

# Headlines

Summer Term  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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

ISI inspection report December 2021



## Letter from the Headmaster

### Dear Parents

Welcome to the Summer Term: we are working to a joyful ‘normal’ with most events and working around the last phase of the capital works. So, we are planning Sports Days on site with parents invited. We are returning to presenting a full Speech Day and will use St Paul’s Church, Cheam, a great local venue we’ve used a couple of times in the past. Details of all this, as well as Parents’ Evenings *et al*, will be with you as we progress. Do check the calendar.

On the build, we are close to the finish line with the new entrance, meeting rooms and admin areas being handed over to us shortly. So, the last few weeks of activity at the front of the estate. We then seamlessly move to finish off, around the back, by removing the Johnson building and creating a new all-weather sports pitch. We will be tidying up the tarmac, etc. and are commissioning some new fencing and gates for the frontage. Yes, ‘stop and drop’ will return once we’ve got the builders moved out of the way. With hindsight, I am so glad we sorted the classrooms out first, then the new halls, as the boys have been benefitting from this wonderful provision for some time.

Eid-al-Fitr is projected for Monday or Tuesday of next week. If Eid does fall on a school day then we are happy to authorise one day of absence for those observing the festival, but please do leave a message with the Front Office to report this. ‘Ramadan Mubarak’ to all our Muslim families celebrating the event.

Finally, some special mentions:

Hanlin, Andrew, Ansh (Year 7), Zain M, Rishabh and Ronak (Year 8), all participated in the very difficult Intermediate Maths Challenge in February. The boys who received a certificate will now be competing in the Cayley Mathematical Olympiad. Boys in Years 6, 7 and 8 are currently sitting the Junior Maths Challenge this week. We have the highest expectation of their success in this countrywide competition.

I will mention two students, again, who have gained places in the prestigious National Children’s Orchestra: Hanlin (Flute) and Andrew (Viola, who also recently passed his Piano Grade 7 exam and passed with Distinction). Also, congratulations to Robert, our new Head Boy and to Faizaan, Oliver M and Jasen (Year 8) all being elevated to the role of Prefects.

Year 5 were quite brilliant with the focused engagement they brought to our ‘Medieval Day’ live action this week. Henry V would have been pleased with how our boys took to the longbows.

Have a good long weekend and a reminder that we are closed on Monday for the May Bank holiday.

**John Towers**  
Headmaster



Robert with his proud parents

## Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

### Reception

What a great start we have had down in Reception. All the boys have returned to school refreshed and ready for their last term of learning before they move up to Year 1. They have also been so welcoming to Mrs Godly and helped her find her feet again after returning from maternity leave!

We have been continuing with our phonics, recapping all sounds learnt and focussing on sentence structure and writing sentences in our writing books, making sure they are in the right order and make sense when we read them back. In Maths, we have been looking at addition and using our skills to add two numbers together in a number sentence.

Finally in relation to our new topic for this half term we have looked at Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' painting and created our own versions of it. We are all so impressed at the pieces of beautiful art the boys have produced and can't wait to display them.

### Years 1 and 2

Boys in Years 1 and 2 have returned to school with renewed vigour after the Easter break!

Both year groups are taking care and nurturing their classroom 'House' plants while learning about what plants need to thrive and, just like themselves, the plants need care, water, and food!

### Other Awards in Years 1 and 2

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

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

#### Kindness (Kangaroo award)

**1H Mikael** for helping others around the classroom and **Aldous** for sharing well with stationary.

**2H Raymin** for demonstrating lovely manners to friends and staff and **Finnlay** for being a great buddy.

**2S Isaac** for including others during playtime and **Benji** for being a wonderful and kind buddy.



*Helping our plants to grow healthy and strong*

Year 2 have been researching and learning all about the Titanic and have shown great enthusiasm. The work they are producing is excellent and reflects maturity towards their learning and the pride they are demonstrating towards their work. Well done, Year 2!

Year 1 continue to impress us with their hardworking attitude, approach to learning and their commitment to reading daily. As a result, we have expressive, fluent readers with a passion for literature!



*Year 1 Passion for Reading*

#### Resilience (Courageous: Koala award)

**1H Michael** for improved effort with his behaviour choices and following instructions and **William** for participating in class discussion activities this week.

