

Girls' Newsletter - 8th March 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 11th March** - Year 3 Roman Day (please refer to the 'Notice' sent out on Cognita Connect for further details)
- **Monday 11th March** - Year 6 Trip to Temper Temper Chocolatiers (please refer to the 'Notice' sent out on Cognita Connect for further details)
- **Tuesday 12th March** - Year 3 & 4 Inter House Hockey
- **Wednesday 13th March** - Year 5 & 6 Inter House Hockey
- **Wednesday 13th March** - Celebration Evening @ 5pm-7pm
- **Saturday 16th March** - Year 3 to 6 Cross Country League @ Woodcote High School - Parents welcome (please see sports website for further details)
- **Monday 18th March** - Reception Swimming Watch Week - Parents welcome (please refer to the 'Notice' sent out on Cognita Connect for further details)
- **Tuesday 19th March** - Year 1 Swimming Watch Week - Parents welcome (please refer to the 'Notice' sent out on Cognita Connect for further details)

- **Tuesday 19th March** - Years 1 to 6 House Performing Arts Auditions
- **Wednesday 20th March** - Years 4 to 6 South of the River Girls' Swimming Gala @ JAGS - Parents welcome (please see sports website for further details)
- **Wednesday 20th March** - Years 1 to 6 House Performing Arts Auditions
- **Thursday 21st March** - House Swimming Gala
- **Friday 22nd March** - Year 3 Class Assembly @ 8.30am to 9am - Parents welcome
- **Friday 22nd March** - Year 5 Geography Quiz @ Caterham School (selected students only)
- **Friday 22nd March** - Extra Curricular Activities and Squads Finish
- **Monday 25th March** - PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school
- **Tuesday 26th March** - Year 5 ESB Exams
- **Tuesday 26th March** - U8 to U11 Swimming Gala @ Royal Russell - Parents welcome (please see sports website for further details)
- **Wednesday 27th March** - Years 1 to 6 House Performing Arts Final
- **Wednesday 27th March** - Last Day of Term

Collection Times:

Reception to Year 2 @ 11:45am

Years 3 to 6 @ 12pm

A Message from Mrs McShane

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful day we have had today celebrating both World Book Day and International Women's Day simultaneously. The girls arrived looking fabulous in their outfits and were able to tell me all about who they were, we had female astronauts (though eating lunch with their helmets on was quite a tricky manoeuvre) girls, inspired by family members, came as doctors, I saw a few Greta Thunbergs with banners campaigning for the planet, more than one Mrs. McShane (very humbling) an array of inspirational sportswomen, Mother Theresa, Queen Elizabeth II, a selection of female artists..... the list goes on. Suffice to say, the girls have been buzzing all day with talk of their inspirational woman, and the range of activities that have taken place. The book fair will be available in Piccadilly into next week, please pop by to browse.

The PTA held their Mother's Day pop-up shop on Thursday and the girls all had the opportunity to buy that special something. I do hope that mums, expectant mums, bereaved mums, and the mums who want to be, have time to reflect and to find some time of quiet supported by those that they love.

Year 1 had a fabulous day out on Thursday and came back brimming with information about their trip, thank you to Mrs Gannon, Miss Beckwith, and parent volunteers who took the girls to Sutton Ecology Centre.

We are really looking forward to Celebration Evening on Wednesday. Celebration evening is not really about individual performance, rather it is about the school community as a whole celebrating all that we do. Each classroom will have displays of children's work and it is an opportunity not just to peruse what is going on in your daughter's class but also to see the classes further up, or lower down the school so that you can see what is in store or reminisce about previous learning. There are activities for children to do in each classroom. There will also be an art gallery of framed pupils' art in Piccadilly and in the main entrance hall, a piece from each child in Years 3 - 6 which will be lovely to look at and parents will have the opportunity to purchase their daughter's framed artwork. We will look to extend this to Pre-prep in future years. There is a demonstration of sports skills between 5.00pm and 5.30pm and a demonstration of some of the things that the girls are doing in the choirs, orchestra and various music groups from 6.30pm - 7.00pm.

