



CHS Boys' and Nursery

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Friday 22nd 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

Monday 25th March, PTA Reception & Pre-School Lego Workshop

Tuesday 26th March, PTA Egg-cellent Easter Quest (tickets can be purchased via PTA section of this newsletter)

Wednesday 27th March, (Reception Boys & Purley Nursery) finish times as follows:

- Purley Nursery finish at 11:45am
- Reception finish at 11:45am

BOYS' SCHOOL

Monday 25th March, Year 2 Trip to Gatton Park (Details have been sent via a 'Notice')

Tuesday 26th March, PTA Egg-cellent Easter Quest (tickets can be purchase via PTA section of this newsletter)

Wednesday 27th March, LAST DAY OF TERM* finish times as follows:

- Year 1 & 2 finish at 12:00pm
- Year 3 & 4 finish at 12:10pm
- Year 5 & 6 finish at 12:30pm
- Year 7 & 8 finish at 12:45pm

*(No PM shuttlebus, home run bus or After School Care Facility)

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

A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

The photos from our production have finally arrived and they are truly fantastic. Once again I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and support to put on such a spectacular performance. Special thanks to Mrs Trice - Director, Mrs Sullivan - Assistant Director, Miss Secker - Musical Director and Mr Turner - Technical Director. Huge congratulations to the cast who made us laugh from start to finish and crew which included the boys who performed so professionally in the band, to all the boys who worked tirelessly backstage and on the technical side. Thanks to Mrs Magill who is always a huge support to the music department, the staff who helped on both nights and to the PTA for the refreshments. The boys were amazing and the pictures really do capture what a special two nights it was. The Director of Studies from Caterham School was extremely impressed.











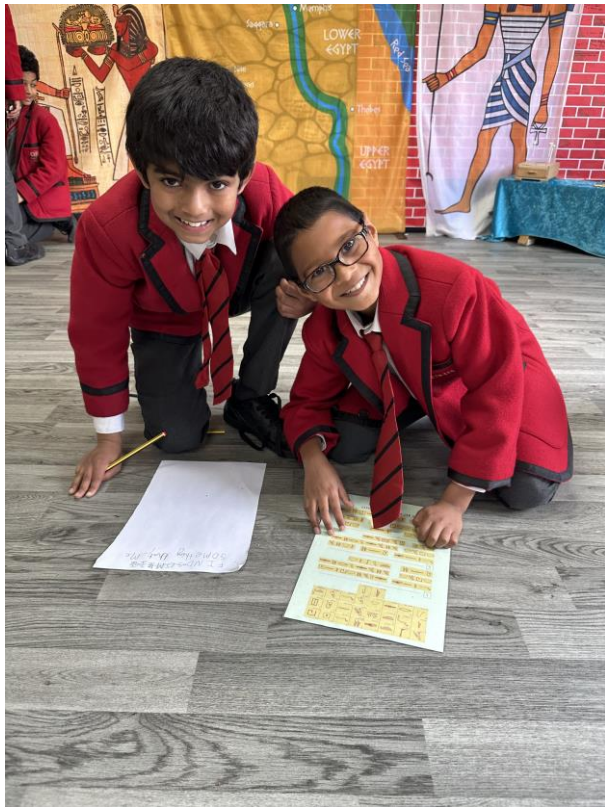


Year 4 Egyptian Workshop

This week the boys were involved in a workshop to learn all about the Egyptians and it was a resounding success! The boys delved into the depths of Egyptian civilization, experiencing daily life, handling authentic artefacts, playing Egyptian games, decoding hieroglyphic maths, the construction of pyramids, and even participating in a mummification ritual. The boys had a wonderful day and learned a lot about Ancient Egyptian history ready to commence their history topic next term.











British Science Week

A huge thank you to Mrs Hibbert and her team for organising a fantastic British Science Week. The boys have been enthralled listening to the different parent visitors talk about different roles and

