

Headlines

Autumn Term
2nd December 2022

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

ISI inspection report December 2021



Carol Concert at Trinity Church

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Enthralling as the World Cup, but without the controversy, our Under 11 football team played a dramatic final against Shrewsbury House in the Surrey Plate final. These boys learnt much about teamwork and resilience with a 6-3 victory going to the opposing side. Both of our U8s and U11s are still braving fixtures this week despite the weather. A super season. Rugby up next, with some great matches to look forward to next term.

With performance and music, we have been enjoying another end of season, with a great run of concerts, assemblies, and the Senior Carol Service at Trinity Church. Thank you to parents and families who took the time to come and support and applaud the boys’ best efforts. In particular, the Reception Classes reindeer show was notable for some brave performances and, as ever, the Carol Service was one of really super quality.

It’s usually the highlight of my year to see all of our community come together with such dignity, celebration and joy for that particular event.

On community, a thank you ahead to the Homefield Association who have been industriously organising a Christmas Fair for your enjoyment next week on Tuesday 6th from 4.00 – 6.00pm. Turn out to these events has been on the up and reflect the great care taken by some very dedicated parent volunteers. As well as providing some fun for the boys and social time for you, these events also have real fundraising purpose. The Homefield Association have agreed to help fund a new adventure playground that we will commission in 2023. Such a wonderful gift that will give the boys many years of happy play and memories.

This will be the last newsletter of this term and we look forward to a strong finish next week. Watch out for extra-curricular club’s bookings opening just before term starts: we have much planned there. Over the holiday we have some estates maintenance ongoing and will be installing some smart new fencing to surround our new ‘MUGA’.

On behalf of all the Staff we hope you enjoy the holidays and a very Merry Christmas.

Kind regards,

John Towers
Headmaster

Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

Reception

In Reception we have continued with our text of 'Whatever Next' and spent more time learning all about space. Our writing focus this week was to write a postcard from Baby Bear who is having a picnic on the Moon back to Mrs and Mr Bear on planet Earth. In Maths, we have used our knowledge of 2D shapes to continue and create shape and colour patterns. Our phonics sounds this week have been 'ow' as in 'snow', and the long and short 'oo' sounds as in 'moon' and 'book'. We made the 'ow' sound using snow sand!



We appreciate the fantastic turn out for our Christmas show and felt so proud showcasing all the boys' hard work. We also went on a 'spacewalk' through the playground where some obstacles had been set up, we had to navigate carefully and walk like astronauts in our space suits!

Years 1 and 2

In Year 1, our English focus has been on writing character descriptions from a familiar text. It was fun getting to write about the villains such as the evil pea! In maths, we have continued our work on subtraction using the partitioning method. In Geography this week we have learnt the difference between a village, town and city. In Year 2, our English focus has been on consolidating the topics we have already learnt. In Science, we started learning about food chains and the boys have also started their Leader's Award challenge in STEAM. In Maths, we have continued our topic on shapes with a focus on symmetry and properties of 3D shapes.

Thank you to all the Year 1 and 2 parents who came to watch the Christmas assembly. We were so impressed with the turnout, and we hope that you left with a festive feeling after watching your son.

Homefield Heroes

RH Bernardo for wonderful participation during our space topic and **Ariz** for excellent description of 2D shape properties.

RS Ali for always trying his best when completing his work and **Ariz** for always taking time to make sure that others are okay and offering to help when others are struggling.

1H Ryan for excellent application in Maths when adding 2, 2-digit numbers and **Connor** for fantastic comparison skills in Geography.

1S Ari for consistently working hard in every subject and **Tise** for being able to communicate how he is feeling.

2H Xander for trying extra hard with his work and his reading at home every night and **Harin** for trying extra hard with his work and making the right choices.

2S Michael for exceptional work with shapes in Maths this week and **Louis** for beautiful singing and poem performance in the Christmas Assembly.

The Great Elf Run!

On the afternoon of Tuesday 6th December, Years 1, 2 and 3 will be participating in an 'Elf Run Ultramarathon' on our school field, raising money for The Children's Trust. The charity has kindly provided an elf hat for each boy to wear during the run. The boys will attempt to run a combined ultramarathon totalling 50 miles! Pupils will run in their House teams, with each House of around 24 pupils therefore running a combined 12.5 miles.

As this is an event for charity, we are asking family members to sponsor their child by donating cash in recognition of their effort.

