

Headlines

Spring Term
28th April 2023



“The quality of the pupils’ academic and other achievements is excellent.”

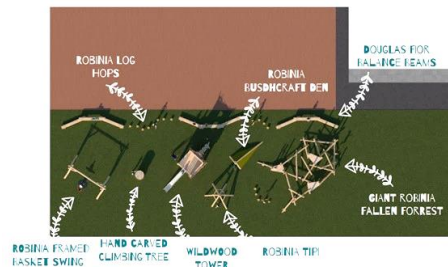
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Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

A final flourish on building for a while, with our new adventure playground commissioned for construction towards the end of the Summer Term. The School Council were so helpful in bringing this project to fruition. By listening to pupil voice, I hope we will have a resource that will provide great joy and for many years. The boys were persuasive in petitioning for an investment in sustainable hardwoods, as well as a space that provided for real physical challenge as well options for relaxation. So, we will have Douglas Fir bench seating along the side of the MUGA. Other equipment will be constructed from Robinia wood with a: ‘Fallen Forest’ for climbing, log hops for balance, a climbing wall/tree, a high tower and slide, a large basket swing and no less than three ‘dens’ to chill and play in. I sincerely thank the Parents’ Association for the donation of £20K towards its construction.



On having fun, we have our Year 5 cohort out this week at Windmill Hill in Sussex, enjoying outdoor adventurous activities, to develop their teamwork and resilience. Sports have started in earnest with fixtures against Cumnor House and Micklefield; let’s hope the weather picks up as we move into May.

A special mention to Ansh, Andrew Y and Hanlin for their general fortitude as they all sit the Eton King’s Scholarship over the next week.

On Music, and given the popularity last year, we are creating our Summer Proms season. Further information is on page 5. As ever, there will be a lot on offer this term with so much of it celebratory. Please do check the School calendar.

On communications, we have been talking to parents for some time as media moves on so quickly. After some research we are now seeking to streamline all comms from the School into a single, trusted platform. This would cover everything from newsletters, to absence management and even payments for trips. It’s our intention to start this in the new school year and we will give you plenty of notice so you can upload the platform onto your smartphone, tablet or computer.

We are looking forward to our MFL day next Friday, giving boys the opportunity to celebrate the wide variety of languages we speak across the school. To celebrate, boys and staff can wear home clothes associated with the colour of a flag or a country or language in their family heritage. A £1 for our Guide Dog charity would be appreciated.

Enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend. Please note, as with all other schools, we are closed on the 8th May for the Bank Holiday celebrating the Coronation. God save the King.

Kind regards,

John Towers
Headmaster

Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

A busy start to the summer term. In Reception, we started our new topic of Pirates! The boys were thrilled with our new text, 'Pirates love Underpants', and enjoyed the humour, rhyme and repetition of the text. Our writing focus this week was to write a 'wanted' poster for the naughty pirates who stole the golden pants. We discussed the importance of adjectives and the difference they make to the reader. We were selective in the adjectives that we chose ensuring that they described the pirate in detail. Arjun said, "This pirate has a gold and red coat!" Idris said, "This pirate has pants as a hat!" Our Maths topic has been ordering objects according to size. Roger in RH said, "I know a word for something that is bigger than big: gigantic!" Freddie said, "If something is tiny it means it's even smaller!" Our topic time has covered a range of pirate activities such as role play, pirate play dough and we even painted our own pair of pirate pants!

A quick request for Reception parents: if you book your son onto Orchard Childcare during the day, please send your class teacher a quick email to let them know. This way we can prepare the boys and support them in learning their routine. We've also had a message from Mrs. Edwards that many library books from Reception have been returned in poor condition with many needing to be thrown away. We think this is due to water bottles leaking in book bags. Please ensure your son's water bottle is separate from their book bag.

In Year 1, we have begun our new English text, 'The Magic Paintbrush'. This week, we have focussed on predicting events in the text and retelling the story in sequence using story mapping. In Maths, we have returned to our topic of multiplication with a focus on understanding that multiplication is repeated addition. In Science, we have started our topic of plants and have begun by learning what plants need to grow and comparing seeds by looking at the differences and similarities between them.

Our History topic is learning about toys in the past. We have started by looking at toys that we use today and learning the topic-based vocabulary to describe them.

