

Headlines

Autumn Term
18th November 2022

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

ISI inspection report December 2021



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Much success to celebrate. Firstly, we enjoyed the welcome return to the fireworks and refreshments evening organised so kindly by the Homefield Parents’ Association for friends and neighbours alike. A great turnout and lovely to support charities, raising funds for the Tadworth Children’s Trust and for the School. Thank you for your support. Especially to all the parents that spent many hours cooking and preparing the stalls.

In sport, this season, we’ve made a real accent in the football league. Our U11 team passed through to the semi-final of the Surrey Plate with some panache and a 3-0 victory over Barrow Hill on Monday. As we go to press, the boys compete in the finals against Shrewsbury House. Whatever the outcome, I know they really appreciated all the parental support.

To touch again on our ‘wrap-around’ care for parents. Orchard Childcare, our new provider, are keen on doing more for you and you will receive an email on Monday to ascertain your appetite for running breakfast club a bit earlier, from 7.15am in the morning (at no extra cost!)... a boon for those of you back to working in the office? Also, a couple of other benefits to remind you of. Firstly, you can book ad hoc sessions with Orchard Childcare. Secondly, do register anyway! By doing so Orchard Childcare will provide no-notice childcare, should you be unavoidably late to collect your child. I note a growing list of parents who are subject to late collection fees for children (£25 for the first 10 minutes and £50 thereafter), so do register with

Orchard Childcare as their cover comes at a fraction of this cost. Peace of mind!

Click here to find out how to register with Orchard Childcare now: <https://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/school-life/orchardchildcare>

Have a great weekend,

John Towers
Headmaster

Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

Reception

In Reception, we started a new text called 'Peace at Last'. The boys really enjoyed joining in with the repetitive language from Mr Bear and making the sounds to match the pictures. It was funny to see all the ridiculous places Mr Bear tried to fall asleep!



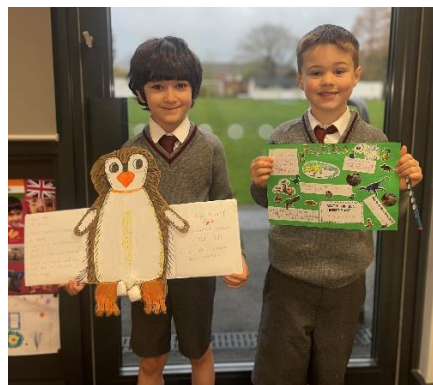
Our phonics this week has been a focus on recapping the ch, th, nk, ng and qu digraphs with an emphasis on reading these digraphs in words. We have been working hard on blending skills and we're becoming much better at it! In Maths, we learnt how to put familiar sequences in order. We shared the activities that we do in the morning and evening and used language such as 'first', 'next', 'then' and 'last' to sequence the events. We also enjoyed the autumn 'tuff tray' where we had to use the tweezers to carefully remove the objects such as leaves and conkers. It was very tempting just to use our hands!



We've had a few requests about the Christmas show outfits. We will send out a reminder, but please send your son to school wearing their Christmas outfit and have their uniform in a spare bag. We will help them get changed after the show.

In Year 1, the boys have continued with the popular text 'Supertato'. This week, they have had a focus on sequencing the story. We also looked at how to use capital letters and full stops correctly when writing sentences. In maths, we have continued with our calculation topic and are learning how to subtract. In science, we have been looking at different ways to classify animals and learnt about different groups such as mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles. In art, we have designed and made a Diya pot using clay. We're also going to decorate them in the art room!

Charlie and Ryan (1H) put an enormous amount of effort into their homework researching and creating a poster about an animal from one of the animal groups.



This week in Year 2, we have finished our topic of addition and subtraction in maths. We have been working really hard on solving reasoning and problem-solving questions. We have continued to look at the features of a diary entry in English and even wrote the introduction of one. In geography, we researched extensively about Brazil, South America's largest country. In history, we continued with our learning on Travel and Transport focusing on cars and ships and used timelines to help us. In science, we investigated micro habitats and discussed the different animals that might live in these. The boys have continued to practice for their Christmas assembly, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to see the boys perform.

Homefield Heroes

- RH Dylan for beautiful artwork using autumn leaves.
- RH Ishaan for excellent effort in all phonics sessions.
- RS Tian for excellent effort in expanding his use of English.
- RS Michael for enthusiasm in phonics.
- 1H Andrey for excellent participation in geography.
- 1H Angus for an incredible effort writing in cursive handwriting.
- 1S Evan for his positive attitude towards learning and always working so hard.
- 1S Ben for his hard work in all subjects this week.
- 2H Aarya for trying his best in all of his lessons and being more confident.
- 2H Elijah for always being so positive and improving a lot with his work.
- 2S Ian for working hard to apply himself in lessons across the entire week.
- 2S Aaron for fantastic effort in his phonics group.

Save the Date

Parents' Association – Christmas Fair

We are delighted to invite all pupils and their families to the Christmas Fair on Tuesday 6th December from 4.00 - 6.30pm. There will be Christmas shopping, games, festive food and arts and crafts. Please save the date!

We are accepting donations of children's toys and books in great condition. We are also looking for volunteers to help at the event. Volunteers can contact the Homefield Association via [Classlist.com](https://www.classlist.com).



Pastoral

Years 3 and 4

A very warm welcome to Avy who joined 4P this week and is settling in very well.

Topics that have been covered in the Year 3 and 4 assemblies in the last 3 weeks have included the meaning of resilience, how to be respectful and courteous, as well as "what is a bully?".

The following boys have impressed their teachers with their determination to stay positive and resilient in the face of a challenge: Charlie M, Henry C and Sebastian D in Year 3, Oscar W, James K and Nathan Z in Year 4.

I would also like to acknowledge the following boys for their outstanding manners and exceptional regard for others: Ralph, Hussain A and Yuvi P in Year 3, Zain A, Veer H and Zain I in Year 4. Well done on your Homefield Hero certificates!

Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying diving into Shakespearean literature this half term. Here, 4S is acting out the monologue 'All The World's a Stage'.



Competitions

Gifted and Talented Competition

Well done to everyone who entered our Homefield 'Gifted and Talented' Bonfire competition!

Our winners were:

- 1st place - Freddie in RH with his 'Firework Salad' recipe
- 2nd place - Christopher T in 3H, who composed his own firework music
- 3rd place - Kane in 6P with his poem, 'The Sea of Flames'

Please keep a look out for our Christmas competition, which will be on the Homefield 'Gifted and Talented' Teams tile.

Years 5 and 6

The following boys are to be congratulated on being awarded the accolade of Homefield Heroes:

For an excellent start to the new half term, particularly showing independence around school: Oliver and Kamran (5H), Ryan and Reilly (5P), Yusuf and Oliver (5S), Keller, Aden and Matthew (6H), Alexander and Cedric (6P), Samuel and Abdullah (6S).

Years 7 and 8

Well done to the following boys who have been nominated as Homefield Heroes:

7MMC Denis for his commitment to the librarian role, Ayaan for his Science work and Oscar for his excellent efforts.

8CS Ayaan for exemplary work in science and Ethan for his work in IT and for helping others.



'Firework Salad'

Music

Boys have been working hard (and having lots of fun!) preparing for their upcoming Christmas performances. All music pieces that need to be rehearsed have been uploaded to the relevant TEAMS tiles.

The other performance opportunities for boys until February 2023 are as follows:

Date	Year Group
23 rd November	Christmas Assembly: Years 1 & 2 8.40 – 9.00am Performance Hall
29 th November	Christmas Assembly: Reception 8.40 – 9.00am Performance Hall
30 th November	Christmas Assembly: Year 3 8.40 – 9.00am Performance Hall
1 st December	Christmas Concert: Years 4 – 8 Trinity Church, Cheam Sutton SM1 1DZ at 6.30pm
Year Group Assemblies: 2023	
12 th January	Year 8 8.40 – 9.00am Performance Hall
19 th January	Year 7 8.40 – 9.00am Performance Hall
26 th January	Year 4 8.40 – 9.00am Performance Hall
2 nd February	Year 3 8.40 – 9.00am Performance Hall
9 th February	Year 6 8.40 – 9.00am Performance Hall
23 rd February	Year 5 8.40 – 9.00am Performance Hall

To be reasonable and fair to all, we are limiting attendance to a maximum of 2 parents/guardians per pupil at our in-house assemblies and we look forward to welcoming you into school on your child's respective day.

Sport

U13 Football Fixture

On Monday 14th November, our Year 7 and 8 pupils played their last football fixture of the season away at Cumnor House School. It was an exciting afternoon of football, with team spirit in abundance.

