



# CHS

CHS Boys' & Nursery Newsletter

Friday 26th April

## 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 29th April 6:30pm**, PTA Committee Meeting, Boys' School Hall (link to join virtually will be shared shortly)

**Friday 3rd May 8am-9am**, Purley & South Croydon Pre-School Show and Share (Parents welcome)

**Friday 3rd May 2pm-3pm**, Purley & South Croydon Kindergarten Show and Share (Parents welcome)

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

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**BOYS' SCHOOL**

**Monday 29th April**, Year 1 to 8 Spelling BEE

**Monday 29th April 6:30pm**, PTA Committee Meeting, Boys' School Hall (link to join virtually will be shared shortly)

**Wednesday 1st May 10:30am**, 3K Class Assembly (Parents welcome)

**Thursday 2nd May 2:00pm**, Year 1 and 2 Summer Concert at CHS Girls' School (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

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

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

## A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

It has been another busy week at school and the boys have been working very hard. On Monday and Tuesday we have a House Spelling Bee. The boys completed the first round test this week and one boy from each year group in each house will be in the semi-finals next week where the lower school, and then upper school will compete against each other in their houses and the two top house will go through to the final. I am looking forward to see who will reign supreme as the Cumnor House Spelling Bee Champions. We also have our annual public speaking competition soon so please look out for some information from Mr Beesley about how you can prepare for this. The important dates above include the Year 1 and 2 Summer concert which is always an absolute delight and also our Summer PTA committee meeting. If you haven't attended a meeting before please do come and join us.



Our new members of teaching staff, Mr Brawn and Mrs J Bennett are settling in well and if you have not had the pleasure of meeting them yet please see a little introduction below. The boys in Year 1 have really welcomed their new class teacher and I know that Mr Brawn has enjoyed meeting many of his new classes too.



Congratulations to Azaiah who has been awarded three swimming medals and a certificate for his swimming. This is fantastic news Azaiah, well done!

Well done to our U11A team for their win in the Surrey Cup this week and to our swim squad who beat Hazelwood who up until they swam against us were undefeated.

A huge thank you from the boys to our fantastic PTA for their seedlings to celebrate Earth Day. The boys were really excited to go home and look after them. The nursery children were very busy hand printing and learning all about what we can do to regenerate and look after our planet.

We have also reseeded the Music Lawn ready for the summer and although many of us are keeping our fingers crossed for a sunny weekend we are welcoming the rain that is forecast. Thank you to the maintenance team for all their hard work over the Easter break on our Boys' and Nursery sites.







# STAR OF THE WEEK

And finally, a visit from our **Year 1 and 2 boys** who were given 'star of the week'. They were so proud to tell us all about what they had been doing to earn the award. Congratulations, boys! Wear your badge with pride!

1C - Raahim

1L - Srey

1S - James

2CT - Arjun

2R - Cruz



Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

**Miss Edwards**

**Head of School**

An Introduction to.....



**Mrs Bennett, Year 1 Form Tutor**

Mrs Bennett grew up the Lake District. She completed her degree and PGCE at Nottingham University. She worked for many years in Nottinghamshire schools before relocating to Surrey. She has taught at several private schools in the Purley area and across the whole primary age range.

In her spare time she enjoys walking with her dog 'Bear' and travelling to other countries.



**Mr Brawn, Music Teacher**

Mr Brawn studied Music at the University of Surrey majoring in both conducting and piano accompaniment. He has held Director of Music roles in all Boys and all Girls Prep Schools in central London and was most recently faculty lead at a British International School in South China.

He divides his time between music education and professional playing as both a viola player and a pianist and has performed across the UK and internationally in the USA, Russia, and the Philippines. He performs regularly with the Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra and is a founding member and violinist of the contemporary trio, Stratus. He also sings professionally at St Philip's, Norbury, and works closely with the internationally renowned Boys' Choir, Libera.

In his spare time, Mr Brawn loves cooking, travelling, and learning as many languages as he can.



## Music



A reminder for parents of Choristers to book your tickets for Cognita Sings at Epsom Playhouse on Wednesday 8th May! All our singers are busy putting the finishing touches to a selection of show-stopping songs for the event and tickets are selling fast so [click here](#) to secure your seat and avoid disappointment!

