

Headlines

Autumn Term

21st September 2018

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

ISI inspection report



Year 8 visit the River Tillingbourne

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

It was good to see so many attend the Homefield Parents' Association Coffee Morning and AGM this morning. Lizby Sharpe has kindly agreed to carry the load as Chair of the Association again this year. The Parents' Association have a Committee to help organise social and fundraising events and really need volunteers to help with such. As I mentioned to all attending this morning, it was great to see some stalwart parents who have, year on year, so generously committed great time and effort to make these events so pleasurable for the boys and their families. It was also pleasing to see so many new faces coming in to support. We need more of this.

Please also see the 'Classlist' App which many parents find helps with Association events through to organising playdates for their sons.

Highlights for me this week included hearing the Year 4 boys speak with such enthusiasm of their humanities studies and Butser Farm trip.

Elsewhere, we honoured Joshua in Year 8 as our incoming Head Boy and joining this team of young leaders we have Josh, Abraham and Oliver coming on as Prefects.

We have an Open Morning coming up on Saturday 29th and I know many of the senior boys are coming into school to enjoy activities and support this event. My thanks in advance to all the parents involved, your support has been noted.

Enjoy the weekend,

John Towers
Headmaster

Events for next week:

Monday: U13 1st team football v Willington (a) @ Preston Road Playing Fields, SW20 0SS
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.15pm Return 4.00pm
U13 2nd and 3rd teams football v Willington (h) at School Start 2.30pm Finish 3.15pm

Tuesday: U10 A – E football v Willington (h) at School Start 2.30pm Finish 3.30pm

Wednesday: U10 A – D football v Hawthorns & Solefield (a) @ Hawthorns School, RH1 4QJ
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.15pm Return 4.00pm

Thursday: U9 A-D Football v Reigate St Mary's (a) at RSM Playing Fields, RH2 7SP (entry off Lesbourne Road opposite "Gallery One") Start 2.15pm Finish 3.15pm Return 4.00pm
EYD & Junior Department Curriculum Evening 6.30 – 7.30pm

Friday: Year 3 to Bough Beech Reservoir/Water Treatment Works
Depart 9.00am Return 3.30pm

Saturday: Whole School Open Morning for prospective parents 10.00am – noon
U11 A – C Football v Lanesborough (h) at School Start 10.00am Finish 11.00am



Early Years Department

We have been busy this week with various activities keeping the boys physically and mentally active! As the boys are settling so well into school life, we are doing more work each week. Reception boys have been doing lots of circle time on good behaviour and rules at school. We have also been learning our first 5 sounds which the boys are pronouncing well.

We hope the boys shared their delicious pizzas with you that they made this week. Nursery and Reception thoroughly enjoyed talking about the different toppings that can be used, their favourite toppings and how pizzas are made!

Playtime has been a little different this week with the arrival of our new outside equipment! We have loved watching the boys explore these this week and the investigation, imagination and teamwork has been amazing to watch!

We are collecting natural materials like conkers, pine cones and acorns at the moment. If you find yourself in a park this weekend, please could the boys collect some of these for the department.



Our Special Award this week goes to:

Junxi for being very kind and comforting his friends when they are sad.

Our Students of the Week are:

Aidan in Tigers for always making good choices.

Murray in Monkeys for always being helpful and setting a good example.

Junior Department

This week, the boys have been working extremely hard and thoroughly enjoying life in the Junior Department.

Below are some highlights of what the boys have been up to in the classrooms.

In Year 1, the boys are now far more familiar with our daily routine and it's surprising to think they have only been with us for two full weeks! The boys are enjoying all the different subjects. In Science, they have learnt about the bones in the human skeleton. In Topic, they have been talking about growing up. What busy bees they are!

Year 2 are really enjoying our Science and Humanities topics as we delve further into them. Our Space background has been painted, spaceships created and information is travelling in at the speed of light! In Geography, we are enjoying learning about the diversity of life in the Amazon Rainforest.

History will take us on many voyages with a range of interesting explorers from the 13th to the 20th century and beyond!

Our oldest boys are now settled into the life of Year 3 and enjoying the academic as well as the social life! They have demonstrated a lively interest in all the topics at this early stage of the term. The boys are thrilled to have a lesson each week in the Science laboratory and know how to work sensibly and safely in the exciting environment. They are looking forward to undertaking 'real' experiments!

We look forward to seeing parents at our Welcome and Curriculum Evening on Thursday at 6.30pm.

Homefield Heroes

1S Roshan for being such a helpful and friendly boy. Well done, Roshan!

