

# Headlines

Spring Term  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

ISI inspection report December 2021



Reception and Year 1 visit to Bockitts Farm

## Letter from the Headmaster

### Dear Parents

Head, hand and heart, is a strap line we often use to consider balance in the School. To celebrate with a couple of great recent examples of head and hand coming together, which I know will inspire the boys and hopefully yourselves:

Following their national ‘Primary Engineer Competition’, Kingston University have chosen Jayden’s (Year 6) Electric Hybrid Plane to build into a prototype: *“We are absolutely thrilled for Jayden and the school!”* The finished prototype will be unveiled at the award ceremony at Kingston University on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 5.00pm-6:30pm. The university will welcome Jayden, family, friends, and teachers from the school to join the award ceremony and celebrate this fantastic achievement!

Last week Jimmy (Year 8), wowed his peers and teachers by presenting a replica ancient Greek textile armour he had researched then painstakingly built (with help from his dad). This is a working suit of armour, based on a design from the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC.

It could likely withstand a sword blow, or perhaps an archer from only 20ft away, but I’m not going to test that! During his research, Jimmy consulted with at least two professors of classics, including one in the USA. The making took him three months. During Trivium Club last Friday, Jimmy also provided a superb technical lecture on the matter, all the more amazing to think when Jimmy arrived with us in 2020 he spoke no English, other than ‘hello’. It is so important that a truly generous education gives our students a chance to go so wide and so deep.



On technology we say goodbye and a big thank you to Mrs Mach who is relocating to East Sussex. Our new Head of Computing, Mr Matt Buxton (BA ICT Ed) joins us from the management of Wickham Court Prep and starts after the holiday. Going further afield, Ms Randall returns home to Canada after Easter. Her enthusiasm was such that a gap year in London turned into three happy years with us.

We have appointed two new members of staff, Ms Jessica Lane (BA QTS) and Ms Megan Finch (BA QTS) joining us later in the year.

As we approach the end of term we have excelled on schools of choice. We currently have results coming in, but so far 26 grammar school and 117 offers to top ranked independents with 24 scholarships confirmed, and counting...

Kind regards and enjoy the weekend,

**John Towers**  
Headmaster

## Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

### Visit to Bocketts Farm

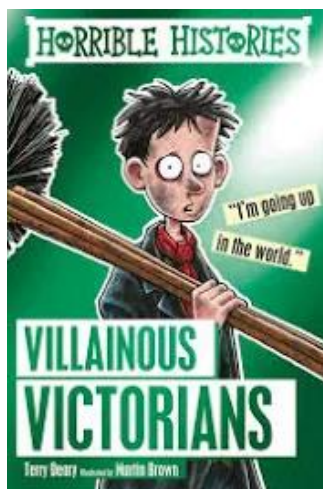
Reception and Year 1 had an adventurous but chilly trip to Bocketts Farm last Friday. We enjoyed our tractor ride up to Norbury Park and saw a range of exciting farm animals such as pigs, geese, goats, and alpacas. After our ride we headed to the barns where we were able to stroke sheep, goats, cows, and pigs. We learnt so much about the lifecycles of animals with our farm leaders. We discovered that the ewes had different coloured markings on their backs depending on how many lambs they were pregnant with or had given birth to. The lambs were leaping about in excitement which was fun to watch! After spending time with the bigger animals, we had a 'small animal encounter experience' with rabbits, guinea pigs and chickens. We got to stroke and feed them.



We concluded our day in the soft play area which was the perfect place to warm up after all that chilly air! Many of the Reception boys enjoyed a refreshing nap on the coach drive back to school. Michael in Reception said, "I liked the sheep because they were nibbling my shirt, I liked it because it was funny!" Tian said, "I felt the sheep, it was soft. It made me happy." Laurie said, "I liked the pig race because I was on the blue team and the blue pig won! The blue pig doesn't normally win!"



In Year 2, we have been learning about the 'Villainous Victorians!' This week, we researched what life was like for a child during Victorian times. Rahul in 2H said, "I couldn't think of anything worse than being a child during Victorian times and having to go to work for 12 hours a day!"



## Homefield Heroes

RH – Roger for brilliant participation on our trip to Bocketts Farm.

RS – Michael for brilliant work on estimation in Maths.

1H – Angus for being a great role model on our school trip.

1S – John for exceptional behaviour on our school trip.

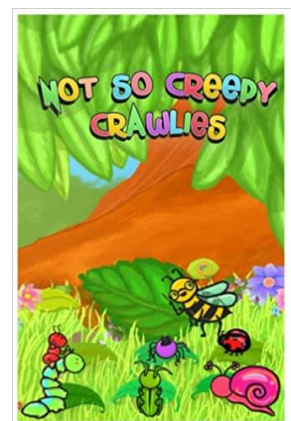
2H – Roshan, for working very hard in maths lessons and adding lots of detail to his work.

2S - Louis for superb presentation of his work in all lessons

In Science, we have been looking at materials that stretch, bend, squash and twist and learning new vocabulary such as 'rigidity' and 'flexibility'. In Geography, we have been learning about tornadoes and tsunamis and the impact they have all over the world! We found this very interesting but shocking at the same time!



