

Headlines

Autumn Term

22nd November 2019

“The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is excellent.”

ISI inspection report

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

With road safety - either my letter last week and/or your subsequent emails made a difference, as the Leader of the Council and ALL the Local Ward Councillors now support the proposal for road safety measures outside the School. Thank you and hurrah. I will keep pushing on this and keep you informed.

On celebration, it was good to see a dozen of our boys with commendations in the ‘Young Geographer of the Year’ Awards. A special mention to Rishabh who gained a ‘Highly Commended’ award and had the opportunity to visit the Royal Geographical Society to meet explorers: a boy’s dream!

In the Seniors, the Sports Department handed out medals to many for football skills, effort and teamwork, you can see the full list of honours on page 5. Great also to see Year 6 enjoying a worthwhile visit out see both the Globe Theatre and Tate Modern on the same day. It can be of real value to developing co-curricular work when boys can pull together learning from a wide stimulus.

Of particular note the achievement of boys in Maths this week. Over recent years we have entered the Primary Maths Challenge, a National Competition aimed at Years 5 and 6.

However, to raise our own already ‘high bar’ we have opened it up to our young mathematicians in Year 4 ...battling against able children nationally up to two years older than them. Not only did we see some great effort, but we even had winners. So an extra special mention to Vir A, Adrian B, Aahan S and Ayaan G for achieving a bronze; and a special mention for Muhammad B for achieving a silver! In Year 5, 17 medals were won across the board and in Year 6, a grand total of 38 medals were awarded. This speaks of a very strong attainment in Maths, but also of some low-stakes competitive fun for the boys.

After some months of testing, we have ordered our favoured new classroom furniture for the entire Early Years and Junior Departments. Mindful that we should have the new teaching block built by the end of next summer, we need to kit it out well. However, the solid wood, ergonomic furniture is so lovely we decided not to delay and get it in early, so the boys can benefit. It’s all being constructed for us in East Sussex at present, and arrives at the end of term.

Finally, a thank you to the Homefield Parents Association for another impressive Fireworks Evening recently, a wonderful event enjoyed by all.

John Towers
Headmaster



Our new, solid wood, ergonomic chairs



Early Years Department

Reception are progressing well with their reading and Superbird words. Please can we remind parents to send the books and yellow reading diaries back the following day so we can change the books or read with the boys in class. We will send reading books home three times a week.

Nativity practises are well under way; thank you to all those who have practised at home with the boys who have a speaking part in the play. Please continue to practise these with the boys so they can work towards saying their lines clearly and loudly without any prompting.

Nursery are a few weeks into learning their sounds now. See if the boys can find things around the house that begin with those sounds.

Junior Department

We have had two very informative form assemblies by our Year 3 classes. The first was taken by 3H and the subject was Remembrance Day. We learnt many interesting facts and the boys recited a famous poem to us. For their assembly, 3S chose to tell us about someone that they have learnt about in History lessons - Amelia Earhart, the aviator and first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. The Juniors found the presentation fascinating and loved the quiz that took place at the end.

As you are no doubt aware, rehearsals are now well under way for the Junior Department Christmas Concert, on **Wednesday 11th December**, starting at 2.30pm. This year the concert will be taking place at Trinity Church, Cheam Road, Sutton, SM1 1DZ. Mr Meyers has sent home the lyric sheets so the boys can learn the words of the verses. All parents are warmly invited and we will be sending out a letter about all the Christmas festivities shortly.

In cooking, they made a healthy smoothie; the boys enjoyed cutting the fruit then watching it blend together to form a delicious drink. They have also practised their spreading skills by icing a biscuit and decorating it with sprinkles.

With the weather this week turning as cold as it has, please can we remind you of the importance of hats, scarves, gloves and big blue coats. We have been emphasising to the boys the importance of wearing the regulation school uniform, all items of which should be clearly labelled.

