

# Headlines

Spring Term  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

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



A competitive game of 'Bee Bots' in the LRC

## Letter from the Headmaster

### Dear Parents

Your son will be coming home today clutching our Independent Schools Inspection report. You will find it in a presentation folder for your attention. We will also send out a digital copy for you. The first half of the report deals with important compliance matters and the second half may present a more interesting narrative, from a parental perspective, on educational quality. I will leave you to read the superlative judgements.

Hopefully, more good news next week as we have pastoral parent consultation evenings where you can find out how well behaved your boy has been, how much care he is putting into his education and relationships. Do book some slots if you would like an update from staff.

On the subject of hard work and maximum effort, we have been reflecting on our policy in awarding both Bursaries and Scholarships. Bursaries are 'means tested' and a way to help families in significant financial need with support toward fees. Scholarships are to honour particular effort and achievement.

We will continue to support Bursaries at the School and have updated our Scholarships policy to provide a more public recognition. From this term, we will award internal scholarships for pupils to celebrate outstanding attainment and progress. These will be granted on the basis of existing internal assessments and via a review from the entire senior academic team.

We will offer four scholarships per year, one for each of our 'Houses', for a student who epitomises attainment and effort across the curriculum. The recipient will be awarded a prize and their name then placed on a new honours board which will be positioned as you enter the Performance Hall.

I will announce the inaugural scholars in the next newsletter. (PS. Those few boys still holding historical scholarships will continue to do so).

Have a good weekend.

**John Towers**  
Headmaster

## Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

### Reception

In Reception this week, the children have enjoyed using number lines to subtract 'one' and are starting to make subtraction number sentences! In Phonics, we have learned two new sounds - 'air' and 'ir' and have been working diligently on letter formation.

Both classes had a special surprise on Wednesday when they got to explore the features of a Tesla car as part of their STEAM research about vehicles - thank you, Mrs Hosking.



Reception continue to showcase their independence and are now getting their own food at lunchtime before sitting down to eat. They have impressed us so much with their table manners that they have been awarded the special 'table manners of the week' Friday treat. Well done!

We are pleased to have started welcoming the boys in the morning through the main entrance with all other year groups. Parents can now wait at the top of the stairs and let their son walk down to the Reception staff member waiting at the door.

### Other Awards in Years 1 and 2

We celebrate kindness, resilience, and organisation with the following awards:

- **Kindness: Kangaroo award**
- **Courageous: Koala award**
- **Helping Hands award**

#### Kindness (Kangaroo award)

**1H Kaan** for sharing resources well in the classroom and **Zain** for collaborating well with others during the Science discussion.

**2H Adam** for helping to explain tricky tasks to his peers and **Yusuf** for continuing to demonstrate simple acts of kindness.

### Years 1 and 2



In Years 1 and 2, we are revisiting our initiative for THINK (Is it **T**True, **H**elpful, **I**nspiring, **N**ecessary or **K**ind?)

During our PSHE lessons we have been sharing ideas about how we can show acts of kindness and during half term how we might take part in the 'Act of Kindness Day' on the 17th February.



In TPR this term we have been exploring our senses and connecting with our emotions, considering how we feel and other people feel in different situations. It is important for us to be tolerant and considerate human beings within our wider community.

**2S Jai** for ensuring everyone is included when playing in the playground and **Sacha** for always being polite to Mrs Costain and Miss Rowe.

#### Resilience (Courageous: Koala award)

**1H Zien** for working hard on some challenging sentence work and **Kiran** for trying hard to complete the maths challenges.

**2H. Aun** for always maintain a positive attitude and **Kenzo** for maintaining a fantastic work ethic even when there were some trickier tasks.

**2S Jeff** for bravely presenting his creative work to the class and **Charlie** for continuing to communicate his emotions even when upset.

## Homefield Heroes

**Monkeys:** Priyan for amazing reading using 'Fred talk' and super listening skills and **Andrey** for a wonderfully detailed piece of STEAM homework.

**Tigers:** Philip for excellent sentence writing and focus in Phonics lessons and **Tise** for working hard on blending sounds and writing them.

