

## Headlines

Autumn Term  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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

ISI inspection report



*Each day, a new discovery ...*

### Letter from the Headmaster

#### Dear Parents

The mild weather this week helped with a pleasing end to the football season for the boys, with some challenging fixtures, home and away. Thanks for lending your sterling support from the sidelines and to the Sports Department for making sure all the boys got a good game. Just when the hard worked school cleaners (they start at 5.00pm every evening) think the place is now safe from mud, we have even worse to come with the rugby season next up!

The Parents' Association ran a lovely Firework's event last week, braving the downpours and yet still delivering. Your kind donations will allow, amongst other things, the Association to provide the School with its first ever '3D laser printer'. I cannot pretend to know how this amazing gear works, however, what I do know is that Mr Leung, Head of Art and Design, has a wish come true, that the boys will have access to leading edge technology and that many other schools will be supremely jealous. I look forward to the boys showing me some design outcomes. Thank you, parents.

In assembly today, as well as saluting weekly award winners across Early Years, Junior, Seniors and three new Prefects (Ozan, Gus and Thomas L), we also celebrated two rather special competitions: Firstly, from the English Department and the 'Shelfie' photo competition, we enjoyed a stunner from James (Yr 4) reading 'War Horse', with his horse! From the staff Mr Siva, Head of Maths, nailed it with some cool reading, in Tanzania, no less, and with real lions providing a dramatic backdrop! We then went on to share the results of the logo competition for our new MySpace Club, a place and time to promote mental and emotional well-being. We had a thoughtful runner up from Xavier in 6H and a really considered and touching winning piece from Kailan in 3H. It has been great to see so many boys coming to talk and share and be supported within a strong community of peers and teachers.

Enjoy your weekend.

**John Towers**  
Headmaster

#### Events for next week

**The rugby season starts next week – all Senior boys must have full kit and a gum shield for lessons and rugby clubs.**

##### Wednesday:

Science Competition, Hoe Bridge School, Woking  
Depart 8.45am Return 12.30pm

##### Thursday:

Open Morning for prospective parents  
9.20 – 11.00am



## Early Years Department

Reception are doing well with their reading and 'Superbird' words. Please can we remind parents to send the book back the following day so we can read with the boys in class. We will be sending reading books home three times a week.

Nativity practises are well underway now and we will shortly be sending words home with the boys that have a speaking part in the play. Please practise these with the boys so they can work towards saying their lines, clearly and loudly, without any prompting.

## Junior Department

Last Friday, Year 1 were treated to a visit from Aurin's mum. She came in to talk to the boys about Diwali and she showed them numerous pictures and explained how Diwali is celebrated. The boys were delighted to use glitter to decorate some intricate Diwali designs. Diwali was also the subject of 2H's assembly on Tuesday. The boys spoke knowledgeably and clearly about this festival that teaches about good overcoming evil and light overcoming darkness.

The Year 3 boys have been enjoying their after school clubs. In Environmental Art Club they have discussed the importance of sustainable and ethical clothing this week. The group had lots of fun using newspaper to design and create outfits for their models. Great work, boys!



## Mathematics News

The Year 5s and 6s, along with several Year 4s, sat the Primary Maths Challenge (PMC) this week. The challenge tested their mathematical know-how through a wide range: questions, puzzles...and some bizarre everyday problems!

Nursery have started learning their first sound this week, 'm'. See if the boys can tell you the sound at home and find things around the house that begin with that sound. They also made a healthy smoothie, the boys enjoyed cutting the fruit then watching it blend together to form a delicious drink.



The boys who attend Monday's Story Time and Games Club have enjoyed listening to Dick King-Smith's, 'Sheep-Pig'. They have finished the story and are now eagerly anticipating another by this brilliant author.



As you will have seen on the calendar, our Junior Department Christmas Concert is being held at 2.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at Trinity Church, Cheam Road, Sutton SM1 1DZ. The boys are very busy learning the songs and we look forward to welcoming parents to this lovely festive event. The boys will be having a Christmas party on the last afternoon of term – more details to follow.

Our Special Award this week goes to:

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**Esa** for excellent number recognition up to 20 during a number hunt.

Our Students of the Week are:  
**Rishi** in Tigers for working so well in a team with the building blocks.