Perhaps you could share your favourite toy as a child with your son, helping them to think about similarities and differences?



In Art, we have used the artist Marc Quinn as inspiration and sculpted our hands using bread dough! It was a messy but wonderful lesson!



In Year 2, we have eagerly started our new topics. Our English text is 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl, which has certainly kept us entertained! Some of us even wished we had magic fingers to cast spells! Kaan in 2H said "I would like a magic finger to get yummy food all the time!" As we are reading the text, we are predicting events that could take place next using evidence to justify our predictions.

In History, we have started learning about London in 1666 and the Great Fire of London.



Homefield Heroes

RH - **Ishaan** for his excellent use of phonics in his writing this week and **Reuben** for excellent participation in phonics.

RS - **Shahmeer** for always being kind and caring towards others.

1H - **Connor** for a positive attitude and persistence when solving multiplication problems and **Ryan** for fantastic effort with comprehension work and answering in full sentences.

1S - **Subir** for his positive attitude towards his learning and **Alan** for his beautifully presented work.

2H - **Vijan** for setting into Homefield so well and working super hard.

2S - **Ian** for excellent participation and independent working and **Mirsub** for demonstrating excellent use of similes in his English writing.

We have been comparing London in 1666 to London today and finding evidence to check our ideas. Our Geography topic is the Seven Wonders of the World and we have started by locating them on a world map.



In Science, we have started our topic on plants by looking at seed dispersal. As this is the start of the unit we also allocated time to think of questions that we had about plant growth. In Maths, we have started our new topic of fractions and looked at the difference between parts and wholes and how fractions can be seen and used in everyday life.

Pastoral

Homefield Heroes

Years 3 and 4

We have had a fantastic start to the summer term in Years 3 and 4 with the boys coming back re-energised and focused. We extend a warm welcome to Sten who has joined 4S this term.

In the week before breaking up for the Easter holidays, the following boys were awarded Homefield Hero certificates:

- 3H Christopher for being a wonderful role model to his classmates
- 3P Keshav for amazing contributions to History lessons
- 3S Ayaan for superb focus and excellent efforts in creative writing
- 4H Zain I for superb focus and excellent efforts in creative writing
- 4S Ethan for superb focus and excellent efforts in creative writing
- 4P Ashton for superb focus across all lessons and participating in class discussions.

In our year group assemblies last week, boys discussed what makes an outstanding Homefield boy and the two characteristics that a lot of them agreed on were being 'resilient' and 'enthusiastic'. Therefore, the following Homefield Hero certificates were awarded for boys who have a brilliant attitude to learning and stay focused to complete their tasks.

- 3H Ryan
- 3P Finnlay
- 3S Arjun
- 4H Kaylan
- 4P James
- 4S Sten

Epsom Maths Challenge

The Epsom College Maths Challenge saw 12 leading Prep Schools compete in three demanding rounds. As holders of this prestigious Cup, Homefield was represented this year by Justinus T, Alex W, Yusuf Q and Ranvir V. The first round being a 'Team Challenge', the second a 'Maths Logic Challenge' and the final round being an 'all-round Maths Relay Challenge', the boys excelled in all areas. Demonstrating both team and individual excellence, Homefield lifted the cup and retained the title as 'Epsom College Maths Challenge Champions'.

Years 5 and 6

Well done to the following boys for a fantastic Spring term, consistently setting a great example for others:

- 5H Alex W and Rudy
- 5P Sulaymaan
- 5S Alex H
- 6H Nashwan
- 6P Austin
- 6S Abdullah and Nathan

Well done to the following boys for being such excellent role models to others:

- 5H Akesh
- 5P Sarvesh
- 5S Yusuf
- 6H Damon
- 6P Zani
- 6S Bryan

For confidently delivering excellent year group assemblies in their role as Youth Travel Ambassadors:

- 5H Aarav and 5S Zachary

For a superb start to the summer term, setting an excellent example to others with positive attitudes and behaviours:

- 5P Constantine
- 6S Luke

Years 7 and 8

Well done to the following boys, who have all been awarded Homefield Heroes:

Year 7 – Sid for his engagement during the Sutton Ecology Centre trip, and Henry Parker for his resilience in lessons, especially Art.