**1H:** Aaron for contributing to class discussions with thoughtful comments and **Alex** for working very hard with his presentation of work.

**2H:** Ved for fantastic effort in Geography when learning about the water cycle and **Adam** for phenomenal participation when learning about fairy tales.

**2S:** Ayaan for excellent effort and presentation in his homework and **Benji** for completing amazing History and Science work this week.



### Organisation (Helping Hands award)

**1H Rahul** for helping with classroom organisation and **Jaiden** for following instructions promptly.

**2H Raymin** for being an excellent cloakroom monitor and **Gianluca** for helping Miss Rowe to organise the classroom and resources.

**2S Ryan** for always ensuring that he and his peers are on task and **Havi** for helping Mrs Costain with the lessons in Maths.

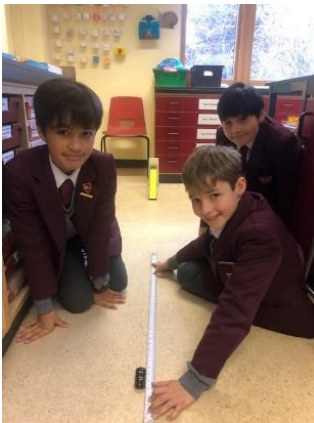
## Science

Year 3 are currently learning about teeth. They can name the different types of teeth we have in our mouths and can explain what each tooth is needed for.



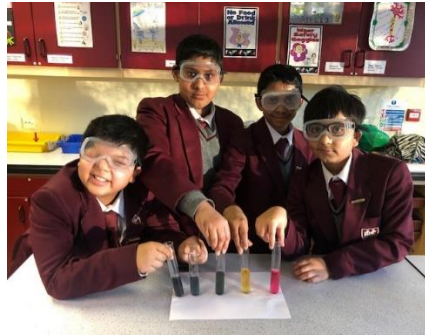
*Year 3 with massive jaws*

Year 5 are presently studying forces. They carried out an investigation into the amount of friction created by different surfaces using ramps and toy cars. They also had fun using iron filings to see the magnetic field lines around a magnet.



*Year 5 with friction ramp*

Year 6 are continuing to learn about acids and alkalis. They enjoyed making their own red cabbage indicator to test the pH of substances, although it did create rather stinky labs! The boys were then set the challenge of producing a neutral substance by adding drops of hydrochloric acid to sodium hydroxide, which is an alkali. They were surprised that it required over 100 drops!



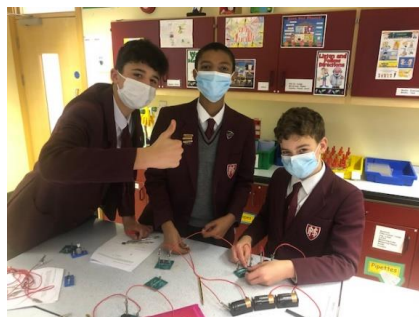
*Year 6 Ph testing*

Year 7 are learning about the musculoskeletal system. They put their surgical skills to the test by dissecting chicken legs. They were able to identify muscles, bones, ligaments, tendons, and joints.



*Year 7 chicken leg dissection*

Year 8 have just completed their electronics unit of work. The boys can confidently use components to construct their own burglar alarms and streetlight systems.



*Year 8 Electronics*

## Wellbeing

Assembly has seen us celebrate the work we have completed around Wellbeing last term which focused on 'Giving to Others', with boys being awarded our 'Wellbeing' badges for the contributions and efforts within this strand of our curriculum and beyond, with a special mention to Olivier, in Year 5 who was commended for his work both in school and outside through contributions he has made to a charity drive.

Prizes were also shared to those boys who participated in our 'Winter Activity Challenge'. We were really impressed with all the boys who shared their work and especially to those boys who completed over 20 challenges.

As we move into the Spring Term, our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' theme is 'Connecting'. Challenges will continue to be shared via TEAMS. We have already shared one challenge to think about how many different connections we have with others, from a simple smile to a family quiz via Zoom and the new challenge shared today thinks about teaching someone something new.

