



Girls' Newsletter - 17th 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 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,

The Year 5 and 6 girls set off in a buzz of excitement and ready for adventure on Tuesday morning, and I don't think they have been disappointed. They have had four days of high-octane activities challenging themselves to do new things and to really put our Cumnor value of courage on their agenda. I suspect they will be full of tales of what they have done before they fall into a happily exhausted sleep.

We have noticed that there is a growing number of pupils who are late being collected at the end of the school day; please be prompt to collect your daughter - and we will try to be prompt to dismiss - the 10 minutes grace before taking girls to after school care is for emergencies only; teachers need to get back to their classes either because they are running a club or that they may have meetings to attend. Thank you.

Looking forward, we have our annual "Future Schools" event next week. This is held in our sports hall and is a "fair" of a wide selection of schools that we, and the Boys' School, feed into. There will be the opportunity to speak with their admissions teams and to find out a little more about the schools. A Q and A session in the hall follows this. The fair will be open from 6pm with the Q and A session starting

from 7pm. This event is open to parents of pupils in Years 4 and 5. Please park in the lane and enter the school through the gates at the bottom of the car park.

We look forward to welcoming parents to our “Look at Learning” events next week. We have split this into two sessions over two days as it was very difficult for parents to park the last time we held it. This is always such a lovely time for you to celebrate your daughter’s learning with her. If the weather is fine, we will hold these mornings on the field so you may wish to bring a blanket to sit on. The doors will open as usual at 8am and we ask that parents leave by 8.30am so that we can be ready for lessons to begin at 8.40am. I would reiterate that this is not an appropriate time to engage with teachers about your daughter’s learning and progress.

It is that time of year again that we begin to think about selecting next year’s school charity. I thought I would outline our process so you can support your daughter with suggestions to bring to house meetings next week.

When the girls select the school charity, it really is a fully democratic process. We will have a series of meetings in houses for each house to discuss and select their nominated charity. The House Prefects then prepare a presentation on their house’s chosen charity to present during our charity assembly. All the girls listen to and find out about the different charities and then they can make an informed decision about how to vote, girls and staff, will have official ballot papers and voting booths. The Charity Prefects will conduct the count and the new school charity will be announced. We do insist that the charities that are put forward are small, local, and for people, not animals.

This process will take place over the following dates:

- Friday 24th May - Houses will have the first meeting to start to explore and discuss possible charities.
- Friday 14th June - assembly for House Prefects will present their nominated charities and pupils place their votes.

This election, not only teaches our girls about the democratic process but is also an example of how important, and heard, pupil voice is at Cumnor.



One of the benefits of having multiple sites is that all pupils have the opportunity to benefit from different schools' resources. Year 7 boys spent the day here cooking very delicious pizza for their lunch which they enjoyed as a picnic on the field before football in the MUGA took over as the preferred lunchtime activity. The South Croydon Nursery came over to see what minibeasts they could find in our

pond and wild garden. These mini excursions do take a little extra organisation but are always of great benefit to pupils.







Wishing you a happy and restful weekend, though I think there is not another chance of seeing the aurora borealis.

The nitrogen in our DNA, the calcium in our teeth, the iron in our blood, the carbon in our apple pies were made in the interiors of collapsing stars. We are made of star stuff.

– Carl Sagan, Cosmos

Important Info/Reminders.....

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**



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

Reception's Odd and Even Potions

This week Reception have been learning about odd and even numbers. We wrote recipes for either an odd potion or an even potion and then at FOX we had fun collecting the correct number of items to go into our pots and pans.