Cash donations will be collected on the playground at dismissal on the day, and on the days after. Suggested sponsorship amount is £2 for the elf hat (which the pupils will wear and then keep), plus anything else you'd like to donate for their running efforts.

Could all boys in Years 1–3 please bring their full PE kit to school, including football boots. Therefore, their PE kit bag should have all the following items in it, ready for the run: white PE shirt, black shorts, long black shorts, trainers, football boots, maroon jumper (Years 1 and 2), black tracksuit top (Year 3).

Thank you for supporting your son and The Children's Trust. We will publish photos on our social media pages so parents and families can get a glimpse of the action. We hope the boys enjoy the Elf Run!



Pastoral

Years 3 and 4

In the last two weeks, the following boys have proudly been named as Homefield Heroes:

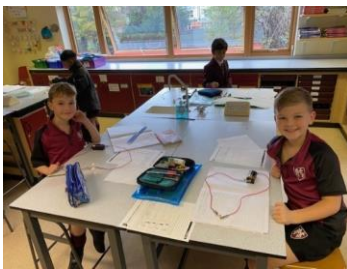
For outstanding efforts in their history homework: Rayyan (3H), Charlie L (3P), Arjun (3S), Max VB (4H), Shivansh (4P) and Zane S (4S).

For their superb contributions and excitement during class discussions: Benji (3H), Finnlay (3P), Kenzo (3S), Austin (4H), Advik (4P), and Aaron Z (4S).

A huge well done on the brilliant Christmas concert Year 3 performed to parents and Year 4's beautiful Christmas performance at the church. Thank you so much to Mrs Griffith for all her hard work with Years 3 and 4.

Science

There have been some exciting practical investigations happening in the labs over the past couple of weeks. Year 3 have been getting to grips with building electric circuits. They understand how to make a complete circuit, how to test whether a material is a conductor or insulator, and they know how to incorporate switches into circuits.



Year 4 have carried out an investigation into diffusion by finding out how water temperature affects the rate of diffusion of tea.



Years 5 and 6

For showing a hugely positive, respectful, and hard-working attitude since the half term break: Aarav (5H), Oba (5P), Aryan (5S), Noah (6H), Austin (6P) and Musa (6S).

For excellent effort and participation across a range of activities during the non-curriculum days: Phoebus (5H), Spandan and Ian (5P), Yaseen (5S), Arthur, Lucas, and Noah (6H), Dev and Ryan (6P) and Daniyal (6S).

Years 7 and 8

7MJM Oscar for his excellent progress in English lessons and Jonas in 8CS for his citizenship in taking time out from his own day and helping another boy in finding his belongings.

Also, Sid in 7MJM and Mathew in 8CS for their enthusiasm, respect and effort towards the visitors doing the educational activities last Thursday and Friday.

Year 5 are learning about forces; they have been using Newton meters to identify the link between weight and mass, and they have carried out an investigation into parachutes to determine how the surface area of a parachute affects drop time.



Year 7 really enjoyed burning different types of foods to find out which contain the most energy; they were very surprised by the size of the flame produced by the burning Wotsits! They also relished the opportunity to carry out a lung dissection where they were able to identify the parts of the lungs through a hands-on experience.



Wellbeing Ambassadors

Congratulations to Eric, Brendan, Alasdair, and Joshua in Year 5, who are the first pupils to have been awarded 'Wellbeing Ambassador' badges this year. Mr Hartley, Mrs Auty, and Mr Smith were very impressed by the presentations by 5S on a charity of their choice which supports either animals, people or the environment. Eric and Brendan's detailed presentation explored the impact of the RSPCA, whilst Joshua and Alasdair spoke about the important work of the WWF.



Throughout the year, students who show a commitment to emotional health and wellbeing in PSHE, assemblies, form time and – of course – Wellbeing Wednesdays will be recognised with a badge.

As a reminder, Mrs Auty posts optional wellbeing activities onto Microsoft Teams each Friday: please encourage the students to take time out of their busy schedules to focus on both their own emotional health and the wellbeing of others.

Christmas Jumper Day!

The final day of this term, Thursday 8th December, will be a **full-school uniform day**. I can hear a collective 'Bah hambug!' from all the pupils.

