

# Girls' Newsletter - 3rd 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)

- Monday 6th May Bank Holiday School Closed
- Tuesday 7th May Year 5 & 6 Chamber Choir (members only) to Reigate and Redhill Festival -During the school day
- Wednesday 8th May Cognita Sings Concert at Epsom Playhouse, 6pm
- Wednesday 8th May Year 2 Swimming Gala Parents welcome (details have been sent via a 'Notice')
- Thursday 9th May Year 4 Celtic Harmony Residential Departs (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

- Friday 10th May Year 4 Celtic Harmony Residential Returns (details have been sent via a 'Notice')
- **Friday 10th May** Year 5 & 6 ISA Athletics Tournament selected pupils (please see sports website for further details)

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 summer term is always a busy one and things are really getting started now. I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new art teacher – Mrs Lawless, and a maternity cover teacher – Mrs Kempton, both come to us with lots of experience and are very much looking forward to joining us in September. I will tell you more about them later in the term.

On Thursday, Year 6 had their final bake-off competition, it was wooden spoons and chefs' hats at the ready as they discovered their task -to make pizza from scratch. The kitchen was a hive of industry as the girls made their dough from scratch and produced pizzas, dough balls and garlic butter. The presentation was not ignored as the girls made their dishes look fabulous. The girls were also judged on how organised they were when cooking and how well they tidied away. See the full report later in the newsletter.

The Year 4 girls entertained and educate us with their Assembly about Philippe Petit, the French high wire artist who is famous for wire-walking between the twin towers of the World Trade Centre in 1974. This term the girls have been studying the book, "The Man Who Walked Between The Towers" and in their assembly they read some of their writing, demonstrating different genres, inspired by the book. We all enjoyed finding out a little more about Philippe Petit, the songs were great, and the girls performed with confidence and clarity.



A group of Year 5 girls ventured to Royal Russell School for their annual Maths Challenge. They had to complete some significant problem-solving using not only their mathematical skills and understanding

but also a high degree of teamwork. The girls had a wonderful time, thank you to Mr Warren for taking them to this event.

We had a school full of archaeologists, Cleopatras, and other Egyptian characters today as Egypt was the theme for Maths Day. Lots of puzzles and challenges were completed to unlock the next clues and the girls worked together to solve them. It has been lovely to see the school buzzing with maths. Thank you to Mr Warren and Mrs Gannon for organising this fun–filled Maths Day.

We will need to hit the ground running next week with various events and the Year 4 residential; please look carefully at clubs' provisions as we have had to cancel some with staff being away doing other exciting things with the girls.

On Tuesday, chamber choir will be going to the Reigate and Redhill Festival on Tuesday and the whole choir will be participating in the Cognita Sings Event on Wednesday. On Thursday, Year 4 will be setting off on their travels to Celtic Harmony, this is a trip that we run in conjunction with the Boys' School. Packing could be interesting, given the weather, woolly hats and sunscreen! Regardless of the weather, the girls are looking forward to their adventures.

Enjoy the long bank holiday weekend, we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

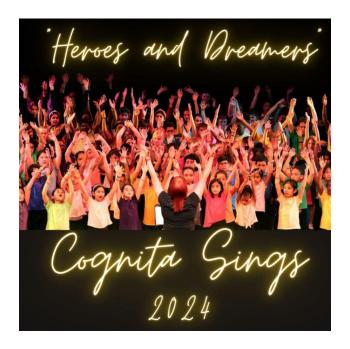
Limits exist only in the souls of those who do not dream - Philippe Petit

# Important Info/Reminders.....

#### Cognita Sings "Heroes and Dreamers", Epsom Playhouse, Wednesday 8 May, 6pm.

This year's Cognita Sings event is almost upon us! The lyrics have been studied, the notes and choreography have been learnt and it is your final chance to book tickets to support your daughters! We are hoping for another sell-out performance so please help us by spreading the word to friends and family to support this show-stopping event where our fabulous School Choir will be joined by singers from Cumnor House School for Boys, Clifton Lodge and Brighton College Prep Kensington.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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

#### Wednesday 8th May due to Cognita Sings Concert

Years 3 to 6 School Choir

Year 1 & 2 Drawing Club

Year 5 & 6 Cricket Squad

### Thursday 9th May due to the Year 4 Residential

Years 3 to 6 Fun Fitness 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 3 Camping Residential
- Year 3 & 4 Trip to the Dulwich Picture Gallery
- Year 4 Celtic Harmony Residential



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

#### **Taking the Lead**

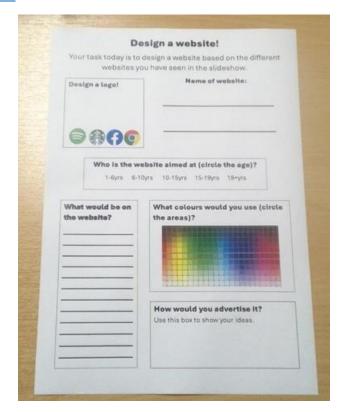
Mrs Syradd was delighted when Lyla and Heidi offered to run the digital leaders club this week.

