

# Headlines

Summer Term

12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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

ISI inspection report



*Homefield's Year 7 French and Classics residential visit to Burgundy*

## Letter from the Headmaster

### Dear Parents

An early 'Headlines' to round up on our last full day of term:

Thank you for all your support and I hope the Early Years and Junior boys, ending term today, can really enjoy the holidays.

I look forward to a strong finish with the Seniors, with our Prize Day here at the School.

We have great news on our work developing the mental health of our students, with a win from the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust Wellbeing Challenge 2019. Consequently, we receive a 'wellbeing library' of 10 volumes to add to our growing resource and capacity across this area. A special mention to Mrs O'Reilly, Mr Smith and Mrs Evans for pioneering the competition here.

More widely, the weather turned upwards and allowed for some really super Junior and Senior sports days. Thanks for the parent support there.

The Senior Summer Concert contained some real gems. In the Seniors, we now see around 88% of the boys playing instruments, with around 60% going on to pass grade exams, over 30% to grade 3 and 20% to grade 4. A remarkable 39 boys achieved passes at grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 this year, testament to great standards, but also a lot of joy across the school. This achievement is so in evidence when the boys perform publicly and develop their self-confidence. Reflecting on last week's lovely Year 3 concert, it is wonderful to consider on how well the boys progress over time.

Whilst the boys are away, we crack on with some works to the estate, including repainting of communal areas and classrooms and new flooring to replace some worn carpets. The Bursar, Site Manager and myself will move on with preparing for the construction of the wonderful new classroom block (to the rear of the School) which we anticipate starting later in the Autumn Term.

Finally, the Classics Department leads out an expedition to Italy next week, where the senior boys will apply some Latin, enjoy a deep immersion in classical monuments and sample some contemporary Italian culture. Buon viaggio or perhaps Bonum cursum!

Enjoy your holidays and take care.

We re-open for the boys on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**John Towers**  
Headmaster

## Early Years Department

Wow...it is hard to believe that we have finished our final week of the year! Time has really flown by and it is wonderful to see how much each one of the boys has developed in character, confidence and academically since September. We have enjoyed some nostalgia and reminiscing this week in Reception, as the boys have been writing about their achievements and friends made in Monkeys and Tigers Class. It is clear to see how much they have loved Reception and thrived this year. Looking back at their writing books after this activity has generated an enormous sense of pride in all of the Reception staff, as each boy really has made remarkable progress. Do look back at your son's first page in his writing book and compare the handwriting, length, content and spelling from then to their final piece, we are sure that you too will be very proud.

EYD had such a lovely Teddy Bear's Picnic as a final celebration and goodbye from their classes. Boys and bears had a lovely afternoon and we hope it ended their time in Nursery or Reception in the way we hoped it would.

In our final assembly this week we said goodbye and good luck to Edward, Raphael and Hussain who are all moving to new schools.

We wish you all the luck in the world for September. Thank you also to Mrs Beenham who will also be moving on in September. We also had to say a sad farewell to Mrs Evans who is hanging up her Homefield jacket for the last time as she takes a much deserved retirement; we will all miss you so much but wish you happiness in your new exploits.

Lastly, on behalf of all the Early Years team, we thank you for all of your support over the past year and wish you all a very restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to hearing about your adventures in September.

Our final 'Artist of the Term' goes to Theo in Elephants for his exceptional Disney character drawings!



**Our Special Award this week goes to:**  
**Euan** for working so hard when practising his name formation.  
**Sachin** for always being so polite and for never forgetting his manners.

**Our Students of the Week are:**  
**Xand** in Tigers for his enthusiasm and good questions at Nower Wood.  
**Rishi** in Tigers for his hard work throughout the year and for always being such a polite boy.  
**Ethan** in Monkeys for excellent knowledge and understanding of our mini beast topic.  
**Raveesh** in Monkeys for being kind and helpful and making good choices throughout the year.

