



Cumnor House
School for Girls

Girls' Newsletter - 15th 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.

- **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 busy week it began with a Roman Invasion, took in some inter-house hockey matches, there was a visit to a chocolate factory, a book fair, a full-on school celebration, and, of course, golden tickets were being found in chocolate bars.

The girls loved their Roman Day, and all girls came into school resplendent in their costumes, amongst other things the girls trained as gladiators and took part in some food tasting. These practical days are of such benefit to the girls, and they gained such good insight into their humanities topic. Thank you, Mrs Johnson, for organising a great day for the girls.

Monday marked the start of Ramadan, and I was delighted that Alaya produced an excellent PowerPoint about it and presented it to the school in assembly – it was so good I scrapped my prepared assembly on the same subject as I knew that Alaya would present from a more meaningful and lived experience. She spoke with confidence and clarity, and I think we all gained from her presentation. I was also delighted that Maryam stood at the front to share her family traditions and experience of this time.

[Ramadan Powerpoint by Alaya Q](#)

Year 6 were very excited about their trip to the chocolate factory – no sign of any oompah loompahs though! The girls learned about the history of chocolate, the importance of tempering it, and how to

taste it, and then made some chocolates themselves. They had a wonderful time consolidating their Food Tech learning and I think I ought to accompany them next year!

House hockey is always fiercely fought and this year was no exception, the girls battled the elements as well as each other. The results will be announced towards the end of the term.

It was a total joy to welcome so many parents to Celebration Evening on Wednesday, the school was buzzing with the sports demonstration, the eco-themed activities in the classrooms, and the finale of music in the hall. All of this is to showcase what we do here every day. I am mindful that the only time parents could get to look at the whole school is on initial tours so this annual event means that you get to see the whole school more often and you can really visualise your daughter's learning journey. The older girls like to reminisce, and the younger girls like to look forward. However, it is also about bringing our whole community together for shared joyful experiences.











It was the first time that we had an art gallery, and it was delightful to see the girls' artwork framed and displayed. If you did not get a chance to let us know that you would like to purchase your daughter's masterpiece just drop us a note. Those of you who have said that you want the artwork we will send a message with details of how to pay next week on Cognita Connect once we have collated the information.

Some blazers are looking a little sorry for themselves could I ask that you look at them critically and if you think they look grubby, please take them to be dry-cleaned over the Easter break. Similarly, shoes are looking less than polished – not helped by the wet weather we have had, please would you help your daughter polish her shoes. I believe that it is important for the girls to maintain a smart appearance. I would also suggest ordering summer dresses in good time for the start of the new term. I have fed feedback about concerns of quality to Perry's and would ask you that if you have any issues with Perry's, you email them directly and cc me on the email so that I can keep a log of issues – this helps me when I have conversations with them as I have specific examples.

Turn on the Subtitles is a campaign to enhance children's reading. Did you know that turning on the subtitles on your TV at home is the easiest way to get your child reading? Doing this can double the chance of your child becoming a good reader. Yes, it's really that simple. Please visit <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/> to see Hollywood legend Jack Black explain how you can turn screen time into reading time in 10 seconds.

Reading along with the same language subtitles is automatic amongst both adults and children. This is actually one you can try at home – try ignoring the subtitles, you can't! Research has shown that the presence of subtitles can impact learning in vocabulary, listening comprehension, and language learning in general. If you are interested in learning more go to: <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/research/>

"Once in a blue moon an idea comes along that just blows you away with its sheer simple brilliance. If ever there was a no-brainer, this is it". **Lord Foster of Bath**

Important Info/Reminders.....

LAMDA EXAMS

If your daughter has LAMDA lessons with Mrs Kimber, can you please respond to the email regarding LAMDA exams no later than next Friday so the entries can be made before the end of term. If you have not received an email, please email Mrs Kimber on **tam.kimber@cumnorhouse.com**

Many thanks to those who have already replied and paid the exam fee.

Reminder of Squads Cancelled

A reminder that the following squads are cancelled next week as per the notices that were sent out on Cognita Connect.