As previously stated, there are no after-school clubs that day and after-school care will only run until 4.15pm for younger siblings. Girls should come to school in their school uniform and all children must remain with parents at all times.

Families are not required to attend for the whole time. The PTA will be selling drinks to sustain you through the evening.

"I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars." E. M. Forster

Important Info/Reminders.....

Book Fair

The book fair will be running until Tuesday 12th March, in Piccadilly from 3.15pm to 4.30pm. This is a cashless system so please bring your bank card to be able to purchase books and your daughter can also use her World Book Day vouchers as part payment. Please do come and support this event as the school will then gain more books for the school library.

Celebration Evening - NO Teacher-Led Clubs or Squads

A reminder that there will be no teacher-led clubs or squads taking place after school on Wednesday 13th March due to the Celebration Evening.

After School Care will be available until 4.15pm, please book via Cognita Connect.

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

International Women's Day & World Book Day











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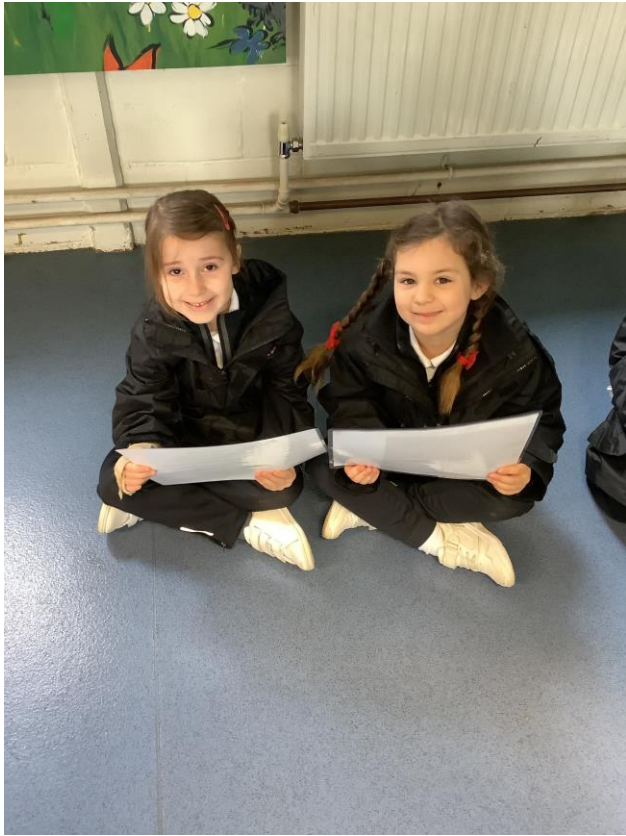
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Year 1 Trip to the Sutton Ecology Centre

The girls had a fantastic day visiting the Ecology Centre. They enjoyed exploring the grounds and completing various map-reading activities. We learnt which direction North, South, East, and West were and used this to plot where we were on a map. We also had to add landmarks to a map and add the symbols to a key. Next, we hid some treasure. Using our maps, our partners had to locate where the treasure was hidden! After lunch, the girls enjoyed a stroll around the ponds and had fun playing in the playground before heading back to school. Well done girls, it was a very busy day!





