

Headlines

Spring Term
1st March 2019

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

ISI inspection report

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

The boys loved the unusually warm days this week and were happily rolling around the sports fields at break time... we have enjoyed a really chilled week!

There have been some lovely indicators of depth and enjoyment to start the half term well, including a great performance from Jaiman S, Riccardo F, and Akshay P from Year 5, delivering with some real élan at the Epsom College Regional Public Speaking Competition. In assembly today our Senior Composers' Ensemble performed 'Peter and No Wolf', to delight the whole School with their very creative and left-field blend of storytelling and music. The boys will be performing this piece next week at the Festival of Music for Youth.

In the foyer, parents might notice a display on the Tudors by Year 6 as part of their History assessment for the Spring Term. Boys have been very creative with a real mixture of responses, including models of houses, presentations, i-movies and clay models... fantastic.

At a community level, today we welcomed girls and boys from Muschamp Primary School to enjoy some tag rugby coaching from our staff and boys. It's great that our boys have a chance to help coach and mentor others – a real boost for their own self-esteem and people skills.

The senior boys received my perennial guidance on dancing, girls, and how to be a young gentleman, as the Parents' Association have organised a Disco tonight and we host Sutton High girls. Key messages from me have included: get involved and dance, have fun, take the initiative but with good manners, and keep matters appropriate.

With the last point it's usually smart phones and platforms like WhatsApp that cause difficulties. If they can't handle the phone then take it away and please think twice about letting your children use a platform which is rated for 16+ years of age!

There is a lot you can do when you are 16, like get married or join the army (with parental permission), get a job, drive a moped, etc. There are very good reasons for all this, so it amazes me (and not in a good way) that we routinely deal with such problems being brought into school.

With Snapchat and Instagram, etc. all rated as 13+, that can also be a worry. So let's please stay safe with this.

Have a good weekend,

John Towers
Headmaster



Early Years Department

We have been so lucky to return to school in the sunshine, although very unusual for February it has given us a nice taster of the season ahead. This brings me nicely on to our new topic for this half term which is 'Spring'. The boys in Early Years have had a lovely week exploring our new role-play areas, which are a garden centre, a minibeast investigation lab and 'In our Garden'. We have been making mind maps this week with the boys across Nursery and Reception to assess their knowledge of Spring so far. It was very interesting to see what they already know and we are looking forward to completing another mind map at the end of this half term to see how much more the boys have learnt.



Nursery have been practicing their maths by counting out a specific number of spots to stick on to their beautiful butterflies which are now being displayed with pride. They have also made some 'Friendship Flowers' to demonstrate the qualities of a good friend.

Reception shared the lovely things they had done during the half term holiday with their friends and then wrote a sentence about it in their writing books. We are so pleased to see how much confidence the boys now have when writing and will launch straight into their sentence with no fears, trying hard to remember the ingredients needed for a 'Golden Sentence' and using their phonic knowledge to attempt spelling unfamiliar words. Well done, boys! We have also read 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and will be continuing this next week with a growing activity!

Junior Department

It was lovely to see the boys back at school after their half term break and they have been really enjoying sunny days and playing on the field.

Year 3 have new Form Captains, Vice Captains and Student Council representatives for this half term. Congratulations to Raece and Rishi who are the Form Captains, Alex and Sulaiman are the Vice Captains and the Student Council Representatives are Zayn and Tobi. Our monitors are Rayhaan, Yusuf, Magsud, Denis, Alex L, Reece, Owen, Shiven, Zach and Rahul - thank you boys.

Year 3 have been learning about life in Ancient Egypt this term and to cement their understanding they spent the last day of half term celebrating all things Egyptian. They arrived at school in the most magnificent costumes; we saw an array of Pharaohs, Egyptologists, slaves, a pyramid and a handpicked selection of Gods as well as Cleopatra (aka Miss Mayes)! They participated in a variety of activities. During the morning, boys learnt about the story of Howard Carter and Tutankhamun.

This was followed by a quiz which required them to act as modern day historians to piece together different sources of evidence. Sessions in Egyptian maths, puzzles and ecology kept the boys busy all afternoon. A particular focus was the mummification process, the step-by-step demonstration was very hands-on and really brought the subject to life!



Our Special Awards go to:

Ryan in Elephants for being very brave when going to Superstars for the first time!

Esa in Elephants for always remembering to be so polite and having beautiful manners!

Our Students of the Weeks are:

Xand in Tigers for making huge progress in his reading!

Yusuf in Tigers for his imaginative creative work.

Ethan in Monkeys for excellent progress with his letter formation.

