

Headlines

Spring Term
17th January 2020

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

ISI inspection report

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Spring Term and the start of our 150th anniversary year. The boys have been largely indifferent to the awful weather. They have been too busy being in the moment and learning.

The rugby season is now underway and, for the Seniors, some really competitive matches. The horizontal rainfall and strong winds, didn't stop our strong play, but did challenge the umbrellas of parents coming to support us, so thank you for that. Also, I suspect the volume of mud may have challenged your washing machines... but all good fun.

Next week sees the boys at Homefield 'finding their brave', and developing their speaking and listening skills as a primary focus of our Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

This focus on mental health is championed nationally by the charity Place2Be, who believe that children should not have to face mental health problems alone. Their website provides useful resources and information. Across the school, we will be engaging in active and exciting lessons to promote the theme of bravery.

Boys will have the opportunity to consider skills needed to face challenges, look at role models, consider how they seek help and from where, as well as put into action how to support their peers. To end the week, on Friday 24th January, boys can participate in our 'Make1Change' fundraiser. On this day, boys will be able to make one change to their school uniform, for example a different shirt, a different tie, donating £1 to Place2Be. This will support the school's message to think about how making one change to your life can have longer term benefits.

As the poet Ralph Waldo Emerson remarked: *“A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is brave for five minutes longer.”*

You can follow our story of the week on our new Wellbeing Twitter feed:
https://twitter.com/wellbeing_hps

Over the holiday, we made a start with our build programme. The boys have been most interested, but also managed themselves well, as we have had to change habits as to where we line up

and play to ensure the builders have a safe compound to work within. The new classroom block to the rear should be done by the summer.

If you would like to keep up with progress, then there is a section on our website which also links to a dedicated Instagram feed from our Builders. We have also commissioned an aerial drone to capture some before, after and during footage... because boys generally love diggers, building things and plans!

Here is the page and you will see the Instagram links and other useful information:

<https://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/about-homefield/school-development>

Finally, many congratulations to Kwame in Year 8 who is to be Head Boy for the duration of the Spring Term.

Have a good weekend,

John Towers
Headmaster



Pre-Prep

At the end of our second week back after our Christmas holidays, I hope you all had a lovely break if we haven't seen you already. The boys have all come back refreshed, although it seemed like a shock to their systems getting back into a routine again! They are now raring to go and full of enthusiasm for this half term's new topic.

We welcome two new boys into Pre Prep this term, Kaan and Yuvaan. They have settled very well and we hope they are enjoying their time at Homefield.

Our topic this half term is 'Transport'. We will be focussing on different modes of transport each week and already the boys seem to be showing excellent knowledge. This week we have focussed on road transport and road safety. The boys have written about their favourite mode of transport and had a circle time on why they like that type of transportation.

Our Special Award go to:

Kaan in Elephants for settling so well and so quickly into Nursery.

Our Students of the Week are:

Yuvi in Tigers for settling into Homefield so well.

Sri in Monkeys for making great progress in his social skills.

Junior Department

It was lovely to see all the boys back after the holiday. The boys have started the term with their usual gusto and they are enjoying all the different activities.

We have five new boys in the Junior Department – in Year 1 Sulaiman, in Year 2 Aarush and Mustafa and in Year 3 Felix and Owais. They have all made a great start to their life at Homefield and the other boys have made them feel very welcome.

In Year 1, in Geography, the boys are enjoying their new topic of 'Weather' and this week they have been learning about the seasons. In History, they are finding out about the Romans and we have been very impressed with their interest and enthusiasm for this work.

Last week, Year 2 created their own Rangoli patterns and this week they are looking at Aboriginal art. For homework last weekend they created wonderful personal timelines.

We have some new officers in Year 3 this term. The Form Captains are Olivier and Arvind, Vice Captains are Noah and Harry and the Student Council Representatives are Alexander and Austin. Congratulations boys! Thanks also to our new monitors - Abdullah, Masood, Nathan, Isaiah, Damon, Matthew, Ethan and Lachlan.

The Year 3 Hindleap Warren information meeting was on Thursday afternoon. Tim from Hindleap Warren talked about the centre and all the different activities the boys will be undertaking. We will be sending home an information sheet and kit list. The final payment for the trip is due on the 28th February.

A date for all Junior Department parents' diaries – we will be holding our Parents' evenings this term on the 11th and 12th March.

Homefield Heroes

1H Jacob for a great start to the term and **Atharv** for an excellent piece of creative writing in English. Well done, boys!

