# News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

*Spring Term Number 6* *14th February 2025*

Dear Families,

**Safer Internet Day**

This year, the theme for Internet Safety Day is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. The topic was launched in assembly on Monday and then explored in more detail online. Some classes took part in a live BBC lesson which helped them to spot signs of scams, including phishing scams. We also took the opportunity to discuss how to use safe passwords. A 'recipe' was recommended where we were encouraged to think of (but not write down), three random words, a random number and a special character. We then had to mix them up in our head and add some capital letters. It was very important not to use words that could be associated with us! More information can be found here.

Safer Internet Day 2025 | Tuesday 11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

**Beauty and the Beast**

*A review by Ava and Hannah*

Year six were kindly invited to the Matthew Arnold school play. This year it was Beauty and the Beast. Oak class were delighted to be accompanied by Mrs Davis, Mrs Knowlton, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Wheeler. We are glad to announce that some of the actors in the show came from Cumnor, and the lead in the show (Belle) was played by Grace, a proud ex member of Cumnor School! And here were some comments and reviews on the show:

The Beauty and the Beast performance was spectacular: by far one of the best shows Year 6 have ever seen. The actors, props and costumes were fantastic. The acting was amazing. They could be on Broadway! The show was very heartwarming. Year 6 were all saying they wanted to go again. All the songs were superb, all their voices were beautiful. Their costumes and make-up were all done by hand!

**Portals to the Past!**

Yesterday, it was Greek day in Year 5 and we all enjoyed it! We did a giant workshop learning about what the Greeks did. My favourite activity was the mini Olympics where we had to throw a hoop onto the chair. We had to do a big puzzle where we had to make a square, a rhombus and a crown (which was quite hard)! Sophie, Y5.

We had our Greek day and it kept me interested all the way through. It was a mix of fun, engaging activities and interesting facts. The leader was very entertaining. Our first activity was a quiz and we had to go around and find boards which had the answers on. My favourite part was definitely when he talked about the armour and weapons. It was all great fun! Josh, Y5.

**Thank you**
A big thank you to Andrew Humphreys and his team at APH Construction LTD who came in today to do the plastering job required to make the library redecoration possible. We are incredibly grateful! The support from a local builder from Cumnor has gone a long way.

**What has my child been doing this week?**

| **School Value of the week:** | **Internet Safety Week**<br>We launched this year's theme in assembly this week (please see above). The children have all been very responsive and keen to share their ideas, thoughts and learning from the week. Please do take the opportunity at home to find out about some of the issues we have been discussing in classes. |
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| **Reception** | In Reception this week we have been thinking about real life superheroes who live in our communities such as doctors, police officers and firefighters. We have been practising our class assembly which we hope you have enjoyed this morning and we have even fitted in practising making and writing five sound words in phonics! |
| **Year 1** | This week we have been writing our opposite stories based on Jack Frost and learning about the -ed suffix - always tricky to master! In maths we have continued our work on subtraction and in computing we have been programming Beebots. |
| **Year 2** | This week in science we continued to explore forces by making hoop gliders out of 2 different materials: tissue paper and card. We hypothesised about which would fly further. We discussed how to be safe on the internet on Tuesday - we had some great insights! Today we have had a whole day of RE learning about Judaism ahead of our trip to the Synagogue on the first week back. |
| **Year 3** | For Internet Safety Day on Tuesday, we all completed a quiz about how to keep ourselves safe when using the internet and who we can go to for help. We have also had a great day designing and making Wobblebots with Mrs Pottle. In maths we have been learning about perimeter and using our measuring skills to work out the perimeter for regular and irregular shapes. |
| **Year 4** | Year 4 have had a computing-filled week! The children have diligently worked through an entire unit on Turtle Academy. We had to apply our knowledge of shapes and angles in order to write algorithms. This fits in nicely with our work on perimeter in maths. |
| **Year 5** | We had a great ancient Greek day! The children were brilliantly engaged and we played games, solved puzzles, had a mini-Olympics, talked about weapons and battles and had a democratic vote. We have started to compare fractions and decimals in maths and we have discussed online bullying in PSHE. |
| **Year 6** | This week in maths we have started deepening our knowledge of decimals by recapping place value and practicing rounding decimals. In English we have been writing our explanation texts answering the question 'Why was the River Nile so important to the ancient Egyptians?' Oak Class also had their last Forest School session where they created dens that had to be waterproof and had a lovely time with Mrs Stockford. |

**From the Governors**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Full Governing Board met on 22nd of January. At the meeting, governors received an update from the headteacher and discussed progress against the School Development Plan (the annual objectives agreed by the Governing Board for school leaders). Governors were pleased with progress so far this year. Governors also reviewed the school's Self Evaluation Form and Asset Management Plans.

Governors discussed and approved questions for the upcoming pupil survey. Fundraising aligned with the school's strategic needs was discussed and working groups established for priority areas. Recruitment plans for upcoming foundation and staff governor vacancies were reviewed. Finally, updates on the governing board's parent & carer, community and staff engagement plans were given.

The next Full Governing Board meeting will be on 26th February. If you have any questions about governance at the school, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or one of the other governors.

Rafel Bordas, Lead Governor for Parent and Carer Engagement,
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**Lunches**

The new school lunch menu will come into effect after half term. Please order lunches in the usual way, via Scopay. The new menu is available here.

**Clubs**

Clubs will resume after half term as normal.

**PTA Committee News**

🎉 Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the **School Disco** last Friday and to all the volunteers who made it such a brilliant night! 💛 It was a totally spectacular, neon extravaganza of music, dancing, singing and sweets galore! It's always so lovely to gather our school community for some family fun and especially to see the children having such a wonderful time together! 🤩

**Diary dates:**
Key dates this term

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| Thursday 6 March | All day | World Book Day |
| Monday 10 & Wednesday 12 March | PM/Evening | Parents' Evenings |
| Wednesday 12 March | All day | Year 1 Crocodiles of the World trip |
| Friday 14 March | Evening | Quiz Night |
| Monday 17 - Friday 21 March | All week | Year 6 Residential - Yenworthy |
| Monday 17 March | All day | Acorn Class Trip to Cogges Farm |
| Wednesday 19 March | All day | Year 3 Trip to Hampton Court |
| Friday 21 March | 9am | Maple Class (Year 5) assembly |
| Monday 24 March | All week | Prayer week |
| Tuesday 25 March | TBC | Acorn Class Vision Screening |
| Tuesday 25 March | PM | Year 1 Spring Walk |
| Wednesday 26 March | All day | Year 2 Trip to Winchester Science Centre |
| Thursday 27 March | All day | Year 4 to Chedworth Roman Villa |
| Friday 28 March | 9am | Year 6 Residential Assembly |
| Friday 28 March | 7pm | PTA Bingo Night |
| Wednesday 2 April | 2.30pm | iRock Concert |
| Thursday 3rd April | AM | Easter Service at St Michael's Church |
| Friday 4th April | 1.15pm | Break up for Easter Holiday |
| Monday 21st April | All day | Easter Monday - School Closed |
| Tuesday 22nd April | 8.50am | Return to school for summer term |

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

Universally Challenged?
Join Quiz Night!
Starter for Ten:
Teams of six (Don't have a team? We can speed-date you on the night)
£10 per person (book via quizcumnorschool@gmail.com or just turn up)
Complimentary bar snack food, one free drink and prizes
Cash (and card) bar
Friday
14
March
7.30pm
Cumnor Primary School
Oxford Rd, Cumnor, Oxford
OX2 9PQ
Contact: quizcumnorschool@gmail.com

FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS
OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY
SCIENCE BAZAAR BEYOND
Saturday 1 March 2025
9:30am – 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
11:30am – 4pm Open to all
Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, shows, competitions and cafe
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