

Headlines

Summer Term

14th June 2018

Year 8 boys on their Outward Bound adventure in Poole, Dorset

"The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is excellent"
ISI inspection report

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

What a purposeful week we have had. Thank you for the great turn out on Monday, despite the epic rain, for our new parents/transition evening and the launch of our building plans. Thanks to our caterers CH&Co, for staying on to demonstrate some of the foods the boys are appreciating now. For those who missed the event, we sent out a cover letter, some illustrative plans and a set of FAQs regarding the building works set to start this Autumn. These works will significantly improve our estate to enhance the boys' quality of education and enjoyment.

This week, our Year 8 boys are braving the south coast on an outward-bound course, now that they have finished exam season. Our 13+ offer is the most popular it has been for the last 5 years, with around 30 boys coming up to our Year 7 next year. Why is this? I feel outcomes drive this, as in terms of offers from the most prestigious senior schools we see significantly more offers at 13+ than at 11+; for example, this year we now have 2 offers in hand from Eton, 6 from King's College, 4 from Hampton, 2 from Reigate Grammar School and 1 from Westminster.

Other important factors include the leadership and personal development we offer for our boys in the upper school as well as the value for money. A common misconception remains around 'Common Entrance' at 13+. These days in the London area, this is really more of a leaver's certificate, an 'exit' not an 'entrance'...many senior schools do not rely on this exam any longer and now conduct their own assessments, making offers on that basis.

This week, Year 5 set out for field studies at Fishbourne Roman Villa and the Juniors provided a drama production for their parents, and for audiences from Robin Hood and Sutton High Schools. The performance was much appreciated. The heavy rains stopped our Senior Department sports day last week, but we have a reserve date for the 5th July to look forward to. Thanks for the response from parents around the safer road issues. I know some of you attended a local council meeting to try and lever support ... it worked, and so we now have the local ward councillors behind a consultation evening here at the School on the 8th July at 6.30pm.

It would be great to get some parental support and representation at this meeting. I'm sure we would all like some traffic calming or safety measures for the road outside to help keep the boys safe.

We are fully staffed for September, an unusually good position for a London school. A couple of long serving staff are coming up for retirement and so I'd like to mention them now: Mrs Payne, our very own 'mad scientist' has shared her unbridled enthusiasm with the boys for many years and I know her strong character has personally inspired many to go on to study science seriously (our new Head of Department, Ms Smith, leaves her post as Head of Science at The Mall School to come and join us).

In the Juniors, one of our trusty class teachers, Mrs Dawson, leaves us after joining Homefield in 1992 with a career break for 5 years from 2001 to 2006 following the birth of her twins. Many boys have benefitted from her care, giving them such a good start to learning.

Letter from Headmaster/cont

We hope both enjoy life's new adventures presented by retirement. Another long serving leaver will be Mrs Kurn, who is moving to the shores of Lake Geneva to join her husband for a new life there. Both her teaching and baking will be sorely missed!

On page 3 please see news of the Wellbeing Challenge', our Head of SEN, Mrs O'Reilly, has set up to encourage young people and staff to think about their mental health and well-being.

Enjoy your weekend

John Towers
Headmaster

Early Years Department

It was wonderful to see you all at our parents' evenings last week. I am so glad you were pleased with the reports and can see just how hard your little ones have worked this year.

This week began with our induction morning where we welcomed all our new boys to Homefield. Nursery had a lovely play with their new classmates and it all went very smoothly.

Junior Department

We had a lovely assembly last week taken by 3S on the theme of 'Summertime'. They spoke very confidently and are certainly growing up and ready for their transition into the Senior Department.

On Friday 7th June, Year 1 went on their trip to Hever Castle. This term they have been learning about 'Opposites' and have been looking at things that are old and new. As a result of this they have been researching all about Hever Castle and the Tudors. Despite the rain, it was a super day out and the boys were delighted to spend some time on the exciting adventure playground. We had a private tour of the castle and the boys demonstrated excellent knowledge and asked an array of interesting questions. We were very impressed with the boys' behaviour and attitude during the trip.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many guests to our Open Afternoon on Monday.

The Junior Production of 'Wiz Wham Alakazam'



Our Special Award this week goes to:

Adam in Elephants for making brilliant progress with his confidence when using his loud voice!

Mikael in Elephants for being so kind and helpful towards his friends and teachers

Our Students of the Week are:

Evan in Tigers for his beautiful cursive writing

Zayn in Tigers for always being such a kind and thoughtful boy

Aiden in Monkeys for settling in so well

Aditya in Monkeys for making excellent contributions and ideas for our Minibeasts topic

Homefield Heroes

1H Aaliyan for showing great interest and knowledge during our tour at Hever Castle. Well done, Aaliyan!

1S Aesan for making an excellent effort during the performances of 'Wiz Wham Alakazam'. Well done, Aesan!

2H Rohan for a great effort to contribute to class discussions, **Zinedine** for wonderful narration in the play and **Austin** for a magnificent performance as Chief Wizard.

2S Samuel for a positive attitude to his learning, **Oliver** for wonderful narration and being so reliable in the play and **Krish** for an enthusiastic and well-acted performance.

3H Adrian for his improved focus in the classroom and having increased his awareness of the needs of others and **Jake** for great improvements in his creative writing and increased independence.

3S Yusuf for being a kind and considerate friend and **Aamir** for taking ownership over his learning.

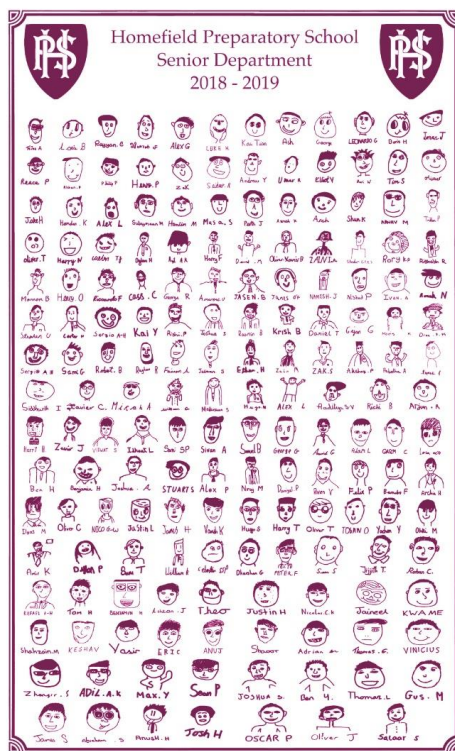
Parents' Association

Plans for the **Family Fun Day** on **Saturday 6th July** are well underway!

Purchase your tickets on Classlist to benefit from the discount price of £8 per child (£10 on the door). All games and inflatables are included in the ticket price!

Volunteers are needed throughout the day to help run the games and sell the food and drinks. Please sign up for a slot with your Class Rep. Also, please contact Lizby on Classlist if you are able to help with First Aid or the barbecue.

Following the success of the tea towel initiative for the younger boys, families with boys in the Senior Department now have the opportunity to buy **Homefield tea towels** with self-portraits of all the Senior boys. Order your tea towels for £4 on Classlist before **Monday 24th June**. A lovely (and useful!) keepsake at the end of the year.



Sport

Under 8s 'A', 'B' and 'C' Cricket fixtures v Willington

U8s 'A'

The U8s 'A' cricket team continue their excellent start to the season with a narrow victory over Willington School. Runs were difficult to achieve, however both teams lost many wickets to make it an exciting game.

Homefield were put into bat and scored 216 with Noah A and Jake D scoring the highest with 17 runs, most of these were from their ability of recognising when to run and how many to make before being run-out.

The Homefield bowling proved to be very consistent throughout with Rayhaan A (2), George B, Ismail S, Magsud A and Jake D all taking valuable wickets to win the game by 10 runs. In the field, Ismail S made a direct hit on the wicket to improve the overall wicket total taken during the match.

U8s 'B'

The 'B' team narrowly lost off the last over of the game with Willington needing 6 runs to win. Homefield posted 260 with Willington scoring 266. Kailan was the Homefield wicket taker with his accurate bowling. Both Freddie J and Vedanth G hit 4s which was encouraging to see.

U8s 'C'

The 'C' team also played well in their very close win by 3 runs. Homefield scored 265 and Willington 263. Krish G batted well scoring a lovely 4. During Homefield's bowling, both Owen P and Malachi D each took one wicket each

Well done to all the boys!

Competition Time!

Emotional health and well-being continues to be a high national priority and has been a key focus within school this year, encouraging each other to make good choices, provide support and develop strategies to self-manage and regulate and not forgetting how to seek help. Externally to school, technology allows us to access a wealth of information and support, and continues to increase for all.

The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust is one example. This charity is running a competition to win a collection of books for the school library as they recognise that many children, young people and adults, find that reading can be really helpful in relation to well-being as sometimes stories help us to identify with the experiences of others, or discover how they relate to our own. Importantly, books are also really good sources of information and young people affirm that they like being able to access books that they can read in private and in their own time.

Over the next two weeks, the boys will be spending time thinking about steps to positive well-being and emotional health for this competition and capturing their work on camera! Look out for the entries on our Facebook page and Twitter feed!



Chess

Another group of Homefield boys took up the challenge and recently played in a local Megafinal at Caterham.

Lewis and Arthav (both U7) and Sulaiman (U8) were brave competitors. Sebastian, Krish (both U8) and Yuchen (U11) did so well, the three of them have qualified for the Gigafinal in July.

Well done to all players and good luck to anyone who takes up their place in the next round.

Sport / continued

Under 8s 'A' and 'B' Cricket fixtures v Kingswood House

The U8s 'A' cricket team continue their great start making it three wins from their three fixtures this season with a convincing victory over Kingswood House School. Again, it was the Homefield bowling that proved to be very consistent throughout with Ismail S (3), George B (3), Magsud A (2) and Rahul all taking valuable wickets to win the game by 84 runs. In the field, both George and Rayhann were quick in the field to dismiss the Kingswood House batsman with direct throws at the wicket. Jake D deserves a special mention after taking a difficult catch in the field. Homefield's reply was swift and urgent, where all the Homefield batsman made a good contribution with their playing partner.

All boys scored double figures with Vedanth and Rahul scoring the highest with 28 runs. In that innings, Rahul hit a massive six, which delighted the watching Homefield parents.

The 'B' team had a deserved winning performance with their bowling being much improved from the Wellington game. The accuracy was very noticeable by all boys. Kailan N was the most consistent bowler taking a wicket during his spell of bowling. During Homefield's innings, the boys were able to hit the moving ball more regularly. The highlight from the Homefield innings were the two six's that were hit with good timing and aggression over the boundary by Tosin A. Well done to all the boys!

Tweet of the Week

Homefield Record Breaker

Abraham S breaks the Homefield Preparatory School Athletics 200 m record.

Homefield Old Boy, Daniel P, has held the school record since 2010 with a time of 25.51s. However, this was broken this week by Abraham who recorded a fastest time of 25.39. He has shown great determination and improving athletic ability with his running and deservedly has his name as the new 200m Athletics Record Holder 2019. Well done from the Sports Department.

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Homefield Prep Sport @HomefieldSp0rt · Jun 3

Abraham in Year 8 has broken our school #200m record! His time of 25.39 is almost two seconds faster than the previous record of 27.20 set in 2008 by Daniel P which stood for 11 years. Well done Abraham! 🏆 #athletics #sprinting



Judo demonstration

4th Dan, Josie Horton, from Young Stars Judo and her assistant, Craig, will be giving a demonstration to Early Years on the 26th June.

Limited vacancies are available in all year groups so if your son would like to try judo, starting with a free trial lesson, please contact Josie Horton on 07889 869 859 or

hortonjo@googlemail.com

Lessons take place on Wednesday afternoons and fees are £80 per term with judo kits available to hire or purchase.

Show-jumper

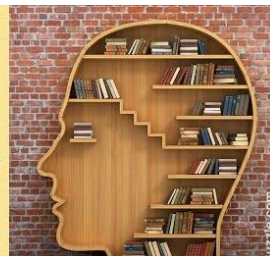
Benjamin (6H) was back on form this weekend after his accident in March - in the ribbons in a big show jumping class, for him and his pony Buena's, first proper outing!



Learning Resources Centre

Just a reminder to boys that the last day to borrow books from the LRC will be the 21st June, with all books to be returned to Mrs Edwards by the 28th June.

The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.
—Albert Einstein



Music Addendum

Sadly, the following achievements were omitted from the last edition of Headlines:

Shun, Year 4:

Winner Violin Grade 2/3 Strings Section at Homefield Music Festival

Andrew Y, Year 4:

Grade 4 Distinction Piano

Highly Commended Piano Grade 4/5 at Homefield Music Festival

Peter Franklin Open Garden


Saturday 29th June from 10am-4pm
72 Burdon Lane, SM2 7BZ

A wide variety of Agapanthus ranging in size, both white and blue, also with variegated foliage and gardening books for sale. Free Giant Fennel seed (see photo of plant below).



House located on crossroads of Burdon Lane and Northey Ave. To avoid congestion, please park locally.

Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens....  

 Stay up to date on sports news via:
<https://twitter.com/HomefieldSp0rt>

The Homefield Art Gallery

Dhilan - 3S, Paris Sunset



10% of the proceeds will be generously donated to The Children's Trust, Tadworth.


The Children's Trust
For children with brain injury