



CHS Boys' & Nursery Newsletter

Friday 2nd February

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 9th February, Lunar New Year Celebrations (click [here](#) to view details)

Friday 9th February 9:00am, RL Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)

Friday 9th February 1.30pm, Boys Pre-School -Reception Transition event, emails sent and tickets sent out.

Monday 12th to Friday 19th February, Half Term

BOYS' SCHOOL

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

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

A Message from Miss Edwards

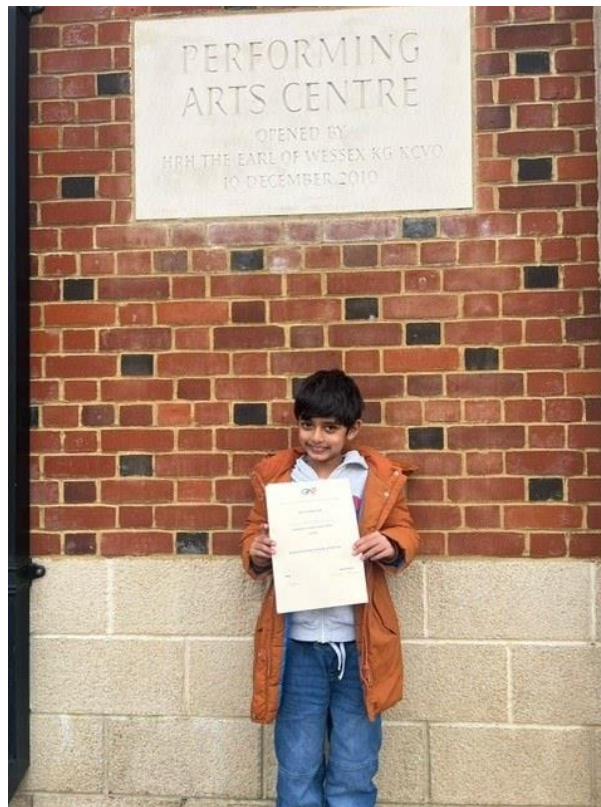


Dear Parents

With half term fast approaching we have some exciting events ahead. I am particularly looking forward to the **Year 4 Teatime Concert** next week. Last term we really enjoyed watching many of the Upper School boys perform in an informal setting and it was excellent practice for them to perform

to an audience in preparation for examinations and concerts to come. I do hope to see many of you there supporting the boys.

Next week we will also be celebrating **Lunar New Year**, the Year of the Dragon bring some very exciting activities later next week with the help of our wonderful PTA and parents and staff cooking, making, writing, performing and teaching the boys to sing and dance. The letter with all the details is above and it is another event open to everyone in the Cumnor Community. If you would like to pick your child up at the specified time and join the celebrations the information and instructions are all included.



Huge congratulations to **Ariyan** in **3G** who performed in the **Croydon Performing Arts Festival** last Saturday playing the piano. He played his Jupiter excerpt and a Grade 2 piece called Daydream. He did really well, especially as most of the other performers were Grade 3 upwards! Well done, Ariyan, a great achievement.

Also congratulations must go to **Norman** in **1S** who used junk modelling to make this **amazing castle**. Norman did this independently and was very proud of the result. Well done, you have worked very hard, Norman!

Of course, no newsletter is complete without our weekly announcement of the 'Stars of the Week'.



Our Stars this week are:

1C - **Kacper**

1L - **Rithwik**

1S - **Norman**

2CT - **Leo**

2R - **Ibrahim**

Well done, boys!

As always it is a pleasure to have you visit us on a Thursday afternoon when the senior team are meeting and we enjoy listening to why you are star of the week.

For those **competitive people** among us please do look at the **PTA Quiz Night Information below**. We have some staff teams attending the quiz on the **8th March** and we are hoping to *claim back that crown!*

Can I also remind you to complete the **Voice of the Parent Survey** which went live this week. It is so important to receive feedback about our school so that we can continue to improve. Thank you for all feedback so far, it has been wonderful to hear that many of you are extremely happy and there has been some excellent constructive feedback too. Once the survey has closed we will analyse the results so that we can share our finding and set out actions based on the feedback we have received.

I also look forward to seeing our transitioning Reception 2024 - **Pre-School boys** next week who will be joining us on Friday for some golden ticket fun. If you have not confirmed with our admissions department that your son is moving from Pre-School to Reception in September please do so as soon as possible.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School

Safer Internet Day / Children's Mental Health Week

From the desk of Mr Bolton – Deputy Head and Safeguarding Lead

On Tuesday 6th February 2024 we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home.

To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available [here](#)

Next week is also Children's Mental Health Week. PSHE and Form Times will focus on activities promoting the theme of the week – My Voice Matters.