Fear not, next Tuesday 6th December, will be a **Christmas jumper and non-uniform day**. This will add further festivity to the Christmas lunch served that day and the Christmas Fair which will take place on-site from 4.00 - 6.00pm; a big thank you to the Homefield Association for organising the upcoming Fair.

Please can we ask all pupils on this day to **contribute £1 to our school charity: The Children's Trust, Tadworth**. Your ongoing support of this year's school charity is hugely appreciated.



Sport

Year 3 Football

V Surbiton

On Tuesday 22nd November, the Year 3 boys travelled to Surbiton to play in a football fixture.

The Yellow team played a fantastic game and won 5-1. Charles P and Misha worked extremely hard and passed the ball well. This in turn led to two great goals from Isaac. Ved and Rayyan were strong in defence and Jaydon ran tirelessly to tackle the opponents. Alexander scored two good goals and then completed a hatrick in the second half. Eventually Homefield won 5-1.

The Red team were up against a very strong Surbiton team, and we fell behind by two goals very early on. Ted and Jai had great shots saved by the goalkeeper and Yug ran on to a through ball but shot just wide. The home team scored some great goals and despite being behind the whole match, the Red team kept going to the final whistle. Well done boys.

The Green team had a very close game. With Ethan scoring a terrific goal but the home team came back to win the match 2-1. Raymin and Henry worked very hard to equalise but to no avail.

The Blue team dominated the game but could not take their chances. Anirudh made a couple of great saves in goal and Gianluca was unlucky not to score in the first half. Eventually, Surbiton won the match 3-0, however, the Blue team showed great spirit throughout. Well done to all the boys who played.

V Aberdour

On Tuesday 29th November, the Year 3 pupils played in their last football fixture of the season at home to Aberdour.

The Red team played out a seven-goal thriller! After a slow start the visitors achieved two quick goals and defensive mistakes meant that Homefield were three nil down at half time. Jeff made two great saves at the start of the second half and that inspired Homefield to push forward. James and Sacha combined to set up Jai who hit the

top corner and moments later Ted skilfully beat the goalie to put the ball into the back of the net. The comeback was on! After a great tackle from Keshav and a pass from Hussain, Yug crossed the ball to Yuvi who hit the ball past the post to make the score 3-3!!

Homefield showed great resilience, pushing forwards and a scramble in the goalmouth nearly led to the winner but Aberdour played a quick pass and their striker scored. A great game of football despite the loss.

The Blue team won 2-1. Isaac who has moved into the Blue team, played a super game and scored low down on the right to beat the keeper. Gianluca and Yahya did some wonderful passing and Arjun set up Benji to score. Axel and Oliver were valiant, showing great energy on the pitch.

Aberdour only managed to field 18 players so the Yellow and Green teams combined. They played each other and played three thirds against Aberdour. Raymin was the standout player, showing great skill to score a magnificent goal. The eventual score was a well-earned 1-1 draw.

Tweet of the Week

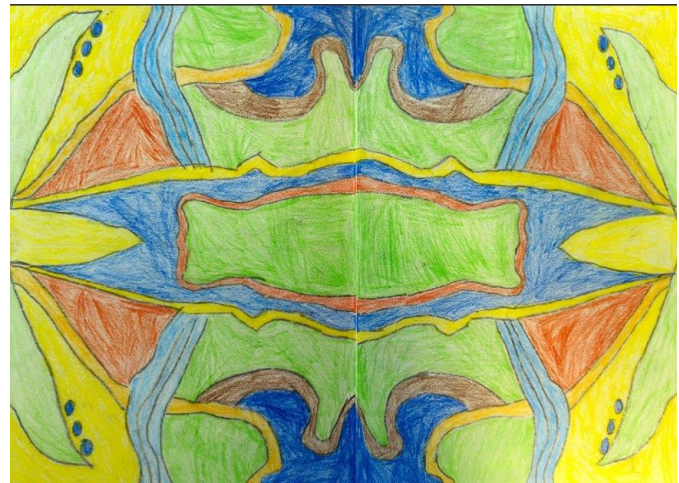


Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · Nov 28
We are delighted to share Ansh's (#Year8) recent amazing successes at the Sutton Music Festival. He won 1st prize in the Junior Recital Piano Cup (Classical period, U15) and 2nd prize in the Baroque class! Here he is being presented with his trophy by @Mayor_Sutton #Proud



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Homefield Art Gallery



Harris, Year 4 – Winter Bloom

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