

Headlines

Autumn Term

14th September 2018

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

ISI inspection report



Year 4 Team Building Day

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

I've asked the Deputy Head to share some news with you this week. So some notes here from Mr Fitzgerald.

Enjoy your weekend.

John Towers Headmaster

On Monday, the 10th September, the Year 4 boys marked their ascension to the Senior Department with a team building day on the playing fields at Homefield. This proved to be a very enjoyable and rewarding day. The boys undertook a variety of different challenges in small groups and worked on skills such as teamwork, communication, critical thinking, respect and resilience. Hopefully these skills they learnt and developed will stand them in good stead for the remainder of Year 4. The staff all commented on how diligent and cooperative the boys were and even though they made mistakes during the tasks they never gave up and completed many of them very successfully.

I am delighted to have a very strong pastoral team working with me this year. They all have the boys' best interests at heart and are looking forward to working with their respective year groups.

The team consists of:

- Mr Fitzgerald – Head of Pastoral Care and Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mr Murani – Head of Years 7 and 8
- Mr Siva – Head of Year 6
- Mrs Mach – Head of Year 5
- Mrs Burgess – Head of Year 4
- Mrs Gunningham holds the Juniors and Mrs Godly the Early Years

Last year I wrote an article about letting your son make mistakes. This is still relevant this year as it is a great way for children to learn. We want the boys to become independent learners and let their creativity flow; by doing everything for them this will stifle that process.

Some boys will have a variety of exams over the next few months. It is important that we support the boys with encouragement and appreciate that adding extra pressure on them will be counterproductive to your son's development.

I am looking forward to meeting many of the new parents over the next term and please do remember I am on the door in the morning and most evenings if you require any help.

Mr Fitzgerald
Deputy Head



Early Years Department

We have had a very busy week getting the boys to produce lots of lovely work to fill our display boards ready for our Open Morning on the 29th September.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Curriculum and Welcome evening on Thursday 27th September. The start time is 6.30pm. Please come to the Main Hall for a welcome drink then head to your son's classroom for a talk from his class teacher at 6.45pm.

Junior Department

It has been a very busy week in the Junior Department with the boys working hard in class and also enjoying playtimes with their friends. Clubs are now underway and the Year 1 and 2 boys have been enjoying the enrichment activities at the end of the afternoon.

Mrs Hilton came to visit us during our Tuesday assembly and told us the good news that we are well on the way to having enough money to train yet another guide dog. Thank you to all the boys who remember to bring in a small amount of money for the Guide Dogs charity every Friday.

Congratulations to Prayaan and Krish who are the Form Captain and Vice-Captain for 3H this term. In 3S, Tosin is Form Captain and Dhilan is Vice-Captain. Well done, boys! Our monitors, who always do an excellent job helping out with the younger boys are; Alex, Wilfred, Lucas, Ismail, Tobi, Nikshep, Noah and Adrian. Thank you boys!

We look forward to seeing parents on Thursday 27th September from 6.30pm-7.30pm at our Curriculum and Welcome Evening.

Parents' Association

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our **Coffee Morning and Homefield Parents' Association AGM next Friday** from 8.30am in the Main Hall. Donations of bought or homemade cakes (nut-free please) would be greatly appreciated.

There will also be a Second-Hand Uniform Sale so please put your donations in the box in the hall next week - unbranded items or items with the new school logo **only**.

The AGM will run for about 10 minutes from 9.00am at which there will be a quick review of the year, more information on the HA and how you can be involved this year, and the voting in of key Committee positions.

Please contact Lizby Sharpe on Classlist if you would be interested in taking on the role of Secretary or be in charge of Marketing.

We are looking for Class Reps across most of the year groups. Please get in touch if you would like to help out in this way.

If you haven't signed up to Classlist yet, please register at www.classlist.com/ or download the free Classlist app.

Upcoming Events:

Coffee Morning and HA AGM
Friday 21st September 8.30am

HA Meeting
Wednesday 26th September 8.30am

Class Reps Meeting
Friday 5th October 8.30am

Fireworks Night
Friday 9th November 6.00pm
(7.30pm display)

Our Special Award this week goes to:

Hussain in Elephants for sharing so nicely with his new friends and making sure everyone is happy. Our Students of the Week are:
Daniel in Tigers for being such a sensible boy in class.
Dakarayi in Monkeys for settling into Reception brilliantly and making excellent choices.