Year 8 - Jonas for his effort and determination in Sport and Music



Parents' Association

Upcoming Events

The Great Homefield Bake Off and Coronation Tea Party	Friday, 5th May 4.00-6.00pm
Used Uniform Sale and Teacher/ Parent Coffee Morning	Friday, 12th May 8.30-9.30am
Denbies Wine Tasting	Friday, 16th June 6.00-7.00pm
A Mediterranean Night Charity Ball	Friday, 16th June 7.00pm-Midnight
Willy Wonka's Summer Fete	Saturday, 1st July Noon

We look forward to welcoming you to the first ever 'Great Homefield Bake Off'. We will be holding a Coronation tea party alongside the Bake Off. You do not need to enter the Bake Off competition in order to join the Tea Party event. Tickets are available on Classlist. A child ticket will include arts and crafts, sandwiches, crisps, and a drink. Parents tickets are free, and we will be serving tea and coffee. The Tea Party picnic will be on the lawn in front of the Cricket Pavilion. Please bring your own picnic blanket.

For the Bake Off competition, there will be both technical and showstopper challenges with categories for lower school, upper school, staff and parents. The rules are posted on the Classlist events page, please have a read through them. We will be awarding prizes in each of the 8 categories with extra participation medals for the Reception year group. The technical challenge is 6 plain scones and the showstopper has a Coronation theme. Scones will be served alongside the tea and coffee. Showstopper bakes will be sold for £1 a slice with all proceeds going to charity.

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/993570679>

Your bakes can be dropped off on the morning of Friday, 5th May during school drop off. The Parents' Association will be happy to receive your entries at a table at the front entrance.

Reminder: The Homefield Association have stylish Homefield branded bookmarks available to purchase from the Front Office at a cost £3 each.

Sport

Sutton High School/ Homefield Swimming Gala 2023

On Tuesday 21st March, 40 boys from Homefield joined 40 girls from Sutton High in the team 'Sutton High School/ Homefield Swimming Gala'. The boys and girls formed four teams and competed together in order to win points for their respective House. The swimmers were chosen from Years 4,5 and 6 and all the Homefield boys swam with wonderful energy and commitment for their House teams. Special mention must go to the four captains: Luke, Jayden, Lewis and Alexander, who ensured the younger members of their team knew when to race and where to go, a wonderful display of teamwork and maturity.

The results were as follows:

- 1st Bomfords
- 2nd Grays
- 3rd Walfords
- 4th Ellis

House Teams

Jayden ©	B	Alexander ©	E
Kayaan	B	Cedric	E
Olivier	B	Ewan	E
Raghav	B	Harry C	E
Darwin	B	Matthew	E
Constantine	B	Sachin	E
	B	Eric B	E
Elijah M	B	Harry H	E
Ethan C	B	Rudy G	E
Alex H	B	Zain I	E
Charlie	G	Keller	W
Jamie	G	Luke ©	W
Lewis ©	G	Nathan C	W
Gary	G	Stefano	W
Zackary M	G	William	W
Oscar S	G	Oba	W
	G	Ranvir	W
Eric Li	G	Aled	W
Rowan K	G	Nathan M	W
Daniel Q (guest)	G	Faiz K	W

Year 4 Hockey Fixture

On Thursday 23rd March, Year 4 played their final hockey match of the season at Kingswood House School. It was a great afternoon of hockey with an abundance of goals! Our 'C' team won 6-1. Raveesh scored a hat-trick, while Zane S, Arnav and captain, Theo, also scored.

The 'B' team narrowly lost 4-5; goals were scored by Zain I (2), Raveesh and Aran M.

In the 'A' team match it was a 3-3 draw, as goals from Michael, Sulaiman and captain Kaloyan put Homefield ahead before Kingswood House equalised late on. Well done, Year 4, for an excellent hockey season. Now, we look forward to cricket fixtures!

U11 v Micklefield

This week, Homefield played its first cricket fixture of the summer term against Micklefield.

Our 'A' team batted first with a partnership of 80. Finn 37 retired on 37 and Lachlan retired on 31. Contributions from Matthew and Alexander brought Homefield to 105-2 from 15 overs.

Zinedine opened the bowling and gave Homefield early wickets, providing Homefield with a great confidence boost.

