



Cumnor House
School for Girls

Girls' Newsletter - 26th January 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 29th January** - Year 5 Prevent Lessons
- **Tuesday 30th January** - Year 3 Hockey v Aberdour (a) - Parents Invited (see team sheet or sports website for further details)
- **Wednesday 31st January** - Year 5 & 6 Hockey v Ewell Castle (a) - Parents Invited (see team sheet or sports website for further details)
- **Thursday 1st February** - Look at Learning (8am to 8.30am)
- **Thursday 1st February** - Year 3 & 4 Hockey v Ewell Castle (h) - Parents Invited (see team sheet or sports website for further details)
- **Friday 2nd February** - Year 6 Class Assembly - Parents Invited (8.30am - 9am)

- **Friday 2nd February** - PTA Movie Night (details to follow)
- **Monday 5th February** - U8-U11 Swimming Gala (a) @ Hazelwood - Parents Invited - (see team sheet or sports website for further details)
- **Wednesday 7th February** - Year 5 Hockey v Seaton House (h) - (see team sheet or sports website for further details)
- **Thursday 8th February** - PTA Pancake Races
- **Friday 9th February** - Year 1 Class Assembly - Parents Invited (8.30am - 9am)
- **Friday 9th February** - House Cross Country (Parents Invited)
- **Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February** - HALF-TERM

A Message from Mrs McShane

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Cumnor House School, one of our key aims is to ensure that our close partnerships with our families remain strong throughout your child's educational career. Having a solid understanding of your views on the school, enables us to work together to ensure Cumnor House is moving forward in the right direction. You will shortly receive a link to our annual **Voice of the Parent** Survey. We ask that families complete one survey per child that they have at Cumnor Girls, with responses reflecting each child's experience. If you have children at both Cumnor schools, you will be sent separate links for each school. We understand that people have busy lives with many draws on their time, but we do value your input into the VoP.

Every year, your answers help us to plan effectively and to make sure that we are placing our energy and resources in the right place to deliver the best education for your child. I would hope that if you have any serious issues, you would have spoken to me about it already – that's why we have an open-door policy. I hope that this VoP will give us the space and opportunity to celebrate the many fantastic things that we do in our school. Thank you, in advance, for your time in completing the survey and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions in relation to the above.

From the feedback that we received from the VoP last year, we have improved the lighting for the "horseshoe area" so that in the winter months it is brighter and safer for pupils and parents. We have reviewed the lunch offering for pupils, working closely with Miss Julia and Thomas Franks, and there is now a greater choice and variety for the girls. The girls also know to ask for a bigger helping if they are having a "hungry day". Uniform continues to be on our agenda to ensure that we are maintaining consistency and a smart appearance without being unnecessary. We will continue to review this and parental feedback throughout the year has been very useful as we have used it to address socks, colour of modesty shorts under summer dresses, and trousers as part of our winter uniform. We have also reviewed aspects of our curriculum to ensure that there is the right degree of stretch for all pupils, the focus of this has been on ensuring that pupils can use reasoning effectively, and further developing using and application of concepts to further enhance understanding and increase their breadth of understanding.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming parents to “Look at Learning” on Thursday 1st February. Parents are invited into school to discuss learning with their daughters who will showcase the pieces of work of which they are most proud. We encourage you to have meaningful learning conversations with your child (ren). Parents can come into school from 8.00am and need to leave by 8.30am so that lessons can take place as normal. You do not have to be here for the full 30 minutes. If you are unable to attend, we will arrange for older pupils to share learning with younger pupils where possible.

Friday will be our first Class Assembly this year and Year 6 have been working hard to prepare something informative and entertaining – I am really looking forward to watching it and hope that Year 6 parents will be able to join us at 8.30am. It should last no longer than 30 minutes.

On Saturday 3rd February we will be holding a transition event for our new reception pupils, and parents. If you know anyone who is still making their choice for Reception 24, please encourage them to contact admissions so that we can invite them to this event.

Wishing you a very restful weekend.

It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about lasting change.”