**Peter** in Monkeys for putting his hand up and for excellent contribution in class.

## Homefield Heroes

**1H Aaliyan** for showing a good attitude to his school work.

**1S Kamran** for working really hard and showing great enthusiasm for everything.

**2H Vihaan** for much improved effort to contribute to class discussions.

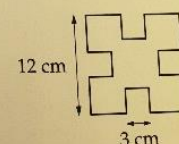
**2S Zeph** for always being polite, considerate and kind.

**3H Rishi and Freddie** for working quickly, accurately and neatly in maths lessons.

**3S Magsud** for being a great role model this week!

Because she has square false teeth, my wife makes square bites (with sides of 3 cm) when she eats toast. What area is left after she takes four bites in a square slice of toast that measures 12 cm × 12 cm?

- A 36 cm<sup>2</sup>      B 108 cm<sup>2</sup>      C 132 cm<sup>2</sup>  
D 140 cm<sup>2</sup>      E 144 cm<sup>2</sup>



## Parents' Association

### Christmas Fair - Friday 7th December 3.45pm-5.45pm

The Christmas Fair is one of our biggest events of the year and preparations are well underway - make sure you remember to book the afternoon off! The boys will be coming home with raffle tickets in their bags today for our **Christmas Raffle** - prizes include a Lego Ninjago Destiny's Bounty and £100 Amazon vouchers. Please help us sell them and return the completed stubs to school with the money.

### Donations

We are always very grateful of the generous donations that we receive to help make this event a success.

## Sport

### Under 8s Football v Aberdour and Ewell Castle

Homefield U8s 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams played in some competitive games against Ewell Castle and Aberdour during this week. The 'A' team had a convincing win over Ewell Castle with Raece (2) Ismail (2) and Tosin all scoring for Homefield.

The boys went two goals up against Aberdour with Raece again scoring two good goals. However, Aberdour scored two goals from long-range shots to level the game at 2-2.

The 'B' team game was evenly matched. Both teams found it difficult to find the opening to create a scoring opportunity and the game finished 0-0.

The 'C' team created numerous chances and won by 3-1 against Ewell Castle. Alex P (2) and Rayhaan A were all on the scoresheet for Homefield.

The 'C' team match against Aberdour ended up with an excellent 4-0 win over Aberdour. Alex P (2), Rayhaan A and a long-range shot from Kavin W, sealed the win for Homefield.

The boys have all shown steady improvement throughout the football term and will next be concentrating on their rugby skills during their sports lessons.

This year we are asking for donations of new gifts for the 'Secret Gift Room', new small toys for the Lucky Dip, and second hand books, toys and uniform. Please bring your donations to school by **Friday 30th November**.

### Tea Towels

The boys from the Early Years and Junior Departments have designed a beautiful tea towel for parents to buy - please order your tea towels online on the Events page of [Classlist.com](https://www.classlist.com) by **Tuesday 20th November**.

### Year 4 Football Fixture

The curtain came down on Year 4's football season on Thursday when Aberdour and Hawthorns schools visited Homefield. Our 'D' team played one extended game against Hawthorns and the two evenly matched sides were separated only by Jonas's goal which the boys enjoyed celebrating! Homefield then survived some heavy pressure, including one 20-second spell that saw Hawthorns hit the post and have five shots blocked, one by Sulaymaan to save his team. Jake made some excellent saves in goal and Saideep showed how much his football skills have improved this year with several successful dribbles forward. Well done 'D' team for your 1-0 win and an unbeaten season!

In the 'C' team's match against Hawthorns, Zak's well-taken goal from Adam's cross looked like it would be enough for a Homefield victory, but Hawthorns managed to equalise so the match finished 1-1. Hamdan, who impressed with his athleticism, then opened the scoring against Aberdour before the opponents levelled, but thankfully, Adam scored the winner in the second half which was his fourth goal in five matches this year; he has really developed his understanding of the game, making him a potent 'C' team striker.

## Focus Fortnight

In Year 5, we have set the boys a new challenge every fortnight and we call the challenge 'Focus Fortnight'. Our emphasis from next week will be to make sure that the boys' minds and bodies are ready for learning each day. We have been talking to the boys in their engineering and technology lessons about the importance of a balanced diet, therefore the 'Focus Fortnight' will be for them to bring in a healthy snack for morning break.

We are also watching and guiding them during lunchtimes, to ensure they have a more balanced lunch (based on the Eatwell plate). We are hoping that this focus will encourage healthy eating at every meal. By helping them start beneficial habits early in life, we hope to reduce potential health risks and increase their chances for longer, more productive lives.

Examples of healthy snacks for morning break can be:

- 100% fruit juice
- Fruit or vegetables
- Popcorn (minimal salt and butter)
- Dried fruit
- Low-fat yogurt
- String cheese
- Pretzels

In addition to this, we would like to encourage the boys to drink more water during the course of the day. Please can you place a pen level (or a sticker) on your son's water bottle to where you think he should drink up to; this is a clear indicator to how much he has drunk in the day. Hopefully, this should reduce headaches and leave them feeling hydrated!

Thank you for your support.  
*Mrs Mach – Head of Year 5*





## Sport / continued ...

Mr Nellthorp has been particularly pleased with the way the 'C' Team have gelled - becoming more familiar with positioning as well as how to attack and defend as a team. Well done 'C' team!

Two much improved performances from the Homefield 'B' team yielded narrow defeats, firstly 0-2 to Hawthorns and then 0-1 to Aberdour. Encouraged by great crowd support, our boys in maroon came very close to scoring but ultimately the opposition defences held firm. Andrew was again very effective and it was brilliant to see Elliot perform so well. The boys have made many noticeable improvements since their first match in September, which team coach Mr Matthews is very happy with. He has been especially impressed with the boys' commitment, determination and effort in matches, particularly when facing strong opposition.

Our 'A' team were 2-0 down to Hawthorns after eight minutes and then Rishan made an outstanding fingertip save which gave Homefield encouragement - a minute later they pulled a goal back when Tim won a free kick on the right hand side which he struck beautifully into the top corner. From that moment, Homefield grew into the game but a breakaway third goal for Hawthorns meant the match finished 1-3. Homefield continued to improve against Aberdour; Alex won lots of tackles in midfield and Zak's positional awareness and Philip's crucial covering interceptions meant that Aberdour could not find a way through. Rayyan and Tim both went close to winning it for Homefield but a draw was a fair result. As with our other teams, the 'A' team have made real strides this term, especially in terms of their positioning, but also their mental approach to matches has been excellent - they have had a tendency to come back from behind which shows great team spirit.

Well done to all Year 4 boys - rugby starts on Monday!

### U10 Football v Chinthurst

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, the U10 'A' and 'B' teams both travelled to Chinthurst for their last games of the football season. The 'A' team began brightly and despite a few injuries and players missing due to illness, they were able to take the lead. A well-worked move from Riccardo to David led to a shot from Rory who drove the ball home into the bottom corner. The second half was dominated by Homefield but despite several chances they were unable to extend their lead until the last four minutes when David finished a one-on-one with the keeper. Moments later William put the game to bed scoring the third goal and finally giving the 'A' team the victory they deserved.

The 'B' team victory was much more clear-cut. The team played extremely well and were constantly in attack. Zain I scored a goal very early on that set the trend. Akshay scored four goals and Sergio scored two and not content, Oliver also scored a magnificent goal! The Chinthurst striker also scored a hat trick to make the game 8-3 to Homefield. A wonderfully entertaining afternoon. Well done, boys.

### U11 Football Round Up

Well done to the Year 6 football teams who were involved in some particularly exciting matches as the football term drew to a close. The results are illustrated below:

#### v Willington

'A' Team 2-1 Win / 'B' Team 4-3 Win / 'C' Team 6-0 Win

#### v Aberdour

'A' Team 1-2 Lost / 'B' Team 1-4 Win / 'C' Team 2-0 Win / 'D' Team 0-0 Draw

#### v Micklefield

'A' Team 1-1 Draw / 'C' Team 0-3 Lost

There was a 'clean sweep' against Willington with all three sides winning. The 'A' team win was a real nail biter, with end-to-end action. Tosan and Riven scored the goals but it was a fantastic team effort with Oliver playing particularly well in defence. Harry H scored a hat trick for the 'B' team with Niraj also contributing a goal. Felix scored another three goals for the 'Cs' in their emphatic victory.

The 'A' team played some super football against Aberdour but could not come back from a 2-1 deficit at half time despite some excellent attacking football in the second half. The 'Bs' were soundly beaten on this occasion despite a consolation goal from Jijith.

The 'Cs' played well to secure a 2-0 victory against Aberdour with Felix continuing his excellent scoring record, whilst Ben also contributed. It was so close in the 'D' squad match that after 40 minutes of football, the teams were still locked in a stalemate at 0-0.

Micklefield were a bit too strong for our 'B' team but the 'As' played another epic encounter against the opposition from Reigate. They were deservedly 1-0 up from an excellent strike from Riven in the first half. They could not, however, hang on to this advantage and were punished in the closing seconds with a long-range strike to even the score at 1-1. It was the tale of the season for the 'A' team, with some excellent football being played at times, but with the boys not quite getting some of the results the team would have liked.



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## Fantasy Football League

### Game Week 12 winners:

League	Most Pts	Team	Manager
Pupils,	66	Lachlan's Lucky Lads	Lachlan R
Parents &	66	Titans	Kwame S
Staff	66	Ham Superstars	Jamie V
Years 7 & 8	66	Titans	Kwame S
Year 6	61	Sam's Super Strikers	Sam S
Year 5	63	Regards to Riccardo	Ric F
Year 4	59	Star Troop	Jake H
Junior	68	Olivier's Army	Olivier D
Parents	63	Lizby's Legends	Lizby Sharpe
	63	Wombles United	Gus H
Staff	56	Thompson Terrors	Mr Thompson

## My Space Competition

I was delighted and very impressed with the number of thoughtful entries to our competition. The staff were invited to vote for their winner and runner up and the results are: Kailan in 3H as the winner and Xavier in 6H as the runner up.

Kailan 3H



Both boys talked to the whole school in assembly this morning about their ideas that are shown in their entries. These images will now be used for posters and other information we produce. Look out for these around school!

Xavier 6H



## Music

### One-Day Brass Music Course in January

The Brass Academy runs outstanding music courses for brass players aged 8 to 18 of Grade 1 to Diploma ability, and 2019 starts with a **One-Day Course on Sunday 6th January**. It provides:

- Expert tuition from their exceptional tutors in small and large ensembles
- Sectional rehearsals, masterclass sessions and tutor demonstrations
- Two hour sports session and fun evening activities for those staying overnight

Full details of all courses are available on the website: [www.brass-academy.co.uk](http://www.brass-academy.co.uk)



## Bollywood Star

Jijith Thukaram of 6S gave a stunning Bollywood dance performance at Trafalgar Square in front of 4000 onlookers during the London Mayor's Diwali on the Square on the 28th October. The performance was telecast on several TV channels and can be watched on the below link.

<https://youtu.be/Avz2MD0Zhzs>

## Chess News

A group of Homefield boys played on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Sandown Racecourse. Results are still coming in but Sheldon, Jeyavel, Prayaan, Idhant, Ben, Tim, Nishad and Yuchen together were placed =2nd as a team. The other scores were as follows:

- 1st (50 points) Tiffin Boys
- 2nd= (48) Homefield, Newland House, St James, Burlington, Hampton Hill
- 7th (46) Sutton Grammar, Meadow
- 9th (45) Donhead

29 teams played in the tournament

Special congratulations to Nishad (14 points out of 15) and Tim (13) points.



## Homefield Art Gallery

Ben H, Year 7 - Monochrome Print



## Open Morning

We are holding our next Open Morning for prospective parents on **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.20am.**

Please do let any friends or relatives you know who may be interested in joining Homefield that they would be very warmly welcomed.

Places can be booked on our guest list via our website:  
<https://bit.ly/2cDcApd>

## Good News

If you have any good news that you would like to share about your son, that you think others in the Homefield community would be pleased to hear about, then please do drop an email with a photograph to:  
[goodnews@homefieldprep.school](mailto:goodnews@homefieldprep.school)

We will aim to share as much as possible on social media to celebrate the successes of our talented boys.

## Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · Nov 12

A few more photos from Friday's fantastic firework display. Many thanks to all those parents who helped to make it such a great success! #Parents'Association #ThankYou



## Superstars

This year, the Superstars Christmas raffle will be in support of a local charity, the Chris Donovan Trust. The Trust supports restorative justice, a different way of tackling crime, focussing on healing the harm that has been caused, rather than just punishment.

Two raffles will be held, one for adults and one for children. Any donations of new or nearly new toys in good condition or unwanted gifts that could be raffled would be most welcome.

Tickets are available from Superstars or the School Office.

## Social Media

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