Mrs Hilton visited us this week to talk to us about our Guide Dog collection. Please read this message from her -

Many thanks to you all for your continued generosity to our guide dog collections every Friday. We are now over half way to our target of £1000, which will mean that another little puppy can begin its training to become a Guide Dog. We are now awaiting the birth of another little puppy that we will be able to name and actually meet. Our sponsored pup, Alfie, is now about half way through his training and I am hoping for a 'pupdate' on his progress very soon. So you can see, these are exciting times for Guide Dogs at Homefield! It is thanks to your support and generosity that so much good work can be done. Thank you so much for digging into your pockets and sending in some money each Friday. It is making a huge difference to a blind person's life.

Mrs Hilton



Our Special Award this week goes to:

Mikael for excellent understanding and enthusiasm for our topic 'Where Does Snow Go?'

Our Students of the Week are:

Charles in Tigers for working so hard in his reading

Anirudh in Tigers for his excellent thinking skills and discussion about our topic

Adam in Monkeys for brilliant blending and great use of his 'Fred fingers'

Ayaan in Monkeys for being able to construct a sentence using 'ng' words

Homefield Heroes

1H Zachariah for great Maths work, **Xand** for working hard and showing lots of enthusiasm and **Arnav** for doing some excellent problem solving in Maths. Well done, boys!

1S Atharv for great reading and for trying very hard with his joined up writing, **Aditya** for working hard and having a great week, and **Zayn** for his lovely reading and for being a great friend to everyone.

2H Aesan for staying focussed and making increased contributions to class discussions and **Roshan** for being a true asset to 2H - thank you for always being a pleasure to teach. **2S Rudy** for his amazing enthusiasm in literacy, **Baden** and **Aled** for doing extra work out of school to follow up on our learning.

3H Damon for a making great improvements in his handwriting and **Harry** for always demonstrating kindness, consideration and supportive behaviour to other boys.

3S Gbemi for working extremely hard in English and RS, and **Calum** for completing a piece of work that made the teacher say, "wow". Well done, boys!

Parents' Association

Fireworks Night was a huge success and all attending had a wonderful evening; the food was delicious and the fireworks were breath-taking. Thanks to all who came to enjoy the evening and to the parents and staff who volunteered to help. All the money raised will assist in funding additional items for the school: a colour printer for the Art department, a workbench for the Early Years and a bowling machine for the Sports department. All will enhance the learning experience for our boys.

The next event in our calendar is the Christmas Fair! This is an extremely enjoyable event including many games, Christmas grotto, exciting stalls, gifts and snacks. Boys very much look forward to this event and enjoy it immensely. Please do volunteer to make this event possible.

Primary Maths Challenge

The Primary Maths Challenge (PMC) is a yearly challenge aimed at Years 5 and 6.

This year, Year 4 were fully involved with 5 boys picking up awards. Congratulations to: Vir A, Adrian B, Aahan S and Ayaan G for achieving a bronze; and a special mention for Muhammad B for achieving a silver. Fantastic results and well done Year 4!

The Year 5s have been in fine fettle, by showcasing a strong performance in the PMC with 16 boys achieving either a: bronze, silver or gold. Well done Year 5!

The Year 6s have gone from strength to strength, showcasing their experience with the format. 38 boys have achieved either a: bronze, silver or gold. Sterling effort!

Learning Resources Centre

Our budding librarians will be running a Christmas competition for boys in the Early Years and Junior Departments. The Early Years will be colouring a bauble and the Juniors will be writing an Acrostic poem. Prizes will be awarded for the best entry in each class. Closing date is Friday 6th December.

Boys will have received raffle tickets to sell/purchase. Please return these to the school by Thursday 5th December. 1st prize is £100 of Amazon vouchers!

Next Friday we will be hosting the HA Christmas coffee morning. Do come along and have a hot drink and a mince pie! We will also be wrapping some gifts in preparation for the Christmas Fair.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 29th November
Christmas Coffee Morning 8.30am

Friday 6th December
Christmas Fair 3.45pm.



All certificates will be handed out to the boys in an upcoming school assembly. The top 1-2% nationally will be invited to sit the bonus round which will take place on Wednesday 5th February 2020. Once all the data is uploaded, from various schools, those invited will be informed in the first school week of January, upon our return from the festive break.