Kind regards

Mr Bolton

My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, wherever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.

LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off' conversations about our mental health – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures).
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school – because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

For primary children: bit.ly/3PzC0IB

For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK

CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK

My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK
1-11 FEB 2024

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO IF YOU WERE FEELING WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?

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Music

Music Rehearsals and Clubs – Spring 2024

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.45	Instrument Rehearsal <i>Invitation only</i>	Instrument Rehearsal <i>Invitation only</i>	Instrument Rehearsal <i>Invitation only</i>	Instrument Rehearsal <i>Invitation only</i>	Instrument Rehearsal <i>Invitation 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		SHREK 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
6TH FEBRUARY
5.30PM

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



Sport

Park Run Results (2km)

[Theo B](#) (U10) 09:40 PB

[Krish A](#) (U8) 10:33 PB

[Daniel G](#) (U9) 10:39

[Vihaan T](#) (U10) 10:42

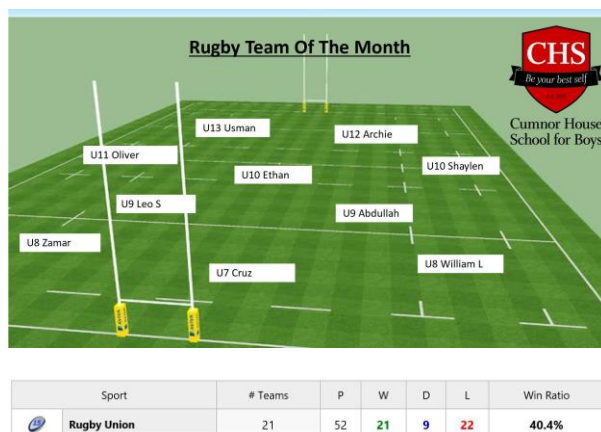
[Jack B](#) (U10) 11:32

[Dinuk P](#) (U9) 11:43

[Viaan P](#) (U8) 14:34 PB

[Ariun A](#) (U5) 15:34 PB

Link for the local Junior Park Run: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/lloyd-juniors/>



Rugby results can be viewed [here](#)

Kind Regards

Mr Brotherton

Director of Sport

Early Years

Dear Parents,

This week in assembly we read a story about Lunar New Year in preparation for all the activities next week. We were also taken to Australia by RA who taught us all about the outback and Sydney. Well done RA on a fantastic class assembly. We are really looking forward to our Reception Transition event happening next Friday 9th where the boys will be cooking, if you have not confirmed your place please contact admissions to book in.

Friday 9th in the afternoon there is the Lunar New Year celebration event (letter above). Please feel free to collect your child early from the Nursery or Reception by completing the form in the letter in the 'Key Dates' section above and make your way over to the Boys' School.

Congratulations to all the children who received the **Star of the Week** or **Gold Awards**.

Stars of the Week

Kindergarten South Croydon: **Quinn**

Pre-School South Croydon: **Joseph**

Pre-School Purley: **Cadence**

RW: **Zakariah**

RL: **AJ**

RA: **Arhaan**

Gold Awards

Pre-School South Croydon: **Raif**

Pre- School Purley: **Lyla**

RW: **Zachary**

RL: **Joshua**

RA: **Rafael**

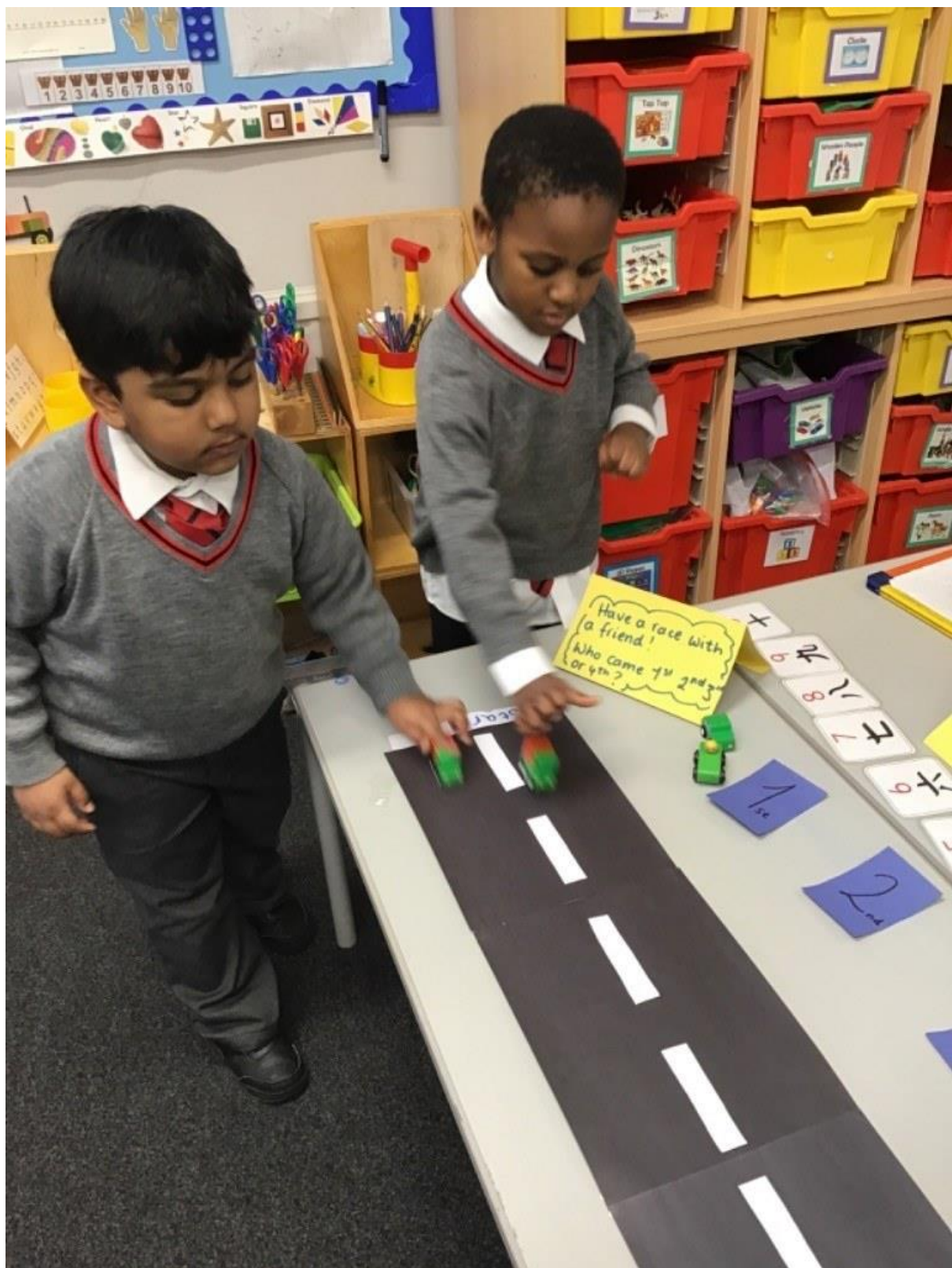
Congratulations to all these children.

Kind Regards

Mrs Upfold

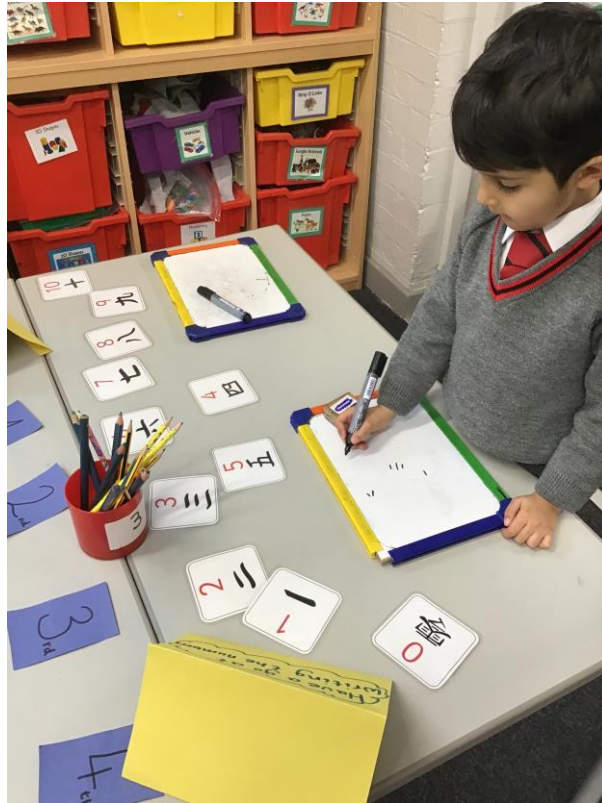
Head of Early Years

Reception



This week in Reception, the boys have dived into a new story, 'The Great Race', which originates all the way from China. It tells the story of how the Lunar New Year comes to pass.

