



Cumnor House
School for Girls

Girls' Newsletter - 6th October 2023

Key Dates.....

All school dates for this term are available to view on the 'Calendar' section of your Cognita Connect app.

October	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			
	Friday 27th			
	Saturday	28		
	Sunday	29		
	Monday	30	Term Starts	
	Tuesday	31		

November	Wednesday	1	Yr 6 Netball Tournament @ Seaton House	
	Thursday	2		
	Friday	3		
	Saturday	4		
	Sunday	5		
	Monday	6		
	Tuesday	7	Individual Photos in Winter Uniform Parents' Evening Rec – Yr 5 (Face to Face) 4.30pm – 7pm	4pm U8-U11 Swimming Gala @Old Palace
	Wednesday	8		
	Thursday	9	Year 5 Trip to Docklands Parents' Evening Year 1-5 (online) 4.30pm – 7pm	1.30pm Year 3 Netball Tournament @Aberdour
	Friday	10	Remembrance Assembly at Memorial	
	Saturday	11		
	Sunday	12		
	Monday	13	Anti-Bullying Week	
	Tuesday	14	2pm Year 3&4 Netball V Aberdour (A)	
	Wednesday	15	2pm Year 5&6 Netball V Aberdour (A)	
	Thursday	16	1.30pm Year 4 Netball Tournament @Aberdour	
	Friday	17		
	Saturday	18		
	Sunday	19		
	Monday	20		
	Tuesday	21	2pm Year 3&4 Netball V Hawthorns (A)	
	Wednesday	22	8.30am Y5/6 Soloists Concert	2pm Year 5&6 Netball V Hawthorns (A)
	Thursday	23	3.30pm Whitgift Relay Gala U8-U11	
	Friday	24	Victorian Day – Year 5	
	Saturday	25		
	Sunday	26		
	Monday	27		
	Tuesday	28	1.30pm Year 3&4 Inter House Netball	
	Wednesday	29	1.30pm Year 5&6 Inter House Netball	
	Thursday	30	Look at Learning 8am – 8.30am	

A Message from Mrs McShane

Dear Parents/Carers,

The girls are in full swing with their **learning** now and I have seen some lovely things as I have been walking around school. Confident artwork, great problem-solving in Maths, some superb writing, and beautiful singing – just to name a few things that go on a day-to-day basis. We have welcomed a couple of girls who have visited for taster days and your daughters have made everyone feel like they are part of the family.

Year 6 went to the **Junior Citizen** training on Thursday afternoon, the aim of this is to give children the skills that they would need to deal with a range of emergency situations. It provides a hands-on approach to situations children may encounter in their transition to secondary school and beyond.

A group of our elite runners went , today, to **Epsom College** for a **Cross Country** tournament. All girls did well, each working hard and striving to be their best self. Special congratulations to Sienna who, in a field of 180 runners, came first in the 3k course, completing it in 11:42 minutes! She led from the starting gun to the finishing tape and barely seemed out of breath at the end.

I was delighted to be able to talk to Year 4 and 5 parents about how we, and they, will tackle the approach to **senior school** application. Thank you for your attendance, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak with me. This is an important, but not impossible, process and we aim to

help parents to be reassured and safe in the knowledge that we all want the very best outcomes for our girls.

A reminder that we will be holding our **Harvest Assembly** next week, donations can be brought in from Monday in readiness for us taking them down to Purley Food Hub on Wednesday after the assembly. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Occasionally you may need to ask permission to take your daughter out of school for a special event, if this is the case, please contact the office and they will give you a **yellow absence form** to complete to request the absence. This is essential for our records.

A polite reminder to parents that the ladies in the **office** are often dealing with sensitive or confidential data so we, therefore, ask that if you need to go to the office, please wait at the door before being invited in. This gives time to minimise any tabs. We endeavour to keep everyone's data safe and hope that you will help us to do this.

We are looking forward to our Welly Walk to hunt the Gruffalo on Saturday morning, this is the first of our **transition events** for preschool children, the weather is looking to be fine so I wonder where the Gruffalo and his friends will be hiding?

Next Friday we will be celebrating our **Black History Day**, we are asking for a donation to "**Legacy**" to be made through our Just Giving page. **Legacy** is the charity that all the girls voted for to be the charity that we support for 23/34 academic year. **Legacy** is a multi-purpose facility where young people in Croydon have the opportunity to discover their full potential. They offer young people aged 8-19 the chance to take part in varied activities that suit their needs and passion. They support young people by opening doors to new experiences and opportunities and most importantly we offer a safe space to hang out and make new friends. Please click [here](#) to make a donation on our JustGiving page.