We have been practicing hard in rehearsals for our assembly of 'The Not-So-Creepy Crawlies' which we will be performing on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8:40am.



## Pastoral

### Homefield Heroes

#### Years 3 and 4

Two weeks ago, the following boys were commended for their excellent manners towards teachers and friends. These boys are consistently respectful and polite in school and have been awarded a Homefield Hero certificate:

Benji (3H), Kenon (3P), Sebastian (3S)  
Oscar (4H), Sulaiman (4P) and Zain A (4S)

Last week, many boys stood out to teachers for their role-model qualities described below and also received Homefield Hero certificates.

Gianluca (3H) for excellent participation and hard work in History, Misha (3P) for consistent hard work and positive attitude across all subjects and Ved (3S) for always being polite to staff and friends and playing gentle non-contact games.

Eric (4H) for his excellent organisation and consistent effort in all lessons, Michael (4P) for brilliant Maths work and being keen to challenge himself and Daniyal (4S) for fantastic contributions and writing in English.

## Medieval Studies

### Year 5 Medieval Castle Project

This term, the Year 5 boys have been learning about the Medieval period in their history lessons. For their project, the boys designed and created their own Medieval castles. We exhibited these in the performance hall so the boys could see each other's incredible designs.

Thank you to the boys for their outstanding effort, time, and the creativity that they put into this project. Thank you also to the adults that helped to support them create their masterpieces.

#### Years 5 and 6

For a fantastic first two weeks of this half term, being sensible, polite and mature in form times:

6S Arjun

For being a superb role model to others:

5P Shomik

5S Josh and Ranvir

6H Benjamin

6P Jonathan

6S Seyon and Arvind

For confidently delivering excellent year group assemblies in their role as Youth Travel Ambassadors:

5H Aarav

5S Zachary

For being very helpful to others in computing lessons:

6P Alex Z and Arthur W

#### Years 7 and 8

Year 7 Karson for his effort and improvement in French and Henry for his effort and determination in Geography.

Year 8 Sivan for his hard work in Latin, earning him a strong mark for his assessment and Ethan for his insightful responses on our International Women's Day topic.



## Parents' Association

Here are some dates of upcoming events for your diary:

- Wednesday 22nd March - Easter Egg Hunt after school
- Friday 24th March - Discounted Charity Ball ticket offer ends
- Easter Break - Readathon Sponsored Read (more info on Classlist)
- Friday 16th June - Charity Ball at Denbies Wine Estate (more info on Classlist.com)
- Saturday 1st July - 'Save the Date' for the Summer Fair



## Music

Sutton Music Service, of which Arvind (6S) is a member playing the cello, invited his Youth Musicians Training Orchestra (YMTO) to rehearse with the Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall, Southbank, yesterday afternoon.

They rehearsed a piece called 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' by composer Edvard Grieg from 1875. They played to a live audience of school children, teachers, and parents.

It was an amazing opportunity for Arvind and his group from Sutton Music Service to be part of such an occasion.

Links to Sutton Music Service social media pages with a small video recording:  
[Sutton Music Service on Twitter: "YMTO have rehearsed with the @philharmonia and is ready to perform in Orchestra Unwrapped! this afternoon - we are incredibly proud of you all! #makemusicwithus https://t.co/l5OXTORU2f" / Twitter](#)



Arvind – spotted on the far right of the stage, highlighted with the yellow arrow.

## Sport

### Year 4 hockey v Hawthorns

On the 9<sup>th</sup> March, Homefield took on Hawthorns in a hockey fixture. Our 'D' team won 4-1, thanks to goals from Nathan Z, Ethan H and Zain A (2), whilst our 'B' team lost by the same scoreline, Ashton the scorer. Our 'C' team lost 2-0 and the 'A' team drew 1-1: Captain Advik scored the goal. On the day, Hasan and Daniyal played the ball forwards with great skill, and Shivansh and Karsten were committed tacklers. Year 4 now have one final hockey fixture to look forward to, against Kingswood House on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### Year 5 hockey v Cranmore

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, all of the Year 5 boys played in a hockey fixture against Cranmore. Despite very tough opposition, the boys all played extremely well.

The 'A' team were fantastic in defence and having gone one goal down, Adam played-in Oba who scored the equaliser. At half time it was 1-1 and Cranmore were surprised by Homefield's resilience. The game seemed destined to be a draw but Cranmore scored with the last touch of the game!

The 'B' team held on until half time with great defending from Constantine and Ranvir. However, Cranmore scored three quick goals and despite a great chance from Alasdair and Gary hitting the post, the game ended 0-4.

The 'C' team played out a tough game with Brendan having a great game in goal. Aiden and Reilly worked tirelessly but the home team were victorious.

The 'D1' team had a very close game with the whole team pulling together to get a 1-1 draw against strong opposition. Mustafa scored a great goal after a super pass by Yusuf and Ryan defended very well.

At Homefield Prep, our 'D2' and 'D3' teams played against two Cranmore teams. A goal from Jerry and a hat-trick by Ian secured an excellent 4-2 win for our 'D2' team.

