



Headlines

Summer Term

24th May 2019



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

ISI inspection report

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

For some time, we have worked for a safer road outside our school so boys, parents and staff don't run a risk every time they cross the road.

Since 2015, we have worked hard; back then, our 'Travel Ambassadors' (a student voice scheme run by TFL - Transport for London), delivered a passionate presentation to Sutton Council on safety and plans to encourage more students to walk to school. Homefield is now judged in the top 10% of London schools, for "setting high standards to inspire others to fully engage the wider community to promote best practices, and see a measurable reduction in the number of journeys made by car" (TFL 2018).

Within the last three academic years, we have completed 25 different supporting activities and 8 consultation activities. A current example of such includes the WoW (Walk Once a Week) scheme with over 157 students on average, per month, being accredited during the last term. Consequently, we have been awarded the TFL Gold Award in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

We have also invested in sustainable transport and now run a fleet of 5 school minibuses, taking up to 50 families out of cars. Five members of the Estates Team are employed each morning to enable this and provide a 'stop and drop system' to help traffic flow. Currently around 98 cars every day are serviced by this. We've also introduced a 'soft start' to extend our school start time by 15 mins and also stagger the school finish times. Pretty good work!

Finally, during the Spring term, we received a plan from Sutton Council to extend traffic controls, safety features and provide a raised crossing outside the school. What's more, Transport for London approved full funding for the scheme.

Yet sadly, we are informed by the local Ward Councillor that the scheme will be blocked after local consultation, on social media, was less than supportive. It is disappointing that some in the community appear to care little about the safety of our children, who are so vulnerable to road traffic accidents.

Perhaps parents might like to engage with this mission for safety and contact the local Councillors or the Traffic officers at Sutton Council? Please let them know your views, before one of our boys, staff or parents gets seriously injured or worse.

<https://moderngov.sutton.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

Please also find attached a copy of the improvement plan and contact number for the Highways and Transport team.

It is now time to take a firm stance on traffic management and any motorists parking illegally or speeding within the vicinity... and that includes parents who sometimes park up illegally, over driveways or across the zig zags etc... please don't do this.

Let's work together to keep the roads and our children safe.

Kind regards and enjoy the break.

John Towers
Headmaster



Kingston & Sutton Shared Environment Service

Highways & Transport

Matthew Hills, Assistant Director of Highways, Transport & Regulatory Services

Your Ref
My Ref – T20147



Tel: 0208 770 6455
Date: March 26th 2019



Residents of Western Road and Tate Road

Please ask for Mr Hitesh Wadher



Dear Residents,



Please reply to:
Kingston & Sutton
Shared Environment
Service
Highways & Transport
24 Denmark Road
CARSHALTON
Surrey SM5 2JG

Western Road/Tate Road : Proposed improvements outside Homefield Preparatory School

The Sutton local area committee has agreed for officers to carry out improvements outside Homefield preparatory school in Western Road at its junction with Tate Road. Funding for the scheme has been secured from Transport for London (TfL) to address concerns raised by the school regarding unacceptable traffic speeds and difficulty in crossing the road outside the school.

Highways officers have met with school representative to assess these issues and a preliminary improvement scheme has been drawn as shown on the attached plan which aims to address concerns regarding traffic speeds and pedestrian safety. The scheme is fully supported by the school.

The scheme proposes to change the priority at Western Road junction with Tate Road and introduce a raised table with a kerb build-out to assist pupils and parents to cross the road and to help reduce traffic speeds outside the school. The scheme also includes re-arranging and providing additional 'school keep clear' markings and installation of red/yellow pencil bollards.

Whilst there were no pedestrian accidents recorded at the location in the last three years, the proposed measures will improve pedestrian safety and thus promote walking as a sustainable mode of travel.

