

Headlines

Autumn Term
10th November 2023



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

ISI inspection report December 2021

Letter from the Head

Dear Parents

As my second week at Homefield comes to an end, I am quite out of breath because of the amount of activities, notable events and activities that have taken place. I am delighted to share with you just some of these.

Today we had a lovely Assembly about Remembrance Day. We looked at past conflicts as well as those that are happening now. At the end of break, Oliver played ‘The Last Post’ and the whole School immaculately observed two minutes of silence and reflection.

Our commitment to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment remains steadfast. At Homefield, we believe in instilling values that shape the character of our boys. Each week we look at one of our values and emphasise the importance of it in everything we all do. This week we focused on “Doing your best at all times”. Year 7 were judged to have displayed this value most often and enjoyed doughnuts after lunch! For the coming week we are focusing on “Treat others how you want to be treated”. I look forward to hearing from you on the gate how the boys demonstrate this value at home as well as in school.

We take immense pride in witnessing acts of good citizenship and politeness among our boys. It is heartening to see them embodying the principles of respect and kindness, both within the school community and beyond.

These qualities contribute to the positive and supportive atmosphere that truly defines Homefield. All my visitors this week have commented on how well behaved your sons are and, as Head, it makes me immensely proud.

One of my visitors this week was from Mrs Dawson, Head at Sutton High School. We discussed many opportunities that our schools could cooperate on together and I look forward to sharing new avenues and possibilities over the coming months.

Our commitment to providing an exceptional learning experience was evident during the Learning Walks conducted throughout the week. These walks serve as an opportunity for our staff to observe and celebrate the outstanding teaching practices happening in our classrooms. The dedication of our staff to fostering a dynamic and engaging learning environment is truly commendable.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and maintaining a safe and respectful environment is paramount at Homefield. This week, our boys participated in an anti-bullying workshop aimed at reinforcing the importance of treating one another with kindness and empathy. Such initiatives are integral to our mission of nurturing not only academically proficient individuals but also compassionate and socially responsible citizens.

I am excited to announce our participation in the Independent Schools Show this weekend.

This event provides us with an excellent platform to showcase the unique educational opportunities offered at Homefield. We encourage you to visit our booth and learn more about the enriching experiences that await your child at our school. The show takes place at Battersea Evolution, SW11 4NJ. On Sunday, Mr Siva is making the keynote speech in the Main Hall, it could be a useful place to visit as you look at what is next for your son but also to support Mr Siva.

Excitement and team spirit filled the air as football matches unfolded across all year groups. The enthusiasm and sportsmanship displayed by our boys were truly commendable. These events not only showcase their athletic abilities but also reinforce the values of teamwork and healthy competition that we hold dear at Homefield.

I appreciate your ongoing support in creating an environment where every boy can thrive. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am now heading out to support the Year 5 boys as they take on The Mall school; I hope to see some of you out there.

Thank you for being integral members of the Homefield community and have a lovely weekend.

“Homefield: Inspiring Boys”

Mr A S Naismith

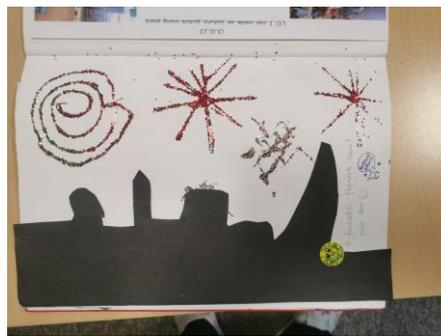
Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

In Reception, we have been learning about 'People who help us' with a particular focus on the fire brigade. We know that we must call 999 in an emergency! We have spent lots of time with our small world fire station and even enjoyed looking at non-fiction books about firefighters. Alex in RS said, "The book taught me that firemen use a ladder." The boys enjoyed dressing up as firefighters and worked with their friends to put out pretend fires. The boys have also continued their topic of fireworks by making them in a range of resources such as playdough, k'nex and magnets. The boys also created beautiful firework pictures using glitter and sparkles. In STEAM, we used the Purple Mash program to create firework pictures on the board: the boys enjoyed creating a range of swirls and explosions using the different drawing techniques. In English, the boys have been writing words to describe fireworks such as 'loud' and 'bright', and even compared them to 'as loud as a lion', and 'as colourful as a rainbow!' In our Maths topic we have been learning number bonds up to 10 and comparing items to see which is 'taller', 'shorter' and 'longer'. We even compared our height in the classroom, going from the tallest to the smallest boy!