It was great to see our pupils applying the skills they had learnt this term so successfully in the matches. There were lots of goals, and brilliant individual and team performances.

Well done to Humzah for his excellent coaching and organisation of the 2nd team, and to our goal scorers Jimmy, Kaichi, Karson (2), Sivan (2), Nsama (4), Ayaan (2), Henry P (3), Adam (3), Rayhaan, Oscar, Kavin, Petro (2), Ethan (3) and Elliot (3).



U13 'A' team

Surrey Plate Cup

On Monday 14th November, Homefield U11 took on Barrow Hill in the Surrey Plate Cup semi-final. The game was played with great intensity! Homefield soon gained a 1-0 lead with a goal from Olivier putting us ahead as we went into the half time break.

The second half started with Homefield on the front foot. Jaysen scored a spectacular goal, elevating the score to 2-0. With 10 minutes to go, Barrow Hill came close to scoring but a magnificent save from Charlie gave Olivier the opportunity to dribble around the Barrow Hill defenders and score to close the game at 3-0. Homefield now move forward to the Surrey Cup Plate final at Charterhouse on Friday against Shrewsbury House...

Final congratulations to, Alexander, Charlie, Jaysen Nathan, Noah, Olivier and William who will have a great day on Friday.



Year 4 Fixture v Hawthorns

On Thursday 10th November, all Year 4 boys took part in a thrilling fixture against Hawthorns School. Despite being behind twice in the match, the Homefield 'A' team turned it around to win 3-2. Yusuf got the first equaliser, then Elijah the second after great play by Jai down the right-hand side. Haran won the game with an incredible half-volley into the top corner of the net in the last minute! Well done Ted and Jai in Year 3 who fitted in very well against players a year older than them.

Our 'B' team also secured a narrow victory after being 1-0 down. Aran equalised before Dyllon's winner which was met with great celebrations from his teammates. 'Man of the Match' was Aiden L for his excellent passing.

Our 'C' team also had a very close game but lost 0-2 despite Zacharia's 'Man of the Match' performance. Huge well done to Year 4 for their enthusiasm and endeavour in these matches!

Year 4 rounded off their football season with an entertaining fixture at home to Kingswood House School on 17th November. Our A, B and C teams all achieved victories as the boys successfully applied the skills they have learnt in lessons this term. Theodore, Zane S and Zayn K showed brilliant sportsmanship during the 'C' team match, and Nathan revealed he has made huge improvements with his performance for the 'A' team. Sulaiman was combative in midfield, while Vincent and Eric made some important saves in goal. Our goal scorers on the day were Zayn K (2), Antoine (4), Aidan L (2), Dakarayi (3), Dyllon (3), Faiz (2), Evan, Rowan, Yusuf (2), Jai and Ted (2). Well done to all boys! The next Year 4 fixture will be rugby in the spring term.

Charities

Children in Need

In our whole school assembly this morning, we discussed the work done by the 'Children in Need' charity. We welcome the boys to come into school on Monday 21st November for a non-uniform day, supporting the charity with a £1 contribution.



Tweet of the Week



Parking

We understand that Welcome Gym will be imposing parking restrictions on parents using their car park facilities at the beginning and end of the school day. NCP are to be engaged to operate warden patrols who will issue fines to those parked who are not members of either Sutton Cricket Club or the gym.

We operate our 'stop and drop' system at the start of the day where our Estates staff will assist your son to disembark your vehicle and see him safely into the school. If you would like to drop your son earlier, then please register with our wrap around care provider, Orchard, who currently provide a breakfast club from 7.30am.

Homefield Art Gallery

Artwork by Andrew, Y8 - Shanghai Lines



Parent Seminar



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

SUPPORTING YOUR TEEN WITH EXAM STRESS!

The lead up to exams are stressful for those taking the exams but also those around them. This webinar aims to improve parents' understanding, and explore different ways to support exam stress and anxiety. This includes thinking about approaches and ways to support mental health, wellbeing, and promote balance and successful performance during the exam and assignment period.

When: Monday 21st November 2022 1.30-3.00 pm

Where: Virtually (Microsoft Teams). If you would like to join us for this webinar, Please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-your-teen-with-exam-stress-tickets-465590251977>



Or scan this QR code to take you to the registration page!

Please email wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk if you need any further guidance.

This webinar is free to join and may be helpful for families with children who are currently revising for and sitting examinations.

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