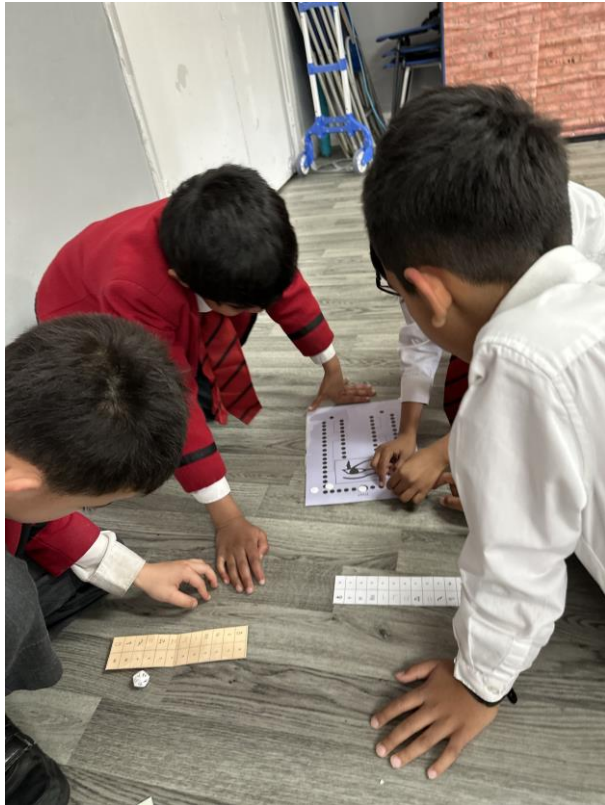
experience with Engineering and Science. A huge thank you to our parents who were able to give up their time to come in and talk to the boys.











For our budding writers...



A message from Mr Beesley:

I would like to make you aware of the ISEB 'Time to Write' creative writing competition, to recognise their 120th Anniversary.

The requirements are below and for further details [click here](#).

The 'Time to Write' creative writing competition is all about celebrating the past and looking forward to the future. The theme is...

A time machine is found hidden in a cave. Inside, there is a clock with two options: the first, to travel in time 120 years into the past, and the second, to travel in time 120 years into the future. Who finds it, and what happens next?

We'll be looking for the most creative story in the first round of judging.

Writers in Years 3 and 4: 500 words

Writers in Years 5 and 6: 650 words

Writers in Years 7, 8, and 9: 750 words

Entries are to be submitted to Mr Beesley. The deadline is April 26th, 2024 and he will be submitting the boys' entries on that day.

If you have any further questions please email Mr Beesley directly:

ed.beesley@cumnorhouse.com

Chelsea Foundation Football Camp

We are excited to confirm that Chelsea Foundation Football Camp will be hosting an Easter Camp on our South Croydon Playing Fields from the 8th -12th April. This is open to both boys and girls of all abilities. Our Cumnor Parents are being given exclusive priority to book **before Thursday 21st March** and there are limited spaces available so get booking!

Please use the following link to take you straight to Cumnor house booking form: [Chelsea FC Foundation | Soccer Schools](#) using Invitation code – CHSS2024.

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The image features three children in Chelsea Foundation soccer kits. A young boy in the foreground is smiling and pointing towards the camera. Behind him, a taller boy and a girl are also in kits. The boy's kit has 'INFINIT ATHLET' visible on the sleeve. The girl's kit has 'INFINIT ATHLET' visible on the sleeve. The boy's kit also has 'FOUNDATION' visible on the chest.



And finally, a visit from our Year 1 and 2 boys who were given 'star of the week'. They were so proud to tell us all about what they had been doing to earn the award. Congratulations, boys! Wear your badge with pride!

1C - **Geeth**

1L - **Ved**

1S - **David**

2CT - **Benji**

2R - **Umair**

Well done, boys!



Staff News

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to two of our much loved teaching staff.

Mr Walpot who has been with us over two years now. He completed his NQT with us and has been a fantastic addition to the Music department as well as a brilliant form tutor. He will be taking up a new post as Head of Music at another Prep School closer to home. We wish him the best of luck in his new role and we will definitely miss his wonderful harp playing.

Miss Carroll will be moving on to a new teaching position where she can gain greater experience in SEN. Miss Carroll started at Cumnor as a Nursery Practitioner and also qualified as a teacher here. She has been an important part of the Year 1 team and will be missed. We wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Many of you will have already met **Mrs J Bennett** (not Mrs A Bennett, Head of Maths) who will be 1C's new class teacher. Mrs Bennett has taught in a number of local Prep Schools and has spent this week in 1C getting to know the children.

Mr Nathaniel Brawn will be joining us to teach Music and has taught at Wetherby Prep and Glendower. Mr Brawn has returned from teaching in China and will be joining us on Tuesday to meet the boys.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School

Music



House Music Celebration Concert – March 26th

I'm delighted to invite you to a Celebration Concert with performances by some of the certificate winners from our House Music Competition earlier this term. Please see the poster below for more details. All parents of potential performers have been emailed with a form to complete to assist the planning of this concert which will be a lovely way to end the term.