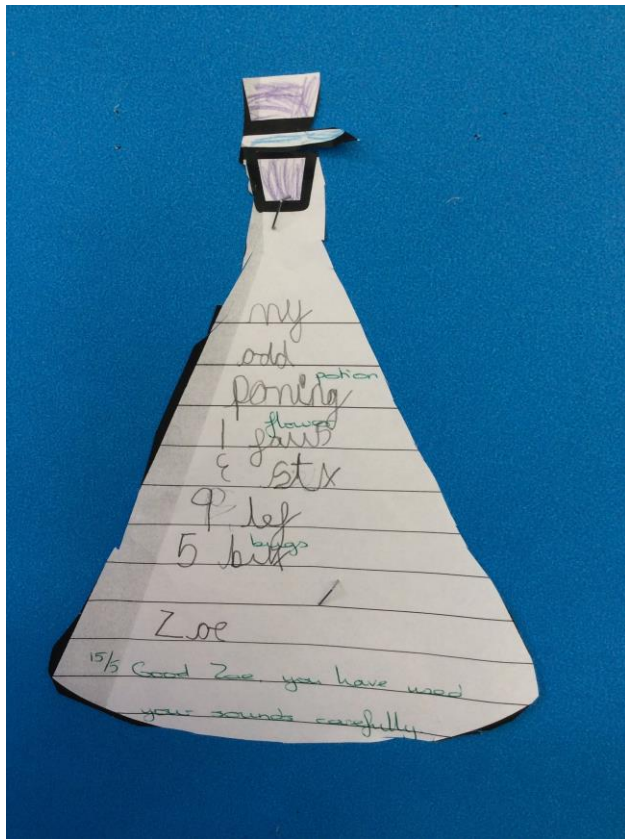


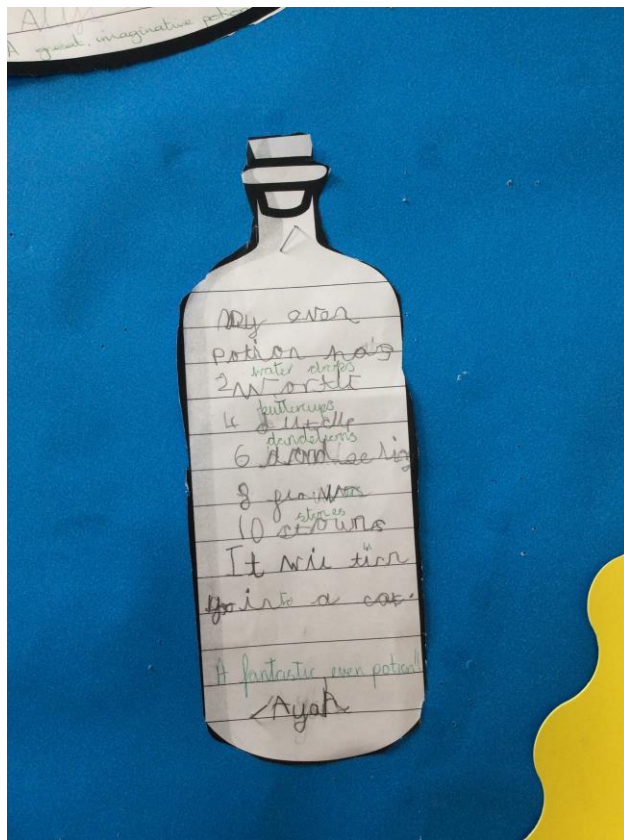
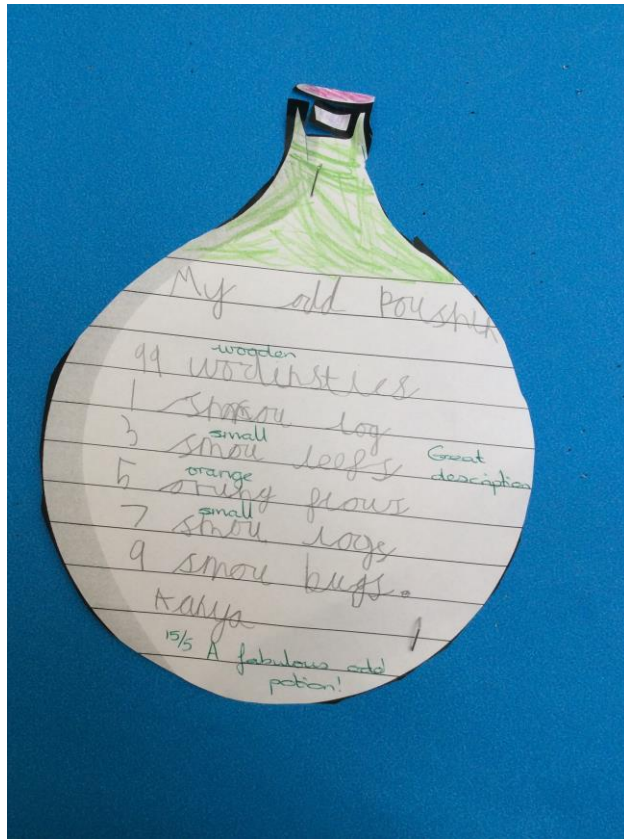