**2H Junxi** for approaching difficult problems with positivity and **Raymin** for playing the piano brilliantly to his peers.

**2S Arjun** for persevering during difficult tasks in lessons and **Misha** for bravely joining in with a new class

#### Organisation (Helping Hands award)

**1H Harin** for organising the classroom and **Rahul** for being a super cloakroom monitor.

**2H Henry** for being a great cloakroom monitor and **Adam** for helping to organise the classroom and equipment.

## Homefield Heroes

**Monkeys - John** for his beautiful drawing of Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' picture.

**Tigers - Nivi** for challenging himself and showing excellent focus in Maths.

**1H Kaan** for improved self-motivation with his writing and for showing kindness towards others and sharing well in the classroom and **Michael** for an excellent effort and focus with his recorded work this week.

**2H Alex** for brilliant effort and imagination when writing a script and **Charlie** for trying his best in his first week at Homefield.

**2S Isaac** for putting his all into his handwriting and presentation in every subject and **Jai** for starting the new term with the enthusiasm and drive to learn brilliantly.



**2S Sacha** for always taking the initiative to stay organised and tidy and **Ayaan** for helping his classmates who needed assistance during lessons.

#### Presentation (Panther award)

**1H Kiran** for writing very neatly using cursive script in his work this week.

**2H Jaydon** for trying exceptionally hard to keep his work neat.

**2S Anirudh** for laying out his work neatly and using his best handwriting.



## Science News

### Fossil Making

Year 3 have recently made some of their own fossils. They did this by pushing real fossils and shells into plasticine to make a fossil cast and then filling these up with Plaster of Paris. Once set, they peeled off the plasticine and ta da, they had created a fossil!



### Periscopes

Year 5 have been learning about light. They really enjoyed using their knowledge of reflection to make periscopes and then had fun using them in the playground to peep around walls and over the minibuses.

## Chess

The Homefield Chess Club runs for boys in Years 1 - 6 and those in Years 2 - 6 participated in internal chess competitions during the Spring term. The following boys received trophies:

### Tuesday Year 2

1st Junxi  
2nd Yahya  
3rd Ralph

### Wednesday Years 3 - 5

1st Easen  
2nd Ranvir  
3rd Yusuf

### Thursday Years 3 - 5

1st Arjun  
2nd Daniel  
3rd= Oliver and Thomas



### 8CS Wellbeing Wednesday

This half term, the focus for 'Wellbeing Wednesdays' for Year 8 is 'Being Active'. This week, they were asked to set themselves a daily exercise challenge. The boys have decided that they will aim to exercise for at least one hour every day for the term and started this off with a 'plank challenge'. William won the challenge by holding a plank for almost 3 minutes - wow, very impressive!



### Thursday Years 3 - 5

Top year 3 Ethan (49 points)

Top Year 4 Darwin (60 points)  
Top Year 5 Ewan (55 points)

### Friday Years 3 - 5

1st Aidan  
2nd Max V-B



## Music

My first half-term at Homefield Prep has been filled with fun and outstanding music making. I have been overjoyed by the boys' enthusiasm and effort for anything 'music'. We ended the term with a whole school assembly performance where we sang 'Sing' by Gary Barlow. This was the first rehearsal in preparation for the Queen's Jubilee.

The Summer term will be a busy one for the Music Department. We have added a KS1 Ocarina Club, a Recorder Orchestra as well as a Ukulele Band to the Co-curricular provision.

Our Summer term whole school assemblies will be filled with music, whether it be a solo item as the boys arrive, a presentation by the peri teachers or the weekly singing items.

Our upcoming concerts this term are as follows:

1. Peri Prom week 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May from 4.00-4.45pm: We will hold our very first annual Peri Prom throughout this week. All students who take instrumental lessons will be taking part in what promises to be a week of lovely music making. Keep an eye out for more information to follow.
2. Reception music celebration: Our Reception students will no doubt delight their parents in an assembly on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm.
3. Years 1 and 2 Musical: 'Toby's Ark' will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.
4. Summer Concerts on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July from 3.10pm - 4.00pm: Our Summer Concerts will take place on the Monday and Tuesday during the final week of term. Parents of participating students will be invited to one of two shows. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see your son performing in one of our many school ensembles.

*Mrs Griffith*



## Sports

### Swimming Gala 2022

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, thirty-eight boys competed in the Homefield House Swimming Gala. The swimmers were chosen from Years 4 and 5 and all the boys swam with wonderful energy and commitment for their House teams.

I would like to thank the huge number of parents who came to support the boys - your attendance was really appreciated.

The results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bomfords
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grays
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Walfords
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ellis

## Pastoral

### Homefield Heroes

The following boys receive a special mention this week:

#### Years 3 and 4

**3H Sulaiman** and **3P Easan**  
**4H Adam**

All have been great Homefield citizens whether this be holding doors open, collecting/giving out materials for teachers and always speaking to peers and staff with great respect.

**3H Ethan C** and **3P Kaloyan** for making a very strong start to the term.

**4S Constantine** for attaining 7 House Points in 2 days.

#### Years 5 and 6

##### Year 5

**5P Abdulaziz**, for settling so well into life at Homefield and **Owais**, for being an excellent buddy to him.

The team captains, Alexander, Jayden, Luke and Lewis ensured the younger members of their team knew when to race and where to go: a wonderful display of teamwork and maturity.

Thanks to Viv Madel, Erica Burnell and Jaqui Fraser our wonderful swimming instructors for all their hard work.

Well done to all the boys who took part.



##### Year 6

**6S Sid** and **Kavin**, for their dedication and professionalism during *Treasure Island* rehearsals.

#### Years 7 and 8

End of term Homefield Hero Citizenship Awards for being an outstanding member of the school community go to the following boys:

**7MJM Ryan**  
**7MMC Jonas**

**Jimmy** (7MMC) and **Ansh** (7MJM) for their enthusiasm and excellent participation on the Year 7 trip to Sutton Ecology Centre.

**8CS Arjen**  
**8LC Siddhant**

**Oliver B** (8LC) and **Rory** (8LC) for exceptional effort and improvement in athletics (100m sprint).

#### Well done to our new Year 8 prefects:



Faizaan, Oliver M and Jasen

## Drama News

### Treasure Island Update

The cast of *Treasure Island* have returned from the Easter holidays filled with passion and energy! Many of the boys have worked tirelessly to learn their lines off by heart over the break: such professionalism and dedication is admirable.

We are in a position where we can perform full run-throughs of the play. The addition of props, costumes, songs and fight scenes – due to be perfected this half term – will add refinement and polish to the show.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank both the Year 6 students and their parents for their support of this project. The rehearsal process has been very enjoyable for all involved and I would like to thank the Year 6 community for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Captain G



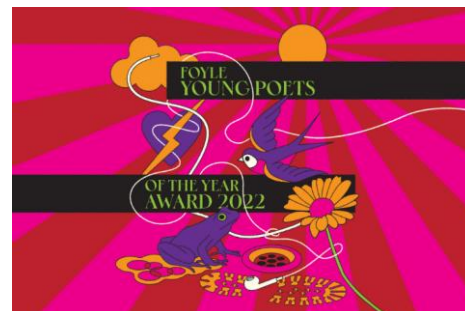
## English Department

### Calling all poets aged 11+

Enter the Prestigious 'Foyle's Young Poet of the Year Award 2022'.

You can enter any type of poem, of any length, on any subject! What are you waiting for?

See Mrs Colgate for the details and get writing boys!



For more information, please visit the website: <https://poetrysociety.org.uk/competitions/foyle-young-poets-of-the-year-award/>

The deadline for entries is the **31<sup>st</sup> July**.

## Homefield Art Gallery



Austin, Year 3 – ‘Smoke of Colours’ Sculpture

## Parking

Concerns have been raised by many local residents about the discourteous parking of a small number of our parents when dropping off and collecting children from the school.


Please refrain from parking across our neighbours’ dropped curbs and parking directly on street corners thereby making it difficult for people trying to emerge from side turnings into oncoming traffic.

We have also received several complaints of parents using private car parks in Western and Tate Road.

Please be considerate and help keep our local community safe.



## Tweet of the Week

 Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · 22h  
For the #Years8 Wellbeing Wednesday form time today, 8CS completed a plank challenge. The boys have set themselves a task of completing an hour of exercise every day for the rest of the term! #beingactive



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