Hopefully you are keeping Perrys busy with your orders for winter uniform and coats for your daughters to wear after half term.

Have a lovely weekend – the weather is set to be fair so well worth some autumn walks and adventures.

"We reap the fruit of the seeds we sow. Every good deed, every bad deed—they are the means of planting seeds that will reward us one day with a merited harvest from life's garden."

Richelle E. Goodrich

Reminders/Important Info.....

Communication

When emailing the school about arrangements for your daughter please always send to the office and form tutor, as well as specialist teachers if this information is for them. Some teachers do not work 5 days a week and so it is important that you copy in your daughter's form tutor and the office so that your email does not get missed.

School Trip Consent Forms

This is a reminder for all Year 5 parents to please complete the consent form on Cognita Connect for their daughters upcoming trip. (Please refer to the Notice that was sent out on Cognita Connect for further details.)

Cancelled After School Clubs

Fitness Club - Cancelled on Monday 9th October - Please refer to the Notice that was sent out on Wednesday 4th October

Monday 9th October - Swim Squads going ahead as normal

A reminder that both the Development and Junior swim squads will be going ahead as normal on Monday 9th October following the cancellation of the gala at Sutton High.

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

Reception

On Monday afternoon the Reception girls walked down the road to see the Boys Reception. They had a lovely time meeting up with old friends and playing on the climbing equipment. We are looking forward to meeting up with them again soon!









Science Club

We made patterns with the skittles and then watched what happened when we added water. The water made the outer casing of the skittles dissolve, creating patterns on the plates and turning the skittles white! Why not have a try at home.





Year 1

Every morning Year 1 independently unpack their bookbags and get started with a different morning activity. It has been a lovely way to start each day! This week we pegged numbers on a washing line, created autumn trees, played 'spot the difference', cut out 2d shapes to make a bus and moulded our own creations out of plasticine.







Year 3 Science

In Year 3, the girls have been looking at how new plants are created. After exploring what the different parts are in a plant, we went on a hunt to look for different seeds around the school. Once back in the lab, they investigated how those seeds travel such as wind, drop and roll (we spent a long time looking at the conkers!) or animal droppings, to create new plants in different environments.







Year 6 Citizenship Day

Year 6 enjoyed an afternoon at Croydon Fire Station on Thursday where they learnt some vital life skills with workshops on:

- Travelling safely on public transport
- Basic first aid-DR ABC & the recovery position
- Knife crime and peer pressure
- Fire safety in the home
- Stranger danger
- Drugs awareness
- Road safety











Sports News.....



Year 3 Netball Match

On Tuesday the Year 3 A and B Netball teams travelled to Banstead Prep for a game. The sun was shining it was a beautiful October afternoon. Mrs Lewis was very proud of how both teams played and supported each other. We won both games 2 -1. Elizabeth and Elaya were named players of the match by Banstead Prep players. Well done, to all the girls!

Year 6 Netball Match

MATCH REPORT

On Wednesday 4th October, we played Seaton House for a Year 6 Netball match.

Cumnor A's played first and Seaton House got a goal in the first 2 minutes of the game; however, after half time we brought it back because Anushka scored 2 awesome goals. During the last 5 minutes, we had 2 but they had 1 and just managed to score another goal at the last second. So, we ended up tied 2 all and it was an excellent game. Izzy was chosen for player of the match.

After, the Cumnor B's played and they started with an amazing goal from Matilda. Unfortunately, they lost 2:1 because after half time Seaton House scored 2 goals. Zahra was chosen for player of the match.

To finish the day, we got Miss Julia's delicious Chocolate cake, and it was a great match.

By Shyla S

Other News.....

Year 3 Laptop Cases

Year 3 have been loving using their laptops in the classroom and we would now like to begin sending them home. Unfortunately, there have been issues with the laptop covers we were promised and these have now been delayed by a further 4 weeks. Instead we have used the power of 'Amazon' to order some new ones, which should arrive next week ready for us to send the laptops home for half-term. Apologies for the delay.



Black History Month-Saluting our Sisters-Home Project

We will be celebrating Black History Month during October culminating in an exciting Black History Day on Friday 13th October. The theme this year is 'Saluting our sisters' so we would like to invite the girls to select an inspirational black woman of their choice to showcase. This person can be anyone-living or deceased, a member of your own family, a community figure a well-known woman or a hidden figure who has not been given recognition before. We invite the girls to create information to present to their class about their inspirational woman. This could be a poster, a video, a speech, a PowerPoint-let their creative juices flow! Please can your daughter bring their presentation into school on Friday 13th October and there will be an opportunity for these to be shared on that day with their class. We look forward to seeing their amazing creations!

[BHD 2023 Letter](#)

Many thanks,

Mrs Syradd



First Touch, St George's Neonatal Unit Charity

Next weekend, Robin, dad of Elora, is running the Royal Parks half marathon to raise money for the charity, **First Touch, St George's neonatal unit charity**. If anyone would like to donate a few pounds for this worthy cause I know that he would be super grateful.

This is his story "I am running the 2023 Royal Parks Half Marathon in October this year and raising money for **First Touch**, an amazing charity based at St George's hospital that gave us support when we most needed it. Reuben and Elisha were born 10 weeks premature at St George's hospital. Reuben spent the first month in hospital and had to wait a further eight months before his sister was also back at home. We are absolutely indebted to the nurses and doctors who looked after them and supported us. **First Touch** funds state-of-the-art equipment and specialist staff training which are outside of the scope of NHS budgets, as well as a range of initiatives to support families during their stay on the unit. Our family are very grateful to them."

What a role model - demonstrating Cumnor values of Compassion, Endeavour and Courage. Thank you for being an inspiration to those around you!

[First Touch - Just Giving Page](#)

first touch
Supporting sick and premature
babies at St George's

October Half-Term Holiday Camps.....

HB Sports October Half-Term Football Coaching Camp



October Half-Term Football Coaching Camp

October 2023

Dear Parents,

HB SPORTS will be running a fun and engaging football coaching camp during the October half-term holiday for boys and girls aged 3+ Nursery – Reception (**Half-Day**) and for years 1 – 8 (**Full-Day**). This will be held at the Cumnor House School Sports ground (Boys). The camp will be run by Cumnor House Sports Staff. The aim of the course is to develop the boy's skill level/understanding of football. For all boys wanting to improve their football skills, the camp should be very useful.

WEEK 1: MONDAY 16th – FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER 2023 (5 DAYS)

WEEK 2: TUESDAY 24th – THURSDAY 26th OCTOBER 2023 (3 days)

Please see pricing below:

PRICES AND TIMINGS	Monday 16 th October	Tuesday 17 th October	Wednesday 18 th October	Thursday 19 th October	Friday 20 th October
9am – 3pm £30 (Year 1-8)					
9am – 12pm £20 (Nursery 3+ & Reception)					

PRICES AND TIMINGS	Tuesday 24 th October	Wednesday 25 th October	Thursday 26 th October
9am – 3pm £30 (Year 1-8)			
9am – 12pm £20 (Nursery 3+ & Reception)			

Staff Members:

			
Mr R Brotherton Director of Sport Head of Cricket U7A, U8A, U9C, U10A, U11A Coach & U13C	Mr H Blain Sports Coach Head of EYFS Sport Ex CHS Pupil (U12-13) U7C & U9B Coach	Mr C Jones Ex-Director of Sport U10A Coach	Mr S Bennett Sports Coach Ex CHS Pupil (U8-13) U8D, U9E, U10D & U13A Coach

Each Child Needs to Bring:

- Packed lunch (**no nuts**), plenty of fluids, and relevant medical equipment.
- Boots/Trainers, shin pads & a water bottle.
- Suitable sports clothing (ie; shorts t-shirt, tracksuit, long sports socks etc)

Drop off and pick up:

Please note that drop off and pick up will be via the gate on Edgehill Road (behind the pavilion)

We are limited in places and so will be running a strictly first come first served system.
Please book via our website to secure your child's place. <https://www.hbsports.co.uk/>

Many thanks,

Harry Blain
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Future Gymnastics October Halloween Camp


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HAPPY HALLOWEEN CAMP

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF TRICK OR TREATS!
 GYMNASTICS EVERY DAY!
 THEMED DAYS! DON'T MISS DRESS UP!

Stay SPOOKY!
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 CLINIC SESSIONS FOR SKILL SPECIFIC
 NINJA DAY IS BACK!

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GENERAL CAMP

5+ All abilities welcome!

Woodfield Wallington
Monday - Friday 8.30am-4.30pm

Coombe Wood South Croydon
Monday - Friday 8.30am-4.30pm



MINI CAMP

3-5 years old

Woodfield Wallington ONLY
Monday - Friday 9.00am - 11.30am

PRO CAMP

6+ Pro and Development
Gymnasts will be assessed on the
morning to ensure they can
complete the skillset required.

Coombe Wood ONLY
Monday to Friday 8.30am-4.30pm



Join us this half term at one of the
leading holiday camp providers in
the area!

You do not need to be a member to
join!
Spaces are limited so book now to
avoid disappointment.