Shomik passed the ball forwards well to initiate counter attacks. Enming scored for our 'D3' team who ultimately lost 4-1. Zohad was a key player for Homefield in this match, while Hei made some fine tackles. Justinus was an excellent coach, giving the team encouragement from the side-line.

### Homefield and Seaton House Hockey Festival

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Seaton House girls visited to play in the inaugural Homefield Prep/Seaton House Hockey Festival.

In 6 mixed teams, the pupils played a fun hockey 'round robin' and each team gave 100%. it was wonderful to see the Year 5 Homefield boys showing great teamwork skills and competing with the girls. The eventual winners were the Green team and everyone worked hard and had a fun time.

### Year 5 hockey v RGS, Guildford

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Year 5 held a hockey fixture against RGS prep. The 'A' team played a very close game and captain Darwin showed some super hockey skills. RGS struck first and scored two rapid goals after weaving through our defence. However, Homefield battled back when Josh and Darwin scored to make it 2-2 at half time. In the second half, RGS again took the lead, but with 6 minutes to go, Sarvesh equalised. RGS were quick to respond and succeeded in scoring two further goals in the dying minutes of the game.

The 'B' team were fantastic. Constantine and Gary tackled everything that moved, and Brendan played well in goal. Hanchen scored a well worked goal after a smart pass from Eric. The 'player of the match' was Akesh who scored three goals giving Homefield a 4-1 win.

The 'C' team travelled away and lost narrowly 3-2. Great play from Thomas led to a goal for Oscar and Rudy succeeded in scoring a well-considered goal.

The 'D' team played a hard-fought match but lost 4-1. Harry scored a super goal and Yaseen defended with skill.

Well done to all the boys who played.

Homefield Prep Sport @HomefieldSp0rt · Mar 15  
Our Year 5 pupils have really enjoyed their hockey fixtures against @westongreensch, @CranmoreSchool and @RGSprep this half term! 🏒  
#HPSfixtures



### Skiing Challenge

During half term, I took my Gold level assessment for skiing after taking lessons with ESF (Ecole du Ski Francais) for 8 years. I had to complete a timed giant slalom which was quite challenging since there was lots of ice on the steep slope. Only two of the seven people that took the course that week passed, and I was the youngest. Now I have my Gold Medal, I can attend the competition course next year.

Olivier Year 6

### Badminton

Arjun Saxena (6P) Homefield's avid badminton player, recently participated in the Surrey Schools and Youth Badminton tournament for the under 12 category. He won all 5 rounds and won the gold medal/first place with his badminton doubles partner.

## Science

A busy time in Science recently; 'Mother Nature Science' provided a workshop last week for all boys in Years 2- 6, where they enjoyed investigating pneumatic systems, then applying their knowledge to make pneumatic models, ranging from birds flying through clouds to pneumatic driven football games.



Year 3 students from Robin Hood School have enjoyed visiting the labs this week to investigate the permeability of different soils. They have had the opportunity to use a range of equipment to carry out experiments to investigate scientific questions.

Boys in Year 3 are currently learning about rocks and have carried out an investigation where they used the properties of different types of rocks to identify 'mystery' rock samples. They also had the opportunity to make their own fossils using shells, plasticine, and plaster of Paris. Their artistic skills came to the fore and the boys took their fossils home, many keen to paint them.



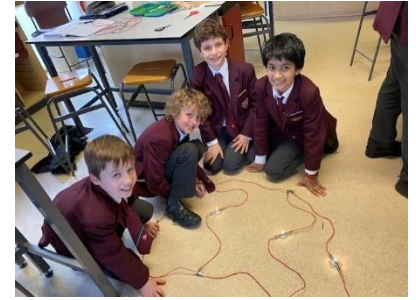
*Year 3 fossil making*

Year 5 conducted an investigation into different fuel types where they used fuel burners containing different fuels to heat water and identify which gave off the most heat energy. Perhaps they can make some suggestions to help with the current fuel crisis!



*Year 5 fuel burners*

Year 6 are busy studying electricity and have been building series and parallel circuits, measuring the current and voltage in these.



*Year 6 electricity*

Year 7 had fun modelling sound waves with a super long slinky. They have also been learning about separating techniques and took on the challenge of using distillation to separate pure water from inky water. They understand how this is used in industry for producing perfumes and spirits.



*Year 7 distillation*

Year 8 enjoyed seeing whose hair stood up the most with the static electricity produced by a balloon in a lesson on energy!



*Year 8 static electricity*

## Tweet of the Week



**Homefield Prep School** @HomefieldSchool · Mar 10  
Our Travel Ambassadors, Oba and Aarav, delivered a fantastic assembly to the Lower school about the 'Big Walk and Wheel' challenge to inspire and empower the boys (and teachers!) to get on two wheels in order to make the daily trek to school! #cycling #scooting



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Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens ...



## STOP PRESS

Donations to 'Comic Relief' for the sale of Red Noses currently stands at £405.00



## Homefield Art Gallery

Year 4 - Linear pattern in laser – a cumulation of Year 4 pattern work, laser cut onto paper.