Murray in Monkeys for demonstrating creativity and perseverance in the outside area.

Homefield Heroes

1H Constantine for excellent number work and **Aadam** for working hard and producing lovely writing. Keep it up, boys! **1S Siva** for making a great effort with everything and for being so helpful and **Jack** for his excellent work in English. Well done, boys! **2H Harry** for sharing his general knowledge and interests to enhance our learning in the classroom and **Musa** for excellent listening skills.

2S Kaiyan for super participation in class discussions and **Ewan** for his patience and resilience during his recovery. Homefield Heroes are also awarded to **Mrs Harris** and **Mrs Harper** for their great support of Ewan on the road to his recovery!

3H Freddie for improved listening and participation in lessons, **Sulaiman** for being a reliable and kind member of our class and **Henry** for amazing division work this week.

3S Magsud for being super organised and **George** for persevering.

Junior Department /continued

'My favourite part of the day was when I was chosen to be Dhilan Ankh Amun!' Dhilan (3S)

'There were lots of Pharaohs and Prayaan was dressed up as a pyramid, I really liked it.' Magsud (3S)

'I dressed up as Anubis. The best part of the day involved us handling the artefacts.' Alex (3S)

'Lauren the Egyptologist shared some really interesting facts with Year 3.' Krish (3H)

'I had to act as an embalmer and mummify a doll.' Daniyal (3H)

Sports News

Under 8s Tag Rugby v Kingswood House

The U8s continued with two impressive wins in the games against Kingswood House prior the half term break. The boys in both teams showed very good speed and the ability to pass well to supporting players. In the 'A' team match all the boys in the team managed to go over the try line which was encouraging. The 'C' team boys also contributed well in a good team performance. Five members of the team scored for Homefield, and Yusuf, Tobi and Dennis tagged the opposition very early on to stop the opposition gaining further ground to score. Many thanks to the parents who watched and encouraged from the touchline.

Results:

'A' Team v Kingswood House Won 13 -4
Jake (3), George (3), Aiden (2), Tosin (2), Noah, Magsud, Owen.

'C' Team v Kingswood House Won 11 -4
Kavin (3), Alex P (3), Prayaan (2), Sulaiman (2), and Lucas Mc.

Year 4 Rugby v Kingswood House

At the end of the half term, our rugby season ended in glorious sunshine when Kingswood House brought their Year 4 teams to Homefield. Our 'C' and 'D' teams played two quarters each in a tag rugby match against the Kingswood House 'C' team. Spurred on by Captains Abhi and Adam. Homefield's 'C' and 'D' teams made some vital tag tackles, with Hanlin being a standout tackler.

Thank you for all the super entries we have had submitted for the 'WoW, Design a Badge Competition'. If anyone else would like to enter, could they please be brought in to school by Monday.

Next week, we are looking forward to 'Book Week' and seeing the boys in their book character costumes on 'World Book Day', which is Thursday. After school on Tuesday, Junior Department boys can visit the Book Fair to purchase books of their choice.

They also ran well with the ball which resulted in Oliver, Leonardo, Hamdan, Saideep, Ikshwak and Aash (2) scoring tries to secure a 7-7 draw.

Twenty tries were scored in the 'B' team match. It was a competitive game in which both teams increased their confidence to at least make a hold tackle if they were unable to tackle an opponent to the floor. Aarush, Jake (2), Rayyan (2), Louie (2) and Elliot (5) scored the tries, supported by Tejas and Rishan who improved their offloading, which meant that Homefield won by 12 tries to 8.



The 'A' team also enjoyed victory, winning 11-5 after a strong start put them three tries up inside the first few minutes (Luke, Alex and George). Alex and Luke added an extra try each to take a 5-1 lead into half time. It was very pleasing to see different try scorers emerge in the second half, produced by selfless offloading by some of our stronger runners. Firstly, Hari made a great step into space to score before Henry scored Homefield's seventh.

LRC News

World Book Day is fast approaching and to celebrate we will be holding a series of Book Fairs after school. These are a great, not only raising funds for us to purchase new titles, but they also give our boys an opportunity to buy a new book or two.

Dates for the Book Fairs:

EYD: Monday 4th March from 3.45pm

Years 1 & 2: Tuesday 5th March from 3.45pm and **Year 3** from 4.00pm

Seniors: Wednesday 6th March from 4.00pm

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Boys and staff should come to school dressed in a costume that represents a book character. Author and Homefield old-boy, David Wood will be visiting the boys in EYD through to Year 4, reading a selection of his books and showing off his magic skills. After school, you will be able to buy signed copies of David's books from the LRC, starting at 3.45pm.