Year 5 & 6 Hockey Squad Cancelled, Wednesday 20th March

Years 4 to 6 Swim Squad Cancelled, Thursday 21st March

Please ensure you collect your daughter at the normal time or alternatively After School Care is available to book via Cognita Connect. Any girls that are not collected on time will be taken to ASC for which there will be a charge.

If you require the shuttle bus for your daughter please email the office to see if there is a space available.

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

Year 3

On Monday, Year 3 were Romans for the day. They trained as gladiators, sampled Roman food, designed and created Roman shields, participated in a Roman quiz, and designed their own Mosaics. It was a fun and informative day for all the girls.







Year 4

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 4 have been learning about Tudor housing. They studied the different designs and had a go at making their own thinking about the different ways to make the houses look as

authentic as possible. We also talked about the fact that lots of us still live in or see houses like the ones we've painted in modern day.







Year 5

Year 5 did some spectacular river models based on our river topic. They worked really hard to include all the features of a river in their models. Take a look below at their amazing work!











Year 6 Trip

On Monday 11th March, Year 6 went on a fun trip to Temper Temper Chocolate workshop. We enjoyed this trip a lot and found out a lot of interesting facts about chocolate such as, if a cocoa pod is picked early and made into chocolate, it turns into a ruby kind of colour. When we arrived, we started by preparing like we normally do in a Food Tech lesson: rolling up our sleeves, putting on an apron and then washing our hands. After that, we began to make our own chocolate figures and chose a base type of chocolate. The options were dark, white and milk chocolate, once we'd chosen that, we used the other 2 types of chocolate to add detail in a mould. Then, after the detail had dried, we put in our base chocolate and made sure that it was everywhere. We counted 5 seconds (in many different languages) to cool down each side until eventually the figures and moulds on top were put in the fridge to set together. It looked so delicious and awesome once it had set. Then we started making chocolate lollies with sweets on them. Once again, we had to choose our base chocolate before we added details. Most of the time, we were piping chocolate and learning how to take it out once it had hardened in the piping bag. Just before lunch, we started making Chocolate Florentine with loads of different patterns and 3 of each base chocolate. 3 Florentine with the base as white chocolate, 3 Florentine with the base chocolate as dark chocolate and 3 Florentine with the base of milk chocolate. We may have gotten messy, but we definitely enjoyed that. Then we had our lunch and sat down to taste chocolate and cocoa nibs while learning some history of chocolate. In my opinion, the cocoa nibs tasted horrible and all of us went to get a tissue to get the nibs out of our mouths, they were crunchy and bland but something else as well. Then

we tasted some chocolates with less sugar and some with more. Milk was my favourite and tasted the best, but the ruby chocolate tasted like berry flavour and wasn't that bad. After enjoying our time, we had to say goodbye and I'm sure we will go there again with our families.

By Saanvi, Food Technology Prefect













Congratulations to our old Anti-bullying Ambassadors

Our Anti-bullying ambassadors have been awarded their Wellbeing Badge. Today we received an email:

Congratulations, we are awarding you the Wellbeing Badge! This is a great achievement for your team and we hope you will all be very proud of your hard work.

You are being awarded the Anti-Bullying Ambassador Wellbeing Badge because you have shown:

1. Your commitment to building students' knowledge of anti-bullying by running an informative assembly
2. Your successful efforts to create a variety of activities for all students on Anti-Bullying Week. We particularly loved hearing the anti-bullying song - well done!
3. Your creativity by running a training session for younger Ambassadors, to ensure everyone how to be an upstander.
4. Your commitment to being recognisable and visible to your peers by introducing hi-vis vests and lanyards for Ambassadors.
5. Your dedication to providing a variety of ways to report by introducing a worry box on the school playground.

Well done for your effort and commitment! We hope your shiny badges will arrive soon.





Sport.....