This is an informal public consultation and if you would like to make any comments or observations, please send them before end of **April 15th 2019** to the address shown above or via our online form at the following link :-

<https://sutton.citizenspace.com/environment/westerntate>

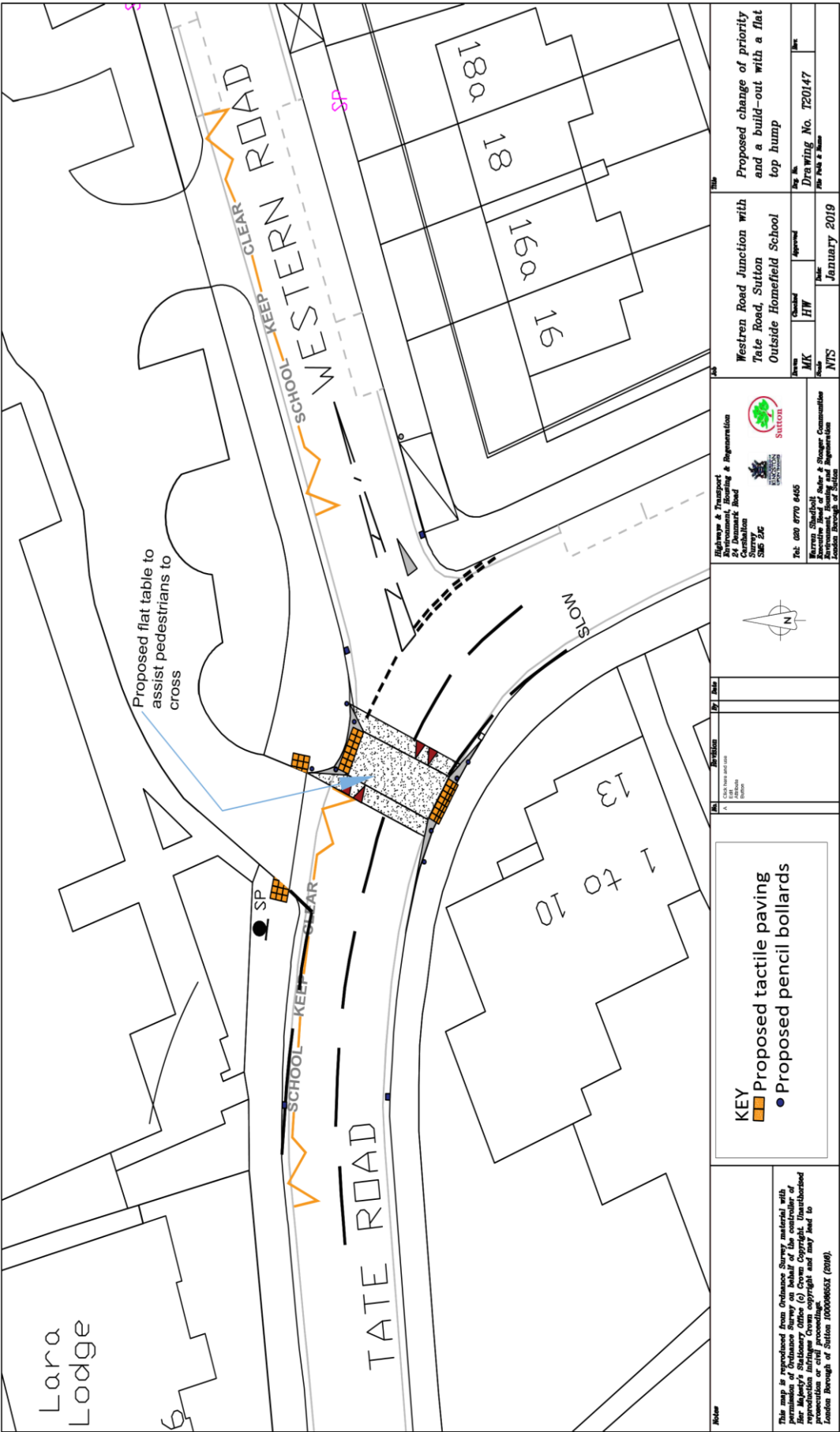
A summary of the responses received will be presented to the Local Area Committee members and should it be agreed to progress the scheme, you will be notified again at that stage.

