

Headlines

Autumn Term
29th September 2023



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

ISI inspection report December 2021

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

As another full and busy week draws to a close, we are encouraged by the pleasant weather afforded to us, thus far in the Autumn term. Oddly, I did hear a Christmas song being played on the radio, and thankfully this was both short lived and in isolation; perhaps deleting that radio station from my favourites helped - bah humbug! Continuing the weather theme, and most importantly, the boys at Homefield continue to showcase their positive ‘summer’ spirit in all that they do. Bravo.

Our third whole school assembly of the Autumn term, 22nd September, is an important one for our senior pupils as we appoint: Head Boy, Prefects, House Captains and Deputy House Captains from Years 7 and 8.

Congratulations to Siddharth in Year 8 who will be our Head Boy for the term. Any successful Head Boy will need the support of his trusted aides, and both Tobi and Denis in Year 8 have been appointed as Prefects.

House Captains and Deputy House Captains:

Bomfords: Petro and Atharva
Ellis: Nsama and Lachlan (*who also designed the Ellis crest*)

Grays: Karson and Alex M
Walfords: Rayhaan and Keller

Across the school this is just ‘the tip of the iceberg’ with regards to responsibilities. A huge **congratulations** to all boys at Homefield who have picked up positions of responsibility over the course of the past two weeks. This has reached an impressive number of 70 including: Form Captains, Form Vice-Captains, School Council representatives, Language Ambassadors, Librarians and many more. I look forward to this number being expanded upon over the course of the year. For those looking to further develop leadership and responsibility from home, might I suggest giving your child full reign one weekend, to plan a family trip to a: museum, exhibition, theatre performance or simply, a nice lunch out.

Finally, I have been greatly supported in my duties as Head today by Faiz in Year 5, who through a fundraising event at our Summer Ball, won the privilege of being *Head for the Day* at Homefield. He delivered an impeccable speech in our Whole School Assembly this morning and used the examples of sport to deliver his messages. Below is a small snippet of his fantastic speech:

*Finally, cricket is known as the gentleman’s game. This is because how you play the game is just as important as winning. Remember how the last time you lost felt. But you always want to enjoy the experience so next time you win make sure that you **treat your opponent as you would like to be treated.***

All good wishes,



Faiz (Year 5), Mr Siva and Fudge

Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

In Reception, our topics has been learning about the season of Autumn. We have also read 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson as our literacy focus. We took the opportunity to take our learning outside and collected natural materials to make the Gruffalo his very own cosy home. We discussed how the materials might feel or smell. Ethan in RS said, "The twigs are strong!" Rian in RS said "The leaf is gold and crunchy."



In maths we have also been looking at the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We've explored not only how to form the numbers but also how to represent them. In class, we have been exploring some different practical activities to help us represent each number. We have helped our teachers to match up socks, learning that 2 of the same things make a pair, we have fed the bears from 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' by serving up porridge 3 times in 3 different sized bowls. We also helped The Gruffalo to celebrate his first birthday by making him 1 birthday cake with 1 candle. We also went on a shape hunt around the school looking for shapes that had 1 or 3 sides. Robbie in RH said, "This triangle has three sides. It has three corners. They are pointy."

In Year 1, we have started our new focus text 'The Colour Monster', in which the monster's colours represent the different emotions he is experiencing. The boys have worked on labelling the different colours correctly and even had an opportunity to create their own colour monster with a description. Gryffin in 1H shared, "My monster is called Splat and he has one eye. He likes me because he hangs around with me a lot." In maths, we have been learning about number sequence and patterns by finding missing numbers and continuing patterns. We've also worked on matching numbers to their written name. In geography, we have looked at maps and used the correct vocabulary to direct a friend from one place to another.