HRH Queen Elizabeth II

Unnamed Lost Property.....

The following items have been handed into the office and are unnamed. These items will be kept on the coat peg outside the office until Friday 2nd February and anything not claimed will be donated to the PTA Good as New (GAN).

- 3 x cardigans (size 22", 28" & 32")
- 1 x white PE polo shirt (size 28")
- 1 pair of black Thinsulate gloves
- 1 black glove



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

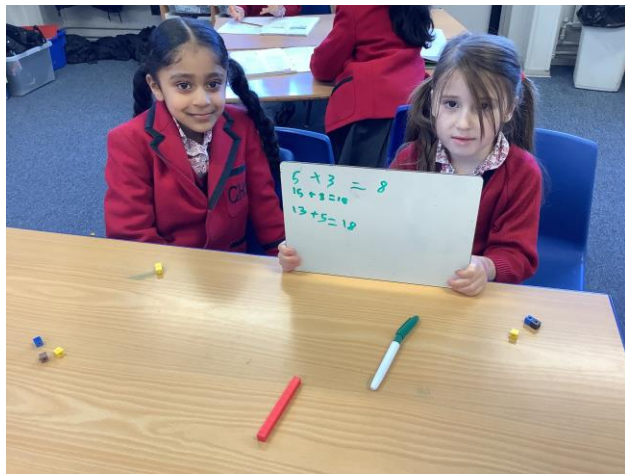
Year 1

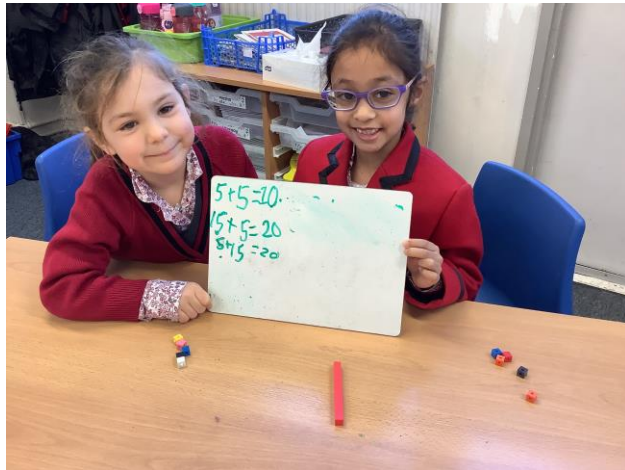
The girls have been learning about different methods to add two numbers together. We learnt to count on from the greatest number and how we can use our number bonds to help us. Once we had worked out the number bond we then learnt how to use this knowledge to add 10 to one number e.g. $7 + 2 = 9$ became $17 + 2 = 19$ and $12 + 7 = 19$.