Yours sincerely,

Hitesh Wadher
Senior Professional Engineer
Highways and Transport Team



Road Improvement Proposal Plan





Early Years Department

Thank you to those parents that have signed up for Parents' Evening on 4th or 5th June. If you still haven't or there is a problem with the dates, please let your class teacher know and we will be happy to reschedule a more suitable time for you.

This half term has gone by in a flash and we can't believe just how little of the year there is left before the boys move on to their new classes.

The teachers have been busy preparing end of year reports for you and we hope you are as proud of your boys as we are for the progress they have made this year. We still have the second half of the summer term so still lots to do but we will also be having some fun!

We wish you all a very restful half term and look forward to seeing you when we return on Monday 3rd June.

Junior Department

2H led our form assembly last week and the topic was Ramadan. The boys had learnt a variety of interesting information and some told the Junior Department about their own experiences of Ramadan in their own homes. Well done 2H!

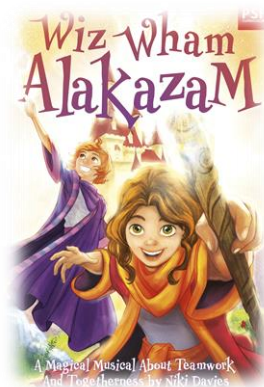
This week, Year 3 took part in the annual French Verse Competition: Zac, George, Tosin, Dhilan, Kailan, Rahul and Prayaan all bravely volunteered to recite the poem "L'orage" in front of the assembly on Tuesday morning. They memorised the verses really well and presented the poem with excellent expression. Prayaan impressed us all with his confident delivery and the other boys did themselves proud too and deserve a mention. Congratulations to all!

On Wednesday 15th May, Year 2 enjoyed a pleasant stroll along our local roads to Trinity Church in Sutton. They were met outside by the Minister of Trinity Church, Reverend Dave Dickinson, who welcomed them and was their guide for the visit. The focus of the visit was learning about how Christians use a church and also seeing and learning about the different items of church furniture. The boys sat in the pews and heard about the uses of the lectern, pulpit, font and pews. They then sat in the choir stalls and learnt about the altar, organ and stained glass windows.

This was followed by a question and answer session where many boys asked sensible, thoughtful questions. The staff were impressed by their concentration, interest and their respectful behaviour in the church. A quick walk back in the sunshine, ended a successful outing.

Rehearsals are going well for the Year 1 and 2 production of 'Wiz, Wham, Alakazam'. We are welcoming pupils from Robin Hood Infants and Sutton High School for our dress rehearsal on Tuesday 11th June. Homefield families are invited on **Wednesday 12th June at 2.45pm** and **Thursday 13th June at 6.00pm**.

We look forward to seeing parents at the Junior Department Open Afternoon on **Monday 10th June at 2.00pm - 3.15pm** and Junior Sports Day on the **Wednesday 26th June at 1.45pm**.



Our Special Award this week goes to:

Mikael in Elephants for trying very hard to form the letters of his name.

Henry in Elephants for making excellent choices and being so helpful in the classroom.

Our Students of the Week are:

Edouard in Tigers for fantastic progress in reading.

Shivansh in Tigers for working hard on his independent writing.

Daniyal in Monkeys for excellent progress in his letter formation.

Arnav in Monkeys for his enthusiasm and progress with his cursive handwriting.

Homefield Heroes

1H Nicholas for producing some lovely joined-up handwriting and **Aled** for trying hard with his work.

1S Roshan for great work in Mathematics and **Akesh** for working hard and showing great enthusiasm for everything. Well done, boys!

2H Charlie for asking super questions during our outing to Trinity Church and **Vihaan** for much improved focus and interest in lessons and discussions.

2S Rohan for lovely manners and for including others in his games and **Lewis** for more active participation in lessons and class discussions.

3H Zach for excellent mental maths. Well done and keep practising.

Daniyal for his greatly improved participation and contributions in class discussions.

3S Kavin for taking ownership over his learning and **Rayhaan** for achieving his writing and reading targets this half-term.

