



CHS

CHS Boys' & Nursery Newsletter

Friday 3rd 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

Monday 6th May, Bank Holiday (School & Nurseries closed)

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th May, PTA Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Thursday 9th May 3:15pm, Range Stu Zoo-Tastic Adventure with Reception Boys (See PTA section below for more details)

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](#))

BOYS' SCHOOL

Monday 6th May, Bank Holiday (School & Nurseries closed)

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th May, PTA Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Wednesday 8th May 10:30am, 3G Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)

Wednesday 8th May, Cognita Sings! (Choristers)

Thursday 9th May, Year 4 Celtic Harmony Residential Departs

Thursday 9th May, Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Thursday 9th May, PTA Reception Animal Encounters

Thursday 9th May 5:30pm, Year 5 Residential Parent Information Evening, Boys' Hall

Thursday 9th May 6:15pm, Year 6 Residential Parent Information Evening, Boys' Hall

Thursday 9th May 6:45pm, Year 8 Residential Parent Information Evening, Boys' Hall

Friday 10th May, Year 4 Celtic Harmony Residential Returns

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

A Message from Miss Edwards

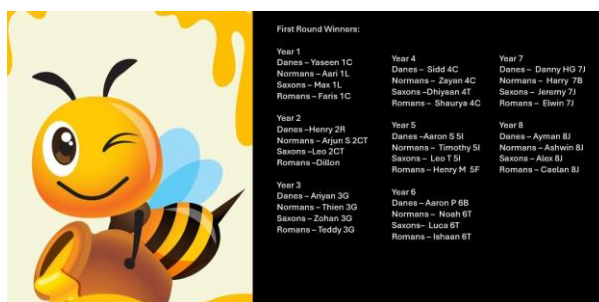


Dear Parents

We have had a really exciting week with our first ever **Cumnor House Spelling Bee**. The boys were introduced to the concept in our assembly on Monday where I revealed who had made it through the first round to represent their House in the semi finals - see below.

On Tuesday we had **two semi finals**. In the **Lower School** it was extremely tense and after two rounds we had three Houses who were equal. This meant we had to have a head to head and each House nominated someone to represent them. **Danes, Romans and Saxons** were all represented by **Sid, Dhiyaan and Shaurya**. **Saxons and Romans** were the winning teams who went through to the final. In the **Upper School** after two rounds it was also a very close call. Once again **Danes, Romans and Saxons** went head to head but this time the House teams chose their Year 7 to represent so it was all up to **Danny, Jeremy and Elwin**. It was a very tough battle and eventually Jeremy was last in with no in correct spellings. Once again **Saxons and Romans** emerged as the winning Houses.

Today we had our final for both sections of the school where the **Saxons** and the **Romans** went head to head in both the Lower School and the Upper School. It was an extremely tight contest with **Romans winning** in the **Upper School** and the **Saxons winning** in the **Lower School**. Congratulations to all the boys who took part. It was so much fun and in all the rounds the audience were on the edge of their seats throughout the competition. A special mention to **Alex and Caelan** in **Year 8** who had a particularly difficult head to head to find the winner and the tension was palpable. It is a real achievement to not only be able to spell the words but to say them out loud and in front of an audience adds extra pressure.



SEMI-FINAL

Semi-final Results

Lower School
 Danes 7 points
 Normans 6 points
 Romans 7 points
 Saxons 7 points

Sudden Death
 1st - Romans
 2nd - Saxons
 3rd - Danes

Semi-final Results

Upper School
 Danes 6 points
 Normans 4 points
 Romans 7 points
 Saxons 7 points

Sudden Death
 1st - Saxons
 2nd - Romans
 3rd - Danes











Mr Bolton and I had a delightful afternoon on Thursday at the **Year 1 and 2 Summer Concert**. The theme of the concert was 'The Jungle Book' and the boys did not disappoint. The singing was as beautiful as ever but the poems and dances that the boys performed were fantastic. They ranged from a slow and hypnotic **Shere Khan the Snake dance** with a very very long snake to a revival of '**Hey hey we're the monkeys**' which I am sure they were probably not familiar with until recently. It was a real joy not only to see them perform but to see how much they enjoyed it. Well done, boys and thank you to the Year 1 and 2 staff and Miss Secker for all their hard work in producing a great concert.



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Please can I politely remind you that you must not leave your son at the pedestrian gate before 7:45am. They should be accompanied up until the pedestrian gate and the tunnel gate is open.

Last week Year 3 visited not one **but two places of worship** in Croydon.