Also coming up... Wednesday 13th March

The newly published author and Homefield parent, Christina McDonald ("The Night Olivia Fell"), will be giving a talk to the boys in Years 7 and 8 on what it's like to have a book published.

And finally, the school will once again be supporting the Delight charity which rehomes good quality, pre-loved books suitable for children 3 – 11 years of age. These will be distributed to children who have limited access to reading material. Collection boxes are available in the LRC.



Book Week Notes:

- **Please do a 'shelfie'** and hand in to the LRC by Wednesday.
- **Bring a reading book** every day to every lesson in case of DEAR.
- **Book character costume** competition on Thursday – bring £1 for charity.
- Check out the **LRC** where there is lots happening across the week.
- Look out for an **author visit** on Thursday.
- **Book Fairs** across the week.
- **Competitions** and challenges too!

Sports News/cont.

Tim then used his speed to run around the side of the defence and score before Philip, Musa and George added further tries. A convincing win was made possible by Musa and George's try-saving tackles, Hari's improvement at being onside in defence, Tim making more tackles and Andrew and Boris rushing up quickly to make strong tackles which forced Kingswood House back time and again. Well done Year 4, for a brilliant end to the rugby season!



U13 1st Rugby v Willington

This was a game of free flowing rugby. From the first whistle, the ball was moved nicely between the hands and then carried forward more directly when the need arose. As the match continued, so the confidence rose amongst the Homefield squad. It was finely balanced with Homefield enjoying a 20-15 half time lead. During the break, we spoke about the need to close down the opposition quicker in the second half and support each other better when attacking, especially at ruck time when there is a better need to protect the ball. In the second half, Homefield scored four unanswered tries, with some of our more powerful runners wearing down the opposition. It was most pleasing to see the combined Year 7 and 8 team grow in understanding and produce some really impressive passages of rugby. The final score was 40-15 (Abraham S x 4, Sean P, Salaar S, Tom H, Yasir S). The Homefield staff, players and supporters thoroughly enjoyed the match. Congratulations to the squad on such a fine team performance after so many games have been cancelled, mainly due to weather and player availability.

Kwame was a livewire as ever, with great support work all over the pitch. Tom G and Ben H formed a good second row partnership with strong all round contributions. Joshua H grew in confidence. Oliver J (captain) led from the front with some excellent work in the loose as well as in defence. Luca S was a good link man at scrum half with Tom H marshalling the troops with excellence from fly half. His closing down and tackling in defence was equally impressive as his attacking skill. Salaar S and Sean P worked well in what proved to be a powerful midfield. Aston J, Yasir S and Adil made up a skilful back three. Yasir's improvement and composure under pressure was absolutely fantastic to see.

Squad

Joshua H, Kwame S, Oliver J, Tom G, Ben H, Luca S, Tom H, Abraham S, Adil, Salaar S, Yasir S, Sean P and Ashton J.

U13 Tag Rugby

Willington's U13 tag rugby team came to Homefield on the 11th February for a rematch of the thrilling game held two weeks before where Homefield won 16-13. On this occasion, the winning margin was even narrower as an end-to-end match ended 12-11 in Homefield's favour. Our offloading again proved a major strength as we also improved our defensive positioning, getting back onside more quickly, ready to make the next tackle. With Willington winning 7-6 at half time, Homefield ran more directly in the second half and kept possession better which saw them overturn the deficit. Tries were scored by Oscar, Thomas, Rafael, Gus, Anush (2), Vinicius (2) and James (4), but it was also brilliant to see Zhangir, Jaineel, Shahzain and Joshua make so many tag tackles and Justin show great speed to set up two tries. Well done to Homefield's U13 tag rugby team!



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Fantasy Football League

Games week 27 winners:

League	Most Pts	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	62	The Beautiful Team	Harry H
Year 7 & 8	59	RAShlee's Superclub	Ashton J
Year 6	62	The Beautiful Team	Harry H
Year 5	52	David Hammers FC	David M
Year 4	48	PREMIERE 11	Rayyan C
Junior	54	Lachlan's Lucky Lads	Lachlan R
Parents	50	SalahMane Keita	Rinku Patel
Staff	54	Smith's Super-Subs	Mr Smith

Games week 28 winners:

League	Most Pts	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	80	Klopp em FC	Desmond M
Year 7 & 8	77	Anthony FC	Anthony
Year 6	72 72 72	Sam's Super Strikers Mr Chops Will Win Niraj's Wolves	Sam Oliver Niraj
Year 5	66	Rishi United	Rishi
Year 4	77 77	Angland PREMIERE 11	Andrew Rayyan
Junior	79	Jeel	Jeyavel
Parents	76	Zinedine's Falcons	Safeer B
Staff	77	SivaliZed	Mr Siva

Chess Round-up

At the Ramsay Cup on Sunday 24th February at Therfield School in Leatherhead, Sivan joined Raghav, Prabodha and Ben (who each won a rosette) in the U11 Championship section.

Sivan, Ben and Raghav have been invited to play in the County U11 team following their performances in Wey Valley tournaments throughout the year. Well done to all the boys.



Parents' Association

We look forward to welcoming our Senior boys along with girls from Sutton High to the **"Keep Calm and Floss On"** Disco this evening. Thanks to everyone who has kindly volunteered to help tonight.

Next up is the **'Incredibles 2 Movie Night'** on Friday 15th March. Tickets are on sale on Classlist.com for £6 per child (adults free). A goodie bag is included in the ticket price. Get your advanced tickets before the deadline of Monday 11th March. Tickets on the door will be £8 per child.

Music

Christ's Hospital School – National Youth Jazz Orchestra Workshop

On Friday 8th February, Ollie, Sam, Alex and Vansh from Year 6 visited Christ's Hospital School to take part in a jazz workshop. The boys learned 'C Jam Blues' by ear and practised their improvisation skills. In the afternoon, the combined prep schools band was joined by the rhythm section of the National Youth Jazz Orchestra for a performance in the school theatre.



Don't forget to start gathering your team for the **Quiz Night** on Friday 22nd March. Tickets are available on Classlist.com for £12.50 per person which includes a meal of jacket potato with fillings, following by fruit, cheese and crackers. Don't worry if you can't make a team of 8 -10 people, we will allocate people to teams in their year groups. As ever, it is sure to be a fun night!

Epsom String Day

On Tuesday 12th February 16 of our boys attended the Epsom College String Day. They practised very hard and at the end of the day the combined orchestra of 150 pupils gave an excellent concert for the parents. They performed: Vivaldi's 'Spring', Rossini's 'William Tell Theme', Bizet's 'Theme from Carmen', 'New York, New York' and the highlight of the concert - 'Finlandia' by Sibelius, which was beautifully played with a rich sonorous tone from all the participants.



Boys represent Homefield in Regional Public Speaking Competition

Three boys from Year 5 (Jaiman, Riccardo, and Akshay) represented Homefield as they competed against 10 other teams in the Prep Schools' Public speaking competition held at Epsom College on Thursday.

The competition consisted of teams of boys and girls from various prep schools in the region and they each had five minutes to speak about a subject of their choice. There was a wide range of interesting topics from 'The History of Lego' to 'The problem with plastic'. Some excellent performances were on show.

Introduced with their inspiring team name: *'Mr Chops' Public Speakers'*, Jaiman, Akshay and Riccardo took to the stage to talk about the dangers of sugar and its effects on your health. Each boy took it in turns to talk, speaking confidently in front of a large audience of pupils, parents and the expert eyes of the judges.

Our team was commended by the judges for being 'highly competent and very impressive', Akshay was described as having 'gravitas' on the stage. All three boys can be very proud of their bravery and courage in producing an excellent performance on and they were exceptional ambassadors for Homefield.



Headmaster's Crests have been awarded to:

Ashton J	Achievement
Parth J	Achievement
George G	Achievement
Tejas A	English
Arnav M	English
Ilyas M	English
Rory P	Humanities
Akshay P	Achievement
Peter F	English
Namish J	English
Philip P	English
Alex G	English
Saideep R	English



Homefield Art Gallery

Macbeth – a review

Just prior to the half term break, Year 6 visited Canterbury and during the afternoon we attended a performance of 'Macbeth' in the Marlowe Theatre, which was packed with school students to watch one of Shakespeare's most renowned and most performed tragedies. The staging was exquisite: the moveable ramp allowed the actors to traverse off the stage, adding an eerie atmosphere to the play. The witches, on several occasions, climbed up poles to add a multi-dimensional feel to the play, showing that they could vanish and then re-appear overlooking proceedings. This variation in production was set in a post-apocalyptic world. There were a few twists in the play: usually Fleance and Lennox are male characters but this time the roles are female. There was also a surprisingly large age difference between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth (18 years). We all thought that it was a marvellous performance and something I certainly would watch all over again!

Qasim C Year 6



African Fish – Samuel B Year 6

Tweet of the Week



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