Kind Regards

**Miss Secker**

**Head of Music**

| Music Rehearsals and Clubs – Summer 2024 |                          |   |                  |                          |                      |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| TIME                                     | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY                                   | WEDNESDAY        | THURSDAY                 | FRIDAY               |
| 7.45                                     | Junior Woodwind Ensemble | Senior Woodwind Ensemble                  | Chamber Choir    | Junior Woodwind Ensemble | Senior Bell Band     |
| 8.00                                     |                          | Aural Drop-Ins                            |                  | Little Voices            | Senior Bell Band     |
| 10.00                                    | Guitar Ensemble          | Brass Ensemble                            |                  |                          |                      |
| 10.30                                    |                          |   |                  | Junior Woodwind Ensemble |                      |
| 11.45                                    | Junior Voices            |   |                  |                          | Percussion Group     |
| 12.00                                    |                          | Senior Woodwind Ensemble                  |                  |                          |                      |
| 12.30                                    |                          | String Orchestra<br><i>Baroque in Red</i> |                  |                          |                      |
| 12.50                                    | Choristers               |   | Junior Bell Band |                          | Jazz Band            |
| 3.15                                     |                          |   | Y 1/2 Music Club |                          |                      |
| 4.15                                     |                          |   | Music Theory     |                          | Musical Theatre Club |

## Swimming

Well done to all the boys who competed in the gala against Hazelwood on Tuesday. With both schools unbeaten in all of their galas this year, this was always to be a highly competitive gala, with one school about to lose their unbeaten record. Our boys didn't disappoint and put in a very dominant performance, winning 34 of the 41 races.

A special mention must go to our Year 4 and 5 boys. Due to a clash with a Surrey cup cricket match and some absentees, they not only competed in their own age group, but also many of the Year 6, 7 & 8 races, and managed to win nearly all of these races. This bodes very well for our National and

Regional Finals coming up later this term. Well done also to **Archie** in Year 7 who led the way for the senior school boys, with some very impressive personal best times.

**Mr Fitzgerald**

**Head of Swimming**

## Sport

### U11A Cricket Cup Success!

The U11A Cricket Team honourably march into the quarter-finals of the Surrey Cup with 4 unanimous victories this week over Caterham (by 97 runs), Royal Russell (by 63 runs), Brookfield (by 91 runs) & Cheam Common (by 77 runs):

| Sport / Team         | Venue            | Opponent                                   | Result         | Type  |
|----------------------|------------------|--|----------------|---|
| <b>Tue 23 Apr 24</b> |                  |  |                |   |
| Cricket<br>Boys-U11A | Away<br>at 14:30 | <a href="#">Caterham School</a>            | Won by 97 runs | Verney<br>Cup -<br>Round 1                      |
| <b>Thu 25 Apr 24</b> |                  |  |                |   |
| Cricket<br>Boys-U11A | Home<br>at 13:00 | <a href="#">Royal Russell School</a>       | Won by 63 runs | Geoff<br>Richards<br>Trophy -<br>Group<br>Match |
| Cricket<br>Boys-U11A | Home<br>at 14:00 | <a href="#">Brookfield Primary School</a>  | Won by 91 runs | Geoff<br>Richards<br>Trophy -<br>Group<br>Match |
| Cricket<br>Boys-U11A | Home<br>at 15:00 | <a href="#">Cheam Common Junior School</a> | Won by 77 runs | Geoff<br>Richards<br>Trophy -<br>Group<br>Match |

### CHS Cricket Honours Board 2024

#### Batting:

Name / Team / Runs / Opposition

**Aaron P (U11A) 53\* (40) v Caterham U11A (Surrey Cup)**

**Asjad K (U13A) 36 (68) v Bickley Park U13A**

**Shaurya (U11A) 29 (36) v Caterham U11A (Surrey Cup)**

**Henry (U11A) 24 (9) v Cheam Common U11A (Surrey Cup)**

You can also see some of our Year 3 boys below embarking on their first season of cricket. I know that many of them have been really excited for their fixture today and I look forward to hearing all about it.



## Early Years



Dear Parents

Another busy week across Early Years; we started the week celebrating Earth Day. The children loved the seeds provided by the PTA. The Kindergarten and Pre-School classes have welcomed their new class pets, little caterpillars that are hopefully going to grow into butterflies over the next few weeks. We also had a visit on Thursday from a Bee Keeper who was impressed with not only the boys' behaviour but also their excellent questioning and inquisitive nature. It is lovely to see the enthusiasm all the children are showing in their learning this term.

Congratulations to all the children this week.

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

Kindergarten Purley: **Oscar**

Kindergarten South Croydon: **Olivia**

Pre-School Purley: **Reuben**

Pre-School South Croydon: **Nia**

RA: **Andrei**

RL: **Dylan**

RW: **Arjun**

### ***Gold Awards***

Pre-School Purley: **Ersin**

Pre-School South Croydon: **Nola**

RA: **Ethan**

RL: **Petru**

RW: **Jacob**

Kind Regards

**Mrs Upfold**

**Head of Early Years**

## Important Nursery and Reception After School Care - Purley

Over the Spring Term we have reviewed **After School Care at Purley** as it was over subscribed every day. As it has our nursery children attending it is important we staff this correctly to keep all the children safe. Organising staff on an ad hoc basis was not so we made a decision to remove online ad hoc bookings. We have asked parents where possible to book in advance and these bookings closed last week.

