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Summer Term
13th May 2022

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

ISI inspection report December 2021



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Despite sporadic showers: the weather is getting warmer, the days longer, and spring will say farewell before you know it; summer is almost here.

This week has been a timely reminder that while we have made great strides forward with living with Covid, we must remain vigilant and react as reasonably needed. Mr Towers has unfortunately been unwell and has remained offsite over the course of this week. Despite this, he continues to be ever-present and offer unwavering support through virtual meetings and telephone calls.

Both Year 4 and 5 have recently enjoyed residential trips to Hindleap Warren and JCA at Tewkesbury respectively. Despite a few sleepy heads upon their return, it has been great to hear their wonderful adventures and, most impressively, appreciation of the encouragement that they have received from their peers during the more challenging activities on offer. Bravo!

I am delighted to invite you to a virtual e-safety seminar hosted by the Breck Foundation. The aim of this parent seminar is to educate parents and carers about the dangers of online grooming. The talk will provide tips on how we can all empower the boys to make better decisions to stay safer online. This will take place on the **19th May from 5.30-6.30pm**. Please use the details below to access this seminar.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81558588231?pwd=bERaZHIENjRjNXIYdVljS0dwc2R1dz09>

Meeting ID: 815 5858 8231

Passcode: 953799

Finally, a special mention and thanks to Mrs O'Reilly: during her four years at Homefield Prep she has greatly improved our SEN provision and the introduction of MySpace sessions have become a mainstay of our support to pupils, and parents, during the challenging lockdown.

Mrs O'Reilly is moving onto new pastures by supporting and further enhancing the SEN provision within the local education authority setting. We wish her luck as she starts this new chapter of her career. With regards to succession planning, the SEN department will continue to be in good hands with Miss G taking on the role and leading the team.

I wish the school's community a well-rested, safe, and enjoyable weekend.

All good wishes,

Zak Siva
Deputy Head (Pastoral)

Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

Reception

Reception have been continuing their topic of 'Sunshine and Sunflowers' and have all planted their own sunflower seeds. We are hoping they grow well so we can see whose grow the tallest before the boys bring them home to be planted. Our Van Gogh 'Sunflower' displays are now up and look beautiful. We are so impressed with the boys' work.

In Literacy, the boys have continued learning their phonics and have been practising their sentence writing. We are encouraging them to apply their phonic knowledge when writing the words in their sentences and have a go at spelling the words they can decode. We are so pleased to see the boys really having a try and making some excellent attempts at spelling unknown words.

In Maths, the boys have been focussing on subtraction with a number line or using visual aids to help them see that when we subtract, we get a smaller amount or number at the end. They have also been exploring and learning the names of a selection of 3D shapes, how many straight edges they have, curved edges, vertices and whether they can roll or stack. They have also looked around school to see how many 3D shapes they could spot.

We have spent some time over the last week talking together about choices and that we can make good choices or ones that are not so good.

Other Awards in Years 1 and 2

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

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

Kindness (Kangaroo award)

1H Rahul for thinking of others and **Louis** for sharing well.

2H Ved for offering to stay in and keep his classmate company when he couldn't play outside and **Aun** for always thinking of others before himself.

2S Jeff for helping his table during lesson and **Shunta** for kindly sharing his stationery with his peers.

Please could we encourage you to discuss this over the weekend with the boys, to help clarify their understanding of making the right choice both at school and at home.

The boys should have all received their words for the Reception Summer concert which will take place in the Performance Hall on Tuesday 24th May at 3.15pm. Please could you help your son learn his words so he can speak them clearly and with confidence.

Years 1 and 2

Year 1 have also been creative this week in their art lesson using their fine motor skills to paint and decorate clay plant pots, linking to our science exploration about plants and growth this term. We hope that the boys are inspired to plant seeds and grow their own flowers over the half term and beyond!

This has been a very creative week for Year 2 who have produced some wonderful seaside scenes. Year 2 also enjoyed their trip to Morden Hall Park, today. It was great for the boys to participate in an outdoor learning experience including pond dipping and enriching their knowledge and understanding within their topic of Habitats through Science and STEAM this term.

Congratulations to **Junxi in 2H** who passed his Grade 1 piano exam with a distinction grade! Well done.

Resilience (Courageous: Koala award)

1H Aldous for being brave with his injured knee and **Zain** for tackling x2, x5 and x10 tables positively.

2H Jaydon for being so positive and resilient and **Adam** for demonstrating resilience when challenges occur.

2S Sacha for being kind to all those around him and **Kenon** for braving the Long Jump in PE.

Organisation (Helping Hands award)

1H Yohaana for helping Mrs Burgess in the classroom and **Johann** helping with the library books.

2H Yahya for using his initiative and organising classroom resources without being asked and **Kenzo** for being an efficient cloakroom monitor.

