


# Headlines

Summer Term

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021



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*'Tales of the Unexpected'*

## Letter from the Headmaster

### Dear Parents

Our final 'Headlines' of the academic year and some last words from our boys who have handled themselves with grace and determination. Please, I do urge you take just under 5 minutes to watch this wonderful short film. *'Tales of the Unexpected'* is a story of our last year and a half but also testament to our boys who developed emotional intelligence and the ability to articulate it so well:

<https://vimeo.com/567038649>

We've been enjoying our sports days and end of year assemblies, albeit without parents cheering, I'm afraid. We had the boys and staff looking after each other with plenty of applause and kind encouragement.

Lots of praise, medals, certificates and honourable mentions, where it is due this week, so the boys leave at the end of term feeling success. A badge for the School also as we have just been shortlisted for the Independent Schools of the Year Award for 'Outstanding New Initiative'.

Term comes to an end next week. Over the summer we will be busy finishing the new dining and performance halls, remarkably we are only about a week off track on the build programme. The old hall will be safely fenced off, decommissioned and replaced with the new entrance and administration offices in its place. We will continue with no 'stop and drop' whilst we finish the front.

We are fully staffed for September and form tutor lists, etc. will go out with reports next week. My thanks and good luck to: Mr Powell, getting married and relocating to Thailand, to Mrs Lyndham retiring after a solid 26 years' service and, in particular, to Mrs Gunningham retiring after 33 years' service with distinguished care for the boys as Head of the Junior Department.

Parents will be aware of the growing furore around government controls that have led to some hundreds of thousands of perfectly healthy children being sent home again due to the 'bubble' isolation guidance.

We anticipate this matter to be reconsidered in a couple of weeks, so we might come back to school with less restrictions and stress. We will be in contact before the start of next term to let you know what's happening there.

I hope you can enjoy some quality family time over the summer and thanks so much for your support and patience this year.

**John Towers**  
Headmaster



## Pre-Prep

Finally, the rain held off and the sound of the starting clappers were heard with boys in Reception taking to the field and showing off their sportsmanship, resilience, perseverance and enthusiasm for sports day. It was a very exciting event and wonderful to hear the boys encouraging each other through great cheers and applause. Each boy listened carefully to 'Mr Smith's Top Tips' and not a false start was made. The boys have been so excited to take part in all races from the hurdles to the obstacle course and not forgetting the classic sack race and egg and spoon race... we're still not certain if Mr Smith secretly changed a rubber egg for a real one as the boys balanced their eggs with great care along the track! It goes without saying that the boys loved celebrating the success of the day and we hope that, although you could not join us on this occasion, that you have been able to catch some highlights on our social media channels.

Of course, besides practising for the main event, the boys have been extremely busy in the classroom. In French, the boys have been having great fun playing games to help learn how to say the names of different clothes; Music has seen us practising our songs and Literacy has had a focus on handwriting and making sure that we take care with letter sizes and the formation of our letters.

## Junior Department

It's been a busy couple of weeks and the boys continue to work hard and are enjoying all the varied activities as we move towards the end of term.

Year 1 paid a visit to Whitehall in Cheam to further their work on the Tudors. It was a highly successful outing and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The boys took part in a range of interesting activities and they demonstrated excellent knowledge asking lots of interesting questions. We were very impressed with the boys' behaviour and attitude during the trip.

*I really enjoyed having a packed lunch – Adam*  
*I enjoyed playing the Tudor games, especially the quoits game where you had to throw the rings – Yusuf*  
*My favourite part was playing the goose game with Henry – Junxi*  
*I really liked playing the Tudor snakes and ladders game – Raymin*  
*I enjoyed looking around the house and finding things – Ryan*

We have seen the boys really engage with our 'Keep Learning' wellbeing activities, making a book to find out about each other and the many cultures that we celebrate here at Homefield. Activities that the boys have been particularly enthusiastic about have been - exploring the globe, atlases, and even taking a trip to the senior library to look at the maps on display. It has been wonderful to hear the boys talk about the many experiences they have shared with their families and hear some impart some of their knowledge of other languages with each other.

The boys have shared their thoughts about the imminent transition to Year 1 and again have shown great enthusiasm in all our transition activities.

We have planned an exciting week ahead to celebrate the many successes from this year and are so proud of the hard work and progress that has been made by every boy over the year.