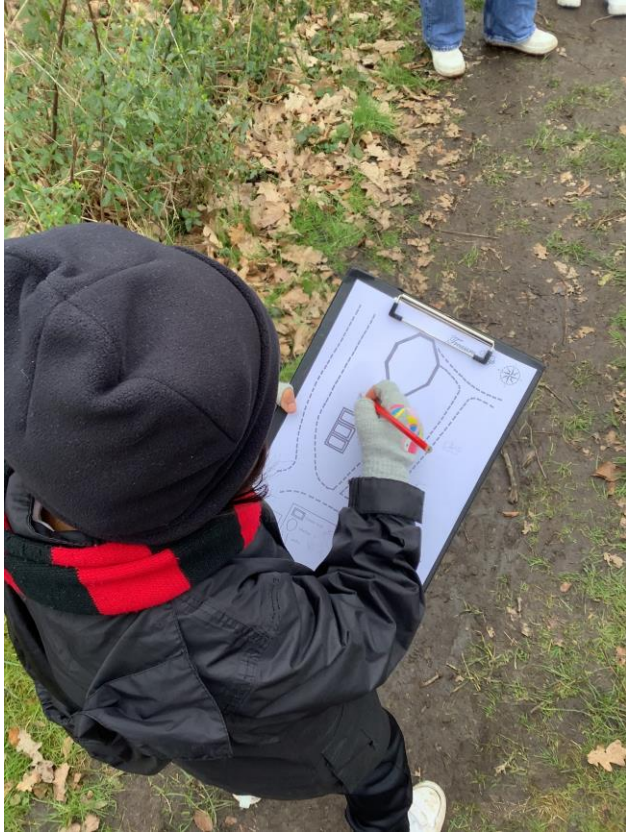






























Year 3 & 4 Performing Arts Recital

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 3 and 4 students welcomed their families into school for a workshop performance of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' which they have been preparing in their Music and Drama lessons this term. In the first half, parents were treated to a variety of wonderful solo performances and all students then took to the stage for the second half performance. All girls sang and performed brilliantly with Year 4 students speaking their lines clearly and with great energy. Well done to all involved!



Sport.....

ISA National Cross-Country Finals

Last Saturday Evie (U7) and Sienna (U11) made the trip to the ISA National Cross-Country Finals up in Workson and both ran fantastically well for the school and South London Borough in very challenging conditions. First up was Evie in the U9 race and she performed with great maturity in her first finals finishing a very creditable 55th out of a field of 70, this was an even more spectacular result than it looked considering Evie is U7 and was 2 years younger than the girls she was competing against, so she has 2 more years running at this age group. Next up it was Sienna in the U11 race who was running an incredible race and was nip and tuck with the eventual winner until disaster struck and Sienna tripped on a tree root rolling her ankle in the process, despite the pain she still crossed the line in a brilliant 6th place out of 70. Valuable lessons were learned by both girls and they will benefit from them in the years to come. Well done girls!!



Swimming

Congratulations to Daisy in Year 5 who has broken the Cumnor Girls' Swimming record for Year 5 Breaststroke that was set in 2012.



Spotlight on Digital Safety.....



To celebrate World Book Day, why not share an online story with your child?

This story is all about Digiduck and how he learns to be a good friend on the internet.

This is a good way to remind younger children how to keep themselves safe online but can also be enjoyed by anyone.

[Digiduck's Big Decision](#)

Other.....

Atom Learning-Parent Webinar

All parents in Y3,4,5 and 6 are invited to attend a parent webinar on **Thursday 21st March at 6.30pm**.

This is aimed at providing parents with more information regarding the parent portal and the features it offers.

To register your interest, please click on the link below and press the 'Register Here' button.

[Atom Parent Webinar Register Information](#)

The link for the meeting will be in next week's newsletter.

Chelsea Football Club Foundation Easter Camp

We are thrilled to confirm that there will be a Chelsea Football Club Foundation Easter Camp at South Croydon Playing Fields during the Easter Holidays. This will run from the 8th – 12th April. Cumnor House Schools will get the opportunity to book this course before it is released to other schools. Please look out for further information on how to book on Cognita Connect in the coming week.

PTA News.....

PTA

The below guide explains what the PTA does and the benefits. We are all a part of the PTA. All parent volunteers seeking to enhance our school community and make amazing memories for our girls. Please do get involved, many hands make light work! Please can I ask that all volunteers be treated with kindness throughout various interactions.

[PTA Guide](#)

Easter Egg Hunt

To book please click [here](#)



Summer Fair

We have listened to your feedback and taken your comments into consideration. As such the Summer fair will now take place on **Sunday 9th June**. We will send out the volunteers sheet shortly, please do jump on board and volunteer an hour of your time.



SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 9th June
10.30am - 2.30pm

CUMNOR GIRLS SCHOOL FIELD

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- bouncy castle •
- traditional games •
- Licenced Bar •
- Craft Games •
- Cupcake decorating •
- entertainment •
- market stalls •
- yummy food •
- and much more!