

Headlines

Autumn Term
5th November 2021

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

ISI inspection report

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

You will have noticed the 'steels' go up for the rest of the new build, stretching across the front of the site. This will comprise the new main entrance, foyer, meeting rooms and administration. Finally, we will take away the Johnson Building in the playground to make room for our new multi-use sports pitch. We are looking to the late summer 2022 for completion.

It was a delight to see so many of you attending the first ever parent assembly in our new performance hall. Thanks for making the time to support the Year 6 boys and to celebrate. I think we've all really missed that vital aspect of community. The boys' re-imagined script and drama on the parable of the Good Samaritan, gave us all food for thought. Please see the information giving details for the upcoming year group assemblies.

Following on from our work on mental health, our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' theme for this half term, is 'Give to Others'. Evidence suggests that this act positively impacts on our emotional health as it boosts mood, self-esteem and happiness. A sequence of challenges will be shared via the club tile on 'Teams' over this half term. Challenges range from activities that support global causes to supporting friends and family.

Our first two challenges think about giving to others whilst thinking about the COP26 and more locally donating warm winter coats* to 'WrapUpLondon' as they open up their collection stations. We are encouraging pupils to share their acts of kindness back with us here in school so we can celebrate this and also encourage boys to share any other examples of 'Giving to Others' whilst we explore this theme together.

(*PS on this matter, the number of boys arriving to School without coats has improved, but we are not fully there yet!)

Thanks to all the boys that entered our Pumpkin Carving Challenge and, in a morale booster for the staff, I can reveal that Mr Frost retained his crown as a 'cake boss' during the Senior Team 'bake off' this Monday.

Enjoy the bonfires and fireworks; we usually have a great show here but unfortunately the builder's compounds to the front and rear of the School led me to the rather dull but careful judgement that we didn't really have the space to do this safely this year... however a little more patience and we will be there.

And finally, Happy Diwali to all the boys' families who are celebrating this week.

Enjoy your weekend,

John Towers
Headmaster

Halloween at Homefield

Parent Year Group Assemblies

Each year group's assembly will begin with light refreshments in the dining room (at 8.25am), before the assembly takes place in our new performance hall (at 8.35am).

Please make a note in your diary of the dates for your son's year group.

November:

Year 5: 11th November
Year 7: 18th November

January:

Year 8: 13th January
Year 4: 20th January
Year 3: 27th January

February:

Year 2: 3rd February
Year 1: 10th February
Reception: 17th February



Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

Welcome back to all our families after a (hopefully) restful half term. We warmly welcome our new Lower School pupils Johann and Michael, and it has been great to see their class buddies taking these boys under their wing and showing them 'the Homefield way'.

Year 1 and 2 have been learning all about Bonfire night and the gunpowder plot, with Year 2 writing some wonderful poetry to fit the theme of 'fireworks'. Year 2 are also getting ready to visit the Living Rainforest this term as part of their topic work and you should have received information regarding this already. We are very excited to have the opportunity to revisit trips in the Lower

School again as this is a key element of learning and each boy should have opportunities to experience learning beyond the school classroom.

In Reception, the boys have started looking at Autumn in their Topic lessons. They went on an Autumn walk this week and discussed colours and weather patterns, as well as exploring textures and sounds of fallen leaves. They especially loved the crunch of the leaves under their feet and in their hands! In Maths, the boys have looked at numbers beyond 10 and it's great to see many of them already ordering numbers to 20.

Other Awards in Years 1 and 2

We celebrate kindness, resilience and organisation with the following awards:

- **Kindness: Kangaroo award**
- **Courageous: Koala award**
- **Helping Hands award**

Kindness (Kangaroo award)

1H Shriyan for being a great buddy for a new pupil and Mikael for being a great buddy for a new pupil.

2H Kenzo for being a very kind and generous friend to his peers.

2S Havi for helping round the classroom and lunch hall.

Resilience (Courageous: Koala award)

1H Michael for participating well in our class discussions and Johann for participating well in our class discussions.

2H Jaydon for working hard to rhyme trickier words.

2S Kenon for challenging himself in every lesson.

Organisation (Helping Hands award)

1H Alex for helping keep our classroom tidy and helping other boys

2H. Ralph for being a brilliant helper to Miss Rowe when organising the classroom.

2S Jai for being a superb corridor monitor before half term.

Homefield Heroes

Reception

Monkeys

Edward for a positive attitude and improving responses to instructions and Subir for making good choices and staying on task during activities.

Tigers

Alan for being an excellent friend and always offering to help in class and Nivaan for excellent blending of sounds in phonics.

1H

Michael and Johann for settling in to Homefield so well this week.

2H

Yahya for superb level of concentration in all lessons and working really hard to use rhythm and rhyme in poetry this week.

2S

Oliver for working super hard on his handwriting across all subjects.



Music

Christmas Concerts

The Concert for **Years 5, 6, 7 and 8** will take place at Trinity Church, Cheam Road, Sutton, on Thursday 2nd December at 6.30pm. All of the boys are performing and are expected to attend. Please email Mr Meyers if there are any problems.

Years 3 and 4 will have their concerts in the performance hall at School with the Year 3 performance taking place on Monday 6th December and Year 4 on Wednesday 8th December. Concerts will commence at 3.00pm.

Years 1 and 2 will have their Winter Concert in the performance hall at School on Tuesday 30th November commencing at 3.00pm.

Reception will perform their Christmas Nativity Concert in the performance hall at School on Tuesday 7th December commencing at 3.00pm.

Congratulations to Evan F in Year 3 on passing his Grade 4 piano with Distinction. This is an excellent achievement for a boy in Year 3!



Pastoral

Senior Department

The following boys receive special recognition:

Year 3

Oscar 3H - Being more enthusiastic and improving his work ethic.

Year 4

Zachary 4H - Being proactive in lessons and working hard on his overall confidence.

Years 5 and 6

Well done to the following boys for making such a positive start to the term and for being excellent role models:

5P Ewan

5S Jonathan F

6P Oscar

6S Shaan

Sport

U10 Football v Lanesborough

On Tuesday 2nd November, the Year 5 travelled to Lanesborough. The 'A' team won emphatically despite going one nil down in the first five minutes. Our team pulled together and started scoring freely, soon in complete control of the game. At half time we were 8-3 up already! The final score was Homefield 11, Lanesborough 4. Goals came from Jaysen, Olivier, Luke, Noah and Nathan. A super win.

The 'B' team also won convincingly with great play from 'Man of the Match', Sheldon, in defence. Keller and Owais were creative up front and Lachlan covered every patch of grass in the first half. At half time, Homefield were ahead 2-1. Finn played brilliantly, combining defence and midfield scoring a well-earned goal. Homefield won the game 7-3!

The 'C' team played four short, small sided games and won 3-0, drew 0-0, drew 1-1 and won 5-0. Goals were scored by Aadit, Sachin, and Austin with Matthew and Harry playing with style.

The 'D' team also played four small sided games. They drew 2-2, 0-0, lost 0-3 and drew 2-2. Adam scored two great goals and Musa also scored from the edge of the box.

Well done to all the boys who played and demonstrated great sportsmanship.

U13 Football v Westminster

On Wednesday 3rd November, all our Year 8 pupils, and three boys in Year 6, played in a football fixture against Westminster.

Our 3rd team enjoyed a superb 7-1 win. Hansol impressed with his all-round play, while goals were scored by Mannan, Harry (2) and the outstanding Faizaan (4).

The 2nd team ran out 3-0 winners after goals from Oliver B, Rishabh and Rory. 'Man of the Match', Oliver M ensured a clean sheet with some great saves in his first game as goalkeeper.

On the 1st team pitch, Homefield were unlucky to lose 3-2 after the Westminster goalkeeper made some spectacular saves. Jake and Ziyad scored Homefield's goals and James was the standout player. Three thrilling matches!

Charitable Endeavour



The whole school community are invited to wear '**Bright Colours for a Bright Future**' on Friday 19th November. Please bring your £1 donations into school, 'Together, we can make a Difference'.

Science - Year 4

'We did an experiment with Skittles and water. This experiment was to show how the colours in the Skittles diffused in water.'

We worked as a group and put 10 Skittles evenly on the edge of a plate, we then used a pipette filled with water and carefully put the water in the middle of the plate. After approximately 10 minutes we started to see the colours from the Skittles diffuse into the water in the middle.

At the end of the experiment the water turned into a colourful spiral, like a spiral rainbow. This showed the diffusion of the different colours from the Skittles in the water.' Alexander H



Pumpkin Carving Competition

After a shortlisting process conducted by the prefects, we are proud to announce the following results to the 2021 Pumpkin Carving Competition:

Congratulations to following boys:

Bronze Pumpkin Carvers:

Ryan – Lower School
Evan W – Lower School
Aarib – Lower School
Alex B – Lower School
Gianluca – Lower School
Sebastian D – Lower School
Evan F – Senior School
Aran M – Senior School
Aled – Senior School
Oliver H – Senior School
Baden – Senior School
Arvind – Senior School
Jamie – Senior School
Charlie B – Senior School
Noah – Senior School
Vihaan – Senior School
Luke B – Senior School
Kayaan A – Senior School
Stefano – Senior School
Shiven – Senior School
Krish G – Senior School



Sebastian with his pumpkin creations



Oliver with his creepy pumpkin

Silver Pumpkin Carvers:

Sebastian - Lower School
Oliver - Senior School

Gold Pumpkin Carvers:

Evan - Lower School
Arvind - Senior School

Each pupil that entered gained a house point, with the Silver and Gold carvers each earning two house points, meaning that the winning House for this competition was: Grays - Well done! Many thanks to all those who entered.

Congratulations also goes to Mr Towers for winning the staff competition.



Arvind – watch out, there's a pumpkin about!



Evan & his dad - Halloweentricity shock!



Mr Chops and Mr Towers' pumpkin

Chess

Competitions outside school have resumed!

It was great to see Arnav and Arjun (both U8) playing at Aldro School, Guildford, in the Wey Valley 'Over the Board' (OTB) Chess competition.

So much has been online recently so it was terrific to see the children actually playing face to face. Arnav scored well with 3 points and Arjun did brilliantly to finish =2nd with 4.5 points and he has qualified for the London Junior Championships in December.



Remembrance Day

The school will be holding a Remembrance commemoration next Thursday 11th November at 11.20am. Boys are invited to wear poppies on their blazers throughout the week.

Please note that poppies will not be available for sale in school.



Homefield Art Gallery



The Colour of Busy London - Arjen 8S

Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · 23h

Thank you to all our entries for the Pumpkin Carving competition. Our judges now have some very important decisions to make from an impressive selection of entries...

Winners will be announced on Friday during Assembly. Please see examples of some of our fabulous entries here:



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The Parents' and Friends' Association

are pleased to announce their first event of the year - the Christmas Fair which will take place on Tuesday 7th December, after school.

Save the date and watch this space !!"