Fitness Games Festival at Seaton House

Last Wednesday 10 nervous but excited girls travelled to Seaton House for the second annual Fitness Games festival. The festival has grown in size with schools from Guildford and Wimbledon now taking part. As a result, this was now a qualifier for the finals later in the school year. The girls were split into 2 teams with the team comprising of **Mihika, Izzy, Anushka, Sienna, and Shyla** going first, followed by the team of **Abigail, Daisy, Iva, Shreya, and Paris** over a series of 3, 16-minute long team fitness challenges involving shuttle runs, press ups, skipping, team runs, burpees, squats, planking and even more skipping! Points were awarded for the amount of repetitions completed by all 5 members who each had to complete part of the challenge to have their score counted so it was a true team exercise with everyone playing their part. The girls worked out their tactics very quickly to ensure everyone was able to give it their all. Once all the scores across the 12 teams were added up it was announced that **Cumnor finished 3rd overall** collecting the **bronze medal** and advancing to the **finals day** in the Summer Term. The girls still had enough energy to cheer in delight when the result was announced which was a marvel in itself. We look forward to more success on finals day. Well done girls!



Spotlight on Digital Safety.....

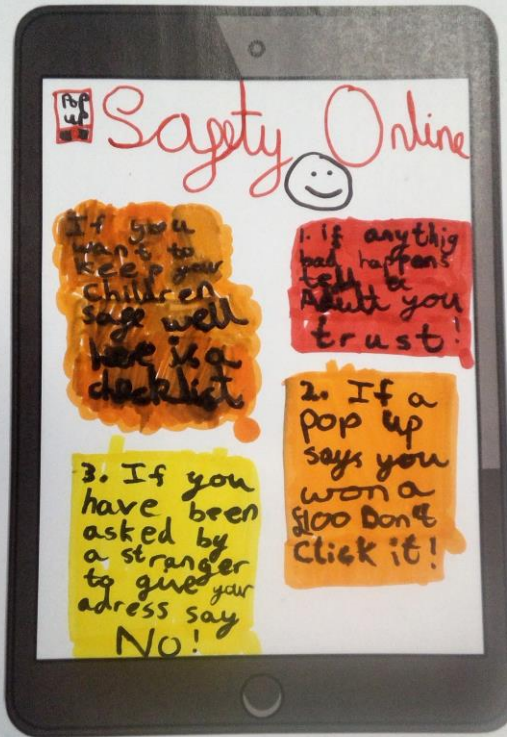


Our digital leaders have made some posters offering advice to parents as to how to keep their children safe on devices, phones, and tablets.

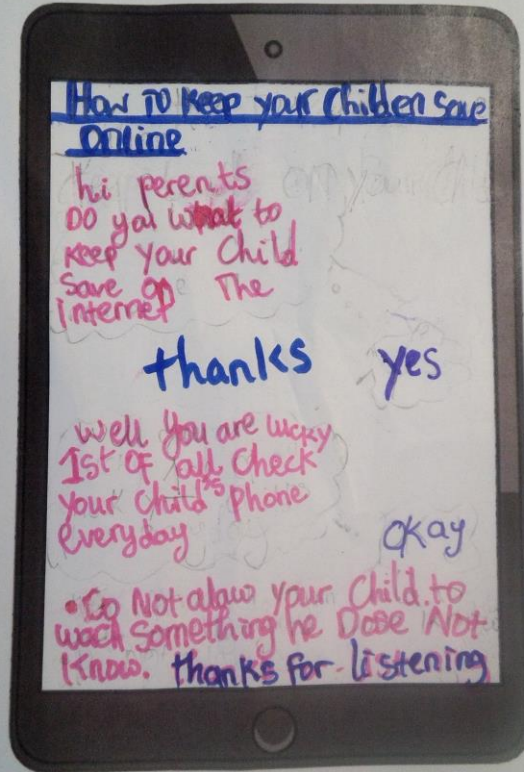
Text the Digital Leaders



Digital Leader



Digital Leader



Digital Leader

How To Stay Safe on the Internet

Parents always keep your children safe

Definitely yes

I really do want to keep you safe

1. Never let your children press on a pop up when it comes.
2. never let your children text back to some one They don't know

you won't 1,000



Digital Leader

How to keep your children safe online

Have a conversation about the game

Check the age rating and maybe check the reviews



That's how you do it

By [signature]



Digital Leader



Digital Leader

How to Keep Your Children Safe Online

Always keep your child aware of the dangers and benefits when using the internet.

