

## Headlines

Autumn Term  
19th October 2018

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

ISI inspection report



Year 5 Residential Adventure Trip

### Letter from the Headmaster

#### Dear Parents

Half term next week and a pause for a breather in what (to my mind) is usually the most productive term of the year. The boys and staff have worked hard and many are feeling the pinch of tiredness now.

When we get tired, we tend to make more mistakes. I was reflecting upon that as I observed the Director of Studies, Mr Frost, bring a group of boys kindly, but firmly to task following a playground altercation. Our views on managing behaviour in schools has come on so far in the last few decades. At Homefield, we had a rule book in the 1960s and 1970s. Pages and pages of rules, many of which must have felt very arbitrary to the boys.

Now we expect a lot more, we have a set of values, we have clear codification through policy, but we help and expect boys to take a more active responsibility. All our boys are going to make mistakes (some many times). We need to give them guidance and draw clear lines and not 'spoon feed' them so they don't think for themselves or improve for themselves.

Amongst all matters around discipline, it's also important to maintain compassion. This week was a big opportunity for our Year 5 fellows to put all this to the test. We took them out to the countryside and away from the comfort and familiarity of home and school to see how they fared. Amongst climbing, rafting, kayaking and even laser mazes, all was good with excellent behaviour, responsibility and camaraderie (and one broken thumb managed bravely). Four teachers; Mr Fitzgerald, Mr Smith, Mr Hawkins and Mr Thompson, all pushing them onward. Good to know our boys can take this great behaviour out to the world.

Enjoy your half term break.

**John Towers**  
Headmaster

#### Events for the w/c 5<sup>th</sup> November

**Monday:** Term starts at normal time

Year 3 Chembakolli Workshop 2.00 – 3.50pm

**Tuesday:** Year 6 Classics trip to Verulamium (St Albans) Depart: 7.45am Return: 4.30pm  
(return time is approximate)

U10 'A' & 'B' team Football v Lanesborough  
(a) @ Lanesborough School GU1 2EL  
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.15pm Return 4.00pm  
U10 'C', 'D' & 'E' teams Football v  
Lanesborough (h) @ School  
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.45pm

**Wednesday:** U11 A – C Football v  
Willington (h) @ School  
Start 2.30pm Finish 3.30pm

**Thursday:** U9 A – D Football v Hazelwood  
& Chinthurst (h) @ School  
Start 2.00pm Finish 3.45pm

**Friday:** U10 'A' & 'B' Football v Chinthurst  
(a) @ Chinthurst School KT20 5QZ  
Start 2.00pm Finish 3.00pm Return 3.30pm  
**Homefield Association Fireworks Display**  
(School Field)  
Gates Open 6.00pm Display 7.30pm



## Early Years Department

The boys in Early Years have had a busy last week before the end of this first half term. We would like to wish them a happy two weeks off and strongly encourage a good rest as they are all noticeably tired. Below is a list of optional homework tasks for the boys. We would love to see photographic evidence if you manage any of them:

- Spend time with friends
- Play outside
- Try to catch a falling leaf
- Collect some conkers
- Carve a pumpkin

As the weather is changing and will most likely be considerably colder and wetter on our return to school in November, can we encourage all boys to have wellington boots and regulation raincoats (all named, please).

Just a reminder to all Reception parents that we will be sending reading books home after half term. The boys will receive a reading book three times a week, with a yellow reading diary. Please sign the diary before returning the book to school as we like to listen to the boys read in class.

We bid farewell to Mrs Fletcher this week as she goes off on her much needed and well-earned maternity leave. We look forward to hearing her exciting news and will of course keep you all informed.

We welcomed Mrs Beenham, who will be Mrs Fletcher's maternity cover and Monkeys' class teacher, into the department two weeks ago; she has enjoyed getting to know you all and the boys.