Choristers – Cognita Sings – May 8th

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the form. This is due by Monday 25th, which is also our last rehearsal of the term. We will have covered the main part for all the massed songs, as well as our own 2 songs. All lyrics and rehearsal tracks are already on the Chorister channel of the Music team, and additional tracks will be uploaded during the Easter holidays. All boys should know most of the lyrics by the time we come back – feel free to print the lyric sheets at home (there will also be a few copies available at school for those who don't have access to a printer at home).

Dates

Monday March 25th – ABRSM exams

Tuesday June 25th – Year 3 Scheme Concert

Monday 1st July – Summer Showcase Concert

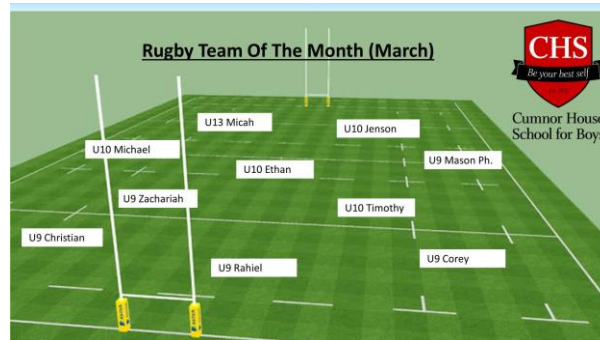
Kind Regards

Miss Secker

Head of Music

Games

As the rugby season draws to a close, here are the boys that impressed this month (9 or 10 score rating for their fixture):



U8A Rugby side finish 2nd in the country:






#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	%	LP
1	Oratory Prep School	15	14	0	1	485	270	215	93.33%	63
2	Cumnor House School for Boys	14	10	3	1	500	300	200	82.14%	58
3	Deira International School, Dubai	11	9	0	2	44	28	16	81.82%	38
4	Reddam House School	8	6	1	1	240	150	90	81.25%	33
5	Downsend School	9	4	5	0	530	485	45	72.22%	33

U8B Rugby side finish 3rd:

#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	%	LP
1	Chesham Preparatory School	8	6	2	0	226	104	122	87.50%	35
2	Papplewick School	7	6	1	0	76	39	37	92.86%	33
3	Cumnor House School for Boys	7	6	0	1	273	186	87	85.71%	30
4	Shrewsbury House School	6	6	0	0	250	190	60	100.00%	29
5	Bishopgate School	8	6	1	1	63	49	14	81.25%	27






U9A & 10A Rugby sides finish 4th:

U10A

#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	%	LP
1	 Ludgrove School	13	10	1	2	340	175	165	80.77%	51
2	 Birkdale School	13	8	1	4	375	290	85	65.38%	46
3	 Farleigh School	13	8	1	4	515	320	195	65.38%	45
4	 Cumnor House School for Boys	11	8	1	2	269	179	90	77.27%	44
5	 Aldro	12	8	1	3	360	300	60	70.83%	44

U9A & 10A Rugby sides finish 4th:

U9A

#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	%	LP
1	 Summer Fields School	19	17	1	1	520	155	365	92.11%	78
2	 Chesham Preparatory School	14	11	0	3	570	430	140	78.57%	56
3	 Rokeby School, Surrey	14	9	2	3	395	280	115	71.43%	49
4	 Cumnor House School for Boys	11	9	1	1	410	190	220	86.36%	48
5	 Chafyn Grove Preparatory School	9	9	0	0	545	305	240	100.00%	43

CHS U9A RUGBY – Milbourne Lodge School U9 Rugby Festival

The U9A team were invited to the Milbourne Lodge Rugby Tournament on Monday 4th March. The team were extremely excited to play some rugby as they hadn't played a fixture for over 5 weeks due to the weather conditions. Before the tournament started, Cumnor were seeded into a group with 3 other teams (Milbourne Lodge, CLFS and Surbiton High).

The team started off their tournament in emphatic style, winning 35-20 against the host side Milbourne Lodge. Henry O put in a man of the match performance with some textbook tackles to stop Milbourne Lodge crossing the game line. In our second match, we came up against Surbiton High. The team pieced together an excellent team performance by closing the space in defence allowing Cumnor to be on the front foot for most of the game. In attack, the boys executed their set moves with perfection, allowing Cumnor to be a constant threat in attack throughout the match. Final score 30 – 5 to Cumnor.