## Junior Department

As we come to the end of the academic year, the Junior Department staff would like to thank parents for all their support. We have had a terrific year with many highlights, which all the boys have approached with great enthusiasm and determination.

At our last Junior Department assembly, we unfortunately said goodbye to three very valuable members of our team. Mrs Dawson is leaving us to spend more time with her family, Mrs Kurn is relocating to Switzerland and Miss Mayes is leaving us for a new position at Wimbledon High School. During the assembly, the boys gave them all a fitting farewell – we will miss them all and thank them for their amazing contribution to the Junior Department at Homefield. We wish them all every happiness in their new ventures and hope they will keep in touch.

We also celebrated our Year 3 leavers as they move on. They have been a great year group and we look forward to following their progress in the Senior Department. All the boys received 'moving on' certificates.

Congratulations to Sulaiman who was awarded the Gathercole Shield, Muhammad who received the Hilton Reading Cup, Hardik who was awarded the Year 2 Reading Shield and Kamran who received the Year 1 Goodbody General Knowledge Cup. This term's Art Awards for Year 1 and 2 go to Aurin and Damon. Well done, boys!

Jake and George were presented with cricket balls as good sportsmanship prizes in Year 3. Congratulations boys!

We wish all the boys and their families a safe and restful holiday.

## Homefield Heroes

**1H Ranvir** for always working hard and being a good friend.

**1S Oba** for his excellent contributions to class discussions and **Sulaymaan** for being such a great friend to everyone. Well done, boys!

**2H Luke** for much improved focus and effort with class work.

**2S Abdullah** for improved participation in enrichment activities and always helping his table to tidy up and **Kaiyan** for beautiful handwriting and improved accuracy.

**3H Kailen** for his excellent presentation this year and **Nikshep** for the progress he has made this year.

**3S Ismail** for great improvements in his time management.



## Parents' Association

The Summer Fun Day was a fantastic way to end the year with many Homefield families enjoying food and fun in the sunshine together. Thank you to the 85 parent volunteers who were involved in manning a stall, cooking delicious food, buying supplies, selling tickets, face painting and running the cricket games!

Thanks to all the parents for supporting our events this year. It has been brilliant to be able to purchase so many added extras for the School, including the laser cutter, playground equipment, weather station and robotics sets.

## Sport News

With the myriad of international sports available for us to watch at this time of year, I am reminded of how well all of the Homefield boys have done in their sports. Homefield boys have competed and triumphed in rugby competitions, individual tennis success, cross country competitions, cricket county and district representations, swimming galas, individual football trophies, karate and judo belts and of course the Olympic effort of all the boys in three epic sports days.

Senior sports day was postponed due to torrential rain but the sun shone on the reserve day and every single boy gave their best effort to win points for their house. Ellis were eventual winners and have now won three consecutive sports days!



Individually, Abraham S succeeded in breaking not one but two school athletics records. The long jump school record has not been beaten since 1992, when the record stood at an incredible 5.11m and now, after 27 years, Abraham broke the record with an impressive 5.12m! And the 200m record was also claimed by Abraham running a time of 25.39 seconds.

Thank you especially to the members of the HA team and the Class Reps who have wonderfully given up their time to help out. If you would like to get more involved in HA next year, please get in touch with Lizby Sharpe on Classlist.com.

On Friday 20th September, we will hold our AGM at a Coffee Morning at 8.30am in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to attend. We wish everyone a fun and relaxing summer!



It is easy to talk about individuals and certain age group success in these brief notes at the end of a sporting year but the truth is this current cohort of Homefield boys from Nursery to Year 8 have all worked extremely hard in their sports lessons, sports clubs and fixtures and we are proud of all of them!

I would like to thank my colleagues in the Sports Department for providing the boys with wonderful learning opportunities, fun lessons and competitive matches. I am really looking forward to seeing all the boys in their brand new PE kit next September.

Have a wonderful safe and healthy sport-filled summer.