*On Monday they visited **Christ Church on the Brighton Road in Purley** and had a super session investigating the parts and artefacts found in a church. Working in teams, the boys had to complete a scavenger hunt to identify the different parts of the Victorian building. A doll was even baptised and christened "Bob"! They were even able to enjoy some beautiful sunshine and had a lovely play time in Memorial Park on the way back!*

*On Tuesday they visited **Croydon Mosque** and were welcomed very kindly by the imam. They had a fascinating tour of the building and asked many super questions. They were able to recognise a lot of the features of the mosque that we have been studying and the imam remarked specifically about their “super behaviour”. The boys even had the excitement of travelling back on the top of a double decker bus which caused much excitement (even if Croydon Town Hall’s clock sadly isn’t Big Ben).*

*Overall, the boys have been amazing ambassadors for the school this week and have truly done Cumnor proud. HUGE thanks need to be given to **Miss O’Reilly, Miss Kelly, Mrs Greenash, Mr Tingle, Miss Banton and Mr Hadfield** who did a brilliant job escorting and looking after the boys.*

Mrs Turner

Head of RS











Norman House Charity Doughnut Sale

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.

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Many thanks for your support.

The Norman House



Congratulations to **Aaron S** who has been awarded the **most improved player medal** at **Old Whitgiftians Junior Rugby club**.

Aaron's parents would like to thank all his coaches at his club and at the school for their advice and encouragement. Also thanks to his team mates, particularly Jenson, a great team player who is both encouraging and inspiring to the others.





And finally, a visit from our **Year 1 and 2 boys** who were given 'star of the week'. For some of the boys it was there first visit to my office and they certainly thought the sofa was comfy. **Lyan** decided he wanted to stay for the afternoon!

1C - **Lyan**

1L - **Dominic**

1S - **Luthalo**

2CT - **Arjun**

2R - Ethan



Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School

Swimming

Well done to the **Sebastian, Edmond, Gabriel, Ammar** and **Leo** who competed in the heats of this year's **English Schools**. This is a relay competition where every school swims their fastest Medley and Freestyle relay teams for children in **Year 5 and 6**. The top 3 schools in London qualify to compete at the **National Finals** which are held in **Sheffield on Saturday 15th June**.

We have qualified for both the **Medley** and **Freestyle** events for the **tenth consecutive year**, by finishing first in the Medley relay, and second in the Freestyle relay.

Good luck to the boys in Sheffield!

Mr Fitzgerald

Head of Swimming

Notices

INVITATION - BOARDING SCHOOL IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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Early Years



Dear Parents

Another busy week across Early Years. We have been celebrating African World Heritage Day with traditional tales, African mask making, learning dances, making African necklaces, playing a variety of percussion instruments and we were also lucky to have parent visitors in to talk about their own African heritage from Ghana and Congo. It was lovely to hear them tell their personal stories and share their happy memories. During assembly the children learned about the amazing landmarks, animals and music found in the continent and they all had a go at African dancing. It has been great to see how keen the children have been to learn.

















Congratulations to all the children this week.

Our Stars of the Week are:

Kindergarten Purley: **Alexandra**

Kindergarten South Croydon: **Elias**

Pathway to Pre-School: **Ava H**

Pre-School Purley: **Simran**

Pre-School South Croydon: **Zachary**

RA: **Ibrahim**

RL: **James**

RW: Zakariah

Gold Awards

Pre- School Purley: Logan

Pre-School South Croydon: Judah

RA: Luke

RL: Joshua

RW: Raymond

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Upfold

Head of Early Years

Reception



This week in Reception, we celebrated, 'African World Heritage Day' celebrating the fantastic heritage and culture that the Continent of Africa possesses. The boys enjoyed a talk from Zane's mum about Ghana, made African masks, participated in African dancing and listened to many different stories.