Parents' Association

We are looking forward to getting dressed up for the HA Summer Party at Cuddington Golf Club on Saturday 8th June. The evening will start at 7.15pm with a drinks reception, followed by a three-course meal, disco, silent auction, casino and Scottish dancing with Mr Fitzgerald.

Chess

Chess Megafinal

The latest Megafinal took place at Tonbridge in Kent on Sunday 12th May. Nathan and Daniel (both U7) took up the challenge by taking advantage of their qualification. In addition, Idhant (U11) and Hari 4 (U9) did so well that they have qualified for the Gigafinal in July. Well done, boys!

English Primary Schools Chess National Semi-finals

The Homefield U11 Chess team consisting of Idhant, Benjamin, Sivan, Prabodha, Nishad and Krish, took part in the National Semi-finals at Camber Sands, East Sussex, with 36 teams having qualified from the zonal rounds. The tournament takes place over two days with 6 matches played in total.

Homefield made a strong start but after playing last year's National champions and eventual winners, Westminster Under, in Match 2 we were 8th overall at the end of Day 1.

Only 3 teams make it to the National finals in July so we knew we needed a big Day 2. All the boys played superb chess and going into the final round we were in =3rd place but there were some very strong teams in contention. The Hall 'A' team were 1.5 points ahead of us and Highgate and Dulwich College were only 1 point behind.

We played against some of the best players in England and by the end we had caught up with The Hall 'A' team to finish =4th. Haberdashers Askes 'A' team and Dulwich Prep had a great final round to finish 2nd and 3rd respectively. This meant we had missed the National finals by just half a point.

The deadline for buying your tickets and submitting your menu choices is **Tuesday 4th June** - don't miss out! (More information is on the Events page on Classlist).

Save the date: **Saturday 6th July 11.00am – 3.00pm - Cricket World Cup Family Fun Day**

The boys were still awarded Gold Medals for an outstanding performance and were excellent representatives of the school not only in terms of behaviour but also sportsmanship with Homefield Prep being singled out by the arbiters for our sportsmanship under pressure. All the boys played well and returned excellent scores against the best chess schools in the country. Special mention to Idhant who was undefeated throughout the entire tournament.

Finally, another special mention to Idhant, Benjamin and Sivan for whom this was their final tournament representing Homefield Prep at the very highest levels in UK chess after 5 years. They, along with Sam and Jijith, have represented the school for many years usually playing and beating boys much older than themselves. The boys have reached an unprecedented four National finals in a row and were National runners up in 2017. All five boys have played for Surrey, and Homefield Prep is now seen as one of the strongest and most feared opponents in the UK for school chess. We wish the boys all best for their next steps.



Outdoor Learning Fieldwork

Year 7 have been out and about this week at Nower Wood as part of their Science Common Entrance coursework assignments.



Year 7 History Trip to the Tower of London.

Year 7, Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Colgate all enjoyed a historical day trip to the Tower of London. The sun was shining as we sat on the lawns by the White Tower, re-enacting the story of Richard III and his nephews. We viewed the Bloody Tower, originally the Garden Tower, where the Princes were said to be kept, and we were able to interrogate a well-dressed Richard III about what had happened to the boys. We also attended an artefacts workshop; handling finds from the Tower, ranging from pottery and pipes to coins and bones! There was time for a quick view of the Crown Jewels and an ice-cream in the sun, before we headed back to school and the year 2019! A fantastic day out and a memorable immersive experience.



Music

Congratulations:

Well done to the boys who recently passed music exams:

Singing

Hari Y 4S Grade 1 (Merit), Shankar R 5S Grade 3

Guitar

David M 5P Grade 1, William K 6P Grade 1 (Merit), Alex G 4H Grade 1 (Merit), Thomas G 7H Grade 2

Music Festival

The School Music Festival took place on Friday 17th May. The high standard of performances in all the categories this year were truly overwhelming and highly entertaining. The boys had prepared themselves very well and our adjudicator, Mr Roland (Director of Music at Hampton School), was extremely impressed with all of the playing.