1S Sulaiman for settling in so well to life at Homefield and **Ethan** for his super reading. Well done, boys!

2H Mustafa and **Aarush** for settling in well to their new class and new school and **Benjamin** for super effort in Science and English and always being helpful.

2S Constantine for working conscientiously and having great organisational skills and **Zareef** for attention to detail in his presentation and for always being kind.

3H Sheldon for being an outstanding Form Captain in the Autumn Term and **William** for being an outstanding Vice Captain throughout the Autumn Term.

Ethan for a wonderful score in his weekly times table test. Well done!

3S Arjun and **Krish** for their insightful and thoughtful responses to a mindfulness exercise and **Kaiyan** for showing outstanding resilience in the face of challenges that he initially struggled with.

Primary Maths Challenge

Fourteen boys are through to the challenging bonus round of the Primary Maths Challenge (PMC). This national competition is pitched towards Years 5 and 6. All of the boys who took part should be proud of their efforts and perseverance.

The bonus round will take place on 5th February and the boys through to this next stage have all been informed.



Parents' Association

Happy New Year 2020! We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays.

The total that was raised from the Christmas Fair was £2,300, which is brilliant. Thank you for all your support. All the money will go towards purchasing items for the school. More details will be shared soon.

Thanks to all who attended the recent HA and Class Reps meetings to discuss organising the next events. The next HA meeting is on Friday 28th February at 8.30am.

We will be hosting a Charity Coffee Morning on Friday 31st January in the LRC. We will be raising money for Miss Smith's London Marathon charity, 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'.

The next event is the Senior Department Disco. This is incredibly popular with our boys and the girls from local schools.



Theology, Philosophy and Religion

Philosophical Reading and Inquiry – Akesh 2S

Philosophy Book Review.

Book review by: Akesh

Title: Mr Tiger goes Wild

Author: Peter Brown

Non fiction ☐ Fiction ☒

What is the book about?
It's when a Tiger becomes wild then the rest become wild too.

Write a question for the main character.
Why did Mr Tiger go back to the city?

What themes were in the book? (circle them)
Happiness, Friendship, Questions, Family, Everyday life, Sadness, Anger, Confidence, Bravery, Resilience, Worries, Tolerance, Respect.
Can you think of any others? Surprise

Would you recommend the book? Why?
(Yes) No
Why? It's very interesting because it has a very good story.

Rating: ★★★★★

Book Illustration

Philosophers of the Week:

Rishi 4P

'Can happiness be found?'

Micah 6H

'Does telling the truth make you a good person?'



Science News

Year 8 have been learning about pressure. They had great fun making Alka Seltzer rockets using plastic film canisters, Alka Seltzer tablets (other pain killers are available), and some water. They set them up and watched them explode in the lab. The boys also had a go at making Coke and Mentos fountains. The mints cause a rapid 'nucleation' of carbon dioxide where the dissolved carbon dioxide forms rapidly expanding gas bubbles, which pushes the drink up and out of the bottle with force.

Year 6 have been carrying out practical work using acids and alkalis. They have learnt that they can test whether a substance is acidic, alkaline or neutral using universal indicator. They are all now pH scale experts!

Year 5 took advantage of a brief spell of dry weather to go and investigate friction outside. They placed masses, and 'bunnies', into boxes and used Newton meters to drag the boxes over different surfaces in order to determine which surface creates the most friction. The boys concluded that carpet created the most friction, and this must be why we get carpet burns... ouch!



8S pressure experiment



Year 6 Acids and Alkalis



Year 5 Friction Experiment



Sports News

Under 8s Tag Rugby v Ewell Castle and Reigate St Mary's

This week, the U8s enjoyed their first competitive tag rugby games of the season against Ewell Castle and Reigate St Mary's. The boys all showed excellent speed and the ability to find the gaps and space to score. In the 'A' team match against Reigate St Mary's most of the boys in the team managed to go over the try line which was encouraging. The 'B' team boys also contributed well in a good team performance. The games were very even, an 8 - 8 draw against Reigate St Marys and a narrow loss 3 - 4 to Ewell Castle. The Homefield 'C' team boys also played in two mini games. They had a super win over Ewell Castle and won by the odd try against Reigate St Mary's. Many thanks to the Homefield boys who played for the opposition. This was because they have very few boys in their year group.

Many thanks to the parents who watched and encouraged from the touch-line.