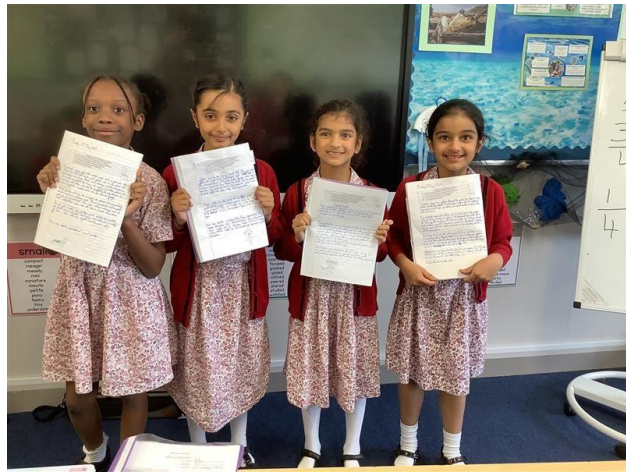
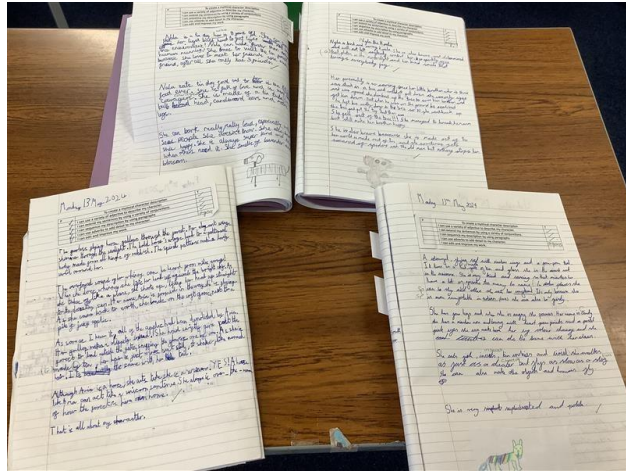




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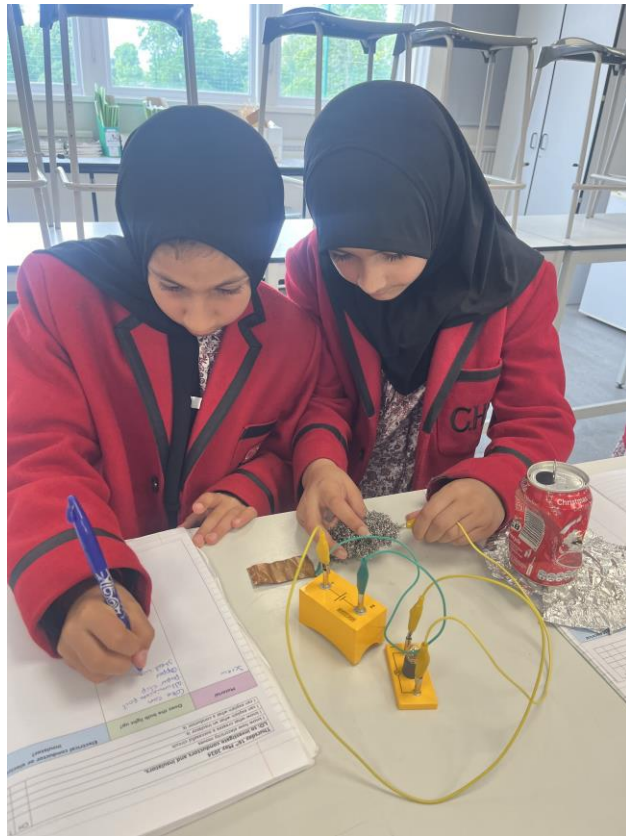
This week in English, Year 3 had the task of creating their own mythical creatures based on the class text, 'The Tin Forest'.