SuperCamps

From 16th- 20th December, we will be running our Multi-Activity camp, offering a selection of inspiring activities from festive crafts, winter sports and fantastic team-building games. We will also take on a brand new camp theme: The Winter Olympics! Children will be able to enjoy exciting themed activities such as Speed Skating, Storm the Igloo and Snowball Blizzard, alongside partnership challenges from the LEGO® group that bring Frozen 2 and Speed Champions LEGO® sets to be won.

We are delighted to offer our SuperClubs parents a 10% discount on our Multi-Activity SuperCamps, meaning prices start from £36.00 per day. Book now using the code PARENT19 to redeem your 10% off.

For any more information please email info@supercamps.co.uk or call on 01235 467300



'Mr Chops' Christmas Cards

Miss Smith has produced a limited edition 'Mr Chops' Christmas card, which she is selling to raise money for Guide Dogs as part of her London Marathon 2020 fundraising initiative for the charity. Miss Smith produced a pencil portrait of the wonderful Mr Chops for Mr Towers and turned this into a festive scene on the front of the card. The cards are A5 in size. A sample will be available on the external door to the Hall, which you can view at pick up, and in the school office. The cards are £1 each. If you would like to order some please pay at:

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8jHEn5ZC6j> and in the comments box write your son's name, form/class, and how many cards you would like to buy. Cards will also be on sale at the Homefield Association's Christmas Fair.



Sports News

Year 4 Football Fixtures

Year 4 ended their football season with matches after half term against Aberdour, Chinthurst and Hawthorns schools.

On 7th November, our 'C' team travelled to Chinthurst School to play against the only team in their year group. Mr Fitzgerald was very pleased with the boys' attitude and endeavour in an end-to-end match that ended in a 6-2 win for Chinthurst.

Homefield's goals were scored by Sulaiman and Vedanth after some good build up play. Our 'A', 'B' and 'D' teams played at Aberdour and all matches were extremely close. The 'D' team were 1-0 up after Muhammad's goal and despite excellent contributions from Shiven, Denis and Tobi, Aberdour equalised in the last minute meaning the game finished 1-1. The 'B' team went 1-0 up when Kailan scored an unbelievable goal from the half way line! Zayn made it 2-0 before Aberdour got one back. Kailan scored his second to make it 3-1 before a late Aberdour goal meant the match finished 3-2 to Homefield. The 'A' team won by the same score line but only thanks to an outstanding last-minute winner from Jake who found the top corner from outside the area. Jake also scored the first goal before Aberdour scored a deserved equalised after their pressure paid off. Just after half time, Homefield were 2-1 down but Rahul's determination to win the ball paid off as he pressured the defence into a mistake and scored in the bottom corner. Vir was particularly impressive on a day when Homefield didn't play at their best against strong opposition but just did enough to win the match.

A week later, Hawthorns came to Homefield for an 'A-D' fixture. The 'A' team were in an unusual position: 3-0 down at half time after a couple of defensive errors and good play from Hawthorns who were a very strong side. Ismail's attitude at half time was superb: he gave encouragement to the team and made them believe that they could come back to draw or win the game despite the score line. The whole team then carried this attitude into their second half performance - Raeece scored two goals as Homefield started a brilliant comeback.

George saved a penalty and made other outstanding saves to keep the score at 3-2 but unfortunately Homefield couldn't find a late equaliser despite their pressure. A thrilling game ended 3-2 to Hawthorns but Homefield should learn to continue their brilliant never-give-up attitude in the future. Unfortunately, the 'B' team were outplayed by their Hawthorns counterparts who ran out 6-0 winners. Zayn was the 'Man of the Match' with a very impressive all-round display and Rayhaan gave a mature, Captain's performance. The 'C' team lost 3-0 despite Lucas being a driving force in midfield and Aaron and Vedanth's energy, which caused problems for their opponents. Our 'D' team were 1-0 down but Wilfred's fantastic energy created pressure that led to Tobi's equalising goal. Neither team could find a winner, the match ending 1-1.

It has been a very successful season for our U9 teams and we look forward to rugby fixtures after Christmas!