*Henry VIII built a new palace when Edward was born – Ved*

*I loved the whole day – Shunta*

There was great excitement in the air on Wednesday morning as the boys looked forward to their Sports Day. During the afternoon they took part in a range of sporting activities including hurdles, sack, javelin and long jump. The boys worked extremely well together in teams. The afternoon went very smoothly and the boys showed good sportsmanship and determination – well done to all Junior Department boys!

Year 2 have had an exciting last full week in the build up to the summer holidays. They have been busy recapping their knowledge of fractions in Maths, explored electricity in Science and investigated how circuits work by making their own. The boys have also continued exploring the fantastic world of fossils.

## Our Homefield Heroes are:

**Tigers:** **Aldous** for co-operative play and having the confidence to ask for help and **Louis** for outstanding knowledge of maps and countries.

**Monkeys:** **Mirsub** for writing sentences with beautifully formed letters, and **Kiran** for always being helpful and a good role model to others in the class.



## Junior Homefield Heroes

**1H Kenon** for his enthusiasm and great interest during our trip to Whitehall, **Anirudh** for excellent work in English and **Jaydon** for being a kind and positive member of 1H. Well done boys!

**1S Hussain** for his enthusiasm and great interest during our trip to Whitehall, **Finnlay** excellent work in Mathematics and **Adam** for excellent listening and participation in lessons.

**2H Aiden** for working really hard to tell and convert the time in both analogue and digital format and **Easan** for participating fantastically and sharing his knowledge during discussions about fossils.

**2S Shivansh** for excellent focus and creativity when creating his STEAM habitat project and **Arjun** for superb fraction work in Maths

The boys are very much looking forward to the outing to Gatton Park next Wednesday for an exciting 'Maths Marathon' day!



## Pastoral

### Years 3 and 4

For implementing our THINK (Is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, or Kind?) initiative so well:

3H: Mustafa  
3S: Sulaymaan

4H: Beichen  
4P: Kayaan  
4S: Adam

For demonstrating positive lunchtime manners:

3H: Oliver  
3S: Arvin

4H: Ewan  
4P: Masood  
4S: Zinedine

### Year 5

Adrian, Malachi, Tobi and Jaston – for being polite and well mannered

Krish – for having a wonderful sense of humour

Ayaan – for returning to school with enthusiasm and eagerness

Dhilan – for always demonstrating enthusiasm creativity

Minghao – for great input in form time discussions

Mikey – for working hard in maths

Muhammad and Aaron – for being an excellent role model for others

### Year 6

Alex L – for being a positive and helpful member of the form

Tristan – for being an excellent role model for others

Boris – for demonstrating maturity and a sensible attitude

Saideep – for showing empathy and compassion to others

Shun – for always being mature, sensible and honest

Leo – for showing fantastic consistency and effort across all subjects

### Years 7 and 8

For excellent behaviour choices last week and a very positive attitude:  
James 7MMC and Aqil 7LC

For a fantastic performance in a cricket lesson, earning the most bonus points with great bowling and fielding:  
Zain 7MMC

For showing resilience and perseverance when faced with challenges on the Go Ape course:  
Vansh 8KWL and Samuel B 8MM

For showing superb teamwork to help others on the Go Ape course:  
George 8MM



## Parents' and Friends' Association

It's been a very different year for the Association, but as ever, the school community has risen to the challenge, allowing us to continue to raise funds and have fun with the boys. Our thanks go to each and every one of you who has supported us in whatever way through raffles, balloon races, thank you messages for staff, magic shows, uniform sales... the list goes on!

In addition to raising money for school funds, we were able to treat each of the boys to an Easter egg, which we hope they enjoyed.

Our final event of the year, "Doughies Pizza", has raised over £250 for Sutton Foodbank.

The end of the school year always results in the Association losing members as boys move on to pastures new. If joining us is something that interests you, please do drop us an email at

[homefieldassociation@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:homefieldassociation@hotmail.co.uk)

Alternatively, come along to our AGM in September to find out more to ensure sure that the Association continues to thrive.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

## Wellbeing at Homefield

As we draw a close to what can only be described as a remarkable year, it is hard not to recognise the importance of the wellbeing provision that we have carefully intertwined into our school routines. As Year 2 told me this week, 'Teamwork is Dreamwork' and Homefield has certainly achieved this through our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' sessions. Our recent charity drive saw us come together as a whole school team and raise £290 for the charity 'Place2Be'; thank you to all those families who have donated to this incredible cause, supporting children's mental health.