In our final we played CLFS. This was a very short match due to the opposition arriving late to the tournament. However, Cumnor came out on top winning the match 15-5.

Once all the group games had been completed, the tournament organisers arranged an extra fixture for all teams taking part in the tournament. We were placed against another Cognita school, Downsend. Cumnor started brightly against Downsend, taking a 15-5 lead at half time. The boys rallied up at half time, determined not to let their lead slip away. The second half of the game became very physical, with some excellent tackles from both sides on display but, Cumnor were clinical in attack which allowed us to extend our lead even further (final score 25- 10 to Cumnor). Due to RFU regulations, unfortunately no trophy could be awarded to any team, however, a medal for both player of the tournament and RFU code of conduct would be given to each participating

team. Henry O was awarded Cumnor's Player of the Tournament and Haris was awarded the RFU values award. I would like to personally congratulate all the boys that were involved.



Mr Brotherton

Director of Sport

Swimming

We have received the results of the preliminary round of this year's National IAPS heats. This is a National competition where over 6000 swimmers from all over the country took part in the heats. The top 20 swimmers in each event have qualified to compete in the National Finals to be held at the London Aquatic Centre on Saturday 8th June.

All of our Year 5 team have qualified for the finals. Our relay team qualified first, as has Sebastian in Backstroke. Ayden, Christian and Ammar have all qualified in the top 7 places for their respective events, which gives us a great chance of winning the top Year 5 school for the 3rd consecutive year. A special mention must go to Christian who has qualified 7th for the Individual Butterfly Final despite only being in Year 4.

Both of our Year 6 relay teams have qualified, and I have high hopes that they can improve on their seeding to push for a top 5 finish at the Finals. Archie had a great heat swim and has qualified for the Year 7 Breaststroke Final.

Let's increase the hard work in preparation for the finals!

Well done, boys!

Mr Fitzgerald

Head of Swimming

Early Years

Dear Parents

We had an exciting start to British Science Week with a visit from Mrs Hibbert. The children have enjoyed Science activities across the week focusing on time. Each class has created their own

Science Week Poster about time that will be displayed in their classroom, feel free to pop in and see them next week.

On Friday we welcomed the parents on both sites into Reception, Pre-School and Pathway to Pre-School classrooms for our show and share sessions. The children loved showing their parents around the classrooms and sharing their work with their parents and grandparents. In the afternoon the Kindergarten children at both sites came in for show and share, the children really enjoyed showing all their fun activities off and in Purley they helped their parents do an Easter Hunt. On Friday we also welcomed all our boys coming to Reception in September to take part in an Easter Crafts and Easter Egg Hunt. The boys had a lovely time crafting with the Reception team and they even met the Easter bunny.

In Assembly we gave out our Star of the Week and Gold Certificates. Reception Gold Certificates and Stars will be given out in our final assembly on Wednesday alongside our Form Cups. However, Reception have received all their Reading Eggs certificates - well done, boys!

Congratulations to all the children this week.

Our Stars of the Week are:

Kindergarten Purley: **Vishnu**

Kindergarten South Croydon: **Dheerrav**

Pre-School Purley: **Aari**

Pre-School South Croydon: **Tara**

Gold Awards

Pre-School South Croydon: **Seven**

Pre-School Purley: **Alex K**

Kind Regards

Mrs Upfold

Head of Early Years

Uniform

As we move towards better weather (hopefully) please can you make sure that your child has a CHS Summer cap in school that is named. Please can I ask that all uniform is named including shoes and school coats.

Reception

This week in Reception the boys had a wonderful time participating in British Science Week.

They took part in different experiments including magic milk, rain cloud in a jar, an apple experiment and were wowed by Mrs Hibbert's fabulous colour experiment! It was a great week for asking questions, finding out and exploring.

In Maths the boys explored the concept of time by learning about the days of the week, months of the year and the seasons. They also thought about what they do at different times of the day from getting ready for school in the morning to eating their dinner in the evening. In Literacy this week the boys did some amazing writing about their favourite animal and its habitat.











Pre-School

Pre-School Purley

Our children had a very busy time visiting Australia and meeting the animals from wombats to blue tongued lizards. Our children made wombat stew and fun koala crafts by recycling newspapers. Our songs were a great hit with lots of requests to play our planet, continent and Australia songs every morning and afternoon. We danced with the Wiggles and played I Spy with the animals. We linked Australia to Day and Night and how it is different.

