

# Headlines

Summer Term  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

*Every thing you need  
is inside you*



*“The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is excellent.”*

ISI inspection report

## Letter from the Headmaster

### Dear Parents

So good to see the boys enjoying term so happy and connected.

A few years ago, we hosted a parent seminar led by Steve Welding, Sutton Borough Education’s E-Safety Advisor. Steve is a former Metropolitan Police Detective who, amongst other things, specialised in the risk management of convicted offenders. We have persuaded Steve to come back and help again. Do you have the knowledge and understanding to keep up with your child’s internet activity? Can you give them the advice they need and set parental controls on a variety of devices and your home internet? Is your child aware of the full and lasting impact of their comments on social media? If the answer to any one of these questions is “NO” (or even a “not sure”) then you might want to be in on this. Along with senior staff, I will also be there to share some wider perspectives on keeping children safe and helping them build the character and consideration to navigate the rapidly changing world, relationships and communications in and beyond school. This presentation will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00 – 7.00pm. Please refer to page 5.

As part of our multi-layered approach to embedding wellbeing into our everyday teaching, Mrs O’Reilly led a project with Year 3 to focus on our emerging response to Covid-19. We considered positives and the most dominant feature was the time that pupils spent with families, strengthening bonds and engaging in activities that often can be difficult given pre-Covid schedules. Boys talked openly about their emotional resilience over this time and where they felt that they had made progress, a key area being their confidence with technology and ability to self-study; both lifelong skills. To further support this work, we would love to hear from families across the school and invite you to share your views and thoughts over this time, particularly reflecting on this positive angle taken. Please see page 3 for details and how to participate.

To finish on a celebratory note: an annual option for some of our older boys is the Townsend Warner History Prize, a national essay writing competition established in 1885 and requiring serious study skills.

A chance to go deep with knowledge and, oh boy, do we need this in a society so often polarised with views lacking real understanding or the perspective of history’s lessons. I am delighted to see Qasim and Sam B in the top ten. Amazing! See the results on page 5 for more mentions.

Congratulations also to Sam S in 8MM who is the Head Boy for the Summer Term.

Lastly, it is always great to see our ‘Old Boys’ doing so well: former Homefield pupil, Ben Barnes, takes the leading role in Netflix’s production of ‘Shadow and Bone’, ranked No. 1 in the UK this week.

Enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend – see you on Tuesday.

**John Towers**  
Headmaster

## Pre-Prep

We have had a lovely start to our summer term in Reception and once again, the boys have all come back to school with such enthusiasm and happiness!

We welcomed some extra members to both classes, in the form of caterpillars! The boys are enjoying watching them change and develop as the days go by and are excited about seeing their transformation into butterflies.



In Wellbeing Wednesdays, we have been focusing on the importance of sharing. During our assembly this week, we looked at the story 'Sharing a Shell' and spoke about how we share all the time in school and at home.

During Maths we have been focussing heavily on money and coin recognition. It is so important that children learn how to recognise and add together different coins as with our ever-changing world of technology, children really only see us tapping our cards on machines to pay for goods. The boys are thoroughly enjoying using their mathematical skills to add together different amounts of coinage.

### Our Students of the Week are:

**Alex in Tigers** for his great work with coins this week.

**Kiran in Monkeys** for his amazing progress with his reading.



## Junior Department

It has been lovely to have the boys back at school