1H Ranvir for producing beautiful work! Well done, Ranvir!

2H Dev for always being kind and helpful to others and also **Aarav** for working hard and always trying his best.

2S Abdullah for being a kind and helpful neighbour in his group.

3H Owen for his confident and enthusiastic approach to life at Homefield.

3S Aamir for his inquisitive mind and enthusiasm to learn.



Parents' Association

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Coffee Morning today. Thanks to everyone for coming and to those who brought cakes. At the AGM, we voted in the six Homefield Association Trustees for this year:

Chair	Lizby Sharpe
Vice Chair	Vicky Price
Treasurer	Aparna Rao
Secretary	Noelle Pownall
Vice-Secretary	Jo Grainger
Classlist Liaison Officer	Josie Ruffle

Also, Minal Patel will be taking on the role of Head of Marketing and Ellen Watson-Hicks will be running the Christmas Raffle. If you would like to be involved in planning our events within the wider HA team, please join us at our HA meeting next Wednesday.

Dates for the diary:

HA Meeting	26 th September 8.30am
Class Reps Meeting	5 th October 8.30am
Fireworks Night	9 th November Opens 6.00pm (7.30pm display)
Christmas Coffee Morning	30 th November 8.30am
Christmas Fair	7 th December 3.45pm



Fantasy Football League

Fantasy Football Gameweek 5

With over 90 teams registered in a Homefield League, the Fantasy Football season is sure to be very exciting! Well done to last weekend's league winners. Huge congratulations to Sam in Year 6 who scored 103 points to be the overall Gameweek 5 winner. His team is shown below!

League	Most Pts	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	103	Sam's Super Strikers	Sam S
Year 7 & 8	70	Homefield United	Eric S
Year 6	103	Sam's Super Strikers	Sam S
Year 5	95	Fiery Fiends	Xavier C
Year 4	69	Mushroom	Musa S
Junior	94	Daniels Dranners	Daniel W
Parents	80	Here we go again!	Chris S
Staff	76	Neves Gonna Giv U Up	Mr Leung



Sport

Years 7 and 8 House Sport Competitions

On Friday lunchtimes this year, Mr Smith will again be running House Sport Competitions in the Sports Hall. The first competitions will be for Years 7 and 8. All those who wanted to be involved have been allocated sports based on their order of preference; team sheets are on the sports notice board.

The sports will be played on the following dates:

House Badminton – 21st September
House Table Tennis – 28th September
House Basketball – 5th October
House Handball – 12th October
House Dodgeball – 19th October
House Volleyball – 9th November

Weekly results and photos will be published on the Homefield Sport Twitter and Facebook pages – follow @HomefieldSp0rt on Twitter and @homefield.school on Facebook. A full list of results and placings will also be on Firefly. Good luck to all boys taking part!

Music

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

Daniel P Year 1
Grade 1 Piano (Distinction), Violin (Merit) and Theory (Distinction)

Oliver C Year 6
Grade 2 Guitar (Merit)

Harry T Year 6
Grade 3 Guitar (Merit)

Vinicius G Year 7
Grade 6 Piano (Merit)

Eric S Year 7
Grade 5 Piano (Distinction)



Firefly

We have issued the Firefly details to all boys in Years 1-8. Please check with your son over the next week to help him access this resource. We would like to remind you that we have a dedicated Firefly email address should you require some support using the platform. Please use the following email address: firefly@homefieldprep.school should you need to get in contact. Please save or make a note of the Firefly email address in your address book within your email account. We will aim to get back to you as soon as we can. Queries about homework or subject related matters should either go to the form tutor or subject teacher in the first instance, please refer to the staffing and our email contact addresses within the parent handbook or on our website for further details.

Fixtures on Firefly

Please be aware that all sports fixture information and team sheets will now be put online on Firefly and will **not** be sent home via ParentMail as previously. For parents and pupils to view team sheets and fixture information, they should log in to Firefly and then click on Resources – Sport Fixtures – Football – Year Group – Team Sheets. With lots of fixtures in the coming weeks it is very important that pupils and parents check the dates of fixtures and the team sheets on the Firefly.



Trips and Visits

Year 4 Butser Farm History Trip

On Tuesday, Year 4 visited Butser Ancient Farm in Hampshire. Here is an article penned by George G, one of our Year 4 Historians.

'When we arrived we went to the toilet – they have rainwater-flush toilets! They also have animals, we particularly liked the goats – later on we got to feed them!