Perhaps you could put this to the test on the weekend to see if your son could direct you along a familiar route! In history we have continued our topic of transport by learning about different types of boats and cars and how they have changed over time. In PSHE our topic is 'What makes us special',

Bernardo in 1H reflected that, "I am kind, caring, helpful and a good friend." Ali in 1S shared, "I have two sisters and they look after me when I'm sick. That is something that is special about me."

Year 2 have continued their maths topic of place value through groups of 10. We have worked on counting in tens (forwards and backwards from any multiple), grouping in tens and using these groups to make new totals. In English, we concluded our unit of work on 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and have now started a new focus text, 'Masha and the Firebird' by Margaret Bateson-Hill. In this Russian folktale, the female protagonist, Masha, meets the Firebird who is the protector of the four elements. Masha must use her artistic skills to paint the element eggs to hide them from the evil Baba Yaga who is trying to steal them. Our first lessons have had a focus on predicting what could take place in the text based on the front cover, title and blurb. In art, we had lots of fun constructing our own piece of nature art using elements found on our school grounds. This was based on the work by the famous artist Andy Goldworthy. See our photos for some of our brilliant work!



In history, year 2 have continued their topic of 'The Great Fire of London' by making comparisons between life in 1666 and life today.



Homefield Heroes

RH – Adam for always following instructions and being kind to his friends. Luke for trying very hard at his letter formation.

RS - Ali for working so hard on his letter formation. Azai for being so kind and caring towards his friends when they are feeling sad.

1H - Oliver for trying his best in all lessons this week. Clinton for fantastic work in maths recognising and identifying number sequences and patterns.

1S - Joshua for always working so nicely, without disturbing others. Freddie for great maths work this week.

2H – Will for settling into Homefield with an outstanding attitude towards his learning and for always doing his best. Edward for always listening carefully in lessons and doing his best to follow instructions. He has continued to show a fantastic attitude towards his learning too!

2S - Andrew for participating so well in his first week of school. Zaviyar for putting in consistent effort in his work and challenging himself in every lesson!

Primary Engineers' Award

Boys from Reception to Year 6 will soon be embarking on their Primary Engineers Award and we are seeking parents who work in various engineering disciplines to share their experiences and insights with the boys.

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to participate in a short (5 – 10 Minute) presentation and Q & A session with the boys. This can be done either on-site at the school or virtually, depending on your availability and comfort. Your involvement would greatly benefit our students and inspire their interest in engineering. It's a chance for them to learn from real professionals in the field and ask questions to inspire their creativity.

If you are interested and available to participate, please contact Ms Larkin at slarkin@homefieldprep.school who will be able to prove further details and coordinate the logistics.

Pastoral News and Activities

Years 3 and 4

Last week, the whole school focus was on our fourth Homefield value: *"We do our best at all times"*.

For their outstanding efforts in working diligently to complete their assignments in classes, the following students were awarded a Homefield Hero certificate:

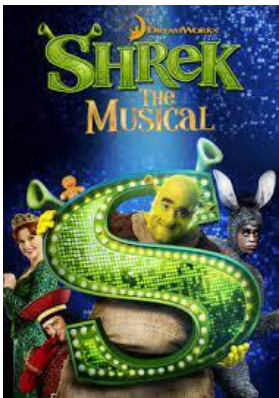
William (3H), Zayn (3S), Ansh (4H) and Charles (4S).

This week, the boys have been trying hard to follow the first Homefield value: *"We listen carefully and follow instructions"*.

Boys who demonstrated exceptional listening abilities and were awarded with a Homefield Hero certificate were:

Ivaan (3H), Viyan (3S), Benji (4H), and Yahya (4S).

On Thursday, the Year 4s enjoyed a wonderful trip to watch 'Shrek, The Musical' live at the New Wimbledon Theatre. The pupils behaved brilliantly and represented the school admirably. The show was a fantastic way to get pupils excited for their 'fairytales' topic in English and I am sure they will be singing the catchy tunes well into the weekend!



Health and Safety

When entering the school site on foot, please ensure that you use the pedestrian pathways.