In Year 1, we have continued with our work on word classes with a focus on nouns. We are learning the difference between common and proper nouns, you can put the boys to the test when reading or out and about to identify which nouns are common and which are proper. Our English text has been 'King of the Classroom' and we have focused on sequencing the story. In maths, we have been learning how to use partitioning to add two, two-digit numbers together. We used manipulatives such as dienes to help us understand the value of each number. In geography, we have been learning about map symbols and compass points and used these skills to follow directions and find specific points on a map.



In art, we have had two-part projects, our first was to create a firework scene against the skyline of London, see the photo of Nolan's beautiful art work. We have also started making Diya clay pots to celebrate Diwali.



In Year 2, we have continued with our text of 'Masha and the Firebird' by completing our letters, thinking carefully about how we could use persuasive features to make our letters engaging for the audience to read. In maths, we have been looking at finding '10 more' and '10 less' of given numbers and looking at number patterns to help us solve these mentally. We applied these calculations to a range of word problems. In geography this week, we have been comparing the climate and animals found in the UK to that of other countries around the world. We had a particular focus on the countries Thailand and Canada. We also thought about the countries we were from or that we had travelled to, and how the climate compares to the climate in the UK. In PSHE, we have been exploring the difference between teasing and bullying and how we should strive to make others feel appreciated and cared for. Year 2 have really impressed everyone with their incredible buildings based around the Great Fire of London. We can see how much hard work, time, effort and energy was put into these over the half term holidays. We hope you enjoyed supporting your son making their buildings.

In history this week, we looked at historical sources and thought about reliable and unreliable sources when finding out about the Great Fire of London.

Year 2 boys have loved going swimming recently, we have **three** more weeks of swimming. **These are on the 14th, 21st and 28th November.**

Homefield Heroes

RH Musa for being kind and using his manners and Theo for working very hard in his literacy and recognising the sounds in our words this week. RS Azai for being kind and considerate and Oliver for always trying his best in every lesson. 1H Roger for his work on adding three single digit numbers and Arie for trying his best in all lessons this week. 1S Arjun for brilliant work in his phonics and Dylan for excellent effort when adding 2, 2-digit numbers using partitioning. 2H Aarav for always showing kindness to his peers and Shivvy for doing his best at all times and staying focused in lessons. 2S Jacob for making positive choices and challenging himself and William for putting in fantastic effort, being very focussed and challenging himself in maths.

Ali, William H and Logan were our swimmers of the week.



Pastoral News and Activities

Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 boys have made a great start back to school. In the first week back, the whole school focus was our value: 'We treat others as we like to be treated'.

The following boys in Year 3 and 4 were commended for setting the example when following this value, along with always demonstrating fantastic manners and kindness. Our Homefield Heroes were: John and Oliver (3H) and Rahul and Finnlay (3S).

This week, the following boys have been named Homefield Heroes for doing their best at all times; demonstrating a fantastic attitude to learning and focus to stay on task.

Mikael (3H), Aarya (3S), Yuvi (4H) and Matthew (4S).

On Tuesday morning, Years 3 and 4 had a visit from 'West End in Schools' who delivered an engaging workshop on anti-bullying. Through the use of drama, the boys immersed themselves in learning how to spot bullying, what to do about it and different ways of showing kindness. As next week is anti-bullying week, the boys will be trying a little extra hard to be kind and give out compliments!

To all the Year 3 and 4 families celebrating, we wish you a happy Diwali.

Years 5 and 6

Congratulations to the following boys who have so ably demonstrated aspects of our Homefield Values. They have received a Homefield Hero certificate and Head of Year Commendation:

5H Antoine
5P Zain A, Max D
5S Daniel B, Sten

6H Zohad
6P Thomas X
6S Hei

Years 7 and 8

HOY commendations last week go to the following boys:

Year 7 Ashar for going above and beyond in his lessons, particularly Science.

Year 8 Rayhaan and Nsama for their excellent touring of visitors, going above and beyond for the red carpet treatment.

HOY commendations this week are awarded to:

Year 7 Lachlan for helping many boys with their lighting design project, giving them great suggestions.

Year 8 Tobi for meeting and greeting parents during fixtures and excellent work in English and Classics.

Charities

BBC Children in Need

Friday 17th November

A charity that needs very little introduction is BBC Children in Need, which supports children and young people by funding thousands of local charities and projects in the UK.

This year, BBC Children in Need takes place on Friday 17th November. As a school, we will be raising money to donate to the charity. For a suggested minimum cash donation of £2, pupils may attend school in mufti (no football shirts, please) next Friday 17th November. Pupils who own a spotted item of clothing may wish to wear it to show particular support for the charity!



Thank you in advance for supporting BBC Children in Need

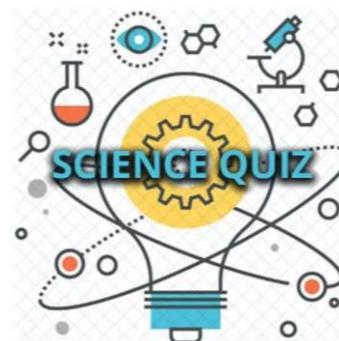
Science Quiz Club

We are excited to announce that the Year 5 and 6 Science Quiz club teams have qualified for the semifinals.

We came 4th and 11th out of 50 teams. Boys involved include:

Arnav, Faiz, Leo and Harun in Year 5 and Aled, Yaseen, Oliver H and Kamran in Year 6.

Well done to all!



Homefield Roadshow

Independent Schools Show 2023

Homefield will be represented this weekend at the [Independent Schools Show](https://www.schoolshow.co.uk) at the Battersea Evolution Centre. Over 200 schools will be featured at this event with workshops and talks by Heads and education experts. Tickets are FREE is booked in advance via the following link [here](https://www.schoolshow.co.uk) or visit www.schoolshow.co.uk and use the promo code: Prep2023



11th November – 12th November

Saturday: 10.00am-5.00pm

Sunday: 10:30am-4.00pm

Battersea Evolution, SW11 4NJ



Sport

Year 3 Homefield v Willington

On Tuesday 31st October (Halloween), the Year 3 boys played football away at Willington. Just after half time, a torrential downpour hit the matches but it certainly did not dampen the boys' spirits! The Green team had an emphatic win with some wonderful passing from Kaan, Ian and Yahia. 'Man of the Match' was Vincent who scored a super hattrick of goals!

The Yellow team also won in style. Aaron and Zein played with style and Elijah scored a well worked goal. Viyan scored in the second half despite the conditions and the final score was Homefield 2 Willington 0.

The Blue team had a very close game and narrowly lost 2-1. Zayn made some great saves in goal and Kiran worked tirelessly in midfield. A good goal from Yohaán nearly gained Homefield a draw but the home team just managed to get over the line.

The Red team played some super football. Passing from Aarya and Mickeal was well worked and Mikael was unlucky not to score. Alex made a great save but the home team followed in to score. In the second half, with rain pouring, Willington succeeded in scoring another goal but Wesley and Ethan were valiant in defence.

Considering the weather, it was a great fun fixture. Well done to all the boys who played.



Year 3 Homefield v Reigate St Mary's Football

On Tuesday 7th November, all of the Year 3 boys travelled to Reigate St Mary's to play a football fixture. The Red team started brightly with some good passing from Aarya and Dhruv which led to a shot from Ethan that went just wide of goal. However, the home team gathered momentum and scored two quick goals. Alex B was outstanding in goal as Reigate piled on the pressure: he made three great saves but the striker followed in to score to make it three nil at half time. In the second half, Homefield began to string some passes together and some excellent defending from Zaviaan and Wesley constantly denied our opponents. although Reigate scored two further goals. the effort from all the boys was fantastic.

The Blue team played out a very close match. Having conceded an early goal, a great pass from Ivaan and Zain and some wonderful tackling from Michael led to a magnificent goal from Yohaán. There was very little between the teams and super play from Advik and Rohan nearly led to another goal, but the keeper just got a hand to it in the last moments of the game. Reigate scored to win but the effort of all the boys was wonderful.