Homefield Heroes

Monkeys

Suhan for settling into Homefield so well.

Priyan for using his phonic knowledge to write a sentence independently.

Tigers

Shivvy for his fantastic addition work using a number line.

Ryan for excellent effort in extending his sentences.

1H Harin for amazing sentence work and **Jaiden** for working very hard in Maths with his fraction work.

2H Adam for producing amazing work when sequencing the events of the Titanic sinking and **Raymin** for excellent work on capacity and volume in Maths.

2S Misha for settling into a new school and **Sebastian** for using his superb inference skills in English.



Year 2 seaside boxes

2S Benji for always helping around the classroom and **Yug** for always volunteering to help Mrs Costain.

Presentation (Panther award)

1H Shriyan for improved cursive handwriting and **Zien** for consistent neat cursive handwriting.

2H Gianluca for trying really hard with his presentation and handwriting and **Yusuf** for producing some beautifully neat written work across subjects.

2S Charlie for working hard on his handwriting in English and **Oliver** for writing using beautiful cursive.



Trips and Visits

Year 4 visit to Hindleap Warren

Last week, Year 4 embarked on their first residential trip to Hindleap Warren. For some boys, this was the first time they had been away from home, which was a true milestone in growing up! The boys arrived in the morning and their first task was to make their own beds. Again, a true milestone for some. The boys enjoyed a number of activities throughout the two days, which included archery, obstacles both on the ground and in the air, shelter building, tunnelling, swimming and other muddy ventures. The boys came away with some great memories, new friends and possibly some new hobbies.

Mr K-W Leung



They were sensible and mature at all times and the JCA staff frequently commented on their lovely manners and excellent behaviour. The boys demonstrated resilience and independence as they tried out a range of activities, including abseiling and wall climbing; they supported and encouraged one another and showed plenty of community spirit. Fun and laughter was heard throughout the dormitories and the boys' good humour and positivity really shone through. As a Head of Year, I could not be more proud of all of the students: thank you to all of the Year 5 community - students, staff and parents - for helping to make this trip such a success.

Miss G



Year 5 Residential Trip

This week, Year 5 attended a two-night residential trip to 'Croft Farm Waterpark' in the Cotswolds.

Miss Gaworzewska, Mr Matthews, Mrs Drake, Mr Hartley, Mrs Bartlett and Miss Ryckaert were incredibly impressed with the boys throughout their stay.



Well Being

Next week is our annual **Mental Health Awareness Week**. The theme for this year is '**Reorganise, Refocus, Reenergise**' which in school will be explored through connecting our learning to nature and the outdoors.

This theme will highlight the importance and benefits of engaging with the natural world around us. The week will provide an opportunity for pupils to learn outside in the fresh air and we all know that spending time outside is good for both the mind and body.

Learning outdoors has been shown to increase mental health by boosting mood, confidence and self-esteem with studies showing that time in green spaces helps people relax by reducing stress. The boys are set to have a fantastic week with a wide variety of activities planned across the curriculum, such as storytelling, drama, treasure hunts and investigations as well as some thought to how connecting with the outdoors positively impacts on our mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Look out for updates on our social media channels!



Parents' Association



The Homefield Association will be holding a fun event, at the end of day, for the Lower School on Friday 1st July, followed by a Senior Disco in the evening.

Sports

Year 3 Cricket

On Tuesday 3rd May, all the pupils in Year 3 had their first ever cricket fixture against Chinthurst. The weather was warm and fine, and all the boys had a great time. The Red team narrowly lost but there was some great bowling from Advik, Raveesh and Elijah. With the bat, Shivansh and Sulaiman scored two super boundaries. The Blue team won their game by four runs and Aran scored a great four. Zain, Zacharia and Eric all bowled an opponent out. The Yellow team lost narrowly but there was some wonderful batting from Veer and Daniel. Anish bowled well and Eason got a good wicket. The Green team bowled very well restricting Chinthurst to only 230 runs but were unable to capitalise when batting. Daniel scored two super boundaries and Oscar bowled a maiden. Well done to all the boys who played.

Year 4 Cricket Fixture

Year 4's first cricket fixture of the season took place at Cumnor House School on Thursday 5th May. Cumnor House were exceptionally strong in these matches as all four of Homefield's teams suffered a loss. However, there were many positives to take forward from the games. In the 'D' team, Alex W took a great catch, Jerry hit a lovely four and Justinus bowled accurately. On the 'C' team pitch, Aarav took a wicket, Rudy and Kamran hit two fours and Thomas hit a big six. Zareef and Aled both took a wicket for the 'B' team, whilst 'Man of the Match', Constantine hit a lovely four. In the 'A' team, Mikaeel and Zohad both hit a boundary, and Darwin and Ranvir's quick running between the wickets added vital runs. Josh took a good catch and Zohad was on a hat trick after two wickets in two balls! His next ball led to a run-out in an excellent over of bowling. The boys are already eagerly awaiting their next cricket fixture!