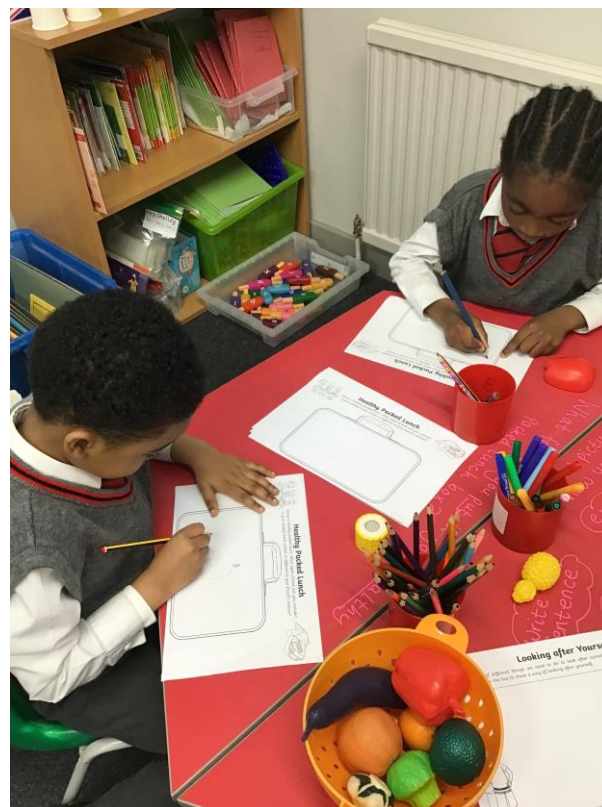
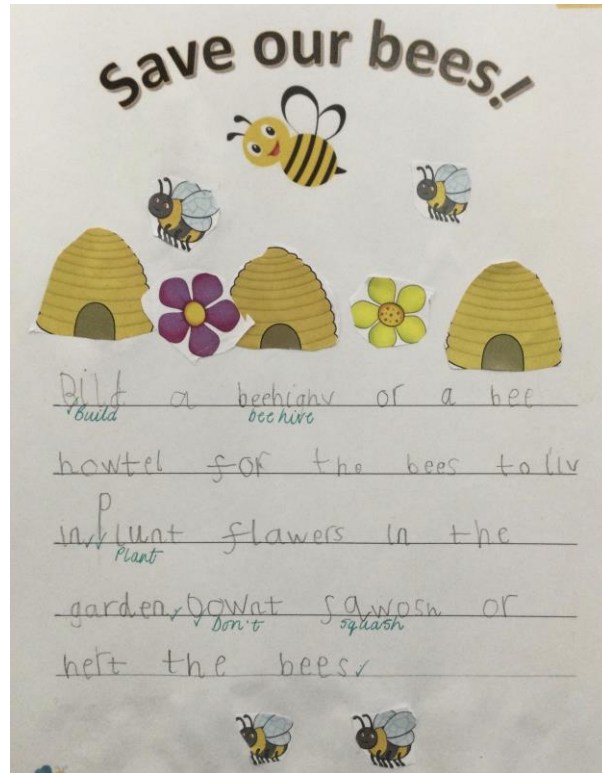
The boys have been learning about doubling in Maths and developing their counting in twos skills to help to support with this. They completed practical activities using mirrors to see double objects, counting socks and using dominoes to cement their understanding.

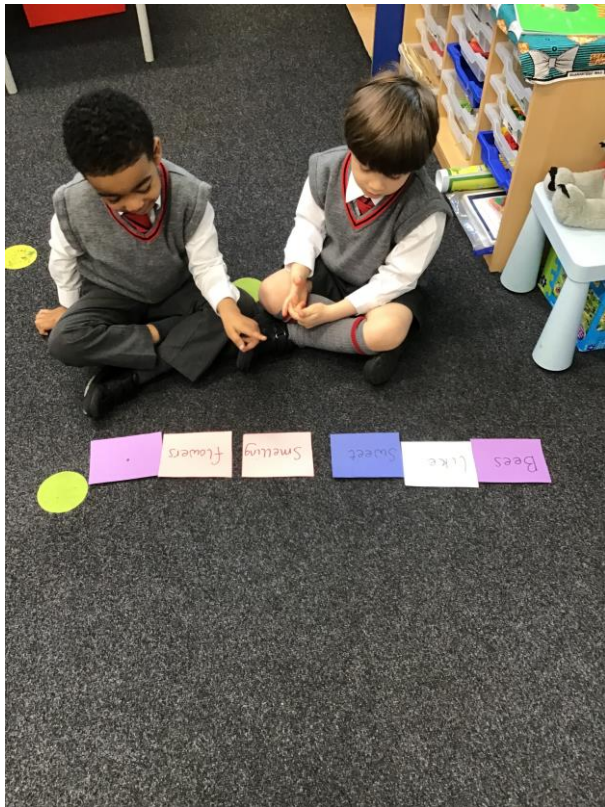
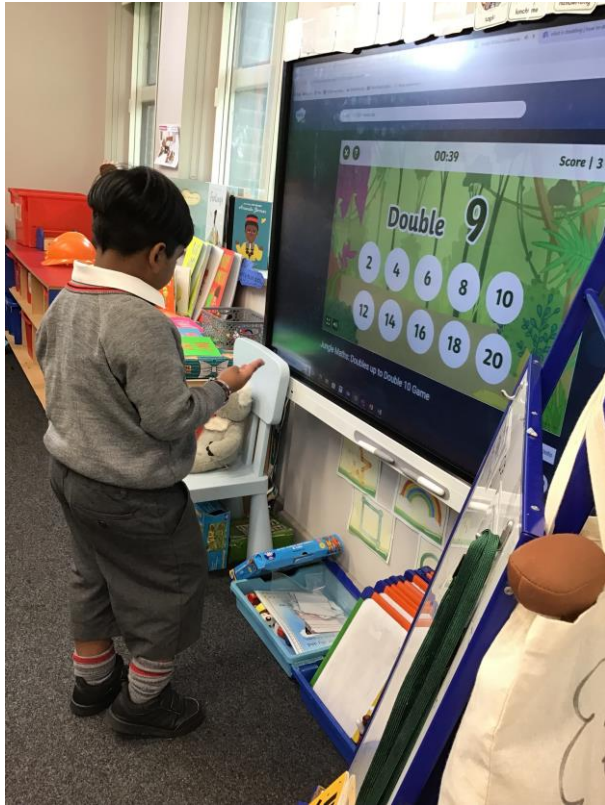
We have continued to explore where our food comes from as part of our topic. We created still life pictures of fruit and vegetable to create a large display. We have been thinking about how to have a healthy lifestyle and the importance of staying active as well as eating healthily.

We shared our classroom once again with our parents, thank you to those of you who were able to attend and join in with our activities!













Pre-School



Pre-School Purley

It has been wonderful to see and hear how much our children like the plants around our world. They are very confident in talking about what seeds need to grow. They have planted cress seeds and are

caring for them until they are ready to eat. The tiny seed story was a wonderful book to look at and discover what happened to the many seeds on their journey across the world.

We had a fun yoga session with P2P and Kindergarten. It is so lovely to be together and see our children interact and enjoy learning together.

Our sound "sh" was greeted with excitement as many of our names start with this sound. It is lovely to see how well our children are doing with our first readers and rhyming families interactive readers.

Our children love doing paint the squares on Topmarks along with adding groups of different objects.

Our classroom is filled with beautiful flowers made by our creative children showing all the parts of the plant. Well done children. We made flower soup and decorated our trees with wildflowers. Our decorated trees look fabulous.







Pre-School South Croydon

This week in Pre-School South Croydon we have been learning about the lifecycle of a flower. We were lucky enough to have Mrs Saul bring some plants from her house to see how they are growing, and they will be put in the wellbeing garden when they are strong enough, we also had a video of

Mrs Saul in her greenhouse showing us lots of different plant stages. At the beginning of the week, we were very lucky with the weather and planted some of our own sunflowers, which we will grow and put in the wellbeing garden. The children were able to sequence the stages of planting a flower and learnt the names of parts of the flower. Within Maths we have been learning how to add 2 groups of objects together by adding children to the bus as we go for a trip to Tesco.

On Friday we celebrated African World Heritage Day, Miss Frank brought in some traditional clothing for us to see and spoke about her hometown in Uganda.







Pathway to Pre-School

This week in P2P we have been learning about the lifecycle of a seed. The children have looked at how a plant starts as a seed and then grows roots, a stem, leaves, a bud and eventually a flower.

They even learnt 'The Seed Song', and sang about how a seed needs air, water and sunshine. P2P had the opportunity to plant their own cress, which they really enjoyed doing. We have been checking them every day to see how well they are growing, and they are really excited to bring them home.

In forest school, the children picked buttercups and daisies, and stuck them to the trees to decorate it. P2P have been making the most of the lovely sunshine and going outside to learn about their environment as much as they can!







In keeping with the theme of plant lifecycles, our role play area has been transformed into a farm shop. The class have been having fun role playing as shopkeepers and customers where they could pretend to buy different fruits and vegetables, and beginning to use money.

During the week, the children also explored different herbs such as mint, rosemary, basil and others, by using their senses to describe the smell and touch of them. They even had a go at cutting them and making perfumes and potions!

Kindergarten



Kindergarten South Croydon

This week we have started looking into how flowers grow. We've have been creating our own lovely flower arrangements in the play dough and filling and emptying pots with soil. We have created

some lovely butterfly art to display on our window for when the sun shines in. The children have taken such an interest in how things grow and change and the end result and are doing brilliant at being able to remember what comes first then next and last in a life cycle of a seed to a flower. We are watching our caterpillars everyday, and they are changing so much. The children are fascinated to see how much they have changed and use words to describe them such as “they are really long” “they look very fat” “they are wiggly”.







Kindergarten Purley

This week we have been very busy discovering our green fingers and talking about seeds and plants and discovering everything they need to successfully grow.

We started by filling wellington boots with soil, ready to plant our strawberry plants, the children were asked what we needed to do next and they correctly said we needed to water them, they are now on our tree trunk, so we can watch them grow.

We have planted some flowers and seeds to hopefully grow a sweet pea tepee, while planting our tomatoes and peppers Mrs Hollands showed the children the roots to the plants before some of the children planted them. The teachers decided that maybe Mrs Hollands was having too much fun! The children have been amazing remembering to water the plants every day.

We also planted individual bulbs with our mums and dads during our Show and Share session, so that each child has their own plant to care for.









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



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
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