Results:

'A' Team v Reigate St Mary's

Score: Draw 16 - 16

William (4), Nathan (2), Samuel (2), Olivier (3), Alexander H (2), Noah (2), Harry

'B' Team v Reigate St Mary's

Score: Draw 8 - 8

Ewan, Saaketh, Austin, Jamie, Sheldon, Luke, Arthava S

'B' Team v Ewell Castle

Score: Lost 3 - 4

Ewan, Saaketh, Austin, Jamie, Sheldon, Luke Arthava S

'C' Team v Reigate St Mary's

Score: Won 6 - 5

Dev, Masood, Lewis (2), Felix (2), Matthew S (2)

'C' Team v Ewell Castle

Score: Won 12 - 3

Adam Q (3), Musa J (2), Masood (2), Lewis (2), Felix (2), Dev

The boys will have another game of tag rugby against Willington School on Tuesday 28th January at Sutton Cricket Club. Information can be viewed on Firefly.

U13 Rugby

On Monday 13th January, the U13 rugby teams all played their first game of the season against Kingswood House. The first team began with a win in what turned out to be a very close contest.

With several boys unavailable to play, the front row was depleted but the super efforts of Felix, Peter, Kwame, Sam and Jijith allowed Homefield to dominate the scrum and gain more possession. Tom H opened the scoring with a super run jinking his way to the corner but Kingswood House equalised shortly after when their big number 10 smashed through our line. With some super link play from Ollie C and Anuj, Hugo was able to supply a well-timed pass to Kwame who avoided being held up and got the ball down to take Homefield back into the lead. However, Kingswood once again scored after considerable pressure in our 22. Daniyal and Tom H put in some big tackles which led to a misplaced pass from the visitors and Tosan intercepted and ran virtually the length of the field to score.

With just moments on the clock Tom H rounded off a captain's 'player of the match' performance and forced a knock on that ended the game. The victory was Homefield's.

The second team started well with Vincius and Ashton scoring but the Kingswood team proved too strong in the break down which led to many scoring opportunities. George and Samuel passed the ball very well and some good tackling from Archie and Barnaby allowed Vinicius to score again but the visitors eventually won 3-12.

The third team won in emphatic style. Thomas B was the outstanding player on the field and scored with ease using great pace and movement. In the second half, the boys were encouraged to release the ball more and this led to every player in the team scoring a try! They won 20-14.

A huge thank you to Mr Leung for refereeing the fourth team. They played in a very enjoyable tag game and despite many of their team being absent, put in a good team performance. Eric and Keshav scored some super tries and Henry, Lorcan and Zega all contributed with great running. The boys eventually lost but worked tirelessly throughout. A great start to the rugby season boys, well done.

Fantasy Football League

Games Week 17

League	Most Points	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	94	Noice	Chris S
Years 7 & 8	68	Pro Player	Thomas
Year 6	91	Fiery Dragons	Oliver
Year 5	73	Bonson Athletics	Zak
Year 4	81	Shaan's Dudes	Shaan
Junior	80	Jeb the Donought	Adam
Parents	94	Noice	Chris S
Staff	77	Played Cymru	Miss Smith
Alumni	77	MSN Be Back Again	Ismail

Games Week 18

League	Most Points	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	65	Juicestain!!!	Justin
Year 7 & 8	65	Juicestain!!!	Justin
Year 6	55	Rishi Rules	Rishi
Year 5	64	I Am Not GUNNER Win!	Tim
Year 4	52	Legends11	Iiham
Junior	60	Football Strike	Ewan
Parents	69	Salahvation	Yusuf B
Staff	59	Real Madrigal	Mrs Walker
Alumni	52	The Stadium Raiders	James

Games Week 19

League	Most Points	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	95	Samosas & Rolls	M.S Lavan
Year 7 & 8	69	Out of this World!!!	Sam
	69	Nujman	Anuj
Year 6	68	The Wakandians	Nishad
Year 5	67	Leonardo's Leopards	Leonardo
Year 4	77	The Gorillas	George
	77	LFC Fantasy Lads	Kavin
Junior	54	The Pog Show	Nathan
Parents	95	Samosas & Rolls	M.S Lavan
Staff	84	Her Name is RIO	Miss Bruton
Alumni	37	No Spurs	Gabriel

Games Week 20

League	Most Points	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	80	Leonardo's Leopards	Leonardo
Year 7 & 8	67	The Gunning Soldiers	Kwame
	67	Crimson Adaptoids	Arjun
Year 6	67	Crimson Adaptoids	Arjun
Year 5	80	Leonardo's Leopards	Leonardo
Year 4	71	The Gorillas	George
Junior	67	Asteroid Avengers	Akesh
Parents	79	Celtic Caramba FC	Daniel P
Staff	79	Ole Gunnar Get Ya	Mr Hawkins
Alumni	53	No Spurs	Gabriel