## Learning Resources Centre

We would like to welcome the new student librarians to the team. Andrew, Ansh, Boris, Henry, Jacob and Tony. Boris and Henry had their first taster of being a librarian yesterday when they read beautifully and expressively to Tigers class: the stories were well received.

### Notes for the diary

Book Week will run from 28<sup>th</sup> February to the 4<sup>th</sup> March, and a selection of books will be available to purchase. A timetable for each year group will be sent out nearer the time. To simplify the process, you will be able to pay via a QR Code or online.

### 4<sup>th</sup> March Author visit

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we look forward to welcoming James Campbell, author of the 'Boy Face' series, to Homefield when he will be meeting and working with boys throughout the school.

Happy Reading!

## English

Boys in Year 3 have been creating their own 'animal' poems, inspired by the poetry of Roald Dahl. The boys have been getting to grips with a range of poetic techniques: rhyming couplets, stanzas, alliteration, similes and onomatopoeia! The two-week project saw the boys creating their characters, writing short stories about their funny adventures, and adapting these into storyboards, before drafting their poem and presenting it using their best handwriting. Well done, boys!

### Slither the Snail

Slither the snail woke up on a sunny day,  
Dancing and prancing ready to play.

Suddenly it started to rain,  
And the sky was plain!

He jumped on a leaf,  
And gave a sigh of relief.

Slither got to a place,  
Ready to race.

Slither zoomed and hit the line,  
And saw his name on a slimy sign.

Slither the snail won the race,  
And he had a very happy face.

Aaron 3H

### Blazeo

There once was a dragon named Blazeo,  
He spotted a human and shouted 'Inferno'.

The human should stop,  
But Blazeo carried on his 'bop'.

Blazeo's gone, we know he was captured,  
He ran, he roared but now he's raptured.

The castle's on fire so freedom for Blazeo,  
He spotted the prince and cried 'What Ho!'

In a cage, the prince is captured,  
All his hopes of freedom are shattered.

Prince Stan is eaten,  
Yeah, he got beaten.

Dakarayi 3P



### Terry the Tiger

Terry the tiger loved the double bass,  
Then he jumped into outer space.

There was an alien known as E.T,  
Who was very green and slimy.

A spacecraft landed on the ground,  
On a comfy-looking mound.

There was a gem inside the place,  
So they moved at a quick pace.

Then they had a big war,  
Where everyone bravely fought.

But it was a dream:  
There was a great, big beam!

He destroyed the big Deathstar,  
Then he went far, far away in his car!

Faiz 3S

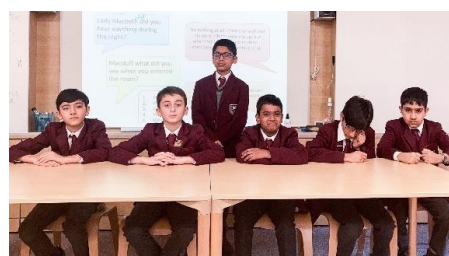
For his homework, **Jayden in Year 5** created this model, inspired by his favourite poem: 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by Roald Dahl.



### Macbeth – in the spotlight!

Year 6 are currently studying 'Macbeth'. As part of their exploration of the play, they will be writing a newspaper article on the murder of the king. In order to write this article, a press conference took place with the witnesses to the murder.

From left to right: Danyal - Lennox, Magsud - Macduff, Muhammad - Porter, Kavin - Macbeth, Dhilan - Lady Macbeth (too distressed to look at the camera), Krish - Banquo



## Maths News

Our 'Mangahigh' competition has got off to a brilliant start, with Homefield already placing number 1 in the whole of the British Isles! Well done to all the boys who have been taking part. The competition closes on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January and winners from each year group will be announced during Friday's assembly. Keep going boys!



## Gifted and Talented

This week's focus is all about Computing and STEAM. Keep an eye on the Gifted and Talented TEAMS tile for exciting problem-solving questions, quizzes, and coding games from Mrs Mach. There will be crests and house points available to those boys who submit the best work and put lots of effort into their submissions.



## Theology, Philosophy and Religion

Our question of the week comes from our Head Boy, Harry in 8H – 'What constitutes as having a good quality of life and how can we measure this?'



## Music

Congratulations to Hanchen in 4S, who has achieved a Distinction in his Grade 5 Cello exam. A wonderful achievement!

Well done to Ansh in 7MJM who has passed his Grade 8 piano with 'High Distinction' and has also been awarded one of five organ scholarships with Bromley and Croydon Organ Association. In December, Ansh received a cup from the Mayor of Sutton for the 'Most Outstanding Pianist' at the Sutton Music Festival.



## Year 3 Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 11th January, the whole of Year 3 played in a tag rugby fixture at Homefield against Reigate St. Mary. The Red team had an entertaining game but came up against some strong players. Elijah worked tirelessly throughout and was awarded with two great tries. The captain for the day was Kaylan and his quick feet and super running led to Daniel being able to score. The opponents had two very good players who scored nine tries between them. We were very impressed with the Red teams' resilience to keep playing.

The Blue team also lost but Aidan and Max played some wonderful rugby and at one point the scores were even. Ashton and Raveesh showed amazing skills and ran some impressive lines in attack.

The Yellow team worked extremely hard despite going behind very early on. Aaron and Advik scored well-worked tries and Faiz instigated some super tackling in defence.

Our Green team played a thrilling end to end game against RSM. Arjun scored a hat trick for Homefield within the first five minutes, and Veer and Daniel B also scored tries before half time to make the score 6-5 to RSM. In the second half, 12 tries were shared, making the final score 12-11 to RSM. Arjun and Veer both scored two tries in the second half, with Karsten and Daniel B scoring the others. It was a great match and both teams ran very well with the ball. Oscar, Anish and Daniel T were all positive runners going forwards. Well done, Green team and the boys who played in all the matches!

## Year 6 Rugby – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

### 'A' team

Homefield 'A' team came up against a very strong double header against Hawthorns and Reigate St. Mary's. In the first match, a fantastic display in defence and some super tackles by George, Vedanth and Owen, saw Homefield defeated 2-0. In the second match we came up against a very strong Reigate team: a very tight game saw Homefield coming away valiant with the score at 2-1, both tries coming from Oscar.

### 'B' team

Homefield's 'B' team played one match against the Hawthorns. Aiden and Alex were excellent forward runners with the ball in hand and Rayhaan was a commanding presence in the contact, rucking very well. Dhilan and Kailan scored Homefield's tries in a 2-5 loss.

### 'C' team

The U11 'C' team played away against Hawthorns and Reigate. In the first match they were fantastic in attack and defence with some superb tackles by Ayaan and Pierce. Tobi showed quick feet and skill to score three tries. Ayaan added to the total as did Aaron. The game was won 5-3.

In the second game play was more even and Zayn scored with Krish running over a super try after a pass from Shaan. Denis put in some great tackles and Sid off-loaded a great pass enabling Tobi to score. Reigate scored two quick tries in the dying minutes to seal the victory but the 'C' team had done themselves proud. Well done, boys.

## Year 7 Rugby

Homefield's Year 7s got off to an amazing start against Kingswood House as Alex G scored three tries in the first 10 minutes. Elliot, Ethan and Andrew added further scores before the break to make the half time total 6-1 to Homefield. Kingswood House improved in the second half as both teams scored twice. Henry and Boris were our other try scorers with the match finishing 8-3 to Homefield. Ayaan and Alex L made some good breaks with the ball and the whole team showed fantastic commitment to tackling and rucking. Well done, boys!

## U13 1<sup>st</sup> team Rugby

On Monday 10th January, the U13 1<sup>st</sup> team started the new rugby season with an excellent win against Kingswood House. The scores were evenly matched with both teams exposing defensive gaps and capitalising with easy tries. Jake responded to a great pass from Cass as Kingswood had taken an early lead. The opposition struggled to cope with Jake's pace and he ran over two more tries supplied by both Ronak and Harry. At half time, Homefield were ahead by just one try and the game was in the balance. The Year 8 boys stepped up their tackle counts and won good turnover balls: Ziyad and Robert forcing a penalty. A super kick by Cass then allowed William to score, followed by Ziyad and it looked like the game was in the bag. Kingswood did strike back late on but to no avail and the Year 8 team were worthy winners. Jake had totalled six tries to be awarded the accolade of 'Man of the Match'. Final score: HPS 8 - KHS 6.



## The Homefield Art Gallery

Alex G - 7H - My Nature Findings

## Pastoral

### Senior Department

The following boys receive special recognition:

#### Years 3 and 4

##### Year 3

**3P: Kaylan** for continuing to help peers and teachers above and beyond.

**3S: Max D** for hard work and his willingness to have conversations with other boys and staff.

##### Year 4

**4H: Austin** for his willingness to speak in assembly even though he was nervous

**4S: Aarush** for making sure boys had their coats for outside.

#### Form Captains, Vice-Captains and Student Council Representatives

##### 3H

Form Captain: Evan F  
Vice-Captain: Ethan C  
Student Council: Oscar W

##### 3P

Form Captain: Easan G  
Vice-Captain: Austin M  
Student Council: Zane S

##### 3S

Form Captain: Zayn K  
Vice-Captain: Max D  
Student Council: Zain I

##### 4H

Form Captain: Shomik G  
Vice-Captain: Adam T  
Student Council: Akesh R

##### 4S

Form Captain: Ranvir V  
Vice-Captain: Josh G  
Student Council: Hamza Q

#### Years 5 and 6

Well done to the following boys for making positive contributions to school life both in and out of the classroom:

##### Year 5:

**5H:** Finn and Kaiyan

**5P:** Matthew

##### Year 6

**6H:** Rishi

**6P:** Zayn

**6S:** Yusuf

#### Form Captains, Vice-Captains and Student Council Representatives

##### 5H

Form Captain: Aadit  
Vice-Captain: Luke B  
School Council: Deep

##### 5P

Form Captain: Owais  
Vice-Captain: Nathan  
School Council: Arvind

##### 5S

Form Captain: Olivier  
Vice-Captain: Jonathan F  
School Council: Atharva

##### 6H

Form Captain: Tobi  
Vice-Captain: Aidan C  
School Council: Kailan

##### 6P

Form Captain: Oscar  
Vice-Captain: James  
School Council: Aaron

##### 6S

Form Captain: Antony  
Vice-Captain: Sid P  
School Council: Adharsh

#### Years 7 and 8

Well done to the following boys for working diligently in lessons with enthusiasm and independence. They are always polite and a good friend to others:

##### 7MMC

Sivan

##### 8CS

Arjen

#### Form Captains, Vice-Captains, Student Council Representatives, and other posts

##### 7MMC

Form Captain: Elliot  
Vice-Captain: Jimmy  
School Council: Sivan  
Librarians: Henry, Boris, Tony, and Jonas

##### 7MJM

Form Captain: Alex L  
Vice-Captain: Mathew  
School Council: Alex G  
Librarians: Ansh and Andrew

##### 8LC

Form Captain: Faizaan  
Vice-Captain: Zain M  
School Council: Jasen  
Technology Champions: Hansol and Siddhant

##### 8CS

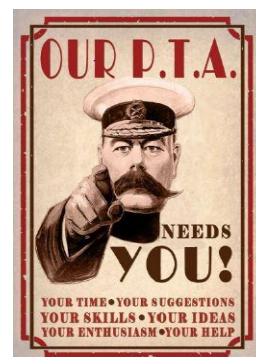
Form Captain: Ziyad  
Vice-Captain: Cass  
School Council: Zain I-A  
Technology Champions: Arjen and Mannan

### Parents' Association

If you are new to the school and have not signed up to Classlist yet, please register at [www.classlist.com/](http://www.classlist.com/) or download the free Classlist app.

We are currently looking for more parents as Class volunteers or to assist on the HA team. If you are able to get involved, please email:

[homefieldassociation@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:homefieldassociation@hotmail.co.uk)



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#Reception boys enjoyed their library session today with our librarians reading them stories #RoleModels