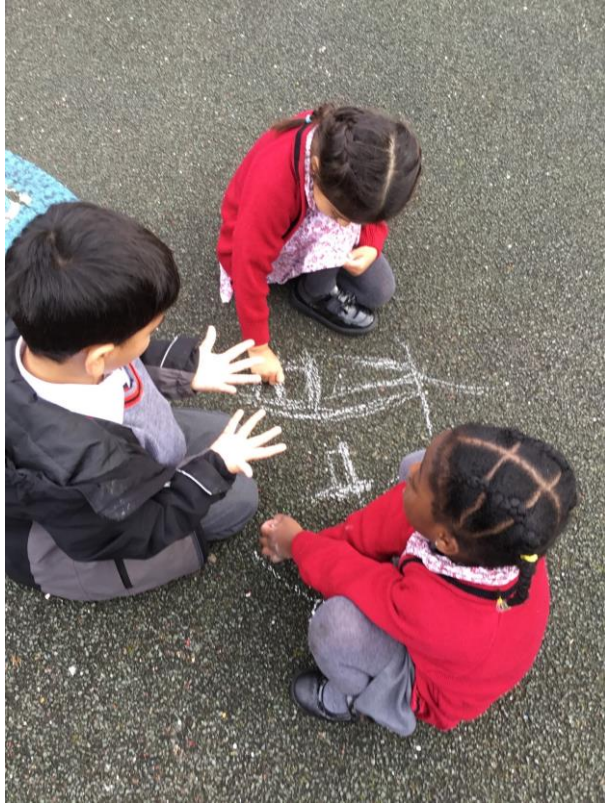
We looked at Nocturnal and Diurnal animals that live here and we sorted day and night activities

Billy Bears Busy week helped us talk about the days of the week and we sang songs to help us remember the order. We welcomed the first day of Spring. It is so lovely to see the bright weather. We will be spending lots of happy hours over the coming weeks enjoying the best classroom of all being outdoors together.













Pre-School South Croydon

This week in Pre-School we have been celebrating British Science week, This year's theme is 'time' so we have been making watches using different shapes and making sure we write the correct numbers on the face, alongside this throughout the week we have been looking at the weather and drawing the weather on our forms for each day to see if it changes over time. We had a great visit from Mrs Hibbert who talked to us about acid and alkaline liquids and the PH scale.

We have also been looking at the Australian animals and talking about the time difference between us and them, looking at which animals are dangerous and looking at a map to see how far away Australian is. For our board we have made a Kangaroo with different textured materials.

As the weather is improving, we will be spending more of the day outside and giving children the freedom to be independent with coats and jumpers. Please ensure all are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Next term we are learning about 'Growing and lifecycles' and will be starting with us! Please could all parents send Mrs Drummie (susan.drummie@cumnorhouse.com) a picture of their child as a baby ready for the 15th April.







Pathway to Pre-School

This week in Pathway to Pre-school we have enjoyed learning about animals that originate from Australia. The children have had lots of fun creating their own boomerangs and koala pictures. We have loved learning a special Australian song with Pre-school.

The children have been taking part in lots of fun experiments during British Science Week. They particularly loved our floating and sinking experiment and were so engaged throughout. The children marked on their sheet what they predicted would happen and took it in turns to place an object in the water, predicting whether it would float or sink. Well done P2P for another great week!





