

Headlines

Summer Term
17th June 2022

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

ISI inspection report December 2021



Year 6 visit to London Zoo

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

We really enjoyed the ‘joie de vivre’ of French Day and thanks so much to all the parents for your ‘magnifique’ efforts with costumes. Another notable highlight was the melodious first rehearsals of the Homefield symphonic orchestra.

To allay any fears on the potential train and tube strikes and consequent school closures reported in the press. Our staff are onto car shares and cabs already, in order to run our ship ‘full sail ahead’ next week! But if you do run a bit late on drop off, then not to worry given the context. Please do ensure you have signed up (for free) to our wraparound childcare service enabling you to book in, at very short notice, with a click of your smartphone. I hope all this will help but do reach out if you need a hand. EnergyKidz: <https://rb.gy/f8kyv3>

Back to more jolly matters and our summer season progresses well. Notable this week was the Year 3 geographical endeavour to Bough Beech Reservoir and Year 7’s study of Classics and History on their successful field trip to Bath.

I take this opportunity to thank, sincerely, the many parents who have helped us this term by volunteering on a variety of field trips.

I do not have space here to bring to your full attention the cornucopia of events you can enjoy through June and July. So please do have a good look at the school calendar, so you can make the most of these celebrations of learning. From Sports Days to theatrical productions, to parent consultation days and evenings, it is all happening. For Year 4 and above we return to the full Prize Day to round the Term off. Please see the ParentMail I sent last Friday with full details

Looking ahead to next year, we have been making a start on ensuring the best staff team is arrayed and in place. We had our new Bursar, Mrs Ngozi Nwaejike start this week. She joins us from Prince’s Garden Prep. We also enjoyed preliminary visits from our new Head of Lower School, Mrs Emma Field, incoming from Latchmere School, and our new Head of Maths, Ms Olivia Nanasi who joins us from Donhead Prep.

We are fully staffed for September, with our leadership team up to full strength. I have also extended our Teaching Assistant team by two, given the outstanding impact these colleagues have on interventions across academics, pastoral matters, and mental health.

Many parents have commented on the fantastic look of the new wing: as you can see it is nearly finished off. There is a bit of groundwork to do on the paving and then we look forward to the new main entrance, administration block, parent meeting rooms and more, all being available for us. Over the end of June and into July we will get straight onto building the new all-weather sports pitch out back. Yes, ‘stop and drop’ will return to the forecourt soon, we just need to remove the temporary prefab ‘Front Office’ first before we can safely resume. I will update you when I can.

Enjoy the weekend.

John Towers
Headmaster

Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

Reception

Reception have had an exciting time this week: we have welcomed butterflies into both classes! They started to emerge from their chrysalises on Wednesday and although the boys didn't see them emerge, they have thoroughly enjoyed watching them fly about their nets before we released them outside. We have focussed lots on the life cycle of a butterfly so ask the boys about the process and they should be able to tell you all about it.

The weather has just been glorious this week and we have been talking a lot about sun safety. The boys' knowledge was impressive, and they could tell us what they should do to keep safe. One boy could even tell us the times of the day when you should avoid being in the sun.

In Literacy, we have been practising how to form our letters in the cursive style to get ready for Year 1! The boys are working really hard with this as it is tricky to learn - keep up the hard work boys!

In Maths, we have been practising 'one more, one less' and addition. The boys are getting very proficient with their Maths work and have great knowledge.

Lower School Year 1 and 2

What a week of fun, smiles, and sunshine we have had! French Day was brilliant with our boys arriving at school in their wonderfully themed clothing, enjoying arts and crafts and STEAM creations.

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**

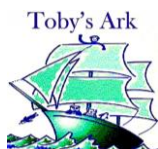
Kindness (Kangaroo award)

1H Yohaán for sharing well the stationery and **Aaron** for thinking of others and including them in playtime.

2H Charles for explaining and helping his peers with tasks and **Raymin** for always offering to help his peers.

2S Misha for being friendly, sociable, and helpful to all his peers in the class and **Yuvi** for being kind, friendly and helpful to all those around him.

Year 1 have been exploring more clay work this week in art and Year 2 have been rehearsing for their production of 'Toby's Ark', demonstrating their thespian skills, learning all their lines, and delivering them with confidence and panache.