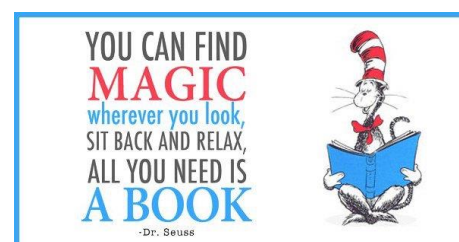
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## Learning Resources Centre

### LRC News

This academic year a whopping **6,063** books were loaned out – up from last year's total of 3,415 titles and we have some amazing statistics to share with you:

Top Reader in Year 4	Andrew Y, borrowing 66 books
Top Reader in Year 5	Gajan G, borrowing 91 books
Top Reader in Year 6	Barnaby F, borrowing 73 books
Top Reader in Years 7/8	Vinicius G, borrowing 27 books



## Reminiscences of Homefield

I've been here three years,  
It's like I have come alive.  
Everyone says I've changed,  
My confidence has arrived.  
I have found my World,  
My gifts, my talents.  
Even my weaknesses are ok.  
I'm ready for my new adventure,  
Though I will miss it so much.  
It's always inside me.  
Homefield.

*Ben H, Year 6*

We don't remember days,  
we remember moments.

– Cesare Pavese

## Charity News

### Year 4 Charity Marathon

On Enrichment Day, all of Year 4 took part in a marathon to raise money for Young Minds UK. Running in class teams, 4H and 4S each had to run a total of 26.2 miles, which equates to 211 laps of the 200 metre track on our school field. Each boy ran approximately 11 or 12 laps of the 200m track to ensure that their class completed the combined 211 laps required. The attitude of the boys was outstanding. In warm conditions, they gave it their all and were eager to complete the challenge of running a collective marathon. It was fantastic to see the pupils adopt such a positive, spirited attitude in a difficult task which required perseverance, particularly in the latter stages.

Both classes finished after 40 minutes of enthusiastic, determined running. A huge well done to all of Year 4 for their efforts, which raised a massive total of £769.40 for Young Minds UK. Brilliant running Year 4!



## Junior Maths Challenge: bonus round



11 boys across Years: 5, 6 and 7 got through to the bonus round (Junior Kangaroo) of the 2019 Junior Maths Challenge.

This is no easy feat. Congratulations to: Sivan A, Gajan G, Zain M, Qasim C, Stephen U, Raamin B and Eric S.

What made this feat even more impressive was that four of the boys through to this bonus round achieved the top score of a merit! Well done; Idhant L, Prabodha A, Vinicius G and Benjamin H.

This really does wrap-up a wonderfully productive and successful year at the top-end of the school in Maths.

## Humanities News

We love the summer term in Humanities as we can get outside, enjoy more field trips and it has meant we have had more time for enrichment and projects! We have particularly enjoyed tracking the rising temperatures on our digital Weather Station; thanks to the Homefield Association, we now have a screen in the classroom tracking both the inside and outside conditions, as well as making forecasts for the future. We look forward to our budding meteorologists giving more regular weather updates from the 'Geography Hub' next year!

Last week, Year 8 had a beautiful sunny day out in East London; enjoying the Emirates Cable Car, the Docklands Museum and a walk through Canary Wharf. The boys particularly impressed the Museum staff; showing their incredible knowledge and interest in both Historic London and concerns for the Future of London. It was a fantastic end to our Year 8 course, but also our more recent work on 'Changing London'.



*Year 8 Docklands excursion*

This term, Year 5 have enjoyed their rivers project and built on their Lullingsstone river experience, creating some fabulous models and presentations ranging from Lego Amazon drainage basins, to clay models of the Ob in central Russia, to detailed PowerPoints on the Yangtze! All showing incredible geographical detail and research. Thank you to parents for all your help with this; the boys have enjoyed presenting their projects to the rest of the class.

Likewise, Year 4 have chosen between Earth Structures, Volcanoes and Earthquake proof buildings, and have researched, created and presented to the class.

Some of the models and posters are on display in the foyer this week, so please do take a look. The interest, delight and creativity is amazing and the boys have all thoroughly enjoyed learning more about our Wild World from each other; we have had 3D world cross-sections, Pagoda inspired towers from Japan, and we have been erupting volcanoes modelled on Hawaii and Martinique, to name just a few! Thank you again for aiding your sons with the projects and giving them the tools to present and share their knowledge with the rest of the class.



On Tuesday, Year 4 were also able to finally complete their postponed field trip to Cheam. They had a lovely walk and were able to conclude their investigation into whether Cheam is a village; inspecting the traffic, shops and services, and observing likely problems and solutions. It has been a fantastic end to the term and we look forward to more Geography and History activities, projects and field trips next year.





## Overseas Travel

### French and Classics residential trip

The Year 7 students took part in the annual French and Classics Burgundy residential trip between Sunday 23rd June and Friday 28th June.

They were able to embrace the French way of life in the countryside and stayed at the Maison Claire Fontaine centre in the village of Lac Sauvign near Avallon. They completed a programme of activities (French lessons, a forest walk, an archery session, a cookery session, and a drama session to name but a few) and numerous visits; the town of Vézelay and the Vézelay basilica, the Alesia battle field site museum, the Alesia old Roman town site, and a local market in Chastel-Censoir.

They were given ample opportunities to practice their French and took home some wonderful memories of their time together.

The Year 7 French and Classics has already been booked for next year and will take place between Sunday 21st June and Friday 26th June 2020: a letter will be issued to all Year 7 boys in September.



## Music

### Music Groups

Please check the attached provisional list of music groups for next year and ensure that your son does not sign up for any other clubs at these times as the ensemble rehearsals are an intrinsic part of their music programme. I have assigned boys the most appropriate ensemble for their ability but at this stage nothing is set in stone.

### Year 3 Concert

The Year 3 boys gave a fabulous concert on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, with group performances from: the String Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, Horn Group and Recorders. All of the boys sang with the Year 3 choir and the audience really appreciated their enthusiastic performance of three rounds and three songs. A massive well done to all of Year 3 – the future is looking very rosy!



### Music Awards

Dylan H has achieved Grade 2 piano and Grade 3 saxophone with merit. Well done.



## Supercamps



**SuperCamps are running summer holiday Multi-Activity camps at Homefield from the 15<sup>th</sup> July - 23<sup>rd</sup> August and LEGO® Play from 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 25<sup>th</sup> July.**

On the LEGO® Play course, children will enjoy 3 days of creative challenges, building different structures and even designing their own LEGO® set.

In addition to a variety of games, arts and crafts, highlight activities this summer on our Multi-Activity camp will include Archery, Bouncy Castle and Kit Camp (giant building materials for kids). With a different 'Theme of the Week' and partnerships like Kinetic Sand and LEGO®, children enjoy different, stimulating activities and challenges each time they visit.

Homefield parents receive an exclusive 10% discount off SuperCamps Multi-Activity camps at the school. Book now via <https://www.supercamps.co.uk/Venue/homefield-prep-school> and enter code PARENT19 at the checkout.

## Chess

A number of Homefield boys accepted the challenge and competed in the Gigafinal held in Twickenham over the weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June. Benjamin scored an excellent 3.5/6 but Nishad, Sivan, Leonardo and Kavin managed to surpass this by all qualifying for the challengers' section of the Terafinal to be held in August.

A successful Gigafinal performance is a great way to sign off the school year, particularly for those boys who are leaving Homefield and we wish them all good luck for the future.

## Tweet of the Week





**Homefield Prep Sport** @HomefieldSp0rt · 3h  
Senior #SportsDay was great fun!

1st - Ellis  
2nd - Walfords  
3rd - Bomfords  
4th - Grays

Link to full photo album [facebook.com/29869370024691...](https://www.facebook.com/29869370024691...)

#sportsday2019



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## The Homefield Art Gallery

Oscar P, Year 8, Laser Engraved Portrait

