

# Headlines

Summer Term  
19<sup>th</sup> June 2020



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

ISI inspection report

## Letter from the Headmaster

### Dear Parents,

It was pleasing to see national coverage of our work in the trade press, with Private Schools Magazine giving us front cover in their summer edition and a leading article on the quality of our teaching and learning around Theology, Philosophy and Religion. Thanks to Mrs Burgess for leading out on this and to the boys for such considerate work over the last year. I hope more schools will follow our example to bring a bit more depth of thinking and discussion to a world that really needs reflective and considerate thinkers. If you have interest, you can see the whole article here: <https://www.ps-magazine.co.uk/imag/pssummer20/>

Elsewhere, we have been catching up on the big build. Parents will not have been able to see much from Western Road, but the roof, walls and first fittings are up on the new wing to the rear of the School. The views from the new classroom spaces are just fantastic and I cannot wait for the boys to move in during the Autumn Term, a real game changer for the quality of our overall estates. During the holidays, whilst things are quiet, we will be enabling works coming through the front of the building in anticipation of the next phase.

We have an area of the website that we update regularly and you can see it here:

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

You will now have seen the ParentMail heralding the return of all classes to spend some time in School before the holidays. You have been extraordinarily diligent in supporting our rigorous safety procedures and organisation. Thank you very much for that. We need to keep up with that for now. Please remember your staggered time slot, to avoid any crowding and do remember to send your boys in with the basics only. There is a staggered start for all year groups next week, all a bit complicated but it does work, so please bear with us.

Sunny weather ahead next week, so please send your boy in with his cap and sun cream.

Enjoy your weekend,

**John Towers**  
Headmaster

### Next week's Schedule

#### Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 2: start time 9.10am, finish time 3.35pm  
Year 5\*: start time 8.40am, finish time 3.45pm

#### Thursdays and Fridays

Year 3: start time 9.10am, finish time 3.35pm  
Year 4\*: start time 8.40am, finish time 3.45pm  
\*(Note: these larger year groups will be split into 4 small bubble groups and we will add a further slight stagger on start/end times here after day 1)

#### Start

8.30am	Key Worker/Year 7 (Hall Door)
8.40am	6A & 6B (Hall Door)
8.45am	5A & 5B/4A & 4B (Hall Door)
8.50am	6C & 6D (Hall Door)
8.55am	5C/4C & 4D (Hall Door)
9.00am	1H (Hall Door) 1S (Pre Prep Door)
9.10am	Year 2/3A & 3B (Hall Door)
9.10am	Year 2/3C & 3D (Hall Door)
9.20am	Reception/Nursery (Pre Prep Door)

#### Finish

3.00pm	Nursery
3.15pm	Reception
3.30pm	Year 1
3.35pm	Year 2/3
3.45pm	5A & 5B/4A & 4B
3.50pm	5C /4C & 4D
3.55pm	6A & 6B
4.00pm	6C & 6D
4.10pm	Key Workers / Year 7

## Pre Prep Department

We have had another very productive week here at school, the boys are producing so much work in their own 'bubbles' and seem to be enjoying having their own spaces/resources and toys to play with. They have been so grown up and are dealing well with the changes at school. Thank you so much to Mr Smith who took Reception boys for a PE lesson on Wednesday: the boys thoroughly enjoyed it and they just managed to miss the rain!

In class, we have been focussing on subtraction and practising our cursive writing. We have also been taking advantage of the field and the boys have made clay nature monsters and ant adventure parks using natural materials found outside.

In Nursery, the boys have been practising writing their names and counting and recognising numbers up to 20. They have also been out to the field this week to explore and make nature pictures, which looked beautiful! Well done, boys.

We wish all the Daddies a Happy Father's Day for Sunday and we hope you enjoy your special day.



## Junior Department

### Year 1

It has been fantastic having the Year 1 boys in school. They have settled back well and are working very hard and enjoying all the activities. A highlight for the boys seems to be having packed lunches outside and having their own pencil cases - very grown up!!!

Here are some sentences that the boys wrote on their return to school:

*'I am happy to be back at school because I can see my friends. I like to be back at school because I can see the building works.'* Rishi

*'I am excited about learning new lessons. I enjoy running around on the field.'* Shivansh

*'I like playing with my friends and I like to be in the classroom.'* Aditya

*'I am happy at school everything is fine.'* Aran

*'I am happy to be back at school because I am happy playing 'What's the Time Mr Wolf? I love school because I have lots of fun.'* Arjun

### Year 2

Online Form time on Monday was full of boys thrilled with the good news of their imminent return to school. We are so pleased about it too and cannot wait to see our boys next Monday.

The 'No Screen Day Project' provided the boys with opportunities to be inventive, creative and imaginative and they

embraced the challenge and developed skills across a wide range of activities. We were impressed and delighted by their efforts.

In 2H, there was a wide variety of imaginative project creations including Lego constructions, thoughtful drawings to thank our NHS heroes and some very exciting board games. Some of the boys became bookworms and built some brilliant reading dens where they could snuggle up and enjoy some stories.

