

Headlines

Summer Term
12th May 2023

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

ISI inspection report December 2021



Year 5 – PGL Activity

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Thank you so much for the flourish you provided at the end of last week. The ‘Bake Off’ around the King’s Coronation theme was a great success. It is a challenge to judge a competition when the standard is so high. My waistline has also been adversely affected! We really appreciate the hard work of the Parents’ Association across all this and great to see the boys enjoying themselves in the sunshine.

On parental endeavours, may I also bring your attention to the luxurious evening planned at Denbies Wine Estate, where we celebrate a ‘Mediterranean Evening’ on Friday June 16th. It was prior to the pandemic that the Parents’ Association last hosted such a party.

More than ever, having the School positioned as a strong community for us all is so important. The senior staff will be there and we hope many parents will join the celebration. It’s also a fundraiser for the Children’s Trust in Tadworth – so double the reason to get a ticket. I can also assure you that: 1. The standard of white wine and the ‘method champagne’ produced at this Surrey vineyard is really good

2. The trainline from Sutton/Cheam/Wimbledon etc is only a 10-minute walk and 3. You deserve a night out, so book the babysitter early. You can get a ticket via:
<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/959510676>

Meanwhile, back at School, you may appreciate that Maths is not just a favoured subject here but has taken on a cult status with the older boys. In this context, it is no surprise that we have ‘smashed it’ again with the national Primary Maths Challenge this year. I count 4 gold awards from the bonus round, 12 silver awards and 11 bronze awards. Well done to our young mathematicians who went the extra mile and gained certificates from the Mathematical Association.

We also celebrated our school culture last week with our Modern Foreign Languages Day. Thanks for sending the boys in mufti for the fundraiser. In particular, listening to our boys who are ‘Language Ambassadors’ address the School with such confidence and in a remarkable array of languages was really inspiring.

The tendency, certainly in UK state sector schools, is to label children as having ‘English as an Additional Language’.

Although I can understand the virtue of this, the phrase doesn’t really do justice to the many children who are very accomplished and who are fluently bi-lingual or even tri-lingual. We were delighted to celebrate this achievement.

Looking to next week, we have our Proms season starting, with four performances for parents from brass, piano, violin, and cello. Please check the calendar for details.

As I write, we have Year 4 out at Hindleap Warren engaged in developing teamwork skills and participating in some thrilling adventures. Next week, we have Year 1 immersed in History at Hever Castle and Year 4 recovering in time for Viking Day.

Finally, congratulations to Ansh in Year 8 who is our Head Boy for the Summer term.



Kind regards,

John Towers
Headmaster

Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

In Reception, we have continued our topic on pirates reading the story 'Pirate Mums'. This story is about two mums who save the school trip from a terrible storm whilst on a pirate ship! We looked at stormy weather, like the storm in the story, and shared how it made us feel. Some of the boys found the thunder and lightning exciting but others found it rather scary! We have also been learning about real life pirates. Did you know that Captain Black Beard used to set his hair on fire to look as scary as possible? We also learnt that Captain Black Beard was born in 1790, some of the boys were not convinced that their teachers were not alive then! The boys found the gruesome facts about real life pirates fascinating and we used non-fiction texts to help us find the answers to our questions. The boys loved spending time looking through the book to find out more facts to share with one another!



In our maths topic on measurement, we have been comparing objects by length and weight. We spent time ordering ourselves by height, being human scales and weighing different objects. We have also been using our outdoor area to explore numbers using numicon. Roger, Arjun and Dylan made a 'number tower' in the sand: it was wonderful to see such fantastic teamwork!



In Year 1, we have continued with our focus text 'The Magic Paintbrush' retold by Julia Donaldson. We developed our depth of character knowledge through 'hot seating'. In this activity we asked and answered questions as the characters from the story.



The Magic Paintbrush

We have also started our new text 'Sulwe' by Vashti Harrison. We are using this text to recap different word classes with a focus on adjectives. In Maths, we are learning about fractions and understanding that fractions are part of a whole. In History, we have continued the history of toys by identifying and comparing differences and similarities between toys of the past and present. In Geography we have continued to learn about the seaside and looked at how the seaside has changed over time. In PSHE we are learning how to stay safe and who helps us stay safe. Kylesh in 1S said, "Police Officers keep you safe by protecting you."

Year 2 have had a very exciting couple of weeks! We ventured out to Pizza Express in Cheam and learnt how to make our very own margherita pizzas. The boys were able to tie in their knowledge of measurement and fractions in Maths and instructions in English. The pizzas were absolutely delicious, and a great time was had by all.



Homefield Heroes

RH Nolan for making excellent choices about his behaviour in the classroom and the playground and Arie for applying his phonics in his reading.

RS Nufail for working hard on his blending and fluency when reading aloud.

1H Edward for great effort identifying and comparing different types of plants in science and Tahazyan for excellent application in Maths solving multiplication and division problems.

1S Evan for always working so hard to apply his exceptional Maths knowledge and Ben for his hard work on learning to write in the cursive style.

2H Rahul for always being so kind, positive and friendly to all his peers and teachers.

2S Shriyan for his work on fractions.



In Science, we have been learning about hydroponics and planted broad beans to see if they grow. Rohan in 2S said, "Hydroponics can grow with just air and water, we planted broad beans to see if they grow and taped them to the window to get sunlight. Mrs Costain has one in her cupboard, but I don't think it will grow because it's dark."



Pastoral

Homefield Heroes

Years 3 and 4

Over the past couple of weeks in Years 3 and 4 we have been focusing on kindness in the playground and being sensible role models during break time. The following boys stood out last week for their impeccable outdoor behaviour and were rewarded as our Homefield Heroes:

Charlie (3H), Charles (3P), Ayaan (3S), Max (4H), Advik (4P), Max (4S). Well done, boys!

A huge pat on the back to all the Year 4s who were absolute superstars throughout the residential trip to Hindleap Warren. They had the teachers on the trip complimenting them over and over for their maturity and teamwork. Year 4 represented the school brilliantly and had an abundance of fun while doing so!



Years 5 and 6

For superb effort and attitude on the Year 5 trip, consistently demonstrating our key trip values of teamwork, resilience, independence, and organisation:

5H - Aarav, Adam, Kamran, Mustafa, Phoebus, Rudy
5P - Reilly, Sarvesh
5S - Josh, Ranvir, Yusuf

For excellent work in Maths recently:
6S Jonathan

For enthusiasm and creativity in Science recently:
6H Ethan

For a superb performance in the Year 6 'A' team cricket fixture v Chinthurst:
6P Aadit

Years 7 and 8

Well done to the following boys, who have all been awarded Homefield Heroes:

Henry in Year 7 for his resilience and work in Classics and Art and Kaichi for continuing to lead their respective year groups in housepoints.

Year 8 Andrew, Hanlin and Ansh for completing a gruelling set of Eton exams and remaining positive and Mathew for amassing huge amounts of housepoints.

Music

Just a reminder that our Peri Prom concert programme gets under way next week.

If you would like tickets for any of the events, please email: ygriffith@homefieldprep.school with details of which concert(s) you wish to attend, the number of seats required and your son's name and form.



Peri Prom - Brass with Mr Marshall
Tuesday 16th May 4.15 – 5.15pm
Peri Prom - Piano with Mr Woolmer
Wednesday 17th May 4.15 – 5.15pm
Peri Prom - Violin with Ms Martindale
Thursday 18th May 4.15 – 5.15pm
Peri Prom - Cello and Piano with Mr Aslangul and Mrs Woolmer
Friday 19th May 4.15 – 5.15pm
Peri Prom - Woodwind with Ms Andrews
Tuesday 23rd May 4.15 – 5.15pm
Peri Prom - Percussion with Mrs Allardyce
Wednesday 24th May 4.15 – 5.15pm
Peri Prom - Guitar with Mr Legg
Thursday 25th May 4.15 – 5.15pm

Parents' Association

Upcoming Events

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| Denbies Wine Tasting | Friday, 16th June 6.00-7.00pm |
| A Mediterranean Night Charity Ball | Friday, 16th June 7.00pm-Midnight |
| Willy Wonka's Summer Fete | Saturday, 1st July Noon |

Please join the Homefield Association in support of the Children's Trust for our Mediterranean Evening Charity fundraising Ball.

Our silent auction will be available online for the week of the event, so parents not in attendance will have a chance to view and place bids. Final bidding will take place during the drink's reception with announcements at the end of the dinner.

Tickets prices have been discounted for those who book entire tables of 10 with a savings of £5 per ticket.

The evening ticket includes a glass of English sparkling wine on arrival from the Denbies vineyard, a 3-course dinner, tea and coffee, entertainment, and dancing along with a silent auction.

A limited 40-person wine tasting in the Denbies Cellar will be taking place before the gala from 6.00-7.00pm. Tickets for this are sold separately at £30 pp.

Tickets can be purchased via: <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/959510676>



The results of '**The Great Homefield Bake Off**', held last Friday are as follows:

- Bernardo RH – Lower School Showstopper
- Aadit 6P – Upper School Showstopper
- Charlie 3P – Upper School Technical
- Napur Aggarwal – Parent Showstopper
- Shilpa Yakalapur – Parent Technical

Reminder: The Homefield Association have stylish Homefield branded bookmarks available to purchase from the Front Office at a cost £3 each.

Modern Foreign Languages

On 5th May, Homefield celebrated 'Modern Foreign Languages Day' which was an amazing opportunity for the boys to learn about the wide range of cultures and backgrounds in our school community.