Kindergarten

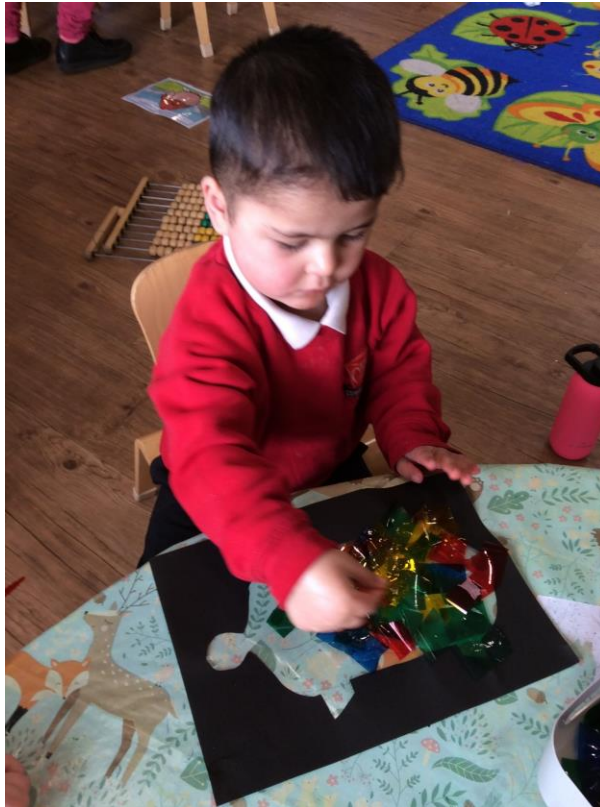
Kindergarten South Croydon

This week we have been looking at pond life. We have talked about the cycle of a tadpole to a frog and learnt lots of exciting words like frog spawn, tadpole, frog, toad and Lilly pad. The children have enjoyed making their own paper pond working on their cutting skills, learning to cut straight across the paper and then around photos the more confident they got.

We have had lots of fun in the '5 little speckled frogs' and 'duck pond' in the tuff tray playing with green rice and sticks, counting the frogs and ducks. We now look forward to a fun filled Easter break with lots of craft and baking activities to do!







Kindergarten Purley

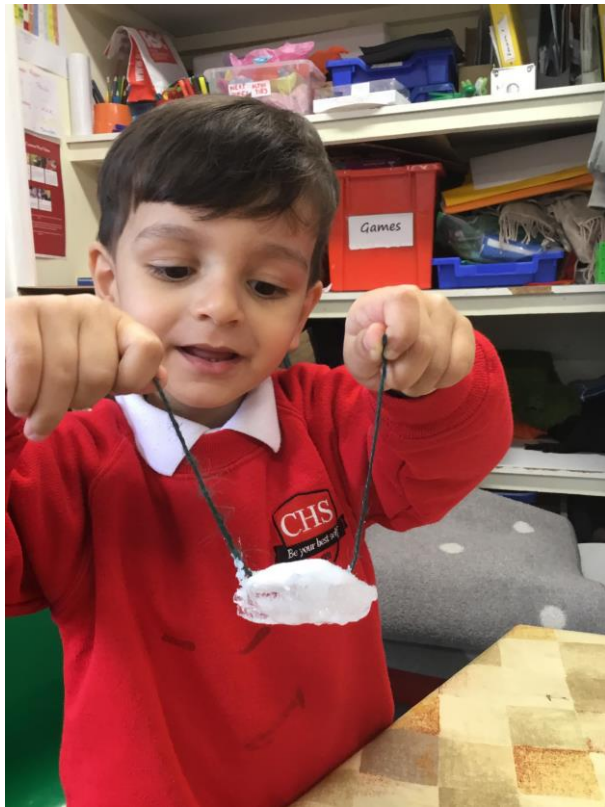
This week we have been celebrating British Science Week. We started our week with a visit from Mrs Hibbert our Head of Science and she showed us some simple experiments on how mixing certain liquids together can alter their acid and alkaline content, making the liquids change colour.

We have also been working on three experiments of our own in class.

First was our salt painting pictures, using a salt water mixture the children painted their own pictures, we placed them on the drying rack and returned later in the day. We saw that the water had dried and the salt had become more vibrant revealing the children's pictures.

Our second experiment involved using felt tip pens and cotton wool. We coloured the cotton wool before placing the circles into water - the children were fascinated to watch the colours leave the cotton wool and float on the water.

The last experiment. Mrs Hollands personal favourite, was picking ice up with string! Everyone knows you cannot use string to pick up ice but pour salt over the string and ice and wait a short while and the salt helps attach the string to the ice so you can pick it up.













PTA Egg-cellent Easter Quest - Tuesday 26th March

The Cumnor House Boys' and Nursery PTA are egg-cited to announce our Easter event. 🐰🥚

Children with tickets will tackle egg-citing challenges for their age group to claim delicious chocolate eggs. 🍫🥚

Details for each year group have been shared on WhatsApp.

Tickets £3 plus booking fee.

Ticket sales close at **midnight** on **Monday 18th March**.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chspta/t-qjgldxe>

📧 Hop into action, we're on the hunt for volunteers to help bring our egg-citing event to life. If you're egg-static about joining the fun please sign up here:

volunteersignup.org/4AK8R

💙 **Reception to Year 8** the fun will begin at the sports field at **9am**.

💜 **South Croydon Kindergarten and Pre-School** will have their egg-citement at **10am**.

💛 **Purley Kindergarten, Pathway to Pre-School and Pre-School** will enjoy their event at **2pm** at the **Purley site**.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing the children there. 🌻