Kathy, our leader, took us to a Celtic Roundhouse. We gathered around the fire and talked about life in the Iron Age. We then split into our own tutor groups and began our activities. We went to an archaeological site and dug up all sorts of treasures – a machete, bones, a key, a bucket handle, jewellery and pieces of pottery. We also got to see a Roman toilet – did you know they had board games beside their toilets?!

We made jewellery out of copper wire. We curved the metal to make bracelets, rings or even ear cuffs. Men in the Iron Age wore more jewellery than the women.



After lunch, we got dirty! We pounded and crushed the chalk with flint or wood, to make fine dust then mixed this with hay, water and mud to make Clunch! We squished and rolled it and used it to build a wall. We also got to try wattling, using willow and hazel branches to make a fence.



Homefield Alumni Event

Our sense of heritage was never more tangible than on Wednesday when we hosted a number of our Old Boys for a night of reflection and celebration.

It was wonderful to see some of our current boys engaging and mingling with our older pupils, ranging from 20 to 80 years of age. Many stories about life at Homefield in the 1950s, 60s and 70s were shared. These stories were enthralling and we will be inviting some of our Old Boys back to school to share them with their younger counterparts. Memories of happiness and belonging formed a large part of their Homefield sentiment. They shared stories of fulfilled and successful lives and it seems Homefield has always been full of boys striving for excellence in all they do. We have truly been #CreatingMemoriesSince1870.

If you are a Homefield Old Boy (or know one – there are a lot around!), please ask them to contact Vesna Weekley at the school to ensure that they are added to our alumni guest list for future events: vweekley@homefieldprep.school



Trips and Visits/cont ...

We then visited more of the Celtic roundhouses and saw the furniture and the activities inside the homes. We then fed the goats who enthusiastically licked our hands!



We ended the day back in a roundhouse and said a big "Thank You" to Kathy, before getting back on the coach and heading back to school! It was a great day in the Iron Age!

Year 8 Tillingbourne Geography Field Trip

On Friday 14th September the Year 8s headed out on a trip to Juniper Hall, to the River Tillingbourne. The aim was to measure the width, depth, wetted perimeter and velocity of the river, at 3 sites. To investigate how a river changed downstream, we observed the changes through the river's course and whether it followed the 'Bradshaw' model.



We also observed how humans have changed the river for other purposes, such as a level cricket field at Abinger Hammer.

'I think this trip was very useful for the Common Entrance project and for my further knowledge of the rivers topic. I also think the tutor from Juniper Hall, Claire, was very helpful and introduced new things to my knowledge. I also think getting to wear waterproofs and wellies and to get in the river, was great fun!

If you to get to go on this trip, a few words of warning:

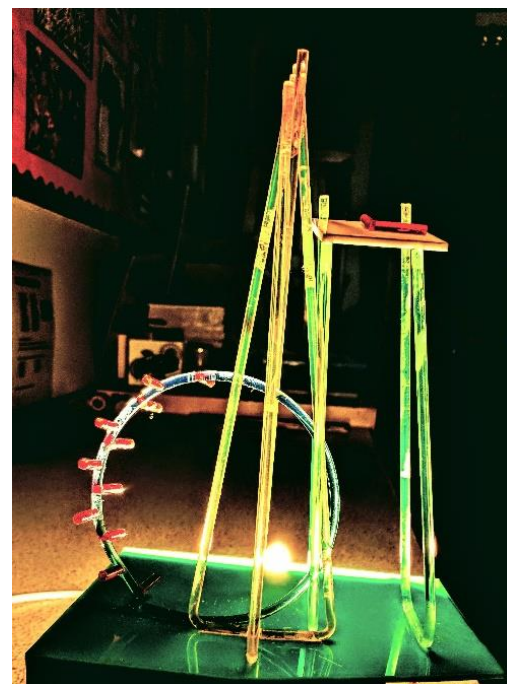
- Do not drink the river water!
- Look out for ticks
- Also look out for mites as they can be very itchy and irritating
- Be sure to work as a team to get the fieldwork done and allow time for lunch!

Written by Abraham S, Y8 Geographer



Homefield Art Gallery

Neon London, Josh S-P, 8H





Tweet of the Week



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!



<https://twitter.com/HomefieldSchool>
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SAT, 29 SEPT AT 10:00

Open Morning

Homefield Preparatory School

We are holding our main Open Morning of the year for prospective parents next **Saturday, 29th September from 10am to midday.**

Please do let any friends or relatives you know who may be interested in joining Homefield that they would be very warmly welcomed.

Places can be booked on our guest list via our website:

<https://bit.ly/2cDcApd>

It looks like it is going to be a very busy day with 45 families already booked to visit on the day.