Results

Winners

Composition - Vansh
Percussion - Anuj S

Grade 2 / 3 Strings
Grade 2 / 3 Piano - Alex P
Grade 2 / 3 Wind & Brass - Keshav
Grade 4 - Harry N
Grade 5 - Ethan H
Grade 6 - Vansh

Highly Commended

Ansh & Anush
Felix, Ashton & Madhushann, Shun, Parth & Alex L
Sam S & Adrian C
Justin L
Barnaby & Sheldon
Vinicius & Anuj
Qasim & Hanlin

House Scores

- Grays 75
- Walfords 55
- Ellis 45
- Bomfords 28

Horticulture and Mindfulness

Horticultural exploits

Boys in Year 6 have designed and created 'Mr Scarecrow', who is now in situ at the Wisley RHS gardens as an entry in the 'Spectacular Plants' competition. The scarecrow represents 'Plants in Medicine', and he will be on display at Wisley from Saturday 25th May through to Sunday 5th June.



The Open Garden

The green-fingered Peter Franklin, a dedicated Old Boy of the school (1939 – 1945), and a former Homefield Governor (1970–1997), is holding an 'Open Garden' plant sale on the 29th June with 10% of the proceeds being generously donated to The Children's Trust, Tadworth. A member of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners, Peter has won numerous awards and is responsible for the majority of the planting on the Homefield site. The 'Open Garden' event would be the perfect opportunity to purchase some beautiful plants and tap into Peter's rich vein of horticultural knowledge.

"Caring for your garden can be a great form of mindfulness meditation. By connecting with the earth and with the practice of gardening, you can cultivate a healthy mind and feel calm and connected. Simply planting a seed with intention, or touching soil, can be transformative. Go ahead and get a little dirty."

New York Times

**Peter Franklin
Open Garden**

Saturday 29th June from 10am-4pm
72 Burdon Lane, SM2 7BZ

A wide variety of Tigapanthus ranging in size, both white and blue, also with variegated foliage and gardening books for sale. Free Giant Fennel seed (see photo of plant below).







House located on crossroads of Burdon Lane and Northey Ave. To avoid congestion, please park locally.

Under 8s Cricket v Ewell Castle

Homefield U8s 'A' team

The U8s cricket team started the season well with a resounding win over Ewell Castle at Sutton Cricket Club. Homefield were put into bat and scored 252 with Rahul and Tosin scoring 18 runs; Rahul hitting three boundaries down the leg side in his 17 runs scored.

The Homefield bowling was consistent throughout with Jake D taking three wickets in the last over. In the field, both Ismail S and Noah A took impressive catches. In the end, Homefield reduced Ewell Castle to 217 runs to win the match. Well done to all the boys!

U9 'A' & 'B' Cricket v Ewell Castle

On Thursday 16th May, Ewell Castle came to Sutton Cricket Club to play a Year 4 'A' and 'B' team fixture. Our 'A' team were put in to bat and despite losing a wicket they got off to an excellent start as four boundaries and quick running by Tim and Tejas meant Homefield were on 217 after two overs (starting on 200). Elliot and Luke both hit a four and with two overs remaining Homefield were on 227. Our last pair, Aarush and George, hit seven boundaries from their 12 deliveries - that fantastic batting meant the score rocketed to a solid 266 from eight overs. In reply, Ewell Castle found the run chase difficult thanks to excellent bowling and fielding by Homefield. Tejas only conceded two singles and George took two wickets before Parth almost bowled a maiden over, only for his final ball to go for two. More tight bowling by Rishan meant that the visitors were on 211 after six overs. Ewell Castle then scored their first boundaries in the final two overs, but accurate areas by Tim and then two wickets from Aarush restricted them to a final score of 222, with Homefield winning by 44 runs.

U10 'C' team v Willington

Homefield's U10 'C's posted a very good team win against Willington this week. In the pair's game, Homefield reduced Willington to a low score of 227 with Namish, Akshay and Sergio taking Homefield's wickets. Sergio's bowling was very impressive taking 3 wickets during his bowling which was pleasing. In replay, Homefield batted very well scoring 256 runs to win the game comfortably.