Homefield put Micklefield under more pressure with a slow run rate. Noah, picking up brilliantly caught and bowled in his first delivery, Olivier took a great run out from the boundary. Further wickets were shared between Zinedine (3), Noah (2) and Matthew (2). Run-outs from William and Olivier gave the Homefield 'A' team a great start to the season with a 64-run win. Thanks to all parents who came to watch the game at Homefield.



Marathon Success

Congratulations to our Head of Science, Miss Smith who ran the London Marathon on Sunday in support of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Should anyone wish to make a donation to this fantastic cause, please visit:

<https://2023tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/carys-smith>

Despite the wet conditions, Miss Smith completed the course in a personal best of 4:28:39, 22 minutes faster than her previous time!



Language Ambassadors

A new Form responsibility has been introduced at Homefield Prep this term – Language Ambassadors! Congratulations to Axel, Kenon, Ryan, Daniel B, Karsten, Kaloyan, Enming, Ian, Ezel, Vihaan, Rohan B, Stefano, Tobi, and Denis who were elected in to position for the Summer Term. Their role is to celebrate and encourage the wide variety of languages and cultures of the boys in our school. Their first job is to organise the upcoming Modern Foreign Languages Day, which will be a great opportunity to raise money and share the languages we know in our community!



Science

Year 7 at Sutton Ecology Centre

On Thursday 20th May, Year 7 attended Sutton Ecology Centre, where they had the opportunity to perfect field work sampling techniques. The boys enjoyed comparing species diversity on mown grass and a wildflower meadow, with the added challenge of having to identify plants solely due to their leaves as very few flowers were evident.

After lunch, the boys enjoyed investigating invertebrates as they sampled ponds and terrestrial habitats through pond dipping, sweep netting and tree beating.



Music

Our Peri Prom series runs from the 16th – 25th May, showcasing all the wonderful instrumental teaching that takes place at Homefield. Please email Mrs Griffith at ygriffith@homefieldprep.school if you would like tickets to attend:

- Peri Prom - Brass with Mr Marshall**
Tuesday 16th May 4.15 – 5.15pm
- Peri Prom - Piano with Mr Woolmer**
Wednesday 17th May 4.15 – 5.15pm
- Peri Prom - Violin with Ms Martindale**
Thursday 18th May 4.15 – 5.15pm
- Peri Prom - Cello and Piano with Mr Aslangul & Mrs Woolmer**
Friday 19th May 4.15 – 5.15pm
- Peri Prom - Woodwind with Ms Andrews**
Tuesday 23rd May 4.15 – 5.15pm
- Peri Prom - Percussion with Mrs Allardyce**
Wednesday 24th May 4.15 – 5.15pm
- Peri Prom - Guitar with Mr Legg**
Thursday 25th May 4.15 – 5.15pm

If you are interested in your son taking up an instrument in the next academic year, this could be a wonderful opportunity to see what is on offer.

On the 24th and 26th May, we will be holding in-house **Trinity and ABRSM Music** exams. Good luck to all those boys who are preparing for these assessments. Boys will be taking their exams in Voice, Cello, Violin, Viola, Piano, Guitar, Flute, Trumpet, Trombone and French Horn.

Boys in Years 5 – 8 are having ukelele lessons this term. If you are interested in purchasing an instrument for your son, please email Mrs Griffith.



Learning Resources Centre

We are pleased to welcome the following boys in Year 6 who join the Learning Resources Centre team this term:

- 6H Aden and Hardik
- 6P Austin and Zani
- 6S Seyon and Luke

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Book a place at our
OPEN MORNING

Friday 19th May
9.20am to 11.00am



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If you have any friends or family considering Homefield Prep for their son in the future, then please do let them know about our forthcoming Open Morning on **Friday 19th May at 9.20am**. We would love to welcome them to the school!

Places can be booked here on our website:

<https://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/admissions/open-morning>

Tweet of the Week



Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens ...



Traffic

We have received feedback shared from local residents and local businesses closet to the school and would ask for your assistance with the morning's stop and drop or collection at the end of day.

- Please be mindful of a potential bottleneck in front of the church on Tate Road as there is parking on both sides of the road restricting passage
- If parking in front of the newsagent, Powers, be mindful of the parking bays and only use these
- Please be mindful of the disabled bay on Tate Road
- If you can 'park and stride' please do, as this may help to ease congestion near the school

Homefield Art Gallery

Raymin, Year 3 - 'Optical Raymin'

