

Headlines

Autumn Term
7th October 2022

“The quality of the pupils’ academic and other achievements is excellent.”

ISI inspection report December 2021



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

A Latin root for the word education comes from ‘educere’... ‘to lead out’. Of course, we pass exams at school but, more than that, a good education leads us forward with greater empathy and dignity. With your continued support, we hope that the boys can find their place in the world and with a strong footing.

So, our ‘International Week’ is finally upon us next week. More than just a nod to our cosmopolitan community, but a vital opportunity to reflect on our identity, share our stories and enjoy these. Some wonderful speakers from our parent community are coming in. We also have a further chance for the boys to celebrate, with a dress-up day on Thursday 13th. All donations received on the day will benefit our chosen charity ‘The Children’s Trust’.

I am sure communications really crowd the space for your attention, work, family, social media and the school’s! With this in mind, I would like to consult with all on

streamlining ‘comms’. For a start, I sense some brevity might be the way forward for these ‘Headlines’.

Likewise, we will be talking to the Parents’ & Friends’ Association. I know the parents have their own ‘Classlist’ app. How do we work together to avoid repetition and instead add value?

If you have any good ideas, do catch the senior team for a chat at dismissal or perhaps drop an email to Mrs Harmes. However, amongst this reflection, there are two essentials we cannot lose:

One is a management information system, to capture and use essential administrative information. SIMS deals with registration, sends you school updates, gives us emergency contacts, in time it also allows seamless transfer of pupil files to senior schools.

The other essential is a virtual learning environment. We utilised TEAMS during the pandemic to provide live streamed lessons. The boys got such value out of it and we still use it to set homework. We also live stream seminars for parents and use it to facilitate staff and parent meetings.

So, amongst all this, let’s keep talking about how to further improve communications.

To help us, can I remind you of page 2 of the [Parent Information Handbook](#), ‘Connecting with Us’ for a handy guide to the waypoints on getting help from staff.

Have a great weekend.

John Towers
Headmaster

Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

Reception

This week, we started our topic of 'People Who Help Us'. We were lucky enough to have Dr Halim (Ariz's dad) come and visit us to talk about his job as a doctor and let us explore some physical objects like masks.



Future medical students in Reception

This was an amazing interactive workshop about learning to be a doctor. The boys made the teachers feel better with injections and medicine and also helped repair their injuries with bandages! They were so good at looking after us that they all qualified from Homefield Medical School with honours! We had so much fun! We looked at a range of key workers and really enjoyed learning about fire fighters, builders and police officers.

One of our tasks was to think about whether or not we would like one of these jobs when we grow up. Arie said, "I want to be a doctor. I'll be a tiny doctor and it is important to help people." Dylan said, "I want to be a builder so I can build people houses!"

This week in phonics, we have learnt the sounds f, e, l, h and sh. We discussed that 'sh' is a digraph, this means it is two letters that make one sound

Years 1 and 2

In Year 1, we have had a focus on verbs and how to use them correctly in sentence structure. In Maths, we have compared numbers using their value. We also used a number line 'jump along' to add numbers together.

In Geography, we learnt how to use a compass and why this is helpful with map reading. We also designed our own world in PSHE.

In Year 2, we have been learning all about hygiene and diet, looking at how easily germs spread if we do not wash our hands with soap and water!

We learnt about the first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, and how we can protect our rainforests from deforestation.

Next week, we will be starting our Phonics sessions, which we are all very excited about.

Homefield Heroes

RH - Arjun for joining in every lesson with effort and enthusiasm and **Nikola** for wonderful effort in phonics: he is working hard on blending words together.

RS - Shahmeer for working hard to form all the letters in his name correctly and **Nufail** for showing pride in his work especially when writing his name.

1H - Priyan for excellent work on place value and **Lavann** for making positive behaviour choices and working hard all week.

1S - Iniyann for a beautifully collaged Autumn scene in Art and **John** for working so hard in Geography this week and his excellent knowledge of a compass.

2H - Roshan for always being so polite and kind in the classroom and **Zain** for outstanding effort across all subjects.

2S - Jaiden for excellent effort comparing the lives of Arctic explorers and **Arish** for exceptional effort and participation in all lessons.

Charitable Endeavour

Students Rebuild - Welcoming Refugees

Next week and across half term, all the boys throughout the school will be taking part in the 'Welcoming Refugees' project. This is a project set up by 'Students Rebuild', to raise funds for refugees across the world. Each boy will be creating a postcard, welcoming a refugee to their community. For every postcard that we submit online, the Bezos Family Foundation will donate \$5 to a charity supporting refugees.

If you would like to know more about this cause, or donate money yourself, please follow the link below: <https://www.studentsrebuild.org/challenges/refugee>

"Students Rebuild was created in 2010 to enlist young people to help their peers after a devastating earthquake in Haiti. Seeing the outpouring of compassion from students and watching them connect with each other, we knew we'd unlocked something special.

We've brought together students and teachers around the world for collective action every year since, using our unique combination of art and philanthropy as a doorway to greater global understanding."

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Pastoral

Homefield Heroes

Years 3 and 4

There has been a big focus in the last two weeks on developing independence.

The following boys have stood out as Homefield Heroes for having excellent organisational skills and being ready for lessons with the correct equipment:

Gianluca in 3H, Kenon and Sacha in 3P and Axel and Ved in 3S.