Harry captained the team very competently throughout the game.

- Harry F and Namish scored 20 runs
- Nishad and Gajan scored 12 runs
- Akshay and Harry N scored 15 runs
- Henry and Sergio scored 9 runs

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The Homefield 'B' team also enjoyed victory, by 10 runs, against the Ewell Castle's B' Team. Big hitting from Alex and quick running by Rayyan set Homefield on their way, with 224 after two overs. A few wickets then fell in the following overs but Philip's two boundaries helped to counteract the resultant loss of runs. In the final two overs, Zak hit a four before Kai Tian hit three consecutive fours to give Homefield a promising 243. It was great to then see Homefield's bowlers put pressure on the opposition by restricting them to just one boundary, all innings. Rayyan and Philip each took a wicket while Jonas, Zak and Alex all bowled four dot balls in their over to ensure victory, with Ewell Castle finishing on 233. Well done to all the boys in both teams for a great start to the season!

U11 'A' Team Cricket Half Term Report

Homefield 65 All Out off 12 overs

Ewell Castle 67 for 6 off 11 overs
(Sam S 3 overs / 12 runs / 2 wickets and Idhant L 3 overs / 14 runs / 2 wickets)

Willington 133 for 6 off 16 overs (Oliver C 2 overs / 12 runs / 2 wickets)

Homefield 92 for 4 off 16 overs (Sam S 32 runs)

Homefield 115 for 6 off 18 overs (Hugo S Retired 50, Sam S 28)

Hawthorns 117 for 1 off 13 overs

The Homefield U11 'A' team have improved in their performance every match. Unfortunately, they are still searching for their first victory.

In their first match the boys went after a big total, but ended up giving **Ewell Castle** some catching practice. Niraj ran out of batting partners with the score on 65! There were still 6 overs available. In response, Ewell Castle faced some good bowling from Idhant, Sam, Riven and Will. However, sadly, Homefield's total proved too minimal to defend.

Again, Homefield bowled with good accuracy against **Willington**, with Oliver C being the pick of the bunch. To his credit, one of the Willington opening batsman played with great patience and compiled an unbeaten half century.



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This helped take their total to an impressive 133 off 16 overs. This wasn't helped by some inconsistency in the field. However, Idhant and Sam responded with an impressive opening partnership for Homefield. Riven, Oliver and Hugo then also contributed with the bat but ultimately the task at hand was too great and Homefield could not quite accelerate during the middle of the innings.

Hawthorns bowled well during the opening exchanges, but Homefield started well in their innings with a good partnership between Sam and Oliver. When Oliver was bowled, Hugo then came to the crease and hit an explosive unbeaten 50. This helped post a solid total of 115 for 6 off 18 overs. Hawthorns proved too powerful and reached the total with 9 wickets to spare. It was good to see that both Riven and Hugo kept wicket with much increased confidence and skill.

U11 'B' team Cricket

The Homefield's U11 'B' team posted a very good team win against Willington on Wednesday afternoon. In the pair's game, Homefield batted first and scored 284 runs with Oki M and Sam T top scorers with 21 runs. Barney F's timing at hitting the ball was encouraging to see. Homefield's bowling was very consistent and accurate by all the boys throughout the opposition's innings. Homefield reduced Willington to 208 runs with Ohki (2), Alex P (2), Sam T (1), Daniyal P (1), Harry T (1) and Peter F (1) all taking wickets. Homefield's fielding was also very impressive, which reduced Willington's ability to score more runs.

- Ohki M and Sam T scored 21 runs
- Dylan P and Archie H scored 19 runs
- Daniyal P and Barnaby F scored 19 runs
- Xavier J and Peter F scored 15 runs
- Alex P and Harry T scored 10 runs

U11 'B' team v Hawthorns.

Homefield's U11 'B's produced an encouraging performance against Hawthorns this week. Homefield set Hawthorns 250 runs with Harry T and Stuart S scoring well with 17 runs.