If you still need After School Club at Purley and have not booked and want to make a block booking or a booking for a specific day/ time please email [nursery@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:nursery@cumnorhouse.com) detailing clearly your child's full name, class and day and hours you need. We will confirm within 48 hours if this is possible and send a payment link.

If you need an ad hoc booking this term you can call (please try and give us as much notice as possible) and request a space, however, we can not guarantee a space will be available but will try and accommodate where possible. Payment will then need to be made to keep this place.

We are aware that this has an impact on some parents, however, we are hopeful that this new model ensures we have enough staff to run the after school facility.

***\*Children must not attend this After School Care Club if you have not booked in advance.***

Unfortunately yesterday we had 10 children in after school care who did not book in and if this continues we will need to introduce a non-booking charge which we do not want to do.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

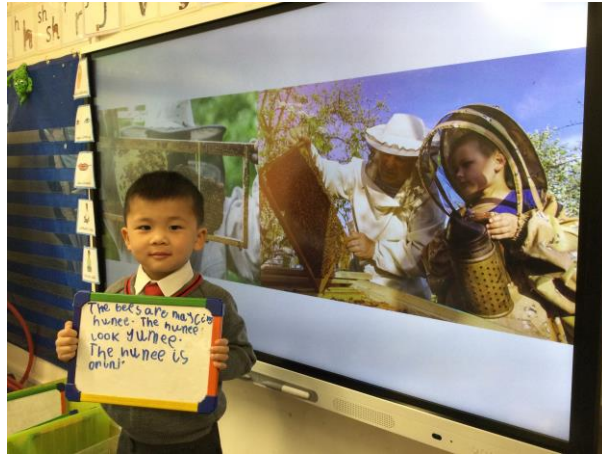
## Reception



This week Reception have been thinking of lots of different way to live a healthy lifestyle. The boys came up with lots of ideas; the amount of food we eat, making sure we have a balanced diet, incorporating some form of exercise every day and keeping a healthy mind set!

We have also been having lots of fun learning about money in Maths. We have been looking at each of the coins unique shape, colour and value. We've been spending lots of time in our classrooms farm shops and cafés, showing our new understanding of money through role play with our friends.





In Literacy this week, we have been focusing on 'time connectives' and 'imperative (bossy) verbs' by writing our own set of instructions on 'How to grow potatoes.' We took our own real experience from when we planted our own potato seeds a few weeks ago to support our writing.

To end our week with a 'buzz' we had a very exciting visit from a beekeeper, who spoke to us all about how bee's make honey. We then had the opportunity to taste some honey by making our own honey sandwiches. It was so sweet and delicious!









Pre-School



Pre-School Purley

A busy week with our activities on Earth Day, St George`s day and our lifecycle of a chicken which included looking at naming Oviparous animals who lay eggs. As part of our learning we are choosing materials to wrap and protect our eggs for our egg roll activity in Forest School.

For Earth Day we made a giant Earth with our helping hands and talked about how we can care for our Earth by recycling and making sure we use reusable bags and water bottles.

We cheered on St George in his battle against the dragon.

Our children met our baby caterpillars who are 8 days old and beginning to spin silk. So lovely to have this opportunity to observe caterpillars closely as they transform.

Our family display is looking lovely with the addition of each child`s baby photo....how you have grown children.

It was lovely to see how delighted our children were with their reading book to take home.

Our children are enjoying meeting rhyming families and finding out about the vowel family. They love our vowel bat song.

Well done children on a wonderful week together













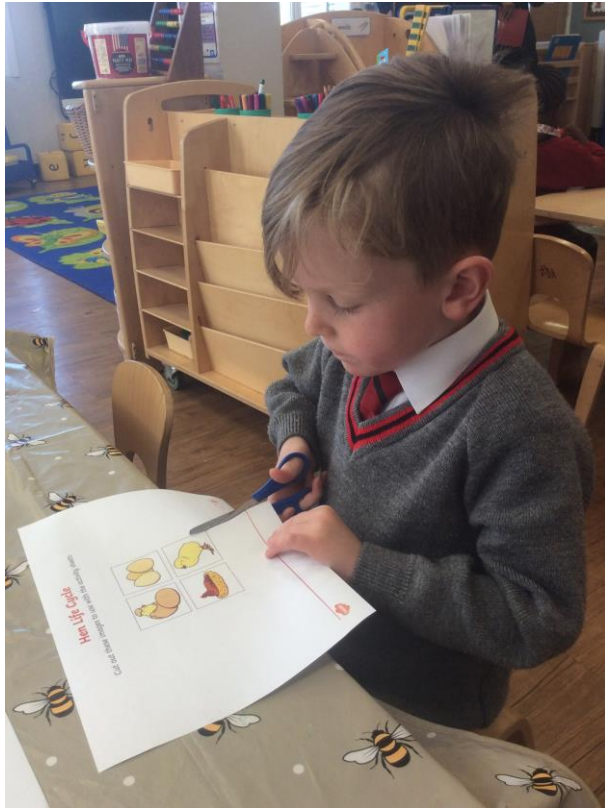




### **Pre-School South Croydon**

This week in Pre-School we have had a fun packed week. On Monday we celebrated Earth Day and spoke about how to help the Earth and take care of it, we used pipettes with coloured water to create mini Earth's. On Tuesday we celebrated St Georges Day, we learnt the story about St George and the pattern on the flag, we decorated our own bunting to go around the castle, knight and dragon tuff tray. We coloured and cut out some stick puppets and did our own puppet shows for our friends. We have also been learning about the chicken lifecycle and reflecting back to when he had the chicks in the classroom, alongside this we have learnt about other animals that come from eggs.







## Pathway to Pre-School



It has been another fun filled week in Pathway to Pre-School.

We started off the week celebrating Earth Day and learning about how important it is to look after the world we live in. The children enjoyed making Earth Day superhero pasta necklaces using their

fine motor skills. We also focused on how to look after the Earth and learnt about recycling and looking after sea animals. On Tuesday we celebrated St Georges Day. We made some lovely St Georges Day flags using different red and white materials.

We have continued our theme of lifecycles and have been looking at the lifecycle of oviparous animals such as different birds and reptiles. The children had the opportunity to make their own chicken lifecycle. They carefully cut out the pictures and stuck them in the correct order.

The children finished the week taking part in an experiment to choose a strong material to wrap around their egg, which would protect it from cracking. They then tested their eggs by rolling them on the floor in forest school.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you next week.









## Kindergarten



### Kindergarten South Croydon

This week we have carried on our learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar into a butterfly. The children have been really interested in watching the caterpillars change and see how they move around in their little home. Soon we will move them into their bigger net cage to watch them change even more. We have enjoyed creating our own butterfly and caterpillar art and had a taste of some delicious fruits that the Hungry caterpillar loves !

Next week we start learning about growing flowers and how it all happens and getting our green fingers out to plant some seeds!



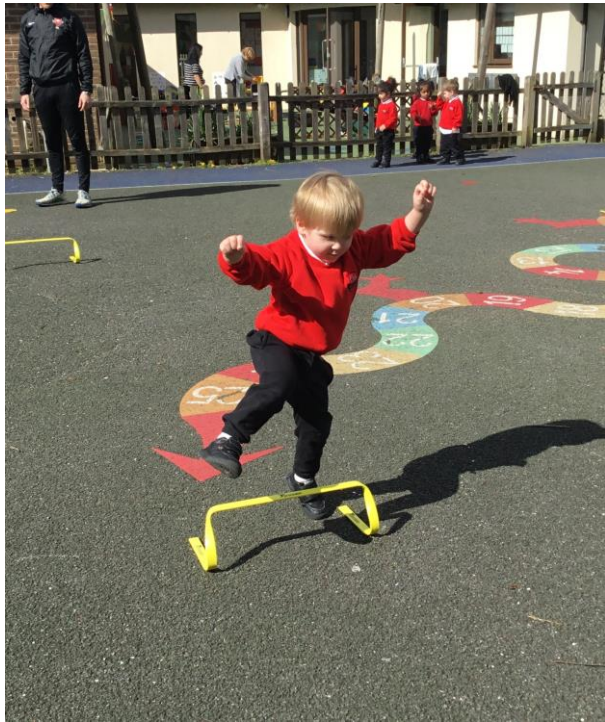


### Kindergarten Purley


Sports day is at the end of this term and the children have started to refine skills already learnt and learn new skills with Mr Blain in order for them to show off everything they have learnt in their PE lessons over the year.

We have also been looking at lifecycles this week, talking and exploring how things change as they grow, sometimes changing completely and being unrecognisable from when they were born.









CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY  
PTA PRESENTS

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# PTA COMMITTEE MEETING

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MONDAY 29TH APRIL, 2024  
6:30 PM  
BOYS' SCHOOL HALL

ONLINE LINK WILL BE SHARED ON THE DAY

## 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



Cumnor House School

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



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