



CHS Boys' & Nursery Newsletter

Friday 8th March

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 12th March 10am-6pm, South Croydon Kindergarten Parent Progress Meetings

Wednesday 13th March 7pm, Shrek The Musical Jr at Caterham School (tickets can be purchased [here](#))

Thursday 14th March 7pm, Shrek The Musical Jr at Caterham School (tickets can be purchased [here](#))

BOYS' SCHOOL

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March, Production Rehearsals at Caterham School (Details have been sent via a 'Notice')

Tuesday 12th March, Year 8 Trip to Imperial War Museum (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

Wednesday 13th March 10am, 3O Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)

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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

Happy International Women's Day to all the women in our Cumnor Community! As Head of a Boys' School for over three years and a staff member for two decades, I'm proud to say our boys demonstrate and celebrate the inspirational women in their lives. They embrace compassion, respect, and diversity, preparing for a future where everyone is valued, regardless of identity.



This week we celebrated World Book Day and had a wonderful time, despite one of the boys asking if I was Cinderella's grandmother!!! I think some anti-wrinkle cream is in need. The boys had some wonderful costumes from Aladdin to the Gingerbread Man and many more. Mrs Irvine made a fabulous Shoemaker and Mrs Figueira spent the day feeding the boys until they were fat enough to cook! On my way through Year 1 and 2 I was accosted by the Three Bears looking for Goldilocks and the Three Little Pigs. It is always fantastic for the boys to see their teachers join in so thank you to the staff for making a great efforts with some fabulous costumes. We spent the day reading, listening to stories, talking about stories and books as well as many more activities. My favourite by far was set by our Year 1 teachers who tasked the boys to find the most creative place to read in. The pictures below are fantastic and I am amazed at some of the wonderful ideas that the boys have come up with, well done!







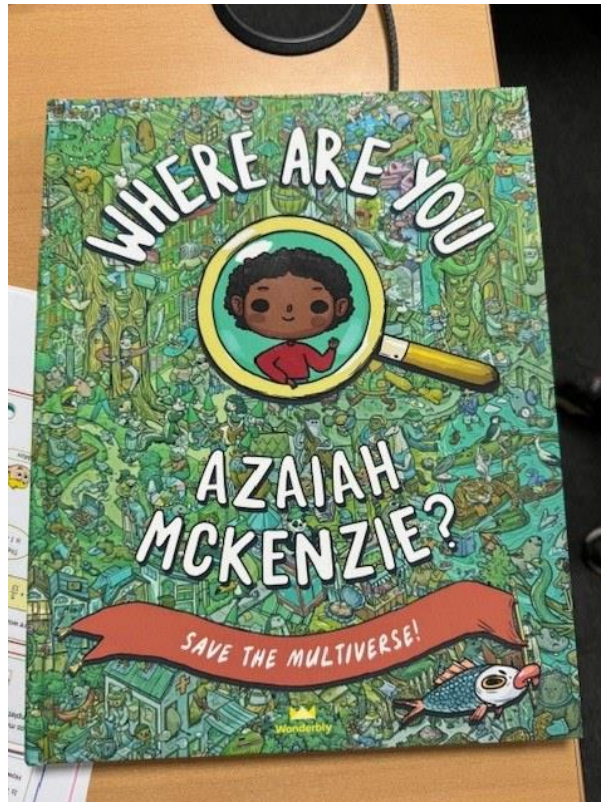












Future Schools - Results

A huge thanks to Mr Jones and the staff who have worked hard to prepare our boys for the gruelling assessments at a wide range of senior schools. You can see below from Mr Jones' report that we have had an excellent year of results again and the boys must be congratulated, not only on their academic ability but in their manners and conversation at these schools. We are very proud of you boys.

With the application and assessment window drawing to a close for another academic year we reflect positively on another largely successful round of results for Cumnor pupils. We were delighted to see all the pupils who have been through the 13+ process throughout Year 7 and 8 have been offered a place at a school of their choice. Our Year 6 pupils also impressed at assessments; we received outstanding reviews for their exceptional performances at interview showing articulation, maturity and a global perspective beyond their years. It was particularly impressive to note that at 11+, all applicants progressed through to the interview stage at Trinity and a staggering 80% of the candidates were offered with scholarship at this transition point. A special mention must go to Oliver Q who overcame the gruelling Sutton Grammar Assessment and arguably the most selective state eligibility test in the country to be offered a place at Wallington Boys. We are delighted that all told, Cumnor pupils have currently received 35 scholarships from 7 schools surpassing our achievements from last year.

| School | Offers | Scholarships |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Caterham | 5 offers including 2 scholarships | Academic Sport |
| Cedars | 9 offers including 2 scholarships | Head's Thomas More Award |
| Charterhouse | 1 offer including scholarship | Sport |
| Lingfield | 1 offer including scholarship | Academic |
| Royal Russell | 6 offers including 2 scholarships | Academic Drama |
| Trinity | 16 offers including 14 scholarships | Academic x7 Art Drama Music x2 Sport x3 |
| Whitgift | 20 offers including 12 scholarships | Academic x2 Art Drama Head's x3 Music x2 Sport x3 |

In addition to scholarships and offers from the schools above, our boys also secured offers from Worth, Westminster London Park School, Reigate Grammar, Royal Grammar Guildford and Tonbridge.

Mr Jones

Deputy Head/Head of Upper School

Celebrating even more success our Stars this week are:

1C - Yaseen

1L - Eden

1S - Syan

2CT - Max

2R - Alexander W

Well done, boys!





Good luck to those of you who will be joining us this evening at the PTA Quiz Night. I have taken my revision for this evening very seriously and being as competitive as our boys are I plan on winning!

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School

Cumnor House Boys' School Presents Shrek the Musical JR!

Cumnor House School
Presents

SHREK The Musical JR.

13 Mar 7PM | 14 Mar 7PM
At Caterham School Theatre

Click the link below to purchase
tickets and for more information:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/chs-present-shrek



Adult: £10 | Child: £8

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig
Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Mitzie Street Productions
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford. "It's a Believer" by Neil Diamond
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.com

Artwork by Reegan in Yr 5

We warmly invite the Cumnor community to join us in **March** to enjoy the **Boys' School Production** of **Shrek the Musical JR**:

Performance Dates:

- 7pm, Wednesday 13th March
- 7pm, Thursday 14th March

Venue: Caterham School

Tickets: To purchase your tickets please click [here](#)



Introducing Princess Fiona...

My name is Bowen and I will be playing the part of Princess Fiona in our upcoming production of Shrek, the Musical. Princess Fiona is a little "bi-polar" but she has been locked away in a tower most of her life, so I feel bad for her.

During rehearsals, I enjoy the fun and laughs we have, but when we open next week, I am really looking forward to having an audience to perform in front of.

You should come and see this show as you will see me as a "pwetty pwincess!"



Introducing Dragon...

My name is Dhruv and I will be playing Dragon in the Musical Theatre Group's production of Shrek. Dragon has the job of guarding Princess Fiona and has the reputation of being fierce and scary. However, Donkey's charms change Dragon's personality for the better.

I enjoy rehearsing and practising all my lines. I am looking forward to singing a solo and projecting my voice through the whole theatre.

You should come and see our show as it will be very enjoyable for kids of all ages!



Introducing Pinocchio...

My name is Corban and I will be playing Pinocchio in our production of Shrek. Pinocchio says he is a "real boy," but he's a massive liar, because he is actually a puppet. When he lies, his nose grows.

During rehearsals, I love getting into character and seeing the show come to life while getting closer to the performance.

When we finally perform Shrek, I am looking forward to being on stage and seeing the audience support all our hard work.

You should come and see our show because it is a thrilling and amazing show, and it is awesome with amazing actors.