Chess

Over the weekend of 30th April/1st May, the UK Chess Challenge (UKCC) Surrey Megafinal took place at Therfield School, Leatherhead. Three boys from Homefield decided to take part and all did extremely well, qualifying for the next round, the Gigafinal. Aahan scored 4 points (U11), Oliver 6 points (1st place U9) and Arjun 5 points (U8).

On the 23rd April, Oliver in 4H reached the finals of the English Primary School Chess Championships, representing Wey Valley. The competition was a team event and the Wey Valley team came 6th in the country.

Oliver then went on to win the U/9 Delaney Chess Mega Finals, beating everyone in his category to qualify for the Giga Finals which will take place at Harrow School on the 23rd July. Oliver will also be playing in the Chess Junior National competition which takes place in Torquay in August this year.



Oliver at Delaney Chess Mega Finals

Pastoral

Homefield Heroes

The following boys receive a special mention this week:

Years 3 and 4

Year 3

Ashton (3H), Advik (3P) and James (3S) for contributions to discussions in lessons and being strong role models.
Yusuf B (3H) for great effort in Sport.
Kenji (3S) for wonderful effort in Art and Music.

Year 4

Yaseen, Sulaymaan and Aryan (4H) and Jerry (4S) for their efforts and contributions to the Hindleap Warren trip.
Yusuf Q (4S) for great effort in Sports lessons.
Oliver G (4S) for all round effort in all his lessons.

Years 5 and 6

5H Amran and Charlie for an enthusiastic and positive attitude to school life.

6S Sid and Kavin for commitment and enthusiasm during 'Treasure Island' rehearsals.

Years 7 and 8

7MJM Alex L for excellent book work in Science lessons.

8CS James for an extremely positive start to the term.

8LC Rishabh for excellent work in Science.

School Officer Appointments

Form Captains, Vice-Captains and Student Council Reps:

Year 3

3H	Form Captain	Rowan
	Vice-Captain	Aidan L
	School Council	Michael
3P	Form Captain	Kaylan
	Vice-Captain	Kaloyan
	School Council	Dakarayi
3S	Form Captain	Faiz
	Vice-Captain	James
	School Council	Ethan H

Year 4

4H	Form Captain	Gary
	Vice-Captain	Justinus
	School Council	Aarav
4S	Form Captain	Aiden L
	Vice-Captain	Kamran
	School Council	Kota

Year 5

5H	Form Captain	Finn
	Vice-Captain	Lachlan
	School Council	Masood
5P	Form Captain	Keller
	Vice-Captain	Noah
	School Council	William
5S	Form Captain	Jonathan F
	Vice-Captain	Lucas W
	School Council	Isaiah

Year 6

6H	Form Captain	Nikshep
	Vice-Captain	Yusuf K
	School Council	Aamir
6P	Form Captain	Sulaiman N
	Vice-Captain	Malachi
	School Council	Jaston
6S	Form Captain	Daniyal K
	Vice-Captain	Magsud
	School Council	Aahan

Year 7

7MMC	Form Captain	Boris
	Vice-Captain	Humzah
	School Council	Jimmy
7MJM	Form Captain	Ethan
	Vice-Captain	Ryan
	School Council	Mathew

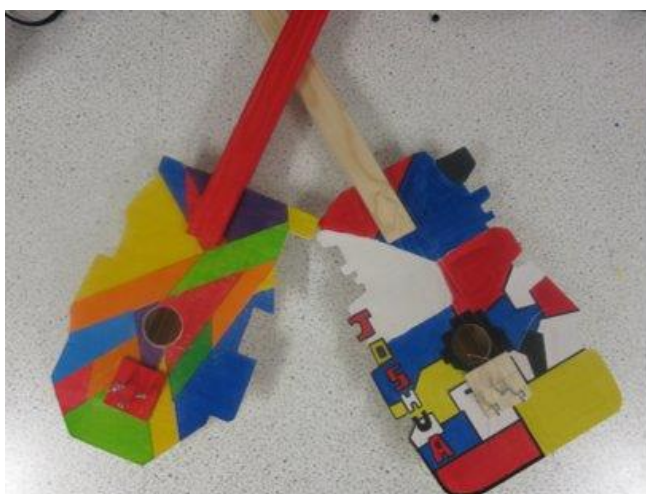
Year 8

8CS	Form Captain	Arjen
	Vice-Captain	Ronak
	School Council	Ziyad
	Tech Champion	Arjen Mannan
8LC	Form Captain	Jasen
	Vice-Captain	Siddhant
	School Council	Oliver B
	Tech Champion	Hansol Harry

Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens ...



Homefield Art Gallery



Joshua and Nikshep - Year 6 - De Stijl Instruments

Tweet of the Week