U10 matches

On Friday 8th November, the U10 'A', 'B' and 'C' team played at home against a very strong Chinthurst team. The 'A' team started very well putting lots of pressure on the visiting keeper but were denied by the bar and the post before Chinthurst scored. At half time, Chinthurst were 1-0 up and the match was even. In the second half, Chinthurst scored two quick goals and effectively put the game beyond us. Tim did score a super goal after great link up play from George and Luke. Phillip once again was super in defence but the game ended 1-5.

The 'B' team played their best performance of the season. Despite losing 2-0, all boys played so well and Mr Smith noted that Shun was excellent at dribbling and Boris made some great tackles. Hari had another fine performance in goal.

The 'C' team lost heavily to a very good team but Hamden scored once again to give the score line some credibility.

On Tuesday 12th November the whole year group travelled to Willington.

The 'C' team had a much improved performance and drew 2-2. The now prolific goal scorer, Hamden, bagged two super goals: one a well-taken penalty and the sound defence of Andrew made it a great game. The 'A' team were beaten after conceding four quick goals at the start of the match. In the second half the boys played out a more even 2-2 score line but the damage had already been done and they lost 7-2. Well-taken goals from Rayyan and Tim were too late to salvage a result. The 'B' team lost but some good play by Elliot led to a very well taken goal. The 'D' team were also beaten but the game was very close. The 'E' team enjoyed a great game with Ethan scoring a superb goal.

Well done to all the boys who played.

U11s 'A-E' team v Reigate St Mary's

'A' Team 0-2 Lost

Another great game of football. Unfortunately, the Reigate St Mary's goalkeeper was too talented and we weren't as ruthless in front of goal as we needed to be. Riccardo and Dron were incredibly industrious in midfield and worked tirelessly for their team. Robert produced some marvellous saves from long shots to keep the team in the game. Numerous 'A' team players were absent, but Akshay, Jasen, Rishi P and Oliver B must be commended on stepping up to help out for the afternoon.

'B' team 0-3 Lost

The boys kept valiant attacks coming in the second half but couldn't break down the Reigate defence. Shankar made some great saves to keep the team's hopes alive, but sadly all the efforts were in vain.

'C' team 1-4 Lost

This game produced some exciting football, but only one goal from the boot of a Homefield player. Daniel converted a fine strike into the net.

'D' team 1-1 Draw

Mr Smith was incredibly pleased with the tackling of Oliver T, Micah and Amaresh. Raamin also produced one of the finest half time team talks to inspire the other boys. Sadly, the 1-1 stalemate could not be broken, despite some improved passing in the second half, leaving Ronak as the solitary goal scorer in a thrilling match.

'E' team 1-6 Lost

A valiant effort by the 'E' team who had a particularly difficult afternoon. A lovely strike from Faizaan lifted the spirits, unfortunately it was the solitary reward for the boys' efforts.

U11s 'A-D' v Willington

'A' team 0-3 Lost

The boys played with much improved dynamism and energy compared to the second half at Claremont. Their positioning and shape as a team was much improved and this led to more competent defending and some sweeping attacking moves. Unfortunately, the Willington goalkeeper was excellent and made fine saves from shots by Omasan, David and Dron.

'B' team 1-0 Win

This was another competitive match for the 'B' team who have enjoyed some tight matches this season. Prabodha was outstanding in goal and Oliver B was once again on the score sheet; Jasen was consistent in defence.

'C' team 0-2 Lost

Again, this was an exciting encounter, which produced a goal for Willington in each half. The 'C' team worked particularly hard but could not find a way through the opposition defence.

'D' team 4-1 Win

Raamin's passing was very effective and this was a reflection of the team whose movement and passing in general was much improved. Harry's goal was the result of four consecutive passes and the score sheet was complemented by further goals from Krish and Sami

Football Awards 2019

Year 4

Player of the Season

A team	Jake
B team	Kailan
C team	Lucas

Most Improved Player

A team	George
B team	Kavin
C team	Sulaiman

Year 5

Player of the Season

A team	Phillip P
B team	Shun
C team	Hamden

Most Improved Player

A team	Louie
B team	Musa
C team	Henry P

Year 6

Player of the Season

A team	Omasan
B team	Oliver B
C team	Daniel T

Most Improved Player

A team	Sergio
B team	Jasen
C team	Ivan

Years 7 and 8

Player of the Season

1 st team	Sam S
2 nd team	Daniyal
3 rd team	Rafael

Most Improved Player

1 st team	Tosan
2 nd team	Felix
3 rd team	Vidwat

British Values

The DFE encourage all schools to promote British Values to enhance our children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Boys were given the opportunity to design a poster to promote British Values with the winners to have their design placed in every classroom throughout the school.

Our well deserving winners are :

- Iliham 4H Senior Department
- Vihaan 3H Junior Department

At Homefield, we are extremely lucky to celebrate the rich diversity of culture, religion and traditions amongst our families. Thank you to all who supported this activity.



Music

Concert

The Kingston Chamber Orchestra are giving a concert this Saturday in All Saints Church, Market Place, Kingston at 7.30pm. There will be a few recognisable faces in the violin section as Mrs Walker and Mrs Martindale will be playing the violin along with Barnaby's mum. You may recognise the back of the conductor's head as Mr Meyers will be directing the concert.

If you cannot make the evening performance, pop in between 2.30 and 3.30 in the afternoon and catch the rehearsal.

Tickets on the door £15 adults, with U18s free.

Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · Nov 15

Boys who attend our weekly Games Group have had a great time working together to play Jenga in different ways. Luke and Jake were really pleased with their Jenga trail and Sebastian and Nikshep enjoyed their game of #Jenga! #teamwork #connect



Bourne Hall Museum Kids Club
bringing history alive



A World War 2 Christmas – Saturday December 14

1pm to 2.30pm



For many families, the most difficult part of a wartime Christmas was spending the festive season apart from loved ones. Many men were fighting abroad in the armed forces or were being held as prisoners of war. Women might also be away in the services or carrying out war work. Many children spent Christmas away from home as evacuees. By the end of the war, thousands of families had suffered the death of a family member either in action or from enemy bombing raids. Christmas luxuries were especially hard to come by at a time when even basic foods were scarce and people were forced to find substitutes for key festive ingredients. Gifts were often homemade and practical, and children's toys would be made from recycled materials. Cards were smaller and printed on flimsy paper but people still did their best to have a good time.

£5 per child. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734. Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

E-Safety

Whilst researching the Digital Parenting website, Mrs Mach came across this page which she thought may be of interest:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>

When you have a moment please do have a look at its content.

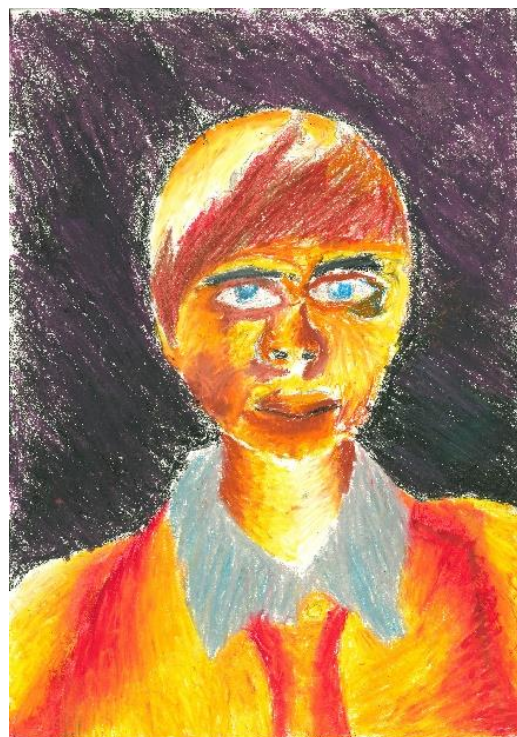
Also a reminder that we have direct links to E-safety websites on the E-safety page of our school website:

<http://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/E->



The Homefield Art Gallery

Sami S-P, Year 7 - Oil Pastel Portrait



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