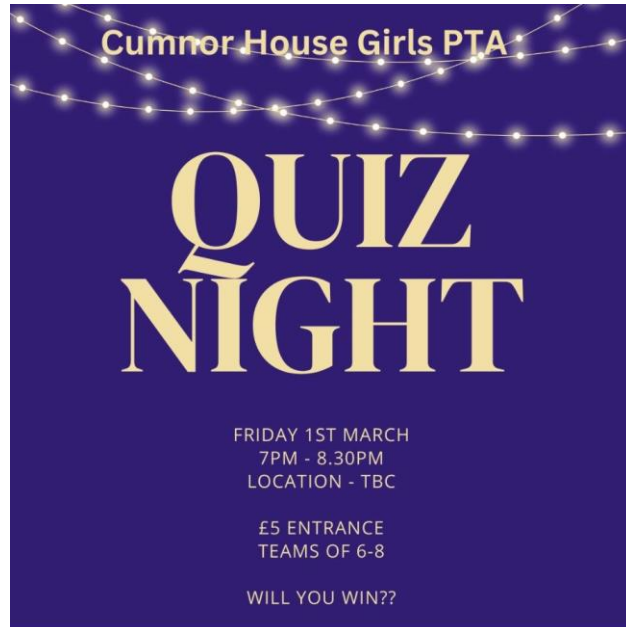
Yellow House 619

Green House 572

Blue House 558

Red House 494

PTA Notices.....



Other.....

BAKES 'N' CAKES

WHAT WE ARE SELLING:

- ❖ DONUTS
- ❖ FAIRY CAKES
- ❖ CAKE SLICES
- ❖ BISCUITS
- ❖ JUICES

**BUY 3 GET
1 FREE!**



WHEN AND WHERE:

- ❖ AFTER PREP CROSS COUNTRY
- ❖ OPPOSITE THE FIELD
- ❖ STARRING SIENNA
- ❖ (OUR FASTEST RUNNER)