Homefield Heroes

1H Constantine for always being organised and ready to work hard. Well done, Constantine!
1S Mikael for working hard and being sensible and reliable. Well done, Mikael!
2H Harry for showing excellent listening skills.
2S Calum for great participation and effort in all his lessons.
3H Adrian for his conscientious approach to his work in class and friendly manner to all.
3S Raece for being a compassionate and responsible member of Year 3.



Sports

U10 Football

On Tuesday 11th September, the whole of the Year 5 group travelled away to Willington to play in a practice trial match which was our version of a pre-season friendly.

The idea was to give boys a chance to play in different positions in different teams. All of the boys had a wonderful afternoon of football and played really well. The PE staff were impressed with the way the boys have learnt to play as a team and link passes in order to give themselves opportunities to score.

As the games were just practice matches we agreed not to publish any results but all the games were very close and competitive.

Well done, Year 5.

Judo

A lifetime sport, providing benefit irrespective of age or physical athleticism, Judo goes far beyond knowing how to protect yourself and can provide a positive vehicle for change in students' lives. Judo is about self-discipline, technique, focus and respect. Taught responsibly in a safe environment, students learn much more than just how to protect themselves, they develop confidence, self-belief and determination.

The first lesson at the Homefield Judo Club is a **FREE TRIAL FOR ALL BOYS** wishing to try Judo for the first time. The cost thereafter is £80 per term including kit hire.

For further information and to enrol your son or re-join please contact Josie Horton on 07889869859 or hortonjo@gmail.com.

Music

Congratulations to the following boys who passed music exams at the end of last term:

Harry N 5H	Grade 5 Theory (Distinction)
Oscar P 7H	Grade 5 Violin (Merit)
Benjamin H	6H Grade 4 Cello
Kwame S	7H Grade 4 Cello
Rishi B	5S Grade 1 Piano

Should you wish your son to start taking individual music lessons, please contact Mr Meyers via email:

ameyers@homefieldprep.school

Homefield Art Gallery

Leonardo, Year 4 - First Cubist Pattern



Fantasy Football Competition

The Homefield Fantasy Football League starts this weekend! We've had over 50 teams join our 'Pupils, Parents and Staff League' so far which is a fantastic response. Remember that boys can join their own year group league too, and there is a 'parent only' league as well, meaning that everybody can be part of a **maximum of two leagues**. There is still time to sign up – the deadline to have created your team and joined a Homefield league is **11.30am tomorrow** (Saturday)! All rules and information about point scoring etc. can be found on the website:

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com>

but the main decision that team managers need to make before 11.30am tomorrow is which 11 players will make their starting line-up and who will be the captain. The captain's score is doubled so choose wisely! The vice-captain does not score any extra points unless the captain does not play, in which case he becomes captain automatically. So, for those who have already signed up, select your starting 11, your captain and vice-captain and then watch your points come in!

For those yet to join in, you have less than 12 hours... **all information required is attached to this newsletter.**

As the final game of the weekend is on Monday at 8.00pm, final totals and league positions for the entire weekend will not be accurate until Tuesday morning. Who will score the most points this week? Let the fun begin!



Spanish

The Spanish club will be running next Tuesday 18th September, for Year 3 and 4 boys and the following Monday 24th September for Year 5 upwards. **For more information, visit** <http://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/Etra-Curricular-Activities> or send an email to homefieldspanishclub@gmail.com
There are still some spaces available, come and join us!



Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · 2h

Just over a week since term started and the boys are enjoying being back at school #Happy@Homefield #September



Social Media

Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens....



'Homefield Sp0rt' has its own Twitter page. Follow us for all the latest sports news, fixtures and information at Homefield!



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Events for Next Week

Monday:

Internal CAT/progress/NFER assessments

Tuesday:

Year 4 Humanities trip to Butser Ancient Farm, Hants - Depart 7.45am Return 4.45pm

Internal CAT/progress/NFER assessments

Wednesday:

Internal CAT/progress/NFER assessments

Homefield Alumni Event 6.30 – 8.30pm

Thursday:

Internal CAT/progress/NFER assessments

Friday:

Homefield Association AGM and Parents'

Coffee Morning in the School Hall 8.30 – 10.00am

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