Boys in Year 2 have been marvellous, collaborating well with the visiting children from Robin Hood School, participating well in the workshops and art activities hosted here at Homefield.



Last week, the boys in the Lower School were treated to a visit from 'Amazing Animal Encounters' and had the opportunity to meet, at close quarters, an array of animals, insects and reptiles including chinchillas and snakes.

Resilience (Courageous: Koala award)

1H Yohaán for working hard on maths challenges and **Mirsub** for returning to school with confidence.

2H Yahya for maintaining a positive attitude and keeping up levels of resilience and **Charlie** for demonstrating resilience and maintaining a positive attitude when feeling challenged.

2S Anirudh for bravely learning his lines and participating in our production rehearsals and **Euan** for bravely coming up in class to work on some synonyms.

Organisation (Helping Hands award)

1H Roshan for keeping the classroom tidy and **William** for organising the classroom.

2H Yusuf for always offering to help without being asked and **Aun** for always offering to help Miss Rowe and Mrs Harris.

Homefield Heroes

Tigers

Ben for excellent focus and participation in class discussion.

Ari for his growing independence and perseverance in completing maths tasks.

Monkeys

Andrey for working hard on his independent writing.

Philip for having excellent knowledge of our topic.

1H Roshan for excellent discussion in science and **Xander** for excellent effort and improvement with your reading.

2H Jaydon for representing Homefield so wonderfully when we had visitors and **Junxi** for excellent work in Geography when locating UK landmarks on a map.

2S Oliver for being a fantastic participant during the Titanic workshop and **Havi** for applying himself so well when working on patterns in Maths.



2S Jeff for helping his peers during lesson time and **Isaac** for helping Mrs Costain keep her classroom organised.

Presentation (Panther award)

1H Rahul for improved cursive handwriting and **Aldous** for excellent effort with his handwriting.

2H Ved for working hard to maintain neat and cursive handwriting and **Junxi** for always putting in extra effort with presentation and handwriting.

2S Yug for a fantastic mind map on the 'Seven Wonders of the World' and **Isaac** for trying his hardest to present his work and handwriting as neatly as possible.

Trips and Visits

Year 3 visit to Bough Beech

On Monday, the boys had a fabulous day at Bough Beech Water Treatment Works. They were all really interested to learn the process about how water is cleaned ready for us to drink and where they get their water from. The boys were shocked to discover how much water can be wasted due to a dripping tap and learnt lots of tips on how to save precious water resources.

“My favourite part was going under the reservoir.” – Dakarayi 3P

“I learnt that the water tower is mostly under the water... I had a lot of fun.” – Antoine 3H

“I learnt that water goes through lots of processes.” – Jacob 3S

Thank you very much to Mrs Khan and Mrs Ran for helping on the trip - your help was greatly appreciated. Well done Year 3 for your excellent behaviour on the trip - you did the school proud!



Year 6 Visit to London Zoo

The trip to London Zoo was AMAZING! All of Year 6 have been looking forward to this trip for many weeks. When we got there, it was all that I expected and more: open space and animals everywhere you looked. The first enclosure we saw included ‘vulture like’ birds called Northern Bald Ibises. They had black feathers, beautifully flowing up to their neck where the hair spikes out to reveal a hairless face with rather blank eyes.

We then went on to see numerous other animals including giraffes, lions, hunting dogs, monkeys, lemurs, parrots, and several others but the best of all were the Humboldt penguins. The penguins had the most wonderful enclosure. It was open air with a very large pool (1200m² to be precise) and they weren’t scared of us, in fact they were extremely playful. Swimming around and every so often diving down and ‘greeting’ us through the lower windows.

What also caught my attention in the penguin enclosure, was a size representation of the Palaeudyptes Klekowskii, also known as the Colossus penguin. The penguin was 2 and a half metres tall and lived in Antarctica but is now extinct. Interestingly, I had done research on Colossus penguins as part of one of my homework.

The second best was the Tiny Giants room. You could see all the tiny ants, millipedes, crickets, cockroaches, etc. scuttling around and it makes you think about their view of the world. The ants especially were impressive, especially the leafcutter ants which can lift up to 30 times their own body weight! They are extremely hardworking animals for their size.