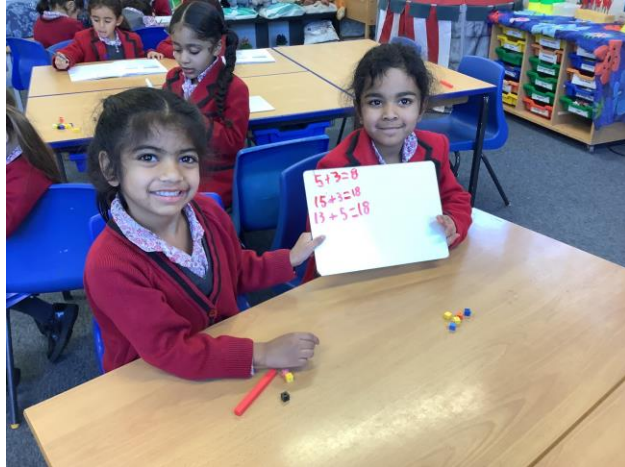












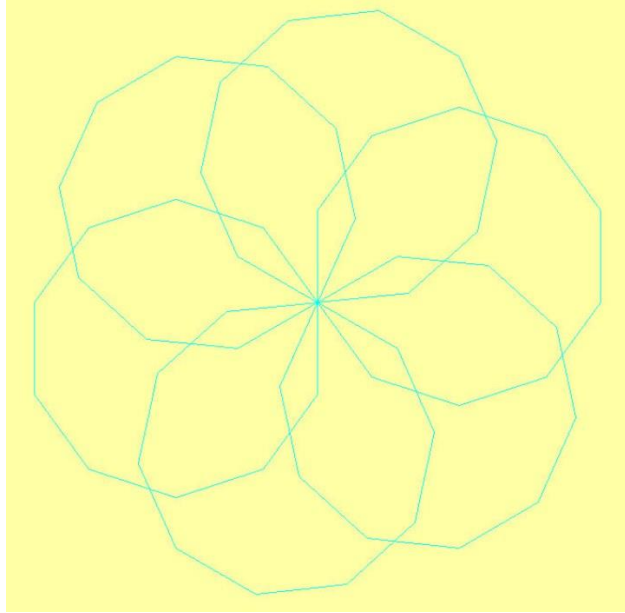
Year 3

This week Year 3 focused on writing a detailed character description. The girls carefully chose appropriate adjectives, and adverbs and used their senses to evoke an emotion from their readers.

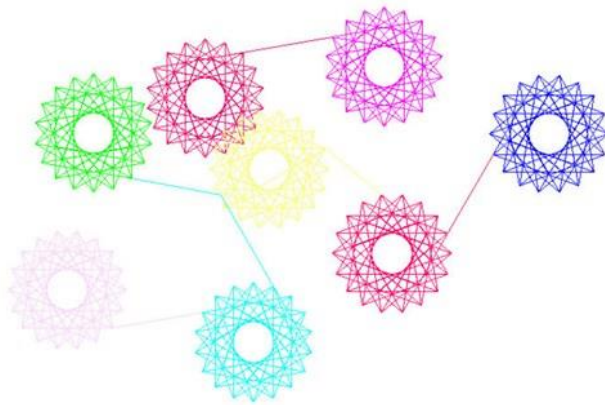


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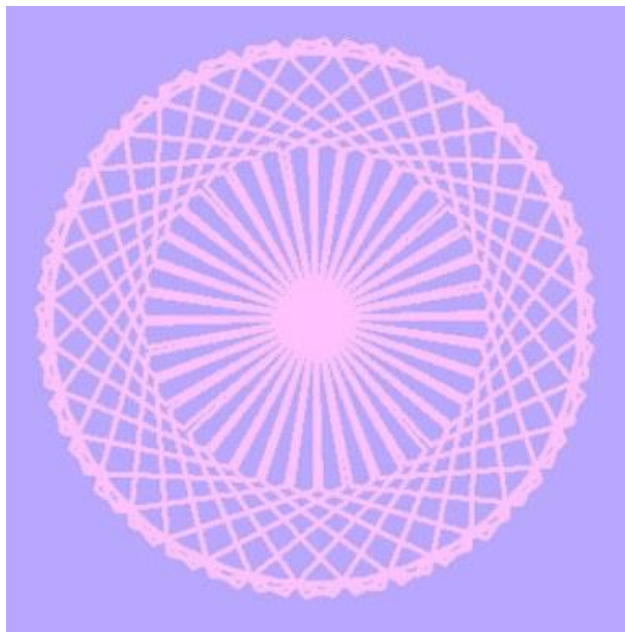
In Computing, Year 4 have been working with FMS Logo a coding/drawing programme. Using our coding skills we programmed our 'turtle' (drawing tool) to repeat code. We used this to make interesting, colourful shapes. Knowledge of shapes and angles were vital!