They planned a PowerPoint (below) and made worksheets to encourage the digital leaders to design their own websites.

The girls really enjoyed getting creative to imagine their own websites.

Well done to Lyla and Heidi for taking the initiative to take on a leadership role, and motivating and encouraging your peers.

#### **Design Your Own Website**







# **Year 5 Surviving in the Stone Age**

In Humanities, Year 5 discussed how they would survive if they travelled back in time to the Stone Age. They discussed what things they would need to help them survive and in what order they would go and acquire those things. There was a lot of discussion and differing ideas about the order.











#### **Announcing the Cumnor Girls Superhero Bake Off Competition Winners!**

The ovens were fired up, the dough was kneaded, and the creativity was in full swing at our Cumnor Girls Superhero Bake Off Competition! We're thrilled to announce the results of this epic culinary showdown, where our young bakers showcased their skills and creativity in crafting Superhero Pizza, Dough Balls, and Homemade Garlic Butter fit for the mightiest of heroes.

In the superhero pizza category, our young bakers unleashed their imaginations to create pizzas worthy of the Hall of Justice. Each pizza was a flavourful homage to beloved superheroes. Next up, our talented bakers rolled up their sleeves and got down to dough business with the dough ball challenge. Last but

certainly not least, our young bakers churned their way to dairy delight in the homemade butter category. Armed with double cream, salt, and a dash of creativity, they whipped up creamy concoctions that would rival any store-bought spread.

#### 1st Place:

Elina and Zahra - Their "Superman Shield Supreme" pizza stole the show with its vibrant colours, perfectly arranged toppings, and unbeatable flavour combination. Congratulations on a heroic victory!

#### 2nd Place:

Serena and Annabelle - Their "Superman Delight" pizza impressed the judges with its bold flavours and creative use of ingredients. A well-deserved second place!

#### **Double 3rd Place:**

Shyla and Avani - Their "Electrifying Flashman" pizza wowed the judges with its intricate design and delicious crust. A fantastic achievement!

Aliyah and Soni - Their "Legendary Wonder Woman" pizza crafted with care and each jewel and gem has a tale to share. Your baking skills are truly impressive!

A heartfelt congratulations to all our winners, participants, and bakers who took part in this year's Cumnor Girls Bake Off Competition! Your creativity, teamwork, and culinary skills have truly been a sight to behold. We're incredibly proud of each one of you.

A big thank you to our judges, Mrs Syradd and Mrs D King on the finals and Mr Warren and Ms Beckwith on Showstopper and supporters who helped make this event possible. Your dedication and enthusiasm have made this Cumnor Girls Bake Off Competition a resounding success.

Until next time, keep baking, keep dreaming, and remember with great flour comes great responsibility!

Warm regards,

Wonder Woman

Mrs Regy

Food Technology































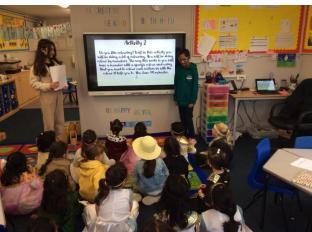


# Maths Day.....

The girls have had a fantastic Maths Day today! The day started with Year 6 planning and implementing a quiz for each year group to take part in. Year 6 did a brilliant job, which was enjoyed by all! The girls were then introduced to 'The Riddle of the Sphinx', where Dr Smith explained that each riddle needed to be solved to help unlock the tomb. When a problem was solved, it unlocked puzzle pieces to be located on a school map for the girls to find. The girls had so much fun firstly working together to solve the riddle but also finding the puzzle pieces around the school.

Each year group brought their puzzle pieces to our assembly at the end of the day, which we fitted together to unlock a prize!





































They all looked amazing in their costumes, thank you for the wonderful effort!



1 - Reception



2 - Year 1



3 - Year 2



4 - Year 3



5 - Year 4



6 - Year 5



7 - Year 6

# **Spotlight on Digital Safety.....**



#### Content

Content is anything posted online - it might be words or it could be images and video.

In school, we teach pupils to be responsible about the content they post online remembering that once it is online, it is there forever.

Pupils are taught that they should block, report and tell if they see anything online that worries them or makes them feel uncomfortable.

We teach pupils to be aware of the age limit that apps and online platforms have, reminding them that they are there to keep them safe and to stop them seeing content that is not age appropriate.

Older pupils are taught about fake news and how to avoid the risks of online persuasion (an age appropriate awareness of risks such as radicalisation and grooming).



# **PTA.....**

### PTA Colour Run - Booking Link



# Other.....

#### **Super Camps May Half-Term**