Music

Little Voices and Junior Voices at the Coulsdon and Purley Music Festival

Last Saturday, Little Voices and Junior Voices choirs competed in the Coulsdon & Purley Music Festival. The boys had worked hard this term to learn their songs and were full of energy and enthusiasm to perform.

Little Voices were in the first class of the day, but third to perform, so it meant that they had to sit and watch the other choirs before they were able to take to the stage. They were an excellent audience, both in listening to the other choirs and applauding their songs, but finally it was time for them to take to the stage. Their first song, I am the Earth, required them to sing in 2 parts representing both the earth and the children who will one day be looking after the planet and the adjudicator said that it was a 'strong and rhythmic performance' which they 'sung with passion'. Their second song was a jazzy number with actions called 'Hey Mr Miller' which the boys love singing, and this really came across in their performance. Unfortunately, they didn't come away with the trophy this year, but they can be very proud of both their performance and their behaviour, and I can't wait for them to perform these songs again in our Summer Showcase Concert at the end of the year.

Then it was time for Junior Voices to go into the church, and again they had to listen to another choir sing before it was their turn. Their first song was 'Steam Train' which the adjudicator described as 'a rhythmical performance', which was good because that was what we were aiming for! Their second song, Believe, is all about believing in yourself and he said 'there was a real feel for the words, their style and meaning which gave a compelling performance'. They also didn't win their class, but again can be very proud of their performance and their behaviour. We are going to work on a few things with these songs which he suggested, and the performances should be even better by the Summer Concert.

Well done to all the boys who took part – I am very proud of you!





Music Reminders and Dates

There is an aural test drop-in session on a Tuesday morning between 8 and 8.30 for those boys who are taking a ABRSM exam this term. Please encourage your son to come to at least one session before his exam!

Year 3 instruments can be brought in on a Monday to save having so many bags on a Tuesday morning if it is helpful.

There will be some changes to usual rehearsals next week due to Shrek performances. Boys should check the noticeboards so they know which rehearsals are still taking place and which are not.

- Monday 18th March – Rehearsals with Miss Brown for those taking exams that require piano accompaniment (timetables have been given out – please let us know of any issues asap).
- Monday 25th March – ABRSM Exams

We hope to put on a 'Prize winners' concert in the last week of term for those who were awarded certificates in the House Music Competition this year. Watch out for a notice on Cognita Connect!

Next Term – dates for your diary

- Wednesday 8th May – Cognita Sings at Epsom Playhouse– Choristers (you should have received an email and a digital form this week, please let me know if you have not received this)
- Tuesday 25th June – Year 3 Scheme Concert (afternoon)
- Monday 3rd July – Summer Showcase Concert (7pm)

Kind Regards

Miss Secker

Head of Music

Calling all STEM Profession / Science Loving Parents!



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK – 18/03/24 – 22/03/24

The Science Department are busily preparing for British Science Week. We are organising visitors, speakers, trips, workshops and special activities. This year's theme is '**TIME.**'

We are asking all parents with a STEM background (doesn't have to be your profession, we welcome those with a genuine love of science and engineering) if they would like to be a part of the week's activities.

If we have already spoken regarding a workshop/presentation – THANK YOU. Please get in touch asap to secure dates/times/year groups.

Activities could range from talking to our older boys about your career and what it entails, running a short workshop based on your job or supporting science activities across the school. As long as it fits into the broad umbrella of 'TIME' we would love to have you. It will be a great way to be involved in our school, plus you'll earn Brownie points with your son!

Any time that you can donate will be greatly appreciated – from one 45 minute period to a whole day.

Please email if you are interested and would like to discuss this further.

Many thanks.

Miss Hibbert

Head of Science

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Games



| # | Team | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | PD | LBP | TBP | Win Ratio | LP |
|---|---|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|----|
| 1 |  Summer Fields School | 18 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 465 | 145 | 320 | 1 | 6 | 91.67% | 73 |
| 2 |  Chesham Preparatory School | 14 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 570 | 430 | 140 | 0 | 12 | 78.57% | 56 |
| 3 |  Cumnor House School for Boys | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 410 | 190 | 220 | 1 | 9 | 86.36% | 48 |
| 4 |  Rokeby School, Surrey | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 355 | 270 | 85 | 0 | 8 | 69.23% | 44 |
| 5 |  Chafyn Grove Preparatory School | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 545 | 305 | 240 | 0 | 7 | 100.00% | 43 |
| 6 |  Cranmore School | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 375 | 155 | 220 | 0 | 9 | 94.44% | 43 |

Congratulations to our U9A Team who are currently ranked 3rd in the Country.

Early Years

Dear Parents,

What a busy week it has been. Trips, World Book Day and watching the chicks grow. It was lovely to see all the children in their World Book Day costumes on Thursday and a huge thank you to all the parents that came in and read with the children. The children all really enjoyed it.

In Assembly we read the book "Mothers and Others Day". A story about a school celebration for Mothers and others day and celebrating all the people that care for us and support us. I know the children have all made lots of Mothers and others gifts for Sunday and I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Our Stars of the Week are:

Pre-School South Croydon: Tara W

Pre-School Purley: Sai

RW: Ralph

RL: Hayder

RA: Zane

Gold Awards

Pre-School South Croydon: Summer

Pre- School Purley: Shiva

RW: Dylan

RL: Dylan

RA: Ayyan

Congratulations to all these children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Upfold

Head of Early Years

Eligible working parents of 2-year-olds to receive 15 hours free childcare

A reminder to parents of 2 year olds to please complete and return your forms by **Monday 11th March** if you are eligible for this funding. If you have any queries about this please email: feesadmin@cumnorhouse.com

Reception



Reception started their week off going on an exciting trip to the Horniman Museum to learn all about our Topic, Habitats! We had a wonderful day exploring the Butterfly House, diving into the Aquarium and venturing around their small farm. It was full of exciting facts all about animals and the boys were able to gain lots of new insights into a variety of habitats.

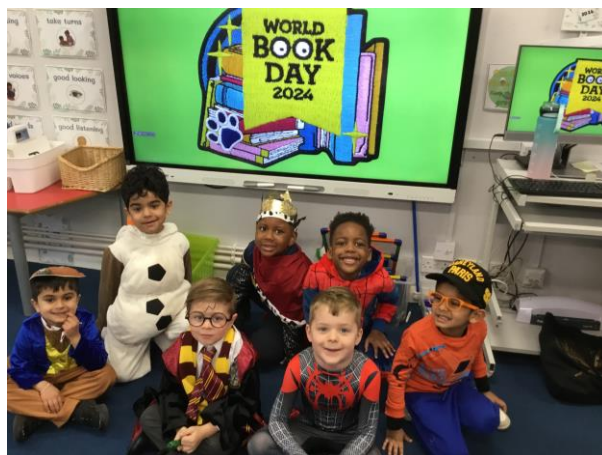






The boys have continued to look after our growing chicks this week. As the chicks have grown, the boys were able to get more up close and personal this week by giving them strokes, helping the adults to feed them and some of us were brave enough to hold the chicks!

In maths we have explored 2D shapes and their properties and in Literacy we have learnt all about Sir David Attenborough and all the important things he has done to protect our environments and educate people on the importance of looking after our world.



We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday by coming to school dressed up as a book character. The boys enjoyed sharing their costumes with each other and taking part in a fun carousel of activities across all three classes. Mrs Williams had an activity based on Jack and the Beanstalk, Mrs Rhodes had an activity based on The Three Little Pigs, and Miss Weston had an activity based on Goldilocks

and the Three Bears. The boys also enjoyed hearing a variety of stories read to them by some parents throughout the day.





Pre-School



Pre-School Purley

We are visiting Asia this week and we loved meeting our animal friends such as the orangutan, red panda and the Komodo dragon. We did an Asian animal workout with Andy.

We heard a lovely story about Doris the Loris who lives in the Sumatran Rainforest. It is so lovely to find out about animals from other continents.







Thank you to our parents who came to share stories with us for World Book Day. Our children looked incredible. It is always lovely to see our children dressed in book characters.

Our children have been very busy learning songs and making cards for their wonderful mums..

Have a wonderful weekend. We know your children are very excited to celebrate with you this weekend

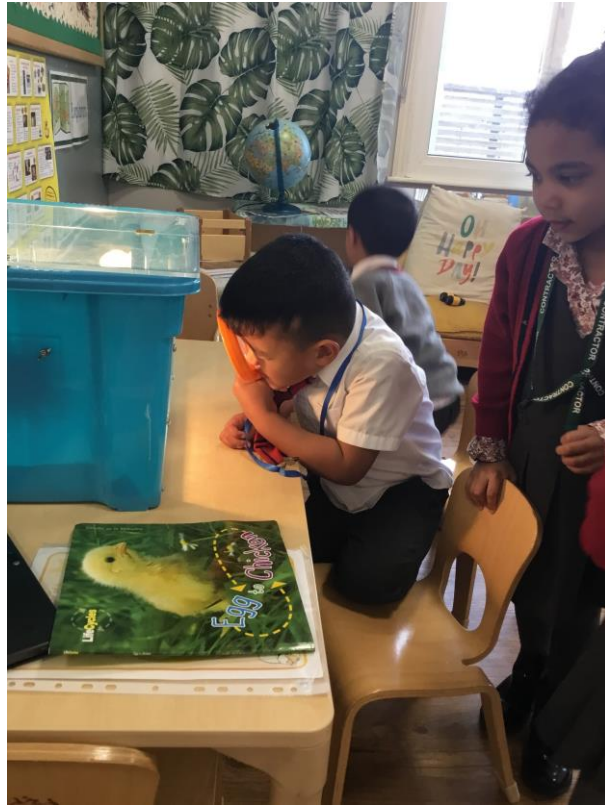
Happy Mothers' Day to you all.

Pre-School South Croydon

This week in Pre-School we have continued with our theme of Animals around the World by looking at Asian animals. We have been making Tigers to go on our board, using patterning to create then tiger strips. We have also been looking at the numbers 9 and 10 more closely, making them with different items in lots of different way.

We have still been looking after the chicks this week, holding them and making sure they have food and water throughout the day.









Pathway to Pre-School



This week in Pathway to Pre-School we have had so much fun learning about animals from Asia. We've made our own tiger and zebra masks using different collage materials. The class have enjoyed exploring the tuff tray which has been full of twigs, leaves, logs and animals from Asia for everyone to explore. We have loved using the tweezers to count the correct number of bananas to feed the monkey, using a number line for a little help.



Kindergarten



Kindergarten South Croydon

This week we are looking into farm animals. The children have been loving the hay in the tuff tray and making very loud animal noises during our carpet time story. We have been doing some

mother's day craft and have enjoyed everyone's costumes for world book day. We have also welcomed a new friend Lana to our class this week, Welcome Lana !

Next week we will be talking about our pets at home! If you have any pictures of you pets at home or family pets, please send them in.







Kindergarten Purley

We have had lots of excitement this week in kindergarten as all the children have been able to visit RL's class to see the chicks. We have talked about how to care for them and how gentle we need to

be as they are only babies. All the children were given the chance to hold a chick and those that weren't keen, happily stroked them as their teachers held the chicks next to them.

I am very proud to report all the children were very gentle and absolutely loved seeing the chicks.

We have used the love of chicks to complete a counting activity, we have had pictures of hens with numbers 1-5 on them, the children have had to match the correct number of chicks to each hen picture.