Homefield's bowling was generally very consistent, however the Hawthorn's batsmen were able to score quick singles and also hit regular boundaries. Ilyas M bowled very well taking 3 wickets in his over which included 2 run-outs, after direct hits on the wickets. Sam T also took two wickets along with Daniyal P who clean-bowled out the opening batsman. Ohki M and Daniyal P scored 11 runs.

- Jijith T and Xavier J scored 1 run
- George and Archie H scored 1 run
- Ben and Ilyas scored 8 runs
- Barnaby F and Sam T scored 12 runs
- Stuart and Harry scored 17 runs

U13 1st team

On Monday 20th May, the U13 1st team played against Kingswood House at Holmwood Close. The away team won the toss and put Homefield in to bat. Salaar carried on from last week's batting effort and scored 52 before being retired not out. Anuj also followed on his batting excellence by scoring 36 before being caught out at mid-wicket. Tom H, Adil and Yasir all contributed with the bat and Homefield posted a score of 159.

Kingswood House also had a super batting opener, who hit 50 runs before being retired not out. Keshav and Adil took two quick wickets and some good bowling by James S and Ben H meant lots of dot balls and Kingswood were unable to chase down the total. They eventually scored 120. A wonderful win for Homefield. Well done, boys.

U13 2nd Team Cricket v Kingswood House

On Monday 20th May, our Under 13 2nd XI played a pairs cricket match against their Kingswood House counterparts. Our Captain, Ollie, won the toss and elected to bat first. Homefield got off to a great start - Thomas, Ollie, Sean and Gus hit several fours and ran well between the wickets to get Homefield to 232 from the first four overs (starting on 200). However, the run rate slowed due to excellent bowling by Kingswood House, who took five wickets in the next four overs (minus five runs for each wicket), and even after Josh, Anush, Adrian and Oscar managed to prevent more wickets tumbling.

Homefield finished on a below-par 239. Unfortunately, despite some accurate bowling by Theo, Jaineel and Eric, the Kingswood House batsmen did not lose a wicket and finished on 300 after some powerful shots raced to the boundary. Homefield should be given credit for their strong fielding which prevented further boundaries and quick singles.

Fantasy Football League

Gamesweek 38 winners:

League	Most Pts	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	97	Riven's Maestros	Riven
Year 7 & 8	81	Anthony FC	Anthony
Year 6	97	Riven's Maestros	Riven
Year 5	83	The Fireballs	Oliver
Year 4	78	Premiere 11	Rayyan
Junior	79	Lachlan's Lucky Lads	Lachlan
Parents	73	Lizby's Legends	Lizby S
Staff	72	Homefield Academy	PE Department

Charitable Endeavours

Year 5 have been actively involved in fundraising this half term by undertaking a sponsored walk in aid of Cancer Research. One of our Year 5 form tutors, Mrs Larkin (5P), will be hoping to swell the funds through participation in the London 2 Brighton Trek this weekend.

If parents would like to further contribute, please visit her Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Shona-Larkin1>



Junior Maths Challenge

The JMC results are just in! This is a nationwide mathematical challenge which is predominantly aimed towards Years 7 and 8.

This year we have had 78 boys participating across four different year groups. As well as winning medals, if the boys scored high enough in their respective category, they were automatically entered into the bonus round (Kangaroo Round).

This year 53 boys achieved a medal with 11 boys going through to the Kangaroo Round.

Year group	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Kangaroo Bonus Round
8	3	7	2	
7	3	5	2	3
6	7	7	5	3
5	5	1	6	5

It is fair to say that the boys have done incredibly well and should be thoroughly proud of their efforts. A special mention to the Year 5s who have five boys through to the bonus round; sterling effort! This will take place on Tuesday 11th June.

We shall be handing out certificates in an upcoming Awards assembly.

Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · May 17

#Year5 boys have loved their Engineering & Technology lessons this week on Bridges...
#InspiringSchools



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The Homefield Art Gallery

Year 5 - Laser Cut Superheroes