Ms Smith, gave us additional information and facts about each animal, which made the experience even more interesting and valuable.

We all went home after going to the gift shop, exhausted after a long day of seeing wonderful animals at ZSL London Zoo. *Siddarth 6S*



Information Technology



Please click on the link below to view this week’s resource from National Online Safety *‘The Metaverse’*.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:fb7f9f2d-f761-3d57-b6e4-db6d69a899a6>

A copy of the PDF has also been included within the file section on your son’s computing file.

Treasure Island

After four months of rehearsals, performance week for *Treasure Island* is nearly upon us – the boys have worked incredibly hard to put together this fun-filled show and I know that they are very excited to finally perform before a live audience.

Monday 20th June

Matinee performance to Years 5 and 8 at 2.30pm.

Tuesday 21st June

Matinee performance to Years 3 and 4 at 2.30pm.

Wednesday 22nd June

Matinee performance to parents at 2.30pm. (Doors will open at 2.15pm.)

Thursday 23rd June

Evening show for parents at 6.30pm. (Doors will open at 6.15pm. Boys to stay on site until the performance. Please refer to the letter sent to Year 6 parents at the start of the week for full details).

Thank you to all of the staff, parents and pupils who have made this such an enjoyable, rewarding and entertaining process – I’ve had a lot of fun in my directorial debut, but it is ultimately the enthusiasm, passion and support from the Homefield community which has made this project so very worthwhile.

I’ll see you at the place where x marks the spot...

Captain G



Sports

Year 4 Cricket Fixtures

Year 4 took on Hawthorns School on the 26th May at Sutton Cricket Club.

Homefield's 'C' team fell 13 runs short of Hawthorns score of 35 runs. Highlights were Rudy, Kamran and Aarav all getting wickets bowled, as well as two run outs by good Homefield fielding. When batting, Aarush, Zareef and Rudy (2) all hit fours. On the 'B' team pitch, Homefield scored 36 runs, with Gary hitting the team's only four. Despite some accurate bowling by Reilly, Adam and Shomik, Hawthorns finished on 68 to win by 32 runs. The Hawthorns 'A' team also scored 68 runs - Homefield took four wickets through Darwin and Josh (both bowled), Mikaeel (caught and bowled) and there was also a run out. However, Homefield had set them a target of 47 runs meaning the Hawthorns winning margin was 21 runs. Zohad hit two massive sixes and Mikaeel, Darwin and Ranvir all hit a four but ultimately too many wickets lost and not enough quick singles, proved the difference.

On 9th June, Homefield's Year 4 played their last fixture of the year, against Chinthurst School at Sutton CC. In the 'C' team match, the final result was Chinthurst 127, Homefield 71.

The highlights for Homefield were wickets for Jerry and Ezel, and a great catch by Eric. When batting, Ryan, Enming, Hei, Zareef and Alex W all hit a four. On the 'B' team pitch, it was Chinthurst 66, Homefield 29, as Baden and Thomas C-S hit fours. Kota took a wicket before Aled took two wickets in a brilliant over! For the 'A' team, Oba, Aaliyan, Oliver G (2), Zohad (2) and Mikaeel all hit fours, and there were sixes for Aaliyan and Darwin (2) as Homefield scored 79 runs. Homefield struggled to take wickets as Chinthurst raced to 107, however an incredible over from Hamza gave Homefield hope. He took four wickets (two bowled, two caught and bowled) and only conceded one run meaning his over was worth minus 19 for Chinthurst. Homefield needed just two more wickets to win but some good batting in the last over led Chinthurst to 102, securing them a 23-run victory.

Year 4's fixtures are now complete for the year. It has been a year full of success and challenge on the sports pitch. A huge well done to all boys who have represented the school so well in fixtures!