The Language Ambassadors kicked off the day with an insightful assembly to the whole school, speaking in their own mother tongues and sharing their reasons as to why learning a language is so important.

Throughout the morning, Upper School took part in a Treasure Hunt, searching for the word 'treasure' which had been written in different languages and hidden around the school. Their efforts and enthusiasm meant that over 300 housepoints were earned across the 4 Houses!

The boys also took part in a competition where they were asked to create their own teaching tool which would help others to learn a language. There were just under 100 entries with boys from Reception to Year 8 producing their own posters, board games, poems and even raps to help share their love of languages.

Well done to all boys who took part and shared their own languages so passionately with their peers and teachers.



Mathematics News

On behalf of the Maths department, we would like to congratulate all pupils who participated in the bonus round of the Primary Maths Challenge. Our boys utilised their critical thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving skills to answer a plethora of complex calculations designed to make pupils think outside of the box. Many of our pupils across Years 5 and 6 received bronze, silver, and gold status.

A huge congratulations also goes out to the following boys who have represented our school in the National Maths Quiz, we look forward to seeing how they progress in the semi-finals

Olivier (6H), Owais (6S), Kane (6P), Aadit (6P), Atharva (6P), Seyon (6S), Lewis C (6S), Abdulaziz (6S)

MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION



Chess

We are just starting to receive news of results from the Surrey megafinal held at Therfield School, Leatherhead, on the 30th April. Isaac (3H) scored 4/6 in his U8 boys section, Oliver (5S) finished with 4.5/6 in the U10 boys, and Easan (4S) was =1st in his U9 boys section with 5.5/6. All three boys have qualified for the National Gigafinal and we wish them well as they move forwards in the competition.



Charitable Endeavour

Good luck to Kamran (5H) and his team of Shomik (5P), Josh(5S), Oliver (5H) and Gary (5P) who are all participating in the Royal Marsden Hospital's 5 mile charity walk this Sunday.

They will walk together with their families to raise money for this amazing charity. The boys have already reached a massive £1000 pledge in donations and would be grateful for any additional donations to boost the coffers:

If you would like to support them, please follow the link below:

<https://march.royalmarsden.org/fundraising-page/ksjiteam2023>



English

Reading for Good

Austin in Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Readathon earlier in the year. He read a whopping stack of books and raised £63 for the 'Read for Good' organisation! This money will go towards our school library and also help to buy books for children in hospital. Thank you, Austin and to all the boys who completed the challenge.



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 Sue Evans, Head of Admissions & Marketing with a short explanation and a photo (sevans@homefieldprep.school). We would love to share your son's good news on social media!

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Book a place at our
**OPEN
MORNING**

Friday 19th May
9.20am to 11.00am



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If you have any friends or family considering Homefield Prep for their son in the future, then please do let them know about our forthcoming Open Morning on **Friday 19th May at 9.20am**. We would love to welcome them to the school!

Places can be booked here on our website:

<https://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/admissions/open-morning>

The School Garden

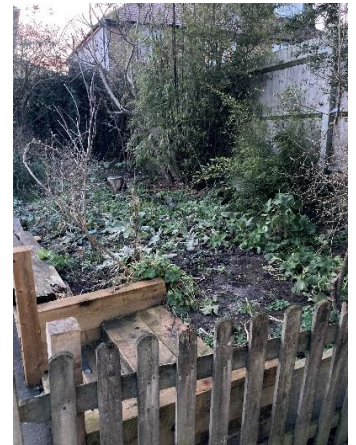
The garden club has now started to redesign the School garden (Please see 'how it was' and 'how it's going' pictures) and we have had generous donations from the School and the Homefield Parents' Association.

As part of our design, we will have a bench and a pond, if possible, as well as a rock garden.

We were wondering if you would like to join in the fun and donate a rock (please see picture for approximate size - larger or smaller is fine too) or any hardy bush, border shrub, grass or flowering plant.

The colours are blue, white, yellow and red in keeping with the colours of the Houses. Thank you so very much in advance.

How it was...



A work in progress...





Tweet of the Week

Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · May 5
 We are celebrating the King's 🇬🇧 coronation in style today with a 'Bake Off' tea party! Thank you for all the cake donations! 4-6pm after school today! 🍰 #bakeoff #teaparty #pta #KingCharlesCoronation #KingCharlesIII #FridayFun



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Teddy Bear Picnic & Sports Day

Charity event in aid of NCT & Downlands Trust

Bring a picnic & enter a Teddy in Fancy Dress to win a prize

Sunday 11 June 12pm -4pm

Entrance £2.50 per adult, Kids FREE

Bring cash on the day for activities

Nonsuch Park, Dog free Area, near Mansion House, Ewell Rd Entrance, SM3 8AB

For more information: Noreen 07770 417 796

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Homefield Art Gallery



Jonathan F, Brendan and Gareth Year 6
 'Three Deco Guitarists'