



# Cumnor House School

CHS Boys' & Nursery Newsletter

Friday 10th May

## 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

**Friday 17th May**, Reception Sports Day (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

**Tuesday 21st May**, Purley & South Croydon Pre-School & Pathway to Pre-School Sports Day (details can be viewed [here](#))

**Friday 24th May**, Purley & South Croydon Kindergarten Sports Day (details can be viewed [here](#))

**Friday 24th May**, Reception to Year 8 Charity Run

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### BOYS' SCHOOL

**Tuesday 14th May**, Public Speaking Semi Finals

**Wednesday 15th May 10:30am**, 2CT Class Assembly (parents welcome)

**Friday 17th May**, 7B & 7J Food Tech at the Girls' School (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

**Friday 24th May**, Reception to Year 8 Charity Run

Details of inter house galas will be shared soon. Parents welcome.

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

## A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

We have had a fantastic week **celebrating our amazing staff**. A **huge thank you to the PTA** for organising the flip videos, apple game, snacks and treats and special cards and videos - we feel very appreciated and very spoiled. The highlight of the week for the teachers and the boys has been the 'apple' game which has been great fun and has really highlighted many of our competitive streaks. **Mrs Irvine** tasked her boys to go on the hunt for the apple for her - which was a great idea. As 4 o'clock approached more and more questions were asked and I managed to retrieve the apple from **Miss Waters** who was tucked out of the way in the library! **Mr Beattie** had been closely guarding his apple at the field for this afternoon's tournament and **Mrs Greenash** intercepted her apple at 4 o'clock as it changed hands a number of times across the playground. The boys thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the game and wanted to help their teachers to win. It has been wonderful to celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Week** and **thank you to the PTA** who made it very special.

**This school would not be what it is without the passion and dedication of all of the staff who are part of the team. To thank my staff I have put some of my favourite quotes in the newsletter this week which I dedicate to them.**





To the world  
you may be just  
a teacher but to  
your students  
you are a HERO!  
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A huge well done to all our boys who took part in Cognita Sings this week. Miss Secker informed me that their performances were outstanding and they represented the school exceptionally well in their performance but also in their behaviour too. It is always a joy to hear that the boys are great ambassadors for the school and makes us all feel very proud. A huge thank you to all the schools who took part and to our Head's of Music who are integral in ensuring the high standards from our performers.

Here is a message from Mrs McShane:

*The "Cognita Sings" event was a huge success and it was fabulous to have two different schools join us this year, so as well as the Boys' School, we had Brighton College Prep, Kensington, and Clifton*

*Lodge School. All the pupils worked hard during the day in the workshops and put on a fabulous concert in the evening. This event is not about hugely polished performances it is about the joy of singing together as a broader community. It was great to hear from Nick Rose from Legacy about the incredible and life changing work that they do for young people in Croydon, a place where many children need that extra support and opportunity. We raised nearly £750 in the collection for Legacy and with the profits from the seat sales this number will be higher. Thank you so much for your generosity. Several people were not able to donate cash on the evening and asked about donating directly online, this would also mean that they could gift aid the donation. Please see the link below if you would wish to do this. Thank you to all the musical directors, teachers and admin staff who helped to make this event a success – from the booking of coaches, cover for lessons and the musical teaching and inspiration. A big shout out to Ms Myall and Mrs Kimber for orchestrating and leading the event. All the pupils had a marvellous time and hopefully it will be a moment for them to remember.*

[Click here to donate](#)

*A little about Legacy – Legacy is a local, Croydon, charity offering young people aged 8-19, and up to 25 with additional needs, the chance to take part in varied activities that suit their needs and passion. They support young people in finding out what they want to pursue in life, they open doors to new experiences and opportunities and, most importantly, they offer a safe space to hang out and make new friends. There are three clubs young people can join and the Youth Workers are on hand to inspire young people to lead healthier and more positive lives, raising their aspirations to become happy, caring and responsible citizens with more to offer themselves, their families, the community and employers. The Youth Zone provides a safe environment where young people can come and enjoy themselves and will enable young people to raise their aspirations and confidence to create a happier and healthier generation.*





**Behind every  
successful student  
is a dedicated teacher.**

The PTA also organised a fantastic event for our Reception this week with Ranger Stu. I am looking forward to hearing all about it from the boys. Thank you Ranger Stu and well done boys, you were very brave with the huge snake so close!