Pastoral

Homefield Heroes

The following boys receive a special mention this week:

Years 3 and 4

Year 3

3S Veer for his amazing work in Science

Year 4

4S Hanchen for his artwork for his Cubism project

Years 5 and 6

For making a positive start to the half term, filled with enthusiasm for all aspects of school life:

Year 5

5H Deep and Lewis

5P Sachin and Arvind

5S Jonathan RM and Olivier

Year 6

6H Krish and Rishi

6P Karson and Ismail

6S Jeyavel and Denis

Years 7 and 8

For working hard on his Knex build in STEAM and for a polite, calm manner around school: **Tony (7MMC)**

For working hard on his Knex build in STEAM, being extremely diligent and engaged in English and being polite and respectful around school: **Elliot (7MMC)**

For an outstanding attitude and focus during exam week: **Jake (8LC), Ziyad (8CS) and William (8CS)**

IF YOU WERE AN ENGINEER WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Over the half term holiday, we had some fantastic news regarding our finalists (and some of our other entrants) in the London Regional finals of the National Primary Leaders Award competition.

The following boys' entries have been upgraded to Highly Commended:

Reception - Nivaan and Angus

Year 2 - Ryan C

Year 3 - Evan, Michael and Arnav

Year 4 - Jerry

Year 5 - Alex Z and Jayden

Year 6 - Jaston

Year 7 - Hanlin

It is worth noting that the Highly Commended entries, came very close to winning, but ultimately there could only be 2 winners for each year group for London.

Congratulations to the following boys who have won their age category for the London region:

Reception - Charlie "Electric Ice Cream Van"

Year 3 - Maximilian "The Arm Flex"

Year 4 - Yaseen "The Identifier Bin"

Year 5 - Amran "Outside Foam Bag"

Year 6 - Denish "The Moving Bin"

Year 8 - Robert B "The Monoxide Eater"

The winners have been invited to an awards ceremony at Kingston University on the 30th June where they will receive their winner's certificate and a trophy.

Well done to all the boys who took part and thank you to all the STEAM teachers for their inspiration and hard work.

Learning Resources Centre

A reminder that the last day to borrow a book from the LRC is Thursday 23rd June

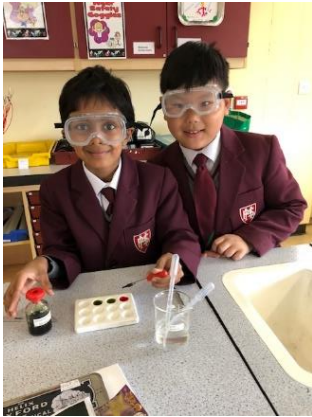
All books are to be returned by Friday 1st July. Many thanks.



Science News

Fun and exciting events have been taking place in science lessons, recently.

Year 3 have been learning about soils and plants and have found out how to use universal indicator to test the pH level of soil samples.



Year 3 testing soil

They have also learnt about the parts of a flower through the dissection of a lily, which they enjoyed doing out in the sunshine! They are currently carrying out a paper helicopter investigation where they are modelling seed dispersal and finding out how the size of a helicopter seed affects the time it takes it to fall.



Year 3 flower dissection

Year 8 have recently carried out an investigation to find out which foods contain the most energy by burning food samples and calculating the temperature rise of the water they heat. They have also been studying cloning and enjoyed using plasticine to model the process used to clone 'Dolly the Sheep' in 1996.



Modelling Cloning Year 8

Year 6 had great fun examining fossils as part of their evolution topic.



Year 6 examining fossils

Year 5 learnt about the construction of pinhole cameras and had the chance to make their own and use them to create images in their cameras.



Year 5 with their pinhole cameras

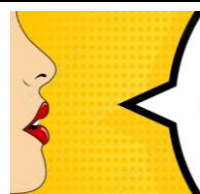
Comic Book Creativity

Creative Comics!

Some of our Year 3 boys have been working incredibly hard, during their free time, to plan, design, write, illustrate, edit, and publish their own comic books!

They are based on already known characters, such as 'Dogman', but with their own little twists and turns. The boys said they enjoyed creating their comics because they like to draw in the graphic comic style, using lines and speech bubbles. They also said it brings out their imaginative side and they are funny to read. It was also noted how it is very inclusive and the same characters, like 'Dogman', are always used as a main character so it has the element of familiarity.

These 'Comic Book Heroes' are incredibly proud of their work and really enjoyed being able to show off their wonderful publications - well done, boys!"



UPCOMING EVENTS!

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.



Homefield Art Gallery

Mustafa, Year 4 - Sun and Moon, Day, and Night



Tweet of the Week

Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · Jun 14

#Year7 had an amazing time in Bath today! #CreatingMemoriesSince1870

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Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens