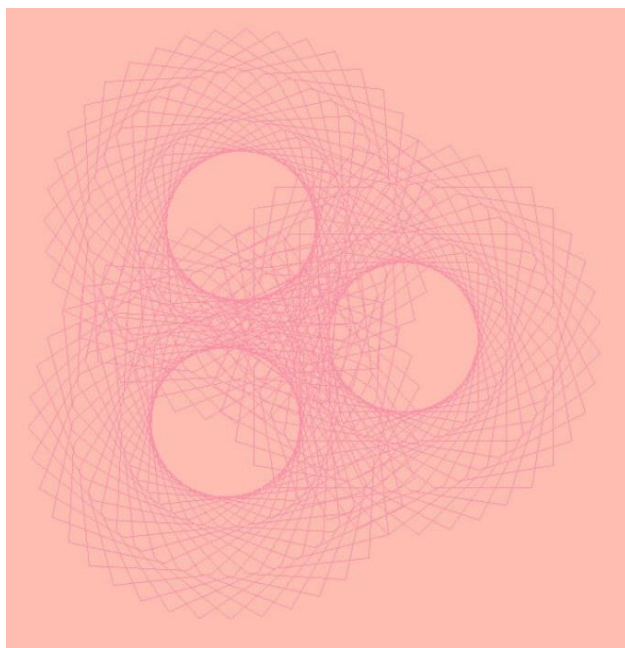
1 - Isobel



2 - Danielle



3 - Annika



4 - Liyana

Year 6 Assembly

Year 6 have been excitedly preparing their class assembly and wish to invite all Year 6 parents to come and enjoy their assembly on Friday 2nd February at 8.30am. Can you guess what it might be about?



Sports.....

Hockey Match

On Wednesday the Year 6 girls had their first competitive match of the term away at Aberdour and they did brilliantly. The A-Team were first up and after a tense 30-minute match the score was 0-0, largely due to some excellent saves from Saanvi in goal. Next up the B's took to the pitch and played their part in a very entertaining match which ended up 4-6 to Aberdour, special mention to Soni who was playing her first-ever hockey match and got thoroughly stuck in! The girls should take great credit for these results considering that since the start of term, they have been here there, and everywhere with various scholarship and taster days and have therefore not been able to train together as an entire team once. Well done girls!



Swimming Gala @ Trinity

Today the swim squad took part in the Croydon Schools Swimming Gala at Trinity. They all swam fantastically, with many PBs being broken. We look forward to receiving the official result and hope we have many swimmers through to the final held on February 21st at Trinity.



Spotlight on Digital Safety.....



Don't forget to encourage your daughters to take part in the Digital Leader's Competition. Entries are to be handed in to Mrs Syradd by 6th February, please.

Safer internet day



ROLL UP ROLL UP do the digital leaders competition! Pre-prep you have to make a poster about using the internet in a good way! Prep you have to make a poem about using the internet in a positive way!

You have to give it in to Mrs Syradd by Tuesday 6th February!



PTA Notices.....

Pre-Prep Movie Night

Please click on the link below to purchase tickets

[Pre-Prep Movie Tickets](#)

CUMNOR GIRLS PTA PRESENTS

Pre-Prep
MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2ND
3:15 - 4:30 PM
SCHOOL HALL

£7.50

POP CORN + HOT DOGS + JUICE

Special dietary needs? Just let us know
Hot dogs are Halal.

A dark blue poster for a movie night event. At the top, it says 'CUMNOR GIRLS PTA PRESENTS'. Below that is a red-bordered box with white polka dots containing the text 'Pre-Prep' and 'MOVIE NIGHT' in large, bold letters. The event details are listed below: 'FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2ND', '3:15 - 4:30 PM', and 'SCHOOL HALL'. A ticket icon shows the price '£7.50'. At the bottom, there are three icons: a red and white striped popcorn bucket labeled 'POP CORN', a hot dog in a bun labeled 'HOT DOGS', and a yellow juice carton labeled 'JUICE', all separated by plus signs. Below the icons, it says 'Special dietary needs? Just let us know' and 'Hot dogs are Halal.'

MOVIE LIST

Vote for your favourite

- Trolls - Band Together
- Moana
- Chicken Run : Dawn of
the Nugget

Please feel free to bring your comfy
oodie/hoodie/dressing gown
and pillow/cushion (no bean bags)

Prep Movie Night

Please click on the link below to purchase tickets

[Prep Movie Tickets](#)

CUMNOR GIRLS PTA PRESENTS

Prep
MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2ND
4:00 - 5:30 PM

£7.50



Special dietary needs? Just let us know
Hot dogs are Halal.

MOVIE LIST

Vote for your favourite -
in school 26.1.24

Elemental

Wonka

Please feel free to bring your comfy
oodie/hoodie/dressing gown
and pillow/cushion (no bean bags)

Other.....



BRAND NEW DAY TRIPS INCLUDED IN CAMP DAYS!

📍 WOODFIELD WALLINGTON
📍 COOMBE WOOD SOUTH CROYDON
DAY TRIP TO BOWLING
WEDNESDAY FOR BOTH VENUES!

AGE 3-16 YEARS

GYMNASTICS WINTER WONDERLAND CAMP



NEW INCLUDING A DAY TRIP TO BOWLING!

ACTIVITIES
GYMNASTICS! BOWLING TRIP! GAMES! ARTS & CRAFT SESSION! TUCK SHOP @ LUNCH!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
12-16 FEBRUARY

CAMPS@FUTUREGYMNASTICS.CO.UK
WWW.FUTUREGYMNASTICS.CO.UK



CAMP BREAKDOWN



BOWLING TRIP

INTRODUCING OUR NEW DAY TRIPS INCLUDED IN OUR FG CAMP DAYS!
THIS CAMP WE WILL BE GOING BOWLING. (WEDNESDAY 14TH FEB)
GYMNAS TS HAVE TO TRAVEL ON A COACH WITH FG STAFF. £5 SURCHARGE COVERS TRAVEL THERE AND BACK.

THE COST OF THE ENTIRE ACTIVITY IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE.
FOR FULL TTC'S AND POLICIES, PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE AND BOOKING PLATFORM.
IF YOU WANT TO BE GROUPED WITH FRIENDS FOR THE DAY TRIP, PLEASE EMAIL US WHEN YOU HAVE BOOKED ON SO WE CAN GROUP YOU TOGETHER :)

CAMPS ELIGIBLE FOR DAY TRIP -
WOODFIELD GENERAL
COOMBE WOOD GENERAL € PRO
MINI CAMP IS NOT ELIGIBLE

WOODFIELD € COOMBE WOOD GENERAL

GENERAL CAMP IS FOR EVERYONE AGE 5+
GENERAL CAMP IS FULL OF GYMNASTICS, GAMES € FUN ACTIVITIES
GYMNAS TS ARE SURE TO MAKE LOTS OF FRIENDS AT CAMP!
THERE WILL BE SPECIALISED CLINIC DAYS FOCUSING ON SPECIFIC SKILLS

COOMBE WOOD PRO

PRO CAMP IS FOR AGE 8+
PRO CAMP IS DESIGNED FOR THE MORE SERIOUS GYMNAST
PRO CAMP HAVE LONGER ROTATIONS ON EQUIPMENT, BREAKDOWN OF THE SKILL IS MORE IN DEPTH. SKILL FOCUS IS A LOT MORE ADVANCED.



WOODFIELD MINI CAMP

MINI CAMP IS FOR GYMNASTS AGE 3-5
MINI CAMP FOCUS OF PRE SCHOOL GYMNASTICS ACTIVITIES.
THEY HAVE SHORTER ROTATIONS ON EQUIPMENT TO ENCOURAGE HIGHER FOCUS.
MINI CAMP IS A LOT OF FUN!



DISCOUNT CODES
SIBLING DISCOUNT
SIBLINGIO
EARLY BIRD
EARLYBIRDIO

TUCK SHOP AT LUNCH!
TUCK SHOP IS AVAILABLE DURING LUNCH
SOP-£1 IS PLENTY

DAY TRIP WEDNESDAY
WINTER WONDERLAND DAY TRIP IS BOWLING!

WOODFIELD MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8.30AM - 4.30PM
COOMBE WOOD MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8.30AM - 4.30PM
MONDAY 12TH FEB - FRIDAY 16TH FEB



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