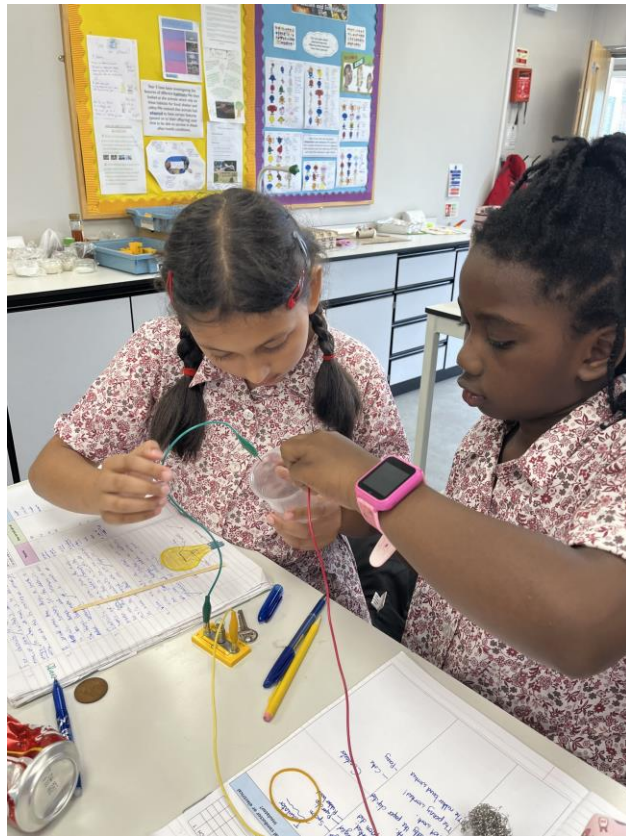
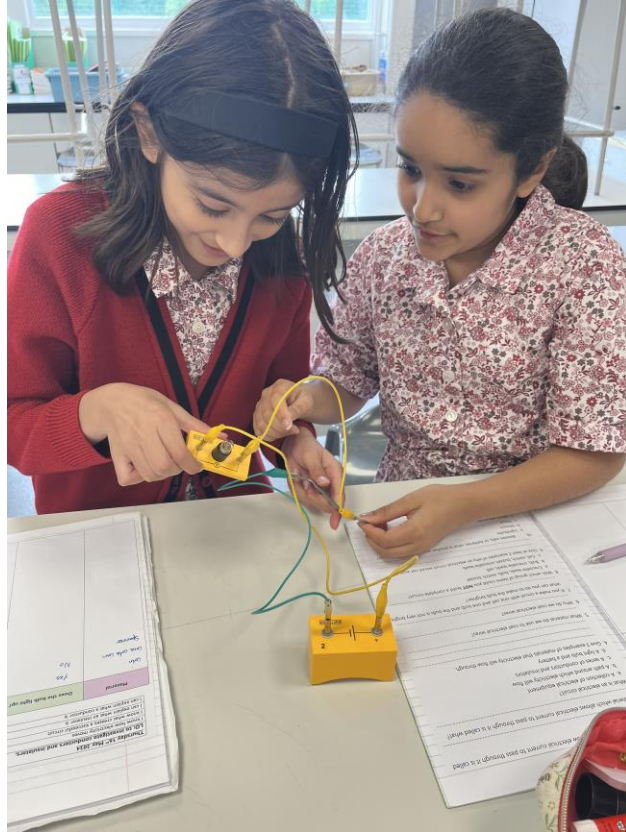
They all produced some fabulous writing and they brought their own individual characters to life!