Mr Turner has also been busy at the Girls' School over the last few weeks. We have switched from outdoor cooking on the fire pits to the civilised food tech kitchen at the Girls' School. Here are Year 6 who spent last Friday rustling up a number of impressive dishes.









And finally, a visit from our **Year 1 and 2 boys** who were given 'star of the week'. Well done boys, I am so proud of you and you should be very proud of all your hard work. It was also fun to award a 'pirate' star of the week too!

1C - Rashaad

1L - Sathiv

1S - Joshua

2CT - Dillon

2R - Alex

**‘It takes a big  
heart to shape  
little minds.’**

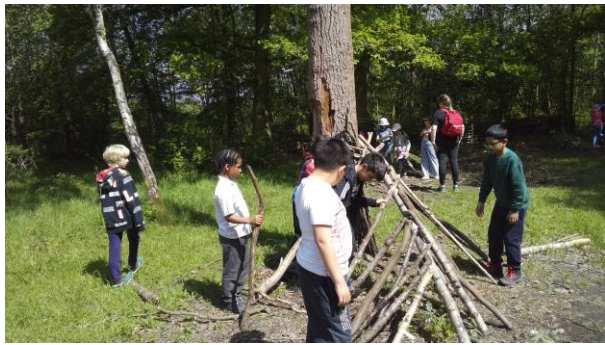
## Year 4 Celtic Harmony Residential

Our **Year 4** went off to **Celtic Harmony** on Thursday and I have had updates from Mrs Carlisle to say that they are having a fantastic time. They are due back this afternoon and I am sure they will be as exhausted as the staff. You can see the great pictures below and a brief report from **Mrs Carlisle** who has sent the pictures and report even after only having an hour's sleep. I hope you all have a restful weekend after your trip.

*What a fabulous two days we've had at Celtic Harmony! For once, the British weather was kind to us and the boys managed to have the full experience on offer. From woolly mammoth hunting and archery, to clay pot making and roasting marshmallows round the fire. The Boys all fully engaged with the Celtic experience. A huge thank you to all the staff who accompanied, **Mr Williams, Mr Blain, Miss O'Reilly, Ms Kelly and Mrs Turner**. A full recount will be in next week's Newsletter. Now to join half the bus who are currently sleeping!*

**Mrs Carlisle**









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I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Kind Regards

**Miss Edwards**

**Head of School**

**THE DUTIES OF A TEACHER ARE  
NEITHER FEW NOR SMALL, BUT  
THEY ELEVATE THE MIND AND  
GIVE ENERGY TO THE CHARACTER.**

Norman House

Norman House Fundraiser

17th May!

WWF

**DOUGHNUT SALE**

Buy your delicious doughnuts at:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/zK4VQF1p/Mn>  
Check Cognita Connect for more info!

Only £1 each

Flavours:  
Raspberry Jam  
Strawberry Jam  
Custard Filled  
Sugared

On Friday 17th May, Norman House will be raising funds for WWF. The boys have chosen a great way to raise money; a doughnut sale! You will be able to purchase doughnuts for your entire family whilst doing your bit for the WWF. There are 4 delicious choices of flavour (raspberry or strawberry jam, custard and sugared) for you to enjoy as a family. Please use the link below to order your doughnuts and make your payment via our JustGiving page. These soft, fluffy clouds of sweetness will make a great start to your weekend and give you peace of mind that you are supporting a hugely worthwhile charity event.

Click [here](#) to order.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Many thanks for your support.

## **The Norman House**

## Sport

**Match Report of the week:** Cumnor House School for Boys Boys-U10D vs Homefield School, Surrey

On: Tuesday, 30 Apr 24

Venue: Away

After a turbulent game of cricket that went right down to the final ball, both teams shared the chocolates.

Having lost the toss and being put into field, we started steadily. Cumnor gave away a few more extras than we would have liked, which was balanced out by some great fielding by Jonny T and co.

Homefield posted an under par 236, which looked like it would be light work for our batsmen as we flew out of the blocks with Jonathan T and Isaac K. The middle period was managed well by Leo W and Isaac M, however, some poor game management and silly errors cost us our advantage.

This left us with 4 to win in the final over...

Three dots, a two, a single and a turned-down run on the final ball left the honours even - perhaps the boys fearing there was more to lose from risking a single at the death.

MVP goes to Jonathan T for an all-round quality performance!

## CHS Cricket Honours Board 2024



### Batting:

Name / Team / Runs (balls) / Opposition

<b>Aaron P (U11A)</b>	<b>53* (40)</b>	<b>v Caterham U11A (Surrey Cup)</b>
<b>Asjad K (U13A)</b>	<b>36 (68)</b>	<b>v Bickley Park U13A</b>
<b>Aaryav A (U10A)</b>	<b>30* (24)</b>	<b>v Homefield U10A</b>
<b>Shaurya (U11A)</b>	<b>29 (36)</b>	<b>v Caterham U11A (Surrey Cup)</b>
<b>Aaryav A (U10A)</b>	<b>28 (42)</b>	<b>v CHS U11A</b>
<b>Henry (U11A)</b>	<b>24 (9)</b>	<b>v Cheam Common U11A (Surrey Cup)</b>

### Bowling:

Name / Team / Wickets-Runs / Opposition

**Aymen A (U13A)**    **4-29**    **v Lingfield U13A**

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Music







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**Get your picture in the programme for  
the Summer Concert**

It could be:

Illustrating a song or pieces that you are  
performing

A picture of an instrument (or part of an  
instrument)

**Closing Date: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

## Notices

# Musical Theatre Summer School



Join us for a week of Musical Theatre fun!

Only 20 places available!

Year 3 to 8

Drama, singing, dance and games, working towards a performance based on popular musicals at the end of the week. The course will be run by Mrs Trice and Mrs Sullivan.

When: Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August

Where: Cumnor House Boys school

Time: 10am to 4pm

Cost: £150 per student

£135 siblings discount

To book your place contact [joanna.sullivan@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:joanna.sullivan@cumnorhouse.com)

## Early Years



Dear Parents,

What a lovely sunny week we have had across all sites. The children have loved being outside more and using their outside areas.

Thank you to the PTA for all their treats and gifts across all sites. The staff really appreciated them. Thank you also to all the children and parents who sent the staff messages.

In assembly this week as part of Deaf Awareness Week we learnt the BSL signs for dentist, teeth and sunshine. The children all really enjoyed the story and learning the new signs.

Congratulations to all the children this week.

***Our Stars of the Week are:***

Kindergarten Purley: **Jude**

Kindergarten South Croydon: **Nahla**

Pathway to Pre-School: Eesa

Pre-School Purley: **Oliver**

Pre-School South Croydon: **Layla**

RA: Rafael

RL: Joshua

RW: Jacob

***Gold Awards***

Pre-School Purley: **Shayan**

Pre-School South Croydon: **Araiyah**

RA: Zane

RL: Hayder

RW: Ralph

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

**Mrs Upfold**

**Head of Early Years**

**Collection Times**

A gentle reminder that After School Club and the South Croydon Nursery close at 6pm.

We appreciate that at times you may get stuck in traffic but a gentle reminder that if you are late to pick up on more than one occasion you will incur a charge. Unfortunately, in extreme cases if you are repeatedly late you may lose the option of having wrap around care available.

# Reception





This week in Reception we celebrated Deaf awareness week. The boys learned what deaf means and thought about what it might be like to be deaf. They also learned different signs for greetings, family,

colours and more. They also watched signed stories and had a go at doing some of the signs to help tell them.

In maths the boys have been learning their 2- and 10-times tables, through different problem solving activities, games and rhymes.

In literacy they have been editing sentences, looking for capital letters, missing finger spaces and spelling errors.

It has been another fun and busy week!

Thank you for all the teacher appreciation





Pre-School



Pre-School Purley

Our week together involved learning about the Lifecycle of the butterfly. Our room is going to be full of the most beautiful butterflies created by our children. We used different types of pasta to show the different stages of the butterfly transforming. Pasta is so useful!!

It is lovely to see the progress our children are making with adding and less stories along with our happy number songs which we enjoy each day. Of course our old favourites are requested daily such as our Planet and Continents songs.

We are spending many hours outdoors enjoying the bright days of Spring learning and exploring together.

We are busy training for our Sports Day and we look forward to your support on the afternoon of Tuesday May 21st at South Croydon Playing Field.













### **Pre-School South Croydon**

This week in Pre-School South Croydon we have been learning about the lifecycle of a caterpillar to a butterfly. We have our own resident caterpillars to watch grown and change, they are currently eating away and becoming bigger and bigger, hopefully they don't end up with a tummy ache! We had been doing activities around symmetry to paint and print one half of the butterfly's wings. We have also been drawing the other side of the butterfly, to give them matching wing patterns. We developed our fine motor skills this week with some origami butterflies, we all found this quite tricky but persevered to achieve the goal.

In Maths we have been talking about taking away numbers or objects and used the bus to go for a ride again, this time we dropped people at the beach, park, cinema and Nando's.

We have been looking at sign language for Deaf awareness week and learning about hearing aids and the sign for friends. We welcome every morning with a sign for good morning.







## Pathway to Pre-School



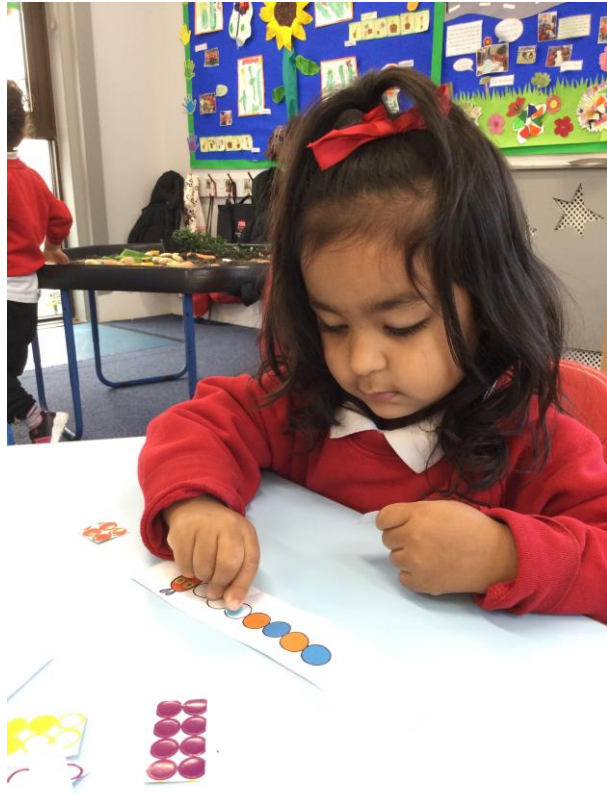
What lovely sunshine we had this week!

This week in P2P we have been learning about the lifecycle of caterpillars. The children have really enjoyed playing with a themed tuft tray focusing on the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They



all had a go at feeding the caterpillar using the tweezers with different foods, whilst following and retelling the story. The children talked about their favourite foods, and we discussed healthy vs non healthy foods. P2P also had the opportunity to see a real butterfly emerging from its cocoon!





In keeping with the theme of the lifecycle of a caterpillar, the children had the opportunity to create their very own colourful butterflies. We looked at the line of symmetry on a butterfly and learnt that butterflies are symmetrical and what this means. We then had fun looking in mirrors to see if our faces were symmetrical! Needless to say, this made the children really laugh.

P2P also explored repeating patterns, firstly making a caterpillar pattern and then using different objects around the classroom! We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

## Kindergarten



### **Kindergarten South Croydon**

This week we've had great fun learning all about beanstalks. We have been doing counting with beans, matching the amount to their number, practising writing our name on each leaf on the beanstalk, sensory messy play tuff tray with a jack in the beanstalk scene. We have carried on some flower craft to decorate our room for the summer. The caterpillars this week have started to cocoon themselves so we won't be disturbing them for a while. The children are very excited to see them change even more.

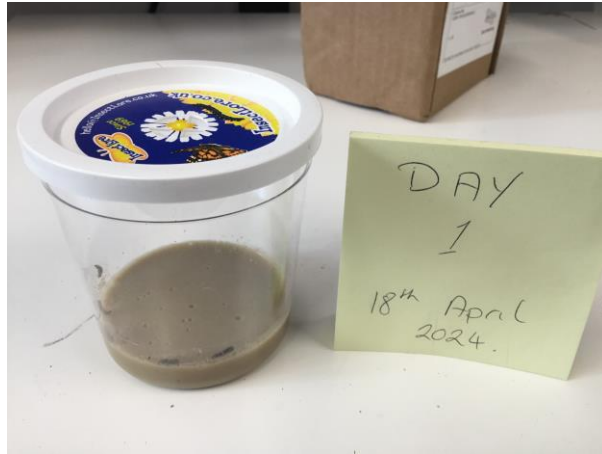
Next week we will focus on us growing from babies to toddlers. Please if you haven't already, send in a baby photo of your child so we can use them for an activity. Thank you to all who have already.

### **Kindergarten Purley**

We have been enjoying watching our caterpillars grow and spin their cocoons over the last 2 weeks. I am pleased to say we now have our first butterfly and hope to post some pictures of their release in next week's newsletter.

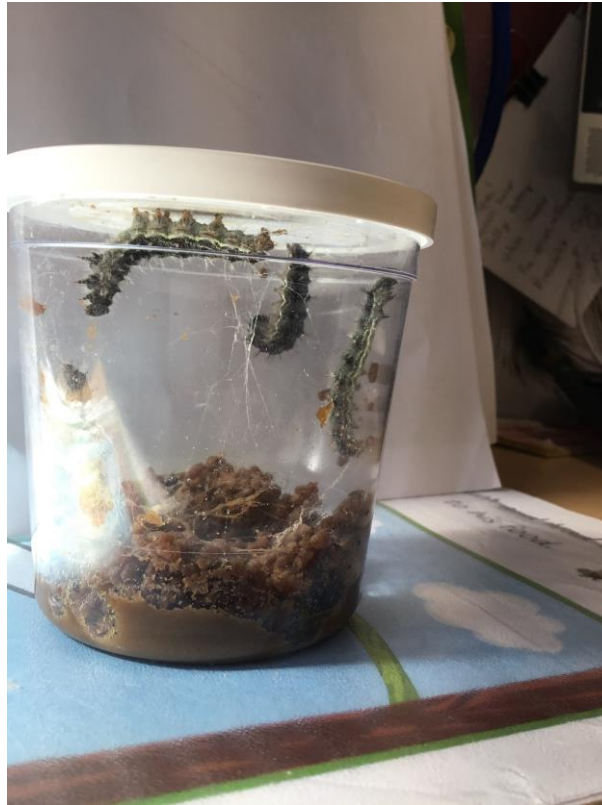
Therefore this week we have been looking at the food that the Hungry Caterpillar ate to become big and healthy. We have had laminated cards with holes punched in them and the children have been using their fine motor and hand/eye coordination skills to thread wool around the food of their choice. The children have shown great skill learning their sewing skills.











PTA

**CHS**  
Be your best self!

CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY  
PTA PRESENT

# TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

7 MAY - 10 MAY

WE HOPE THE TEACHERS AND STAFF  
HAVE ENJOYED THEIR TREATS.  
HERE IS A SNAPSHOT OF THE WEEK!

**TUES 7 MAY**  
ROLLING WITH THANK YOU

**WED 8 MAY**  
THANK YOU  
A DIFFERENCE  
EVERY  
DAY.

**THURS 9 MAY**  
BERRY BIG THANK YOU

**FRI 10 MAY**

**THANK YOU!**

**TO OUR  
DEDICATED  
TEACHERS  
AND STAFF**



# Summer Term

Dates for your diary

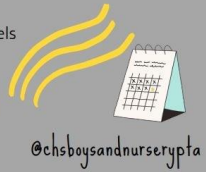
- Mon 29 Apr • PTA Committee Meeting
- 6 - 10 May • Teacher Appreciation Week Events
- Thur 9 May • Reception Animal Rangers
- Thur 13 Jun • Bernardos Big Toddle (Kindergarten & Preschool)
- Fri 28 Jun • Parent Vs Teachers Cricket Match
- Wed 3 Jul • Be Yourself Day
- Sat 6 Jul • Summer Fair (TBC)

#### TBC

- Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 after school event
- Sals Shoes Charity Donations
- Kindergarten & Pre-School Tea Towels



We will also be running refreshments at the show and share, house charity run, sports days and the summer concert



## CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY PTA GO DIGITAL!

**THE GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM SHOP IS UP AND RUNNING!**

YOU CAN NOW PURCHASE ITEMS ONLINE.

**SIMPLY VISIT THE WEBSITE:**

[HTTPS://APP.UNIFORMD.CO.UK/ITEMS/CUMNOR-HOUSE-SCHOOL-BOYS-AND-NURSERY](https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/cumnor-house-school-boys-and-nursery)

**OR USE THE QR CODE:**



**PLACE YOUR ORDER AND COMPLETE CHECKOUT.**

**WE WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN YOUR ORDER IS READY FOR COLLECTION.**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH**

WE ARE RUNNING LOW ON SOME STOCK. PLEASE DONATE ANY GOOD QUALITY OFFICIAL SCHOOL ITEMS.

 [gancumnorhousepta@gmail.com](mailto:gancumnorhousepta@gmail.com)  <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/cumnor-house-school-boys-and-nursery>



CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY  
PTA PRESENTS

# GAMING NIGHT

17TH MAY 2024

SESSION A: 4:15 - 5:15 (GAMING)		SESSION B: 4:15 - 5:15 (FOOD AND FUN)
5:15 - 6:15 (FOOD AND FUN)	*PLUS BOOKING FEE	5:15 - 6:15 (GAMING)

YEARS 6, 7 & 8  
BOYS' SCHOOL HALL

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



CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY  
PTA PRESENTS

# SUMMER FAIR PLANNING

SATURDAY 6 JULY, 2024 | 12 PM - 4 PM

JOIN OUR SUMMER FAIR PLANNING TEAM AND  
MAKE THIS YEAR'S EVENT UNFORGETTABLE!

JOIN USING THE QR CODE BELOW



JOIN USING THE WHATSAPP LINK BELOW

[HTTPS://CHAT.WHATSAPP.COM/HSLV0FCYUYDF1S4WUA926Z](https://chat.whatsapp.com/HSLV0FCYUYDF1S4WUA926Z)