Year 3 have been highly engaged in their regular Wellbeing Enrichment session and over time have created songs, news reports, art work, poems and most recently come together to reflect on this last year with an air of positivity to create some short stories expressing their learning and positive experiences of the impact of Covid-19.

Here is a snippet of writing from Kota and Rudy: 'When I put my head into a book my brain opens and I have loads of imagination and I forget everything bad. When I watch BBC News it shows that I'm not the only kid stuck inside. When I draw, my imagination goes wild. I'm mad and to be honest I'm sad but all the sadness goes into the picture. When I'm with my family, I feel I can tell them anything.'



## Music Congratulations

Sebastian H in Year 5, recently passed Grade 4 piano with Merit and Grade 6 violin with Merit. Well done, a great achievement!



## Sport

### Year 4 Cricket v Ewell Castle

On 17th June, Year 4 played their final fixture of the year as three teams took on Ewell Castle. Our 'C' team bowled first – and well done Gbemi for taking a wicket. Homefield bowled with great accuracy and restricted Ewell Castle's 'C' team to 25 runs, with particular thanks to Kayaan who bowled a maiden over. When batting, Homefield's run chase was very close and eventually went down to the final ball. Daniyal hit a lovely four to get Homefield off to a good start and Nashwan, Hardik, Alex Z and Rohan B showed good quick running. The scores were level when Ethan and Vihaan went in for the last two overs. They safely steered Homefield to 28 runs and therefore a three-run victory!

On the 'B' team pitch, Homefield also bowled first. Adam and Amran bowled straight to make life difficult for the batsmen. Ewan got a wicket on the last ball of the innings to leave Ewell Castle on a competitive total of 61. It was big hitting which won the match for Homefield - Ewan, Seyon and Rohan K (2) all hit fours, and Samuel and Seyon each hit a six to take Homefield to a nine-run victory, finishing on 270.

For the 'A' team, Owais hit two fours to start the innings well, and more boundaries were to follow from Abdullah, Felix, Aadit, Charlie and Olivier (who hit 16 in boundaries!) Despite losing two late wickets to run-outs, Homefield finished on a fine total of 60. At the halfway stage of their reply, Ewell Castle were scoring at the required rate to win. However, some brilliant bowling and fielding meant that Homefield took 35 runs off Ewell Castle's score (7 wickets) meaning they finished on 36 runs. Homefield therefore won by 24! Well done Stefano and Aadit for taking a catch each, Finn for a run out with a direct hit, Olivier for a run out and Charlie, Matty and Olivier who all got wickets bowled. A superb way for all three teams to end the cricket season - well done Year 4!



### Athletics

Huge congratulations to the following boys in the Senior Department who have won the athletics events for their age group:

#### Year 3

70m	House	Secs
Oba	W	11.78
Hanchen	W	12.21
Max	G	12.81

200m	House	Secs
Constantine	B	41.60
Hanchen	W	41.94
Oba	W	43.00

Hurdles	House	Secs
Constantine	B	9.81
Oba	W	9.86
Olivier	G	10.01

Long Jump	House	Metres
Ranvir	W	2.81
Oba	W	2.74
Max	G	2.70

Cricket Ball	House	Metres
Constantine	B	29.00
Josh	W	26.60
Darwin	B	26.50

#### Year 4

100m	House	Secs
Samuel	G	16.13
Gbemi	E	16.94
Olivier	B	16.96

200m	House	Secs
Samuel	G	35.73
Damon	B	37.14
Olivier	B	37.3

Hurdles	House	Metres
Samuel	G	7.31
Olivier	B	8.34
William	W	8.56

Long Jump	House	Metres
Alexander	E	3.3
Damon	B	3.25
Stefano	W	3.0

High Jump	House
1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel	G
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gbemi	E
3 <sup>rd</sup> Finn	G

Cricket Ball	House	Metres
Alexander	E	33.3
Noah	B	32.0
Jaysen	B	30.0

#### Year 5

100m	House	Secs
Tosin	G	16.10
Oscar	B	16.52
Antony	E	16.81

200m	House	Secs
James	E	37.11
Tosin	G	38.17
Jake	B	38.39

Hurdles	House	Secs
James	E	7.65
Tosin	G	7.95
Jake	B	8.00

Long jump	House	Metres
James	E	3.52
Magsud	B	3.41
Dhylan	E	3.34

High Jump	House
1 <sup>st</sup> Tosin	G
2 <sup>nd</sup> Magsud	B
3 <sup>rd</sup> Henry	G

Cricket Ball	House	Metres
George	G	39.0
Tosin	G	34.3
Oscar	B	33.1

#### Year 6

100m	House	Secs
Philip	W	15.83
Luke	E	16.28
Tim	E	16.30

200m	House	Secs
Philip	W	33.51
Elliot	W	37.37
Tim	E	37.66

## Sport / continued

### Year 6 / continued

Hurdles	House	Secs
Philip	W	7.77
Alexander	G	8.09
Tim	E	8.20

Long Jump	House	Metres
Boris	B	3.45
Luke	E	3.20
Philip	W	3.15

High Jump	House
1 <sup>st</sup> Luke	E
2 <sup>nd</sup> Philip	W
3 <sup>rd</sup> George	W

Cricket Ball	House	Metres
Luke	E	40.50
Elliot	W	38.00
George	W	35.75

### Years 7 and 8

100m	House	Secs
Tosan	W	13.87
Sam	E	14.81
Jake	E	15.14

200m	House	Secs
Tosan	W	30.21
Oliver T	G	30.67
Sam	E	31.61

800m	House	Secs
Oliver C	B	3.14
Amir	E	3.19
Zain	G	3.20

Hurdles	House	Secs
Tosan	W	6.60
Sam	E	7.06
Jake	E	7.34

Long Jump	House	Metres
Tosan	W	4.61
Sam	E	4.33
Jake	E	4.11

High Jump	House
1 <sup>st</sup> Jake	E
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tosan	W
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cass	G

Cricket Ball	House	Metres
Hugo	W	49.50
Thomas	B	48.70
Sam	E	48.00



## Learning Resources Centre

The Year 7 Librarians and Pre-Prep have enjoyed the library sessions in our wonderful new facilities and are looking forwards to more in September.

Should you have any LRC books that still need to be returned, please bring them into School on Monday.

Keep reading over the holidays.



## Homefield's Got Talent

Well done to the 60 boys who submitted a video of them performing a talent for our 'Homefield's Got Talent' competition! Congratulations to the following boys who got through two rounds of pupil voting to progress to our Live Final next Tuesday. Do look out for footage on our social media pages. Good luck, boys!

Pre-Prep: Zien  
 Years 1 & 2: Junxi, Vincent, Ethan M  
 Years 3 & 4: Hanchen, Jerry, Beichen, Luke  
 Years 5 & 6: Kailan, Rahul, Henry, Humzah & Louie

So far, the boys have raised £132 from their entry money to the competition. This money will be used by Guide Dogs to support the vital work they do for blind and partially sighted young people and adults. Boys may also bring in any spare change to add to our fundraising total on Tuesday. There will be a collection during the show.

Thank you very much to everyone who has donated already!



## Science Competition

Years 5 and 6 have been competing in the National Science Quiz Competition finals this week.

We had two Year 5 teams representing Homefield out of 23 selected for the final, and they came 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 teams took part in two heats across the country.

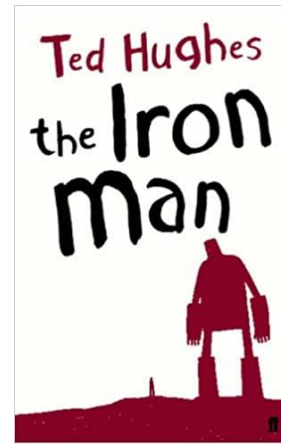
Year 6 came joint 10<sup>th</sup> with 22 teams competing in the finals. Again, there were several qualifying heats with over 100 schools taking part in the whole competition.





## English

Year 3 have been reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. In the story, a dragon from space lands on earth terrifying its inhabitants. 3S turned reporters for the day. They wrote a news story about the dragon in pairs or groups and then presented them live via Microsoft Teams. The presenters in the studio got to sit in Mrs Muller's chair and Mrs Harris, our camerawoman, filmed the reporters in the field. The audience at home (the rest of 3S) reacted with fear and terror at the breaking news!



## Homefield Gallery

Finn 4S - Victorian Pattern



Autumn Term starts on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

## Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · 23h  
So lovely to get out on #SchoolTrips again! #Year1 #Whitehall #Cheam  
#Tudors



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