



# Girls' Newsletter - 10th May 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. (Please note that these are subject to change if necessary)*

- **Tuesday 14th May** - Year 5 & 6 Gilwell Park Residential Departs (details have been sent via a 'Notice')
- **Friday 17th May** - Year 5 & 6 Gilwell Park Residential Returns (details have been sent via a 'Notice')
- **Tuesday 21st May** - Prep Look at Learning, 8am to 8:30am
- **Tuesday 21st May** - Year 3 Cricket v Banstead (a), Parents Welcome - (please see sports website for further details)

- **Tuesday 21st May** - Years 4 to 6 Future Schools Evening, (details have been sent via a 'Notice')
- **Thursday 23rd May** - Pre Prep Look at Learning, 8am to 8:30am
- **Thursday 23rd May** - LAMDA Exams (Mrs Kimber's Students)
- **Friday 24th May** - Year 2 Class Assembly, Parents Welcome - 8.30am to 9am
- **Friday 24th May** - PTA Colour Event, Pre Prep 3.15pm to 3.45pm & Prep 4pm to 4:30pm

A reminder for Parents that all sports fixture details are available on the [CHG Sports Website](#)

## A Message from Mrs McShane

Dear Parents/Carers,

For a short week, we have certainly packed a lot in, and it has been delightful to have some proper, sustained sunshine – it makes everyone smile! A reminder that girls should all still arrive at school in their blazers, they can remove them when they are in the classroom. As and when the weather properly warms up, a message will go home to say that the girls do not need their blazers.

On Tuesday, the Chamber choir went to the Reigate and Redhill Festival to showcase their vocal talents. There was tough competition and the judges were very impressed with how the girls sang. This was a fabulous and much enjoyed opportunity for the girls.

On Wednesday Year 2 girls showed off their swimming to their parents, the girls have made great progress, and we have some fabulous swimmers - we have high hopes for them as they move through the school. Well done, girls!

Thursday brought 24 very excited girls and an equal number of filled-to-bursting bags to school as Year 4 prepared to set off on their residential trip to Celtic Harmony. Over the two days the girls, and boys, will be immersed in living history and will undertake some great activities immersed in history as well as spending the night in a roundhouse. I am really looking forward to hearing about the girls' exploits upon their return. Thank you to Mrs Kestell, Mrs Currie, Ms Myall, and Miss Beckwith for organising and accompanying the girls on this trip. A report and photographs will be included in the next newsletter.

Also on Thursday morning, I had the utter joy of having breakfast with Year 6. This is thanks to Serena who won this treat as her Golden Ticket prize. We feasted and chatted, with lots of looking forward and some reminiscences. Thank you to Mrs Haley and Mrs De Sousa for their food prep and silver service level waiting on our table.



On Friday morning, a group of year 5 and 6 athletes went to compete at the ISA (Independent Schools Association) Athletics Tournament. They had a fabulous day really encouraging and supporting each other. All the girls were their very best self and I am pleased to announce that we came home with 3 gold medals in 600m, 150m and long jump and a silver in high jump. So Sienna, Daisy and Izzy will be going to the national finals in Birmingham next month. Well done, girls. We are so very proud of you. Thank you to Mr O-B and Mrs Harvey for taking the girls to this event. A full report, and pictures, will be in next week's newsletter.

I hope the Year 5 and 6 girls are all packed and ready for their residential to Gilwell Park, the weather looks to be good but there is a chance of some rain. The girls will take part in a series of exciting challenges, developing teamwork and resilience. Memories that will last them a lifetime will be made here and friendships will be firmly cemented.

**"The most beautiful things are not associated with money; they are memories and moments."** ~ Anon

## Cognita Sings.....

The "Cognita Sings" event was a huge success and it was fabulous to have two different schools join us this year, 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.

### [Legacy Charity Donation Link](#)

*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.*





## Important Info/Reminders.....

### Water Bottle & Sun Hat

With the weather getting warmer please ensure that your daughter brings the following to school:

- a filled **NAMED** water bottle **EVERY DAY**
- a **NAMED** sun hat for playtime

### Sun Cream

Please also ensure your daughter applies sun cream before coming to school when the weather is due to be sunny (the cream used must **not contain any nut oils**) - If any sun cream is brought into school to be kept please refer to the earlier notice that was sent out about Nivea sun creams and check the ingredients of the bottle.



**A reminder of the following club/squad cancellations next week:**

**Tuesday 14th May due to the Year 5 & 6 Residential**

Years 3 to 6 Board Games Club

Year 3 & 4 Cricket Squad

**Wednesday 15th May due to the Year 5 & 6 Residential**

Year 1 & 2 Drawing Club



### **School Trip Consent Forms**

This is a reminder for parents to please complete the consent form/s on Cognita Connect for their daughter's upcoming trip/s. (Please refer to the Notices that were sent out on Cognita Connect for further details.)

- **Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm**
- **Year 2 Trip to Chessington World of Adventures Zoo**
- **Year 3 Camping Residential**
- **Year 3 & 4 Trip to the Dulwich Picture Gallery**



### **Lost Property**

The following items are unnamed. If they belong to your daughter please collect them from the office.

- Plastic food container
- Cardigan size 30" (this has a previous student name label so would have been bought from GAN)
- School Coat size 26-28"



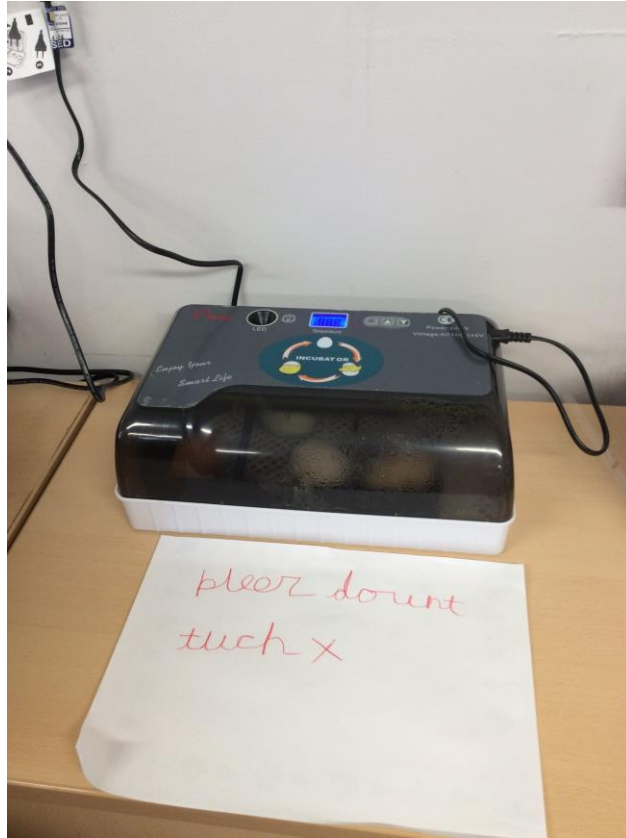




## This week at the Girls' School.....

### **Reception**

We were all very excited to receive some baby African snails in Reception this week for our topic of Growing. The girls enjoyed setting up the tank with soil, water, and food with a heat pad to keep them warm. We are also waiting expectantly for the chicks to hatch from their eggs. Along with snails and eggs, we also have 5 caterpillars that are currently transitioning into a pupae before turning into butterflies when they can be released.









Year 2

## Year 2 Swimming

On Wednesday, the year 2 girls went to the swimming pool to show their parents what they can do! It was a beautiful day - nice and hot and some of the parents were swimming themselves with pieces of paper. The girls laughed!

We were all excited and a bit nervous at the beginning, but once we got in the water, we felt much better.

Every single one of us swam great events, back-stroke, breaststroke and even butterfly! Everyone was clapping and cheering.

We whizzed through all of the races so quickly that we had time for a great canal relay at the end, where every girl took part. Everyone was very proud of themselves and I was very proud of all my girls too.

We showed girl power at it's best! I can't wait until next year when we take part in house games.

Thank you to the parents that came to watch.  
I hope you had fun by Edith x xx

1 - Written by Edith



## Reigate and Redhill Music and Drama Festival

Chamber Choir performed at the Reigate and Redhill Music and Drama Festival in the Choir category. The girls performed brilliantly and received an honours commendation from the adjudicator!



## ESSA Relays

# E.S.S.A GALA

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Cumnor took 4 girls to Jags for the ESSA (England School Swimming Association) swimming gala. The top 3 schools from each category qualified for the finals; this is how it went...

We started with the medley relay. It was me first swimming backstroke, then Daisy swimming breaststroke and to finish Layla and Abigail both swimming front crawl. It was a close race, and we did so well, however just came 4<sup>th</sup>, which means unfortunately we did not qualify.

After, we did the freestyle relay, all of us swimming front crawl. It was Daisy first and she dashed down the pool then it was me and next Layla, who did a great take over and to finish Abigail, who sprinted. But the competition for this race was very tough, and we came 5<sup>th</sup>.

It was a great day and a wonderful experience so a huge thank you to Mr OB, Mrs Harvie and Mrs Lewis for giving us the opportunity.

Shyla

*2 - Written by Shyla*





### Year 5 Science

This week 5KOB have been investigating chemical changes. We started by predicting and testing which substances would create a solution (dissolve) in water. Thanks to Mrs Regy for providing food tech resources for this lesson.





### **Year 6 Enterprise**

This year's enterprise project has now been launched for 2024. All teams will eventually borrow £20 from Mrs McShane, with the idea to design, make, advertise, and sell a product. The one who makes the most profit wins!

But before this, the girls must learn skills in marketing, advertising, budgeting, and teamwork.

The first task was to decide on a team name. So let us introduce to you to this year's teams:

**Glisten- Matilda, Mihika & Izzy**

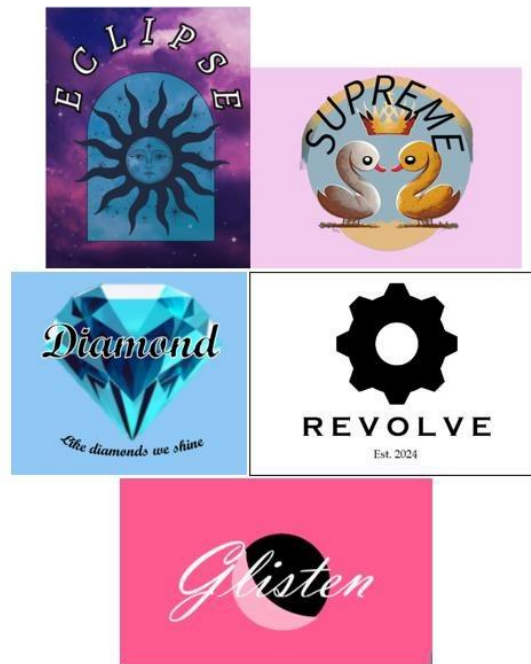
**Revolve-Anushka, Zahra & Elina**

**Diamond-Aliyah, Serena & Soni**

**Supreme-Shyla, Avani & Annabelle**

**Sovereign-Yumna, Sienna & Saanvi**

Here are their team logos:



## Task 2

The first task for them working as a team was a challenge to build the tallest tower using only marshmallows and dried spaghetti. The tower had to stand, unaided, for 5 seconds. As you can see from the photographs, this wasn't as easy as it sounds.

















The results were:

**Revolve-48cm**

**Glisten - 42cm**

**Diamond - 27cm**

**Eclipse - 15cm**

**Supreme - 7cm**

We learned a lot about using strong bases and the use of squares and triangles to help.

Next task-chocolate bar designs! We can't wait!

## Spotlight on Digital Safety.....



### Contact

Contact is about the risk of harm young people may face when interacting with other users online. This includes things like peer-to-peer pressure or seeing inappropriate commercial advertising. Sometimes adults pose as children or young adults with the intention of grooming or exploiting a child or young person.

In school, we teach pupils that online friends should be people they know in real life.

Pupils are reminded about the importance of not sharing personal information online.

We teach pupils about their online code of conduct and share rules for safe internet use.

Older pupils are taught about their digital footprint and the positives and negatives of being online.

Links with physical and mental well-being are made connected to screen time.



### PTA.....

[PTA Colour Run - Booking Link](#)

**COLOUR**  
ALL PROFITS GO TO  
CHCS CHARITY

**Run**

Friday May 24th  
first session at 3:10  
second session at 4:00

**fun assault course followed by  
powdered colour throw**

Send your daughter with a change of clothes, they'll get covered in fun colourful powder

Siblings welcome with a ticket

Tickets £6 (includes a bag of coloured powder) additional bags £1:50

[Click here to book](#)

Other.....

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# SuperCamps

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2-12

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22-30

**MAY HALF TERM**  
MAY  
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