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Dear Parents,

This morning it was Year 5's turn to entertain and inform us about what they've been up to so far this term and as the theme was 'chocolate' it went down very well! The children presented their work really well, spoke clearly and were very entertaining. Well done to everyone involved. Year 2 next week.

Music

Our choir performed beautifully at the 'Remember When' Concert for some of the community's older residents this week. They sang a number of songs and were very much appreciated.



Maths

Well done to our Year 4 team of mathematicians who represented Cumnor at the Year 4 Maths Challenge at Summerfields School this week. They did so well, coming an excellent 3rd out of the 30 schools there. Very well done Isabella, Jake, Natalie and Sebastien.

On a related note we are having a school focus on maths this year; working on new projects and developing the way we teach maths in school. The website now has the school's Maths Calculation Policy on it (Reports and Policies: Policies) which explains how we teach the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division across the school. You can also see exactly what is being taught, and when, for each year group in the maths section of the website (Curriculum: Maths) so that you can support your child at home more effectively. And finally we have now subscribed to 'Mymaths'; an online maths teaching tool that will be available both at school and at home. The site has the new national curriculum objectives, lessons to explain what to do, activities, games and homework. The staff and children will be using the site to supplement their class work over the next few weeks, and then, by the start of December, we will be sending home some log in details so you can join in too!

News from our Eco – Warriors

The school has elected 12 children who have become our 'Eco-Warriors' who represent our school in all its eco-friendliness.

Now that we have achieved our Bronze Eco-Award, our next project is to create a 'Bug Hotel' and we are going to do it as a competition. On Monday 16th November we will be explaining to the school all the details they need to take part. The 16th will also be the starting date of the competition. We will be asking you to design a wooden hotel for our favourite bugs and creepy crawlies. The winning design will then be made by a local charity, 'Pathway' and placed in our forest area. We hope you decide to enter!

Written by Laura Bain, Year 6 Eco-Warrior.

Reception Class Request

We would be grateful for any track-suit bottoms / underwear or socks that you may be able to donate as spares for our small 4 and large 5 year olds. Many thanks.

Cumnor Pre-School Nearly New Sale

Will be holding a sale tomorrow between 10am – midday, in the school hall. £1 entry. There is also a stall with brand new books from OUP, with books at half price.

Oxford Cherwell Brass

Enjoy a spectacular 24-piece band at St Michael's Church, Cumnor on Sunday 22nd November at 3.00pm. Tickets - £9 (in advance) £10 on the day. Under 16's - £4 (with accompanying adult) available from Dick at Cumnor Newsagents or Jean Pryce-Williams on Tel: 07927 236961.

What has my child been doing this week?

Reception	Letters and sound 'Y Z and Qu', looking at the story of The Midnight Superhero and buying things from our Superhero shop.
Year 1	Odds and evens, thinking about who might live in a castle and exploring the material that objects are made from.
Year 2	Learning our multiplication facts, reading maps for London landmarks and responding to the music from Holst's Planet Suite.
Year 3	Story mapping 'Beowulf', subtraction of 3 digit numbers and Tag Rugby.
Year 4	Adjectives and verbs, multiplication grids and making Roman shields.
Year 5	Converting imperial to metric units, starting to read our class book 'The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe' and preparing for our class assembly.
Year 6	Looking at word problems using decimals, percentages and fractions, started looking at batik ideas, read famous Remembrance Day poetry and continued with the Europe topic.

Next week

16 th November	All Day	Year 3 visit to Hill End.
20 th November	9.00am	Year 2 class assembly – friends and families welcome.
20 th November	Morning break	School Council organised cake sale in aid of our charities WaterAid and DEC.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Ed Read