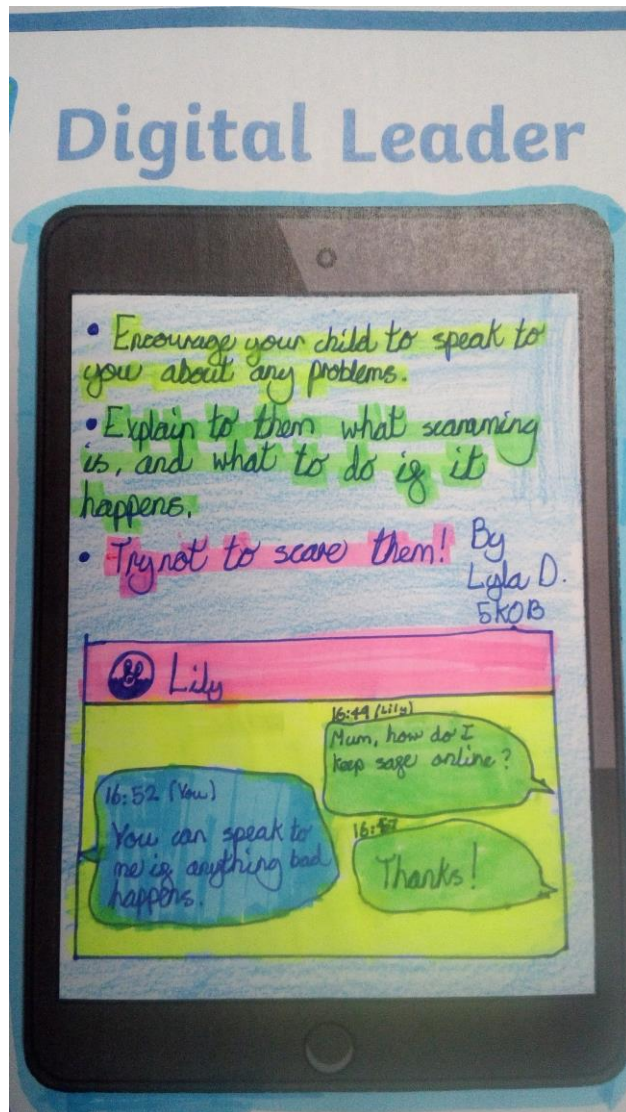
Remember to always use a child safety lock when a child is using your phone.

STAY SAFE!

Adult:
Thank you!

By Heidi





Other.....

Atom Learning - Parent Information Session-Years 3,4,5 & 6

A reminder that Atom Learning will be holding a parent information session on **Thursday 21st March at 6:30pm.**

The session will tell you more about how to make the best use of the parent portal connected to the girls' Atom learning accounts.

Please click on the link below to register your interest to attend.

[Atom Parent Webinar Register Information](#)



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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Open Morning Saturday 27 April
Marden Park, Woldingham, Surrey CR3 7YA



PTA News.....

Easter Egg Hunt

To book please click [here](#)

A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the top, several decorated Easter eggs hang from a string against a light blue sky with white clouds. The main title 'EASTER EGG HUNT' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the date 'MONDAY MARCH 25TH' is in red, followed by two sessions: 'SESSION 1 - 3:15-4:00' and 'SESSION 2 4:00-4:30', also in red. A note in red text says 'your daughter needs to be collected as usual, taken to the sports field and accompanied for the hunt'. The price '£3 PER CHILD' is in blue. At the bottom, it says 'EVERY CHILD GETS AN EASTER EGG' and 'CLICK HERE TO BOOK' in blue. The bottom edge features a row of various colorful Easter eggs and small flowers.

**EASTER
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Summer Fair

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 9th June

**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!