



Cumnor House
School for Girls

Girls' Newsletter - 22nd September 2023

Key Dates.....

September	Monday	25		
	Tuesday	26	Year 6 Parents' Evening 4pm – 6pm face to face	
	Wednesday	27	2pm Year 5 Netball V Banstead Prep (A)	
	Thursday	28		Year 6 Parents' Evening 4pm – 6pm face to face
	Friday	29	Global Be Well Day	
	Saturday	30		
October	Sunday	1		
	Monday	2		
	Tuesday	3	2pm Year 3 Netball V Banstead Prep (A)	
	Wednesday	4	2pm Year 6A&B Netball V Seaton House (H)	
	Thursday	5	1pm Year 6 - Croydon Junior Citizenship Scheme	Year 4 & 5 Future Schools Presentation – 6pm (via Teams)
			2pm Year 4 Netball V Banstead Prep (A)	
	Friday	6	1pm Year 5&6 A Team Cross Country @Epsom College	
	Saturday	7		
	Sunday	8		
	Monday	9	Flu Immunisation	3.30pm Swimming Gala @ Sutton High U8-U11
	Tuesday	10	1.30pm Woldingham Choral Day Yrs 5+6	
	Wednesday	11	1.30pm Year 6A Netball Tournament @Aberdour	2pm Year 5A&B Netball V Seaton House (H)
	Thursday	12		
	Friday	13	Black History Day	
	Saturday	14		
	Sunday	15		
	Monday 16th			
	October –			
	Friday 27 th			
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A Message from Mrs McShane

Dear Parents/Carers,

The girls all looked great in their **Jeans for Genes** and school blouse combo on Friday. Thank you for supporting this cause with us. If you have not yet had a chance to give your donation, please do so following this link.

[Jeans for Genes Day - Just Giving page](#)

The Cumnor group of schools are aiming to raise £1000 for this great cause. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a real difference to the lives of those affected.







We were shocked to hear the news yesterday that **Old Palace School** is closing and are so sad for families and pupils who attend. I always felt confident that our pupils who moved on to Old Palace for their senior school years would do well and be happy. Mrs Burton, the Headmistress, always enjoyed meeting our Cumnor girls and later welcoming them to her school. Unsurprisingly we have had quite a lot of enquiries already about places. We do have spaces and some lesser-used classrooms where we can expand into, if necessary, in order that we can accept any families who may choose to join us. If you hear of anyone who is looking for a replacement school, please point them in our direction so that we can offer them a happy and stable education for their daughters.

This term, in assemblies we are focusing on developing a positive mindset in our learning. The aim is to further develop their learning resilience, seeing obstacles as something to get over not to stop us and understanding that mistakes are a key part of learning. It is easy to stay in a comfort zone and the challenge for pupils is to step outside of this in order to progress. Over the past few weeks the girls have learned some new acronyms to help them in their learning.

NO = Next Opportunity

END = Effort Never Dies

FAIL = First Attempt In Learning

FEAR = Face Everything And Rise

The **Future Schools** presentation to Year 4 and 5 parents will take place on Thursday the 5th October at 6pm. This meeting will take place over Teams. A link will be sent out nearer the time.

A few **uniform** bits of information. The weather has begun to turn a little more autumnal and therefore the girls will need to start bringing in coats, please ensure that your daughter has the correct school coat - available from Perry – our uniform supplier. Please note that after half term (only three weeks away!) the girls will be in their winter uniform. The pinafore should be from Perry as it is different to the ones available at other retail outlets. This year, we have introduced trousers, and these are also available from Perry.

On Monday we announced our new **Ecowarriors** in assembly. They will be led by their Year 6 prefect Issy and guided by Mrs Easthope. They had their first meeting on Wednesday and met with Mr Heavens our

Operations Manager to discuss how we can better recycle paper in school. I am really looking forward to some initiatives that will help us to be more sustainable as a school.

This week the girls played **netball** away with Ewell Castle. Read Shyla's report later here.

Parking and driving in the lane is getting much better – thank you!

Keep walking through the storm. Your rainbow is waiting on the other side

– Heather Stillufsen

Reminders/Important Info.....

Extra Curricula Activities - Cancellations

This is a reminder that the following clubs are cancelled next week due to Year 6 Parents' Evenings:

Tuesday - Board Games Club

Thursday - Digital Leaders Club

Please collect your daughter at the normal pick up time or alternatively you can book ASC via Cognita Connect.

Swim Squads

A reminder that Monday and Tuesday Swim Squads start from next week.