Games Week 21

League	Most Points	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	65	VAR Result	K Cabrera
Year 7 & 8	60	Yeet!	Tosan
	60	George's Gobsnackers	George
Year 6	59	Gajan's Lads	Gajan
Year 5	64	Bonson Athletics	Zak
Year 4	62	Sid's Titans	Sid
Junior	64	Elijah5	Elijah
Parents	72	Mo Selecta!	Nick H
Staff	62	Ole Gunnar Get Ya	Mr Hawkins
Alumni	52	The Stadium Raiders	James

Games Week 22

League	Most Points	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	86	Madi's Superstars	Madi
	86	Wild Tigers FC	Luke
Year 7 & 8	75	Justin's Judges	Justin
Year 6	86	Madi's Superstars	Madi
Year 5	76	Mushrooms	Musa
Year 4	86	Wild Tigers FC	Luke
Junior	85	Asteroid Avengers	Akesh
Parents	85	Dynamo Niev	N Rajah
Staff	77	Her Name Is RIO	Miss Bruton
Alumni	61	No Spurs	Gabriel

150th History Competition

In honour of the school's 150th Anniversary this year, the History Department is running a whole school competition to encourage the boys to consider what life in 1870 might have been like. The boys are expected to discuss and research how school life has changed since 1870 and to illustrate and explain what has changed and what may have stayed the same. They may wish to use the school's new website and the Homefield digitised archive material which can be found at:

<https://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/about-homefield/our-history>



There are three categories to the competition:

Pre-Prep – Year 2

An A4 poster of a Homefield boy in 1870 and 2020.

Years 3 – 6

An A3 poster illustrating 'How School Life Has Changed since 1870'.

Years 7 – 8

A written essay of no more than 2 pages on 'How School Life Has Changed since 1870'. This may include quotes, illustrations and list sources.

All entries must include full name and form details. **Deadline for entries is Monday 24th February 2020.**

Book vouchers will be awarded to the winners who will be announced on **Friday 28th February.**



Save the Date...

Homefield Prep is celebrating its 150th anniversary and we will conclude this glorious year with a Grand Ball at Epsom Downs Racecourse on **Saturday, 27th June.**

Please put the date in your diaries. Information on tickets to follow soon...

Club News

Warhammer Club

This week we saw the first gathering of the greatest club Homefield has ever seen, the **Warhammer Club**!

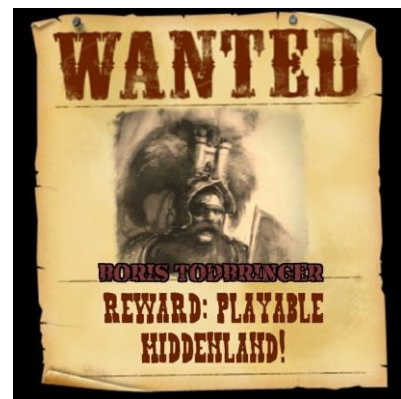
The elite few who chose to take up the sword and step forth into a world of fantasy and strategy found themselves faced with an enormous task. After building their characters, they bravely assembled outside a local crypt, guarded by blue mohican wearing, axe-wielding dwarves, in an attempt to reclaim the precious crystals of power that had been stolen from them.



Their soldiers rushed forth, seeking to overwhelm the defenders with their superior numbers and forged battle armour. At first our heroes' tactic seemed to be working, one by one the dwarven defenders fell to the blades of our champions, reclaiming two of the power crystals in the process. It all looked to be going so well until dwarven reinforcements arrived. Sam's warrior was the first to fall under a flurry of axe strokes from a particularly mean looking dwarven fighter.

Next, Oliver's hero was cut down to size while he tried to defend one of his companions: the battle was starting to turn. Our band of warriors attempted to flee the battlefield protecting the crystals they had snatched but the dwarves were upon them, hewing at their legs while they ran. Finally, at the close of the confrontation, two of the three power crystals were reclaimed and the 'Warriors of Homefield' were proclaimed victorious.

Next week the boys will start to paint their miniatures and dive straight back into another skirmish.



The Homefield Art Gallery

Anuj Year 8 -Red Sky in Dubai



Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · Jan 7

Reception boys were very excited to see the diggers breaking ground this afternoon as our builders began work on our new school redevelopment @Diamond_Build



Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens...