**Our Special Award this week goes to:**

**Jeff** in Elephants for always having lovely manners.

**Our Students of the Weeks are:**

**Gabriel** in Tigers for a great first half term and for working so hard.

**Atharv** in Monkeys for his knowledge and understanding of 2D shapes.

## Junior Department

It has been a busy week for the Junior Department boys. This half term they have settled well, are very comfortable in their classes and have enjoyed and participated enthusiastically in all the activities both in and outside the classroom.

Our form assembly on Tuesday was led by 3S and Miss Mayes. The subject of 'fear' was explored and shared by the boys and they performed a song brilliantly. On Thursday, the Year 3 boys were taken on an Autumn science walk to Sears Park, where they had the opportunity to observe signs of Autumn and to collect leaves and seeds to bring back to school for identification. As expected, the boys' behaviour was excellent whilst out and about.

Mrs Hilton visited us on Tuesday to talk to us about the latest Guide Dog news and 'Pupdate'.

We hope the boys enjoy the half term break and we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return in November.

### Guide Dogs for the Blind and 'Pupdate'

Thank you very much for your continued support of Guide Dogs for the Blind. We are very close to reaching our target of £1,000, which is very exciting!

Recently, the boys have had fun in naming the small 'puppies' that have joined the Junior Department; Buddy, Cloudy, Midnight and Snowy were chosen.

On a sad note, Mrs Audrey Butler, a Guide Dog representative and a good friend of Homefield died last month. Mrs Butler has had a connection with Homefield since 1974 and has been a regular visitor to assemblies. She will be sadly missed by us all.



## Homefield Heroes

**1H David** for making great progress with his reading. Well done, David. Keep it up!

**1S Sulaymaan** for working really hard and having a great week. Well done, Sulaymaan!

**2H Daniel** for working so well with a partner, being helpful, kind and supportive.

**2S Hardik** for making others feel good by what you say and what you do.

**3H Henry** for his interest and enthusiasm in all we do and having a generous spirit to his classmates.

**3S Dhillan** for your fabulous work in creative writing this week!



## Parents' Association

Monday 5th November is the **deadline** for getting your Fireworks tickets at the discount prices of £4 per child and £6 per adult. Go to the 'Events' page of Classlist to buy your tickets online. Prices on the door will be £6 per child and £8 per adult. We are looking forward to another fantastic Fireworks Night! Doors will open at 6.00pm with hot dogs and jacket potatoes being served in the Hall. Glow toys, doughnuts, hot and cold drinks and snacks will also be on sale. The display will start promptly at 7.30pm (doors close at 7.25pm) so make sure you are there in good time.

If you haven't signed up to Classlist, please register at <https://classlist.com/> or download the free Classlist app. Check your notification settings are turned on so that you don't miss out on any useful messages from your Class Reps.

### Dates for your diary:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Fireworks Night 6.00pm (Display 7.30pm)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November: HA Meeting 8.30am

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Coffee Morning 8.30am

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fair 3.45pm

## School Travel Plan and TFL

### School Travel Plan

Let's get walking! Let's get thinking about reducing air pollution and congestion around our school! Homefield's Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) Ben and Vinicius in Year 7, will be encouraging us this year to walk more and improve the air quality in our area.

Following Sutton and Kingston's travel seminar for JTAs this week, we are keen to get going. Our first initiative is the 'WoW' campaign. The challenge is to Walk once a Week (WoW) starting in November. Each month if you WoW, you will receive a special badge celebrating your achievement. So get WoWing and try and collect the full set of badges!

Handy tips to get your 'WoW' off to a good start:

- Choose a day when you're unencumbered with a games kit, cello, etc!
- See if you could share the WoW with a friend. Take it in turns to be the parent walker.
- Scope out your parking place in advance.
- If the mornings don't work for you, park and stride in the afternoon.
- Get a fluorescent vest for your child if you walk a reasonable distance.

Just to be clear, your walk should be a 5-10 minute walk. Parking across the street and walking from there does not count!

Looking forward to seeing many boys WoWing after half term.

### Transport for London

Yesterday, the Year 6s enjoyed an eye-opening and informative talk led by Alex Perry from TFL. Following some facts via a presentation, the boys were given some 'real world' scenarios and it was impressive to hear their logical and well-reasoned responses. These are all good signs with half term approaching. Gift the boys with an Oyster card in the reassurance that they all seem to have very sensible heads on their shoulders!



## Classical Studies

Just to remind everyone of the announcement made last week in Headlines, once again this year the Department of Classical Studies will be conducting the biannual trip for boys in Years 4-8 to Rome and the Bay of Naples for the duration of 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019. This is always a great experience for the students involved, and evaluation of previous visits has demonstrated that the boys' knowledge and understanding of classics is significantly enhanced by this undertaking, in addition to being a valuable life experience.

Flying to Rome, we shall be visiting sites such as the Colosseum, Forum, Pantheon, Ostia Antica and Villa Adriana, before making the journey south to the Bay of Naples. There we shall visit sites including Pompeii, Herculaneum, Mount Vesuvius, Cumae and Oplontis.

All details for the trip, including cost and dates for application, are on the letter attached to this newsletter. This past week has already seen a great response of boys securing their place on the trip and whilst I would remind everyone that the deadline for registering for the trip is Friday 16th November, there are a limited number of spaces. I hope you will find the prospect of this unique experience desirable for your son's continuing educational development, and if there are further queries about the trip do not hesitate to contact me.

*M. McCaffery*





## Sport

### Year 3 Football Tournament

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October, the Year 3 'A' team played in a 6-a-side football tournament against Reigate St. Mary's, Micklefield and hosts Aberdour.

Homefield got off to a flying start and were 3-0 up against Aberdour after five minutes. First, Noah's through ball played in Raece who finished calmly, before George's tackle got the ball to Noah who slotted the ball home. Raece's second of the match was a stunning half volley from long range, which flew over the Aberdour goalkeeper as the fans applauded a fantastic strike. Despite increased Aberdour pressure in the second half, Homefield held on for a 3-0 victory.

Buoyed by that result, Homefield were full of confidence in their second match which they dominated despite not getting enough shots away in the first half. Although the nature of the own goal was fortunate, Homefield thoroughly deserved their 1-0 win which set them up for their match against Reigate St. Mary's, who had also won both games.

A close first half ended 0-0 and St. Mary's took the lead straight after half time. Homefield battled back and increased pressure on the opposition goal. Homefield were dealt a double blow when, after missing a penalty, they switched off defensively and St. Mary's raced through to double the score. Homefield's attitude was excellent as they continued to press for a consolation and almost got it when Jake's great strike flew just over with the last kick of the game.

The boys should be very pleased with two wins from three matches; they all contributed greatly to the team's success. Ismail and Tosin made some excellent saves in goal and were also effective team players on pitch. Magsud, Captain for the day, was strong in defence and found space when he attacked. Opposition players found it very hard to get past George, while Jake won possession and created lots of chances for the strikers. Noah and Raece combined well up front, passing in to space and shooting with increased regularity.

The boys' team spirit shone through as they were determined throughout but, most importantly, they enjoyed themselves and did their best. Well done, boys!



### Year 4 House Football

Year 4 boys thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon of House Football on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. In the first round of matches, Ellis narrowly beat Bomfords 1-0 thanks to a goal by Tim, and Rayyan's double ensured a 2-0 win for Walfords over Grays. In their next match, Grays recovered from that defeat by beating Bomfords 2-0; Zak's stunning goal into the top corner preceded Alex's neat finish when he went through on goal. At the same time, Ellis and Walfords played out a very close match - Philip's goal looked as though it would be enough for Walfords but Tim equalised for Ellis with a precise shot meaning the match finished 1-1. With everything to play for in the last set of matches, Walfords beat Bomfords thanks to goals by Adam, George and Rayyan, while Ellis and Grays played out a tense 0-0 draw. After the boys enjoyed their well-earned drink and snack the results were announced, with Walfords the overall winners. Well done to all boys for the sportsmanship and football skills they showed throughout the afternoon!



## French Excursion

Last Friday, 44 boys and 4 members of staff (Mrs Colgate, Mr Siva, Mr McCaffery and Mr Soltysik) set off very early (4.45am!) to get to Boulogne sur Mer in Northern France.

Once we arrived in Boulogne, we visited the Nausicaa Aquarium where many types of sea creatures can be seen. We then headed for the old town of Boulogne (la Vieille Ville) where we took a stroll along the top of the medieval fortified wall built around the old city.



Everybody enjoyed a typical French lunch at the restaurant "la Belle Époque" of course!



Our last stop was the Auchan supermarket in St Martin (near Boulogne) for a spot of souvenir shopping before heading back home. We arrived back in Sutton around 8.00pm after a very long and enjoyable day!

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost
1st	Walfords	3	2	1	0
2nd	Ellis	3	1	2	0
3rd	Grays	3	1	1	1
4th	Bomfords	3	0	0	3



## Sport/continued

### Under 11 'B' Football match v Hawthorns

Hawthorns proved to be strong opponents on Wednesday afternoon's match. However, Hugo S performed very well in goal making many fine saves to keep the score line down. In defense, both Stuart S and William K worked very hard in keeping Hawthorn's attackers in check. Early in the second half, Jijith scored Homefield's consolation goal which rallied the boys into action. Niraj M took a valiant shot at goal which was well saved by the Hawthorn's custodian.

### 1st Team Football v Hawthorns and Solefield

The first team played two mini fixtures against Hawthorns and Solefield last week. In the opening game against Hawthorns, the Homefield defense had to work extremely hard to earn a 0-0 draw. Goalkeeper Luca S, and defenders Anuj S and Kwame S were the stand out players.

In the second match against a very talented side in Solefield, Homefield were under pressure from the start.

The boys came into their own in the second half with Adil A and Tom H controlling more of the game. James S's early cross found Salaar S in the penalty area but his shot was well blocked by the Solefield defender.

Homefield did put the ball in the net; Salaar made an excellent pass to Yasir who calmly slotted it home. However, he had strayed into an offside position. Luca S again made some excellent saves at crucial times during the match.

### Gum Shields and Studs

Could all parents in both the Junior and Senior Departments refer to the ParentMail sent out yesterday regarding the requirements for the start of the rugby/hockey seasons.

## Reading and Writing

### Shelfie Competition

During the half term break we would like to invite all boys in Years 4-8 (and teachers), to take a Shelfie of themselves reading in an unusual place. Perhaps you will be caught lounging on an exotic beach, scanning a tourist guide in a far flung city or reading the last exciting chapter of your book atop a mountain. Of course, many of us will be enjoying a staycation but there are plenty of places to read at home too: sunny park benches, long car journeys, granny's attic perhaps. There will be prizes for the most interesting pictures. Bring in your entries and hand them in to Mrs Edwards in the LRC. Happy snapping.

### Story Competition

You are probably looking for ideas to fill the long, tedious half term days. Well, help is at hand! Here is the link for a creative writing competition with splendid prizes. If you are between 7-12 years old then you are eligible to enter this awesome competition. Hurry though; the deadline is 26<sup>th</sup> October. <https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2018/the-jacqueline-wilson-creative-writing-prize-2018.html>



One lucky winner will have their story published in a Jacqueline Wilson book! They'll also receive a £100's worth of WH Smith Vouchers, a year's subscription to 'First News', a book bundle for their school library AND get to meet Jacqueline herself. 500 runners up will also get their names published in the same Jacqueline Wilson novel! Get involved. Good luck!

## Homefield Art Gallery



Pradodha's (Year 5) Pop Art Series



## Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · Oct 16

#Year5 boys had an amazing first afternoon of raft building @JCA\_Adventure  
#CondoverHall #CreatingMemoriesSince1870



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## Social Media

Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens....



## Good News...

If you have any good news that you would like to share about your son, that you think others in the Homefield community would be pleased to hear about, then please do drop an email with a photograph to: [goodnews@homefieldprep.school](mailto:goodnews@homefieldprep.school)

We will aim to share as much as possible on social media to celebrate the successes of our talented boys.