Year 4 Science

This week, in 4M, we were continuing our learning about circuits. Investigating why some circuits did not work and then testing different materials to see whether they were good conductors of electricity or whether they were insulators. There was a great deal of valuable learning discussion taking place. Alexandra and Libby did great work too - not sure how I missed taking their photograph!







Year 4 Residential - Celtic Harmony

On Thursday last week, the Year 4 girls, accompanied by Mrs Currie, Ms Myall and Miss Beckwith, visited the Celtic Harmony camp for two days of Prehistoric living, alongside staff and students from the boys' school. Overnight accommodation was in authentic Stone Age Roundhouses and students were treated to a whole host of activities over the two day trip, including: Pottery, an evening bat walk, Orienteering, Spear-throwing practice, Iron Age warrior training, Flint napping (tool making), Jewellery making, Rune reading and Archery (as well as Prehistoric Marshmallow toasting on the fire!).

Here are some of the girls' favourite parts of the trip...

"On the residential, I really loved the FOOD, the sandcastle competition, all the activities and, last but not least, sleeping!!!"

"I really enjoyed the Archery. We all got three tries each and I got 10 points in total and almost hit the bulls eye in the centre!"

"I really enjoyed the flint napping lesson where we learned that flint is the second sharpest stone in the world which is why it was used in the Stone age for things like sawing, cutting, digging, eating and hunting. Waylon (one of the teachers), showed us how the tools were made by using a large, round stone to chip away parts of the flint to make a sharp edge."

"I loved spending time with my fantastic friends and terrific teachers. I loved how they really made us feel like we were living in the Stone Age. Sleeping in Roundhouses was so fun because Celtic Harmony is one of the only places in the world where you can do that!"







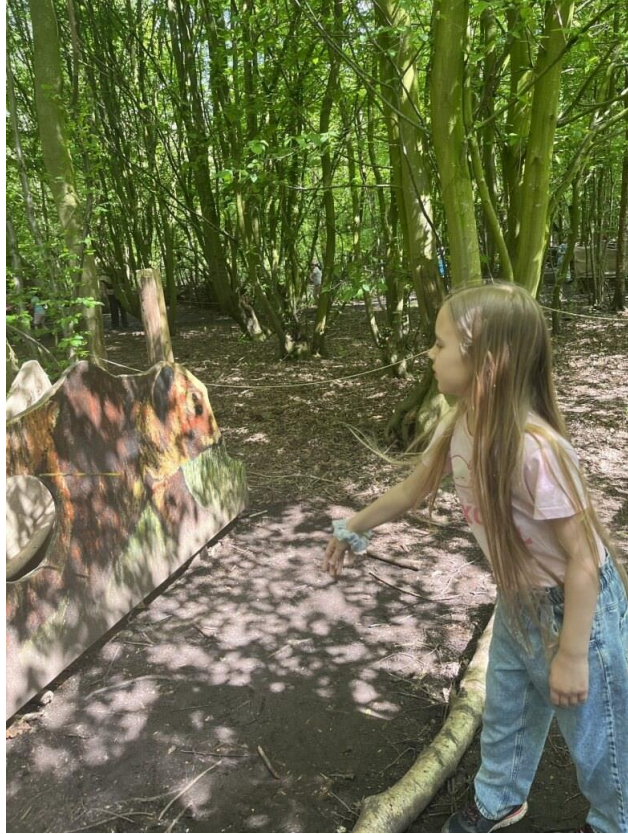
















Year 5 & 6 Residential - Gilwell Park



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Gilwell Park - Low Ropes & Team Building



















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This girl can....fence!







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Bouldering















Crate Stacking & Rafting











WE ALL HAD AN AMAZING TIME!!!



Year 6 Food Tech Bake Off - First ever video...

The recent Cumnor Girls Bake Off, a group of Year 6 students who were not in the finals, captured the event through their developing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills. This project not only showcased their baking abilities but also highlighted their adeptness at utilizing digital tools, an essential skill set in today's technologically driven educational landscape. The girls demonstrated their ability to operate cameras and navigate complex video editing software, adding effects and transitions to make their final video both informative and engaging. Well done to Anushka, Saanvi, Izzy, Sienna, Matilda, Yumna, and Mihika.

Mrs Regy

Food Technology



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Sport.....

ISA Athletics Tournament

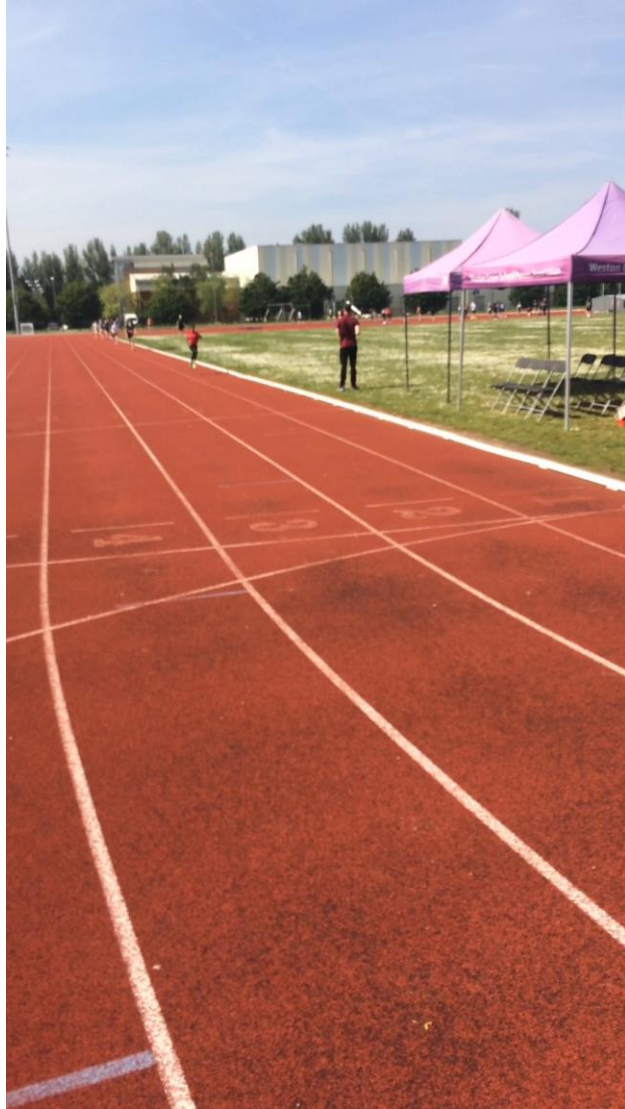
Last Friday 11 Year 5&6 girls participated in the ISA Athletics Regional qualifying meeting at the Excel Sports Centre in Walton. All the girls ran, jumped, and threw their hearts out collecting many PB's along the way. The winner of each event would qualify for the national finals. In the U11 age group, Sienna won gold in the 600m, Isabella won gold in the 150m sprint and an agonising silver in the High Jump on countback as she and the winner both jumped the same height. In the U10 age group, Daisy won gold in the Long Jump with a new PB. All 3 of the girls have been selected to represent London South in the ISA National Athletics Finals on Monday 17th June at Alexandra Palace in Birmingham and we wish them all the best!











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Music & Drama.....

Year 1 - Drama

Year 1 enjoyed retelling the story of the Hare and the Tortoise in Drama this week. They explored the animals movements and cheering on the Tortoise for taking it slow and steady and winning the race, great work Year 1!



Cognita Sings 'Heroes and Dreamers' 2024

Last Wednesday, the School Choir were part of an uplifting and inspiring 'Cognita Sings' event at the Epsom Playhouse where they sang alongside three other Cognita Schools: Cumnor House School for Boys, Clifton Lodge School, and Brighton College Prep Kensington. Ms Myall and Mrs Kimber had selected and taught a fantastic selection of pop, rock, and concert classics to the girls over many months of preparations and exciting build-up. When the day finally came, all of the choirs assembled on stage in the morning for a Vocal Warm-up and Workshop where they also started to learn some choreography for the performance with Mrs Kimber.