Please do not use the vehicular access driveway.

Years 5 and 6

Congratulations to the following boys who have so ably demonstrated aspects of our Homefield Values. They have received a Homefield Hero certificate and Head of Year Commendation:

5H Zayn
5P Ethan and Advik
5S Aaron, Leo, Veer and Zane S

6H Akesh, Ezel, Constantine and Oscar S
6P Alexander and Constantine
6S Aryan and Kamran

Years 7 and 8

Well done to the following boys for being awarded as 'Homefield Heroes':

Year 7 Alex M for showing great kindness to a classmate and Ibrahim S for his role as Languages Ambassador and an excellent presentation about the European Languages Day, in form time yesterday.

Year 8 Adam S for a positive and enthusiastic attitude around the school and Henry P for his effort in French homework.



Senior Schools Information Fair

We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to our Senior Schools' Information Fair on the 5th October. Throughout the evening, senior staff from a wide range of senior independents will be available to provide an insight into the unique characteristics of their school and be ready to answer any questions you may have regarding admission arrangements.

Whether you are curious about the curriculum, extra-curricular activities or any other aspect of a specific school, this is the perfect opportunity to obtain the information you need.

We want this evening to be relaxed and informative, providing you with a glimpse of the exciting journey ahead for your son. Refreshments will be served in the Dining Hall and the Fair will take place upstairs in the Performance Hall.

Suggested timings for your arrival are as follows:

Years 6 – 8

Refreshments from 6.15pm
Fair from 6.15 – 7.00pm

Years 3 – 5

Refreshments from 6.45pm
Fair from 7.00 – 8.00pm

ISEB Pretests

The ISEB pretest portal is now open for registration. For parents considering ISEB pretests for Senior schools (Children in Year 6/7 in 2023/2024), please click on the link below to familiarise yourself with the platform and timeframes.

<https://info.iseb.co.uk/cpt-parents-guardians>

Music Congratulations

Many congratulations go to the following boys and to Mrs Allardyce, our percussion teacher for her tuition and guidance:

- Jeff G 4S = G1 Orchestral Percussion LCME Distinction (92/100)
- Aaron Y 8MMC = G3 Orchestral Percussion LCME Distinction (91/100)
- Hei Y 6S = G5 Orchestral Percussion ABRSM Distinction (131/150)



Sport

U8 v The Hawthorns

On a glorious sunny September day on the 26th September, the Year 3 boys played their first competitive football fixture for the school at home against The Hawthorns. The Red team put some great passes together but found themselves immediately behind when Hawthorns scored two great goals in the top corner, from distance. Alex made two good saves and Harin tackled hard but Hawthorns scored three more and at half time Homefield were five behind. After some reorganisation and changes in tactics, the Red team played so much better in the second half with renewed confidence. Aarya latched onto a pass from Druv and scored. The final score was 5-1.

The Blue team suffered a 4-0 defeat, however, there was some great passing from Mikael and Ivaan. Kiran had a great shot saved and Zayn tackled well.

The Yellow team won emphatically 3-1. Jaiden and Elijah passed the ball with accuracy and Michael scored a super hatrick hitting the ball hard past the keeper.

The Green team battled extremely well in defence and the game ended 0-0. Homefield hit the post twice with shots from Vincent and Aaron. A superb afternoon of football, well done to the entire year group.

U13 v Cumnor House

On Monday 18th September, the U13 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams started their football season against Cumnor House in emphatic style. The 'A' team went behind to an early goal but fought back to equalise with a super header from Petro from Ibrahim's corner.

Homefield controlled the game with great pace but a slip up in midfield led to Cumnor House going ahead again.

In the second half, Homefield continued to create chances and Keller scored with great pressure on the opponent's defence. Oscar who had previously shot from distance, striking the crossbar, then took a free kick and lodged a superb goal into the top corner. Cumnor bounced back to equalise in the last minute. Rahan made a great save to secure the score at 3-3.

The 'B' team won in style, despite the first half starting slowly with no real attack on goal. Adam scored and the floodgates opened: Sachin scored two, Aaron scored a well worked goal after a through ball from Atharva and then Aaron scored 3 further goals! Adam completed his hatrick and Zaidan scored on debut. Harry who had played well in goal, then emerged onto the pitch and also scored! Yiannis also scored on debut but Cumnor fought back to score a consolation goal towards the end.

The 'C' team also played extremely well and won 5-2. Nsama scored two great goals bursting through the defence with pace and power. Aaden scored after good defending from Alex. Alex M scored from a corner and Karson scored after a good pass from Henry. A wonderful afternoon of football. Well done, boys.

U13 v Kingswood House School

On Monday 25th September, the U13 'A' team travelled away to Kingswood House School. The game was very close with both sides having shots at goal saved or just striking the post. Just before half time, Homefield conceded a goal against the run of play. In the second half, Homefield began to control the game with Petro and Oscar working extremely hard on a huge pitch. However, a couple of defensive errors led to Kingswood scoring two further goals, winning 3-0.

The 'B' team won 4-2 at home. Sachin scored first, latching on to a rebound after Luke's shot. After half time, KHS equalised and Homefield regrouped to re-take the lead through Luke magnificent shot. Two further goals from Luke secured him a hat-trick and a 4-2 win for Homefield. Harry communicated really well in goal and Atharva and Zachy's passing was excellent. Tobi was solid in defence, making some timely tackles.

The 'C' team also played at home but lost 5-1. There were no goals in the first 15 minutes but then a flurry of goals heralded a frenetic end to end match. Sid scored a goal in the top corner but Homefield were unable to get back in the game. Well done to all the boys who played.

Cricket – Surrey Performance Programme

I have enjoyed a very busy summer of cricket.

As well as playing for Homefield and Sutton CC, I am also part of the U11 Surrey Performance Programme. Having played well and taken wickets in matches against other boys in the programme, I was really happy to be picked for the County age-group squad. In August, I earned my first county cap making my debut for Surrey, opening the bowling in our win over Middlesex. I also placed for Surrey when we were victorious over London Schools.



It was a brilliant summer, and I enjoyed making friends and playing cricket with other boys from across the county. I can't wait for next season! *Lachlan Year 7*

Sporting Achievements

'Last Friday, I won an award for 'Best U11B Cricketer of the Season' for my club, Old Ruts. I achieved the most runs in Tier 3. It made me feel very accomplished and good about myself. I now want to work on my bowling, so I have joined winter nets at my local cricket club. I hope to play for the 'A' team next year. *Keller Year 7*



English

English Creativity

In English, Year 8 have been studying the science fiction text 'The War of the Worlds'. Inspired by the descriptions of the Martians, Henry took several days, a lot of black Lego and some serious engineering skills to bring the alien tripod to life. The legs, we hear, were the trickiest to get right. Watch out for the Heat Ray, Earthlings!



Poetry - Outside Learning

Year 7 have had fun writing poetry based on the 'Clay People'. Our budding poets had the option to write collaboratively or independently, using rhyming couplets or free verse. By working outside, we could ensure that all of their senses were stimulated, helping maximise creativity during the written task.



Library news

The school library continues to offer a relaxing spot at break and lunch for the boys. They have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities/games including chess, Top Trumps, Uno and Four in a Row, or just immerse themselves in a good book.

Welcome to the new Student Librarians: Aaden, Ashar, Luke, Kayian, Sachin and Zachy.

The boys started their role by reading to the boys in Reception – an enjoyable experience for all.

Sharing Good News

Has your son done anything exciting or interesting outside school? Any achievements that you would like to share with the school community?

Please contact us with a short explanation and a photo via email to administration@homefieldprep.school.

We would love to share your son's good news on social media and in Headlines!

Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens