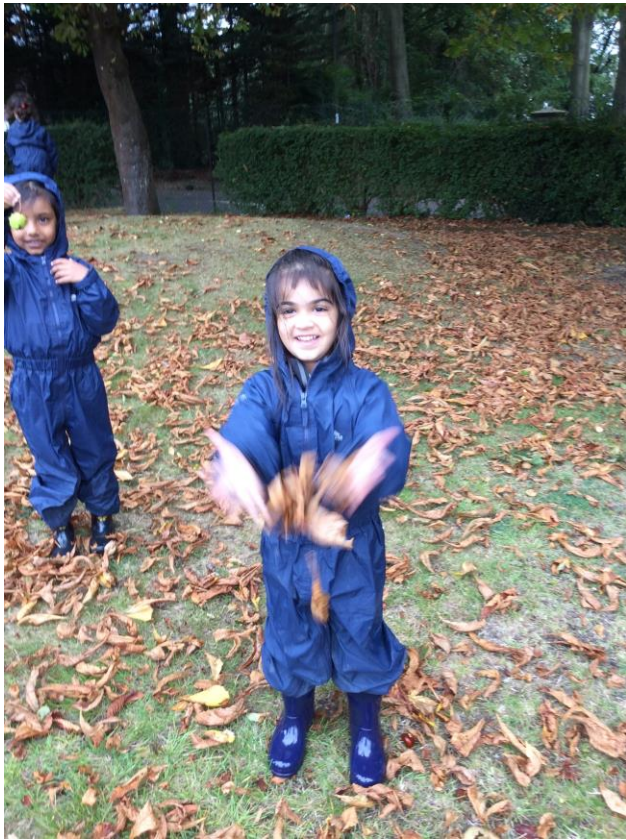
This week at the Girls' School.....

Reception

During FOX learning this week Reception explored our school grounds, looking for signs of Autumn. We found lots of colourful leaves, and even some conkers.







Year 1

In Year 1 the girls have enjoyed colour mixing, creating their own colour wheels. They used their fingers to mix primary colours together to discover what secondary colour they had made. It was messy but the girls had great fun!









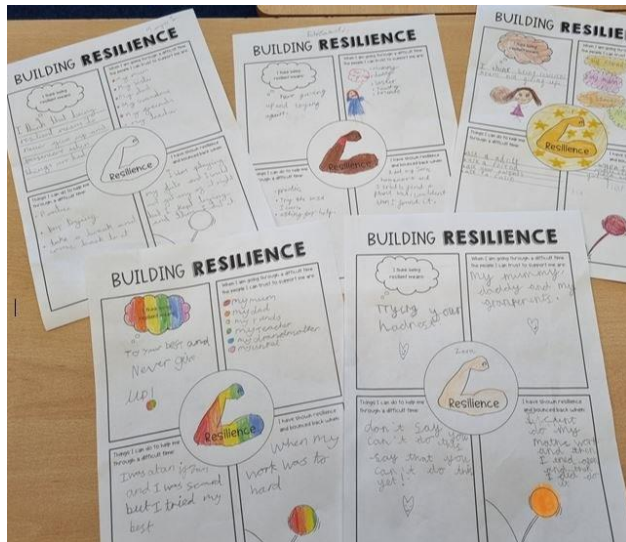
Year 2

These superstar girls persevered and completed this 360 piece puzzle. They started it during golden time and kept going back to it when they had a spare moment in the day. It took them 2 weeks but they did it. Miss Maple and Mrs Shaw are very proud of them for not giving up!!



Year 3

In Year 3, as part of our PSHE lesson we discussed the importance of being resilient. The girls were able to discuss the qualities and provide examples when they had demonstrated a resilient attitude.





Journalism Club

Journalism club is back in full swing! The girls came armed with lots of ideas on what they wanted to include in their Autumn 1 newsletter and worked wonderfully with each other to begin to bring the articles to life.





Sports News.....

Netball Ewell Castle vs Cumnor House

On Wednesday 20th September all of year 5 and 6 went to Ewell Castle. There were 4 teams which played and 3 of them won their games.

Year 5 A's played first. Unfortunately, they lost 1-0 however they played excellently. Next were Year 5 B's and they won 1-0 and Alivia scored.

After, Year 6 teams played, and the Year 6 B's won 2-0 with Matilda scoring both goals.

To finish the match, Year 6 A's played and Ewell and Cumnor both had scored 1 goal by half time although we managed to score another two goals and we won 3-1 with Anushka and Serena scoring away, with Izzy winning the player of the match. Finally, we got match tea, and we had delicious flapjacks.

This was the first Netball match of the year and over all Cumnor won. It was a great day and we'll play many more matches throughout the term.

Shyla



Spotlight on Digital Safety.....



Spotlight on Digital Safety-Parent Workshop - Friday 29th September @ 3.30pm

We are delighted that we have Warren McDonald from 3Discovery to be joining us on Global Be Well Day on Friday 29th September. He will be running a series of exciting activities during the day with the girls and he has offered to run a workshop for parents on keeping your child safe online. This will take place in the hall from 3.30-4.00pm. Mrs Syradd will be able to help to supervise any pre-prep girls whilst their parents are in the meeting. We hope you will come along to the informative session to help us all keep our girls safe in an increasingly digital world.

Other News.....

Sara received the “2023 Girls U9s Best Bowler” award at the Purley Cricket Club end of season awards ceremony last weekend. Here are a few photos of her receiving her award from Nathan Barnwell (Surrey U18s). Well done, Sara, we are super proud you.





Evangeline & Posy in Year 2 came 2nd & 3rd in their 75m race at South London Harriers. Well done girls!



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— I'm very impressed by the thoughtful way each session is run. It is great to know that Ethan is not just being 'entertained' for the hour but proactively being taught new life skills. Kate Whyley

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