In Year 4, Rowan and Karsten in 4H, Sulaiman and Michael in 4P, Raveesh and Daniyal in 4S. Well done!

Please continue to encourage your sons at home to take responsibility for their belongings and to be organised for lessons.

Sport

Year 3 Football

Football v Hawthorns

On Tuesday 27th September, the Year 3 boys played football at home against Hawthorns. The Green team played a wonderful game and although Hawthorns went ahead, Raymin equalised after strong running with the ball. The game was held at 1-1 until the last five minutes when Hawthorns scored two quick goals to win.

The Yellow team also played out a tightly fought contest. When Hawthorns scored, Homefield replied with two swift goals from Alexander and a super shot from Jaydon. Misha played really well in defence, but Hawthorns just pipped us to the post winning 3-4.

The Blue team lost but played with style. Oliver made some great saves in goal and Gianluca was unlucky not to score after hitting the post.

The Red team were up against an excellent team with a member who also plays at Tottenham! Despite conceding, they stuck at their task with great defending from Yug and Kenzo. Yug scored after a through ball from Keshav. In the second half, Hawthorns again proved to be too strong, but a good goal from Ted and another lovely strike from Jai, helped make the score look competitive. Well done boys for your great team spirit and resilience.

Years 5 and 6

Well done to the following boys for being highly respectful to others so far this term:

Rudy and Oscar (5H), Shomik and Ian (5P), Aaliyan and Josh (5S).

Krish, Ewan, Olivier and Vihaan (6H), Zani and Jayden (6P), Gareth, Gbemi and Masood (6S).

Years 7 and 8

Henry P in Year 7 for good academic progress and contribution to library sessions.

Ryan in Year 8 for good work in Art and willingness to help others in the lesson.



U13 Football v Royal Russell

On the 3rd October, our U13 'A' team took on Royal Russell's 'B' team in a very close encounter.

After going 1-0 down early on, Homefield didn't let their heads drop and grew into the game once they had matched their opponent's strength. Rayhaan made some excellent low saves to keep the first half score at 1-0.

Early in the second half, Elliot's low right-footed finish brought Homefield level. A very even game had a final twist - with the referee calling "last play". Homefield worked the ball into the box where it fell to Petro at the back post who coolly scored with the final kick of the game.

A battling victory for Homefield - the final score was 2-1. Ethan won back possession on many occasions and Andrew's effective communication in defence was highly beneficial to his teammates. Oscar's tireless running gave Homefield a constant threat going forward. Well played, boys!

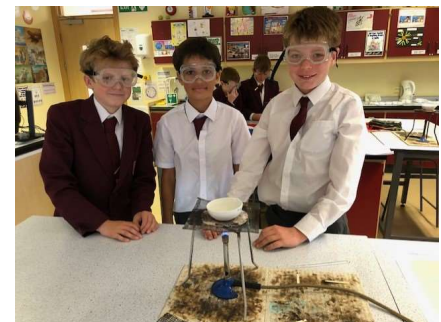
Science

It has been the week Year 4 have been looking forward to with great anticipation as they have had their first go at using the Bunsen burners! They were delighted to receive their Bunsen Burner licences so are now fully qualified to set up, light and use the Bunsens for heating in the lab.



Year 4 Bunsen burner licences

Year 6 have also been using their well-honed Bunsen skills to extract pure salt from rock salt: they especially enjoyed grinding up the larger pieces using pestles and mortars. In addition, they have had a go at using paper chromatography to separate ink dyes and were interested to know how this process is used by real life forensic scientists.



Year 6 rock salt

Year 7 have just finished their topic on cells and were very proud of the fantastic, specialised cell models that they created. Well done to all the boys for a really super first half term of science learning in the labs!

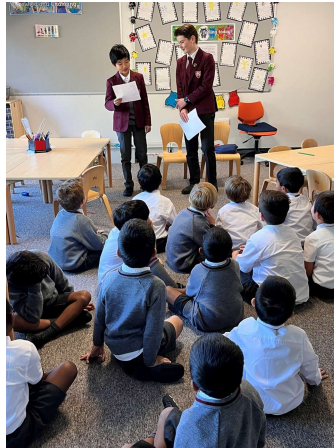


Year 7 specialised cell models

English

National Poetry Day

As part of our celebration of International Poetry Day our Year 8 boys gave the Lower School a surprise treat by poetry 'bombing' their lessons to recite poems linked to the themes of the environment.



Learning Resources Centre

The LRC has had a staggering 485 books out on loan since the start of the new school year, demonstrating the popularity of reading within our school community.

We are happy to welcome some new School Librarians from Year 7:

- Denis
- Henry
- Kaichi
- Henry

These boys will be assisting in various roles; reading to younger boys, issuing and processing returned books and generally keeping our wonderful library area tidy.

In addition, this year also sees Year 6, Form Librarians who will assist during their form's library sessions:

- 6H Vihaan and Ethan
- 6P Alexander and Isaiah
- 6S Abdullah and Charlie

Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · Sep 29
Some of our #Year8 boys visited the @Childrens_Trust in Tadworth yesterday afternoon ahead of this becoming our school charity for the year! The boys witnessed a small fraction of all the great work done by this wonderful local charity #BrainInjury



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Homefield Art Gallery



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