In 2S several boys invented board games, with well thought out themes and interesting rewards and penalties in the rules. There were puppets inspired by our recent lesson on Winnie the Pooh, an amazing rap which covered our entire Year 2 History curriculum, baking projects, Lego models – one of which incorporated a whole cityscape, quizzes, junk modelling, a volcano, battery controlled robots and jeeps to name but a few. Each boy did a short explanation about his project and enjoyed receiving praise and feedback from his classmates.

### Year 3

The Year 3 boys took full advantage of the 'No Screen Days' and were busier than ever doing amazing things with their families or on their own.

### Our Special Award in Nursery goes to:

**Mikael in Elephants** for excellent number work - counting and identifying numerals to 20.

### Our Students of the Week are:

**Henry in Monkeys** for always being so happy and lifting everyone's spirits.

**Jai in Tigers** for working so hard and having such resilience.

## Homefield Heroes

**1H Jacob** for great contributions to all lessons. Well done, Jacob!

**1S Sulaiman** for his super work and for being such a reliable member of 1S. Well done, Sulaiman!

**2H Aarush** for working very hard and showing such an improvement in his reading fluency.

**2S Joshua** for creating and performing an amazing History rap.

**3H Lachlan and Charlie** for excellent presentations of their 'Non-Screen Days'.

**3S Krish** for making outstanding progress with his handwriting, and **Lewis and Alexander** for helping to design the workout in PE.

On Friday afternoon, we had an extended Form Time where nearly every boy gave a prepared 5-minute talk about his time off! This included some stunning videos with professional standard talk-overs, and PowerPoint presentations, some of which were very slick with sweeping curtains and images swooshing in from the stage left and right. All of the boys had been active and creative and most importantly, had fun. The list of what they got up to is endless, but a number of highlights were: baking (and consuming) cakes, painting and drawing, writing splendid pieces of poetry, den building and reading, playing with pets, creating Lego theme parks, building screen-less Angry Birds catapults, writing diaries and journals, going on nature walks, and driving a remote controlled 4x4 car around a hair-raising obstacle course. Dramatic stuff indeed.

We were so impressed with the boys and the effort they put into being productive away from a screen! All of the boys said that they enjoyed the 'no screen' time and loved getting to be creative at home.

## Senior Department

### Special Mentions

#### Year 4

Liham (4H), Rayhaan (4P) and Owen (4S) for superb effort and enthusiasm with their non-screen project presentations.

#### Year 5

Staff were particularly impressed with all of Year 5 this week for challenging themselves, being creative and having a positive attitude to their off-screen tasks. In particular, they would like to mention:

**5H:** Rayyan for independently following instructions and building a robotic car, Musa for following a Jamie Oliver recipe and cooking for his family, Henry for opening up 'Henry's Café' for two lunchtimes, Hari for learning how to make different origami creations, Jake for writing a story-inspired by Minecraft, Jonas for his four Picasso inspired drawings and Louie for perseverance and progress in English and Maths.



Rayyan built a self-driving car, he had never done anything like this before and found it really challenging.



**5S:** Tejas wrote a good speech identifying the advantages and disadvantages of lockdown, Alex G who gave a lovely live performance of a new piece learnt on the guitar, Luke for his Little Red Riding Hood Hoodlum story, Philip learnt the Pink Panther theme tune on his saxophone (which is a grade/two grades above what he is currently working at) and Hanlin who raised some pertinent points in a speech about the environmental impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### Year 6

David M, Riccardo and Carter for engaging fully in their English lessons this week, Rishab, Haris, Sami G, Raghav and Namish for their creative and imaginative presentations about personal qualities in our transition session this week, Zain for his high levels of industry and relentless drive to complete all tasks and challenges set, Rishabh for his tenacity and drive in completing all tasks and challenges, David for his dedication, enthusiasm and positivity in Maths lessons and Gajan for always giving 100% in every task, regardless of size or complexity.

#### Year 7

Thomas B and Sebastian for their continued effort and contributions in Maths.

#### Year 8

Our Year 8s have been working on an 'Apprentice Challenge' project.

The first week's task was to design a new breakfast cereal. The boys have had to undertake research, work collaboratively, develop products and marketing materials and prepare resources for a big showcase of their ideas at the end of term.

Final pitches and presentations will be judged but, in the meantime, each team is ranked weekly.

Last week Team BJT deserved the top place. A combination of effective leadership from Project Manager Ben and brilliant execution of the brief by the whole team led them to victory. Well done Team BJT: Ben, Tom H and Jaineel.

This week, it was Tom and Nicolas' turn to be Project Managers. They were set the task of designing and building a new UK wildlife park. Tom's team have embarked on the design of a safari park and Nicolas' team have worked on the creation of a marine aquarium.

Rafael, Vinicius, Kwame, Tom H and Nicolas deserve a mention for great collaborative work in this week's project task.



*Chef Musa*

Henry opened his own snack bar for two days from 1.00pm – 3.00pm. He baked a chocolate cake, cupcakes that were in the colours of traffic lights, cooked scrambled egg and salmon bagels and a cheese toasty for his baby sister. He made his own menu and really enjoyed serving his family.

## Wellbeing

### Kindness Competition Winner and Wellbeing Commendation

All boys were invited to participate in a Kindness Competition. Thank you to all those who submitted some work - it was tricky to decide a winner when there were so many wonderful ideas and a real variation in the presentation. Our competition focused on kindness, certainly something that we have seen amongst our community during this unprecedented time. We are pleased to announce that the winner of this competition is Akshay (Year 6) with a special commendation for his wellbeing work going to Reece (Year 5). Mrs O'Reilly has put together a video gallery of some of the entries received that you can view on social media.

### Year 6 Work

For part of our PSHE and Transition Programme, our Year 6 boys were challenged to creating an imaginative presentation to share their personal qualities. The work produced ranged from mind maps, to songs and raps as well as posters.

Here is a snippet of Henry's Poem:

*I guess I'm nice and my heart isn't made of ice.  
I'm not really shy, I keep my head held high.*

*I worry about my test, but I always try my best.  
I am a trustworthy guy and I don't tend to lie.*

**TRANSITIONING BACK TO SCHOOL  
AFTER LOCKDOWN:  
MANAGING CHILDREN'S  
WORRIES**

*Online Parent Workshop*

Are you struggling with ways to manage your child's worries about returning to school?  
Have they just returned to school and are finding it difficult?

Would you like some tips and strategies to help you support your child?

**IF YES, PLEASE JOIN US!**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10am & 4pm  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 12:30pm & 4pm  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 12:30pm & 4pm  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 10am & 12:30pm

Email [SuttonCWP@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:SuttonCWP@swlstg.nhs.uk) for a link to the workshop

Sutton Children's Wellbeing Service South West London and St George's Mental Health

## Media Presenter

Jaiman in Year 6 has been helping his Dad present this week's edition of the online telecoms broadcast show 'Mobile Mix'. During lockdown, his Dad has been filming these from their back garden - usually he is on location in the UK and around the world. Jaiman's Dad gave him some quick 'media training', microphoned him up and let him do the intro and outro for this week's episode. He learnt his script and delivered his lines perfectly! The episode airs today! Watch it here: <https://www.mobileworldlive.com/videos/features/mobile-mix-out-with-the-old-in-with-the-new/>



## Sport

### Virtual Fixture v Cumnor House

Year Group	Homefield Score	Cumnor House Score	Winner
2	55.6	39.9	Homefield
3	78.9	55.1	Homefield
4	101.3	51.1	Homefield
5	106.2	64.4	Homefield
6	107.6	117.1	Cumnor House
7	87.6	128	Cumnor House
8	114.3	157.7	Cumnor House

In the absence of fixtures this term, Years 2 - 8 have taken part in our first ever 'virtual fixture' against Cumnor House School. The 60-second challenge was for the boys to do as many tennis ball 'keepie uppies' using a bat or racket as they could!

All scores in each year group were added up and divided by the number of participants to find the average score, ensuring a fair contest. A thrilling fixture saw Homefield win overall by four year groups to three! Congratulations to everyone who took part and well done to Cumnor House for some strong performances and for getting involved in this fixture with us.

#### Video of Year 6:

<https://twitter.com/HomefieldSp0rt/status/1269304952435937283>

#### Video of Year 4:

<https://twitter.com/HomefieldSp0rt/status/1270757902832283651>

#### Video of Year 2:

<https://twitter.com/HomefieldSp0rt/status/1270394123560857601>

#### Video of Cumnor House Year 6:

<https://twitter.com/HomefieldSp0rt/status/1270285418228076544>

### Year 6

We had a great day of sport with Year 6 on Tuesday: their enthusiasm was excellent!

Special mentions to: Daniel T for being very helpful setting out and collecting equipment without being asked, Madi, Ronak and Alex for excellent badminton skills and Mannan, Arjen, Oliver B, Robert and David for quickly getting to grips with the rules and techniques of volleyball.

## Tweet of the Week



**Homefield Prep School** @HomefieldSchool · Jun 17  
Why move to #TPR? Grab a copy of 'Private Schools' magazine & read Mrs Burgess' article on the benefits of introducing Theology, Philosophy & Religion to the school curriculum. The article is also available to read online: [bit.ly/37niJxD](https://bit.ly/37niJxD) @PrivateSchools



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## Homefield Art Gallery

Amir, Year 7 - Serene Japan



## Homefield Parents' Association Charity Mugs



Don't miss out on the chance to buy your Homefield Charity Mugs!

Kamran in Year 2, whose parents both work for the NHS, wanted to do his part and also wanted to do something to mark this momentous time in our history. He has been working with The Homefield Parents' Association and designed this mug that not only has the 2020 emblem with the 'Rainbow of Hope', but also has the school's 150-year celebration logo. We hope that you can get behind him and the Homefield Association and buy some mugs for £6 each.

He is keen for the money raised to go to the local foodbank as he has heard that many people may lose their jobs at this time and may need this extra assistance.

Due to the rapidly approaching end of term, please make your purchases as soon as possible, as our **closing date is Monday 22nd June**, to allow the mugs to be manufactured and delivered to us.

The mugs can be purchased on the Events page on Classlist. Thank you for your support!

Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens...   