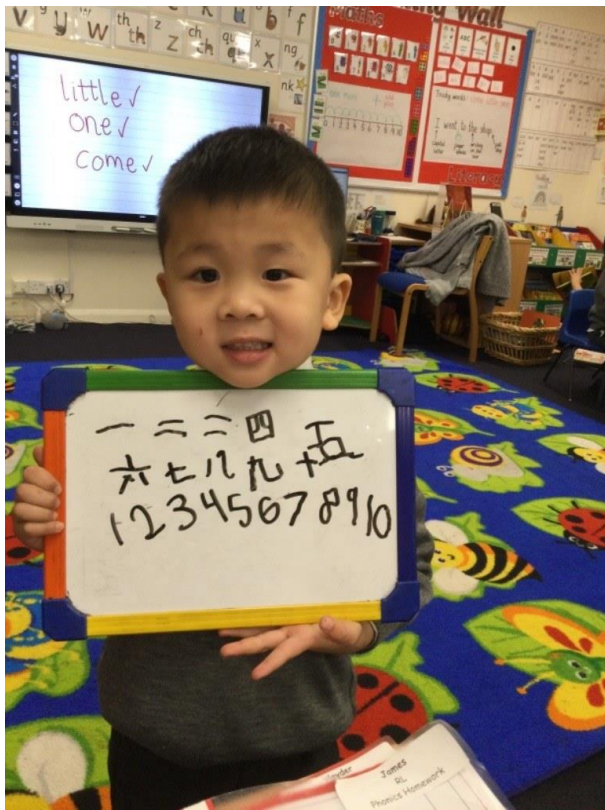
We have taken our new story to support our Maths learning this week. In Maths we have focused on ordinal numbers, using the animal places in 'The Great Race' to help us understand and cement our new learning.



In Literacy the boys are taking their knowledge of sentence writing to a new level, as they 'Teach the Teacher' by correcting our poorly written sentences. The boys are focusing on using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop to ensure they have written a 'Superstar sentence'! Well done boys, thank you for helping us correct our mistakes.

We ended our week with a very exciting class assembly. RA took us on a journey to Australia where the boys shared their knowledge of different parts of the country and all lots of fun facts that they had learnt about Australian animals. Thank you to those of you who came along for the ride!





Pre-School



Pre-School South Croydon

This week in South Croydon Pre-School we have learning about the book 'going on a bear hunt', Thank you to Harrison for bringing in his sounds book, it was great to have some sounds with the

story. We went on a 'bear' hunt in forest school, unfortunately we didn't find the bear! We did our own drawings from the story, and copy wrote some of the words.

We have been creating with junk modelling this week and the children made some amazing structures like dragons and binoculars (to look for the bear). At the end of the week we had number day, in our 'snowstorm' we found lots of numbers, experimented with clocks and watches, and enjoyed some dice activities.





Pre-School Purley

Lots of GIANTS from the top of the Beanstalk in Preschool this week.... So much fun finding the golden egg making magic beans and planting beans together in Forest School.

We made a castle in the clouds for our beans we planted to climb up to. We are learning how to care for our seeds. We talked about what our seeds need to help them grow

It has been wonderful to have milder weather to enjoy doing our outdoor learning. We are making the most of the brighter days and look forward to planting different seeds.

Well done to our children who made delicious apple and sunflower seed bird feeders for British Birdwatch last weekend. Thank you for your checklists and bird photos children.





Kindergarten





Kindergarten South Croydon

This week we have been having great fun learning all about humpty dumpty and helping to fix him back together again with our fantastic cutting skills. The children have enjoyed watching Get well soon and learnt about when we have a broken bone doctors can take x-rays to see our bones. The children have also enjoyed taking part in more Lunar New year craft activities.



Kindergarten Purley

This week is National Story telling week, so the children in kindergarten have been practising their story making skills using the story spoons and story characters, The 3 little pigs and Goldilocks and

the 3 bears). It has been wonderful to see their imaginations shine and to hear so many different versions of the popular stories.











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 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

[@schoolstriathlon](#)

Whitgift School's Cricket Holiday Camp

[Webpage HERE](#)

WHITGIFT

FEBRUARY CRICKET CAMP 2024

Dates: Mon 12, Tues 13 & Wed 14 February

Session 1 – 9:30am to 11:30am | Age Groups: Y4 & Y5
 Session 2 – 12 noon to 2:00pm | Age Groups: Y6 & Y7
 Session 3 – 2:30pm to 4:30pm | Age Groups: Y8 & Y9

Cost: £30 per session
 Venue: Whitgift School Sports Centre (Indoors)
 Sign up via WisePay

Ages: 9 to 13 years
 Available to both Whitgift and non-Whitgift pupils.
 All genders & abilities welcome. Hard ball & soft ball activities.
 For further details please contact Cricket Academy Head Coach, Mr Simon Jackson:
s.jackson@whitgift.co.uk



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