After some time for a lunch break to enjoy the sunshine in the park, and a chance for all of the choirs to rehearse their individual items on the stage, all of the schools came back together for the massed choir rehearsal directed by Mrs Kimber. Along with the professional stage, lighting, and sound, to add even more professional pizzazz to the occasion, Ms Myall led the Cognita Sings band on the piano, joined by Mr Kimber on drums and a bass guitarist.

Ms Myall and Mrs Kimber donned their sequins once again to comper the evening performance, and Mrs McShane also took to the stage to introduce our guest speaker, Nick Rose from the charity 'Legacy, Croydon Youth Zone' who gave a powerful speech about the important work they do for young people in Croydon.

As always, huge thanks go to all the Heads of Music who led their choirs in learning all the music and performing their items, the music staff who accompanied, all the teachers who supported on the day, and of course, to the families who came along to the evening performance to create a dazzling atmosphere for the girls to perform in. But, of course, the children were the real stars of the show, performing with confidence and brilliance (one choir even had an exceptional Year 4 piano student accompanying them!), and we were of course especially proud of our Cumnor Girls, who were fantastic as always!

We also once again raised a significant amount of money for Legacy Youth Zone from the ticket sales and retiring collection, so we thank you for your generosity! We look forward to next year's event!







Spotlight on Digital Safety.....



Conduct

Conduct means the way people behave online. Some online behaviour can increase the likelihood, or even cause harm.

A good rule is that if you would not say it to someone's face, then don't post it online.

Pupils are taught how to behave online and demonstrate respectful online behaviour.

Pupils are taught about cyberbullying and what to do if experiencing online bullying.

We remind older pupils that people online may not be who they pretend to be and to be cautious and tell a grown-up.

We explore the dangers of live streaming and using devices in a safe place in the home.



PTA.....

[PTA Colour Run - Booking Link](#)

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

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Siblings welcome with a ticket

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

[Click here to book](#)

Other.....

Perry Uniform Fitting Event - Tuesday 25th June

We are pleased to confirm that Perry's, our uniform provider will be based at Cumnor Girls' from **9.30am- 4.30pm on Tuesday 25th June.**

This is available to all year groups on a first come first serve basis, spaces are limited. Please click on the link below to book your appointment online. Where possible, please can you avoid booking the morning appointments as these will be popular with those who are attending an afternoon Reception Event the same day.

[Introduction to Perry - Fitting Event 2024 Cumnor House Girls' School](#)

[Perry Uniform Printable Measuring Tape](#)



Super Camps May Half-Term

A vibrant, colorful poster for SuperCamps Holiday Camps. The background is a mix of blue, green, and yellow. At the top, the text "SuperCamps" is in a blue, rounded font. Below it, "HOLIDAY CAMPS" is written in large, bold, pink-outlined white letters. To the right of this, a circular badge says "SEE REVERSE FOR CAMP DATES". Below the main title, it says "Let's play" in a pink, cursive font. The location "AT CUMNOR HOUSE GIRLS SCHOOL" is written in yellow. The main theme is "FUN-FILLED CAMPS TO KEEP KIDS SOCIAL AND ACTIVE" in white. A group of diverse children, some wearing white t-shirts with a blue 'S' logo, are shown holding various toys like a rocket, a sword, and a paper airplane. A QR code is in the bottom left. At the bottom, it says "Scan the QR code to book your spot at the Multi-Activity Camp" and "BOOK ONLINE: SUPERCAMPS.CO.UK • PHONE: 01235 467 300". A small note at the very bottom says "*4 year olds must be reception age and onwards." There are also several checkmarks and icons indicating benefits like "AGES 4*-12", "MEET NEW FRIENDS", "BOOK BY DAY OR FULL WEEK", "NEW ACTIVITIES & THEMES EACH WEEK", "USE TAX-FREE CHILDCARE / VOUCHERS", and "9AM - 5PM, WITH 8AM - 6PM EXTENDED CARE!".

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