The Green team continued their unbeaten run by winning three nil. Once again, super striker Vincent scored after a great pass from William. Mirsub made some excellent saves and Rahul worked very hard to tackle. Remo scored his very first goal for Homefield and celebrated with delight. In the second half, Viyan scored after a good pass from Yahia. Well done to all the boys who played.

Year 8 Spoken Language and Drama

Year 8 created their own news reports about the events in the novel 'The War of the Worlds' by H G Wells. They utilised a range of spoken language skills to present facts and information about an alien invasion in an authoritative and believable way. Their improvised dialogue drew on their knowledge of the text and was rich with the language and details presented by Wells. Each boy took on a specific role such as Prime Minister, news anchor, expert witness or alien. Rest assured that any future alien invasions will be deftly handled by the capable decision making and articulation of our boys!



Years 5 and 6

6P planned and presented a marvellous assembly to all Year 5 and 6 boys this week. Their chosen topic of the Rugby World Cup made for a fascinating and informative presentation. The boys presented material they had prepared with aplomb and interacted with the audience confidently. Well done for your team work and such a professional approach to the task.

Music

Ethan in Reception, participated in the Kingston Music Festival piano competition on Saturday 4th November and won the first prize in his group (set piece, 6 years and under). This was his first time entering a piano competition and he was wearing his full Homefield school uniform at the event!



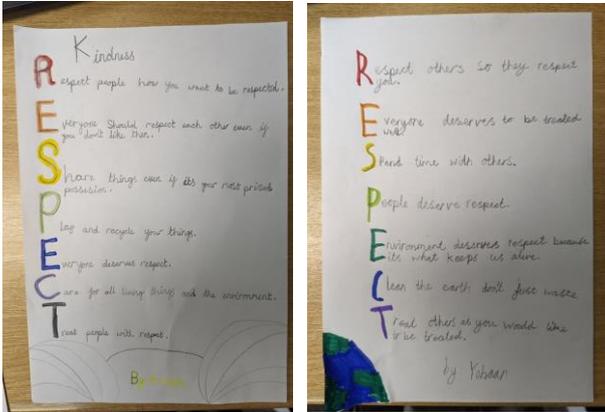
ISEB pre-testing at Homefield

Thank you to those parents who have registered their sons on the ISEB website and with relevant senior school(s) for the upcoming ISEB Pretest for 11+ or 13+ entry. Groups will be completing their assessment between the 16th November – 24th November, prioritised by the due date designated by the Senior School.

Boys have been notified who is currently on the list to sit the examinations. If you are expecting your son to sit the pretest at Homefield but they are not on our list, please do, in the first instance check their registration on the ISEB website and then check with your chosen senior school. **Boys can only sit the examination if the senior school requires it, they cannot sit the assessments as a practice activity.**

Theology, Philosophy and Religion

Arish and Yohaán (3S) are proud to share their acrostic poem based on their learning about mutual respect.



Christmas Concert arrangements

29th November 8.40 – 9.00am

Performance Hall
Reception Christmas Assembly
followed by refreshments

4th December 8.40 – 9.00am

Performance Hall
Year 1 Hey Ewe!
followed by refreshments

5th December 8.40 – 9.00am

Performance Hall
Year 2 Hey Ewe!
followed by refreshments

7th December 6.15 for 6.30pm start

Performance Hall
Senior Christmas Concert
Trinity Church, Sutton
(Years 4 – 8)

13th December 8.40 – 9.00am

Performance Hall
Year 3 Christmas Celebration
followed by refreshments



Homefield Art Gallery

Oscar, Year 8, London's Calling



Parent Parking

When parking in the morning to drop your son to school, please be mindful that you do not obstruct our neighbours dropped kerbs. Our 'stop and drop' system operates from 8.10am in the school drive where members of our Estates Team will be happy to disembark your son and his belongings and see him safely into school.



Sharing Good News

Has your son done anything exciting or interesting outside school? Any achievements that you would like to share with the school community?

Please contact us with a short explanation and a photo via email to administration@homefieldprep.school.

We would love to share your son's good news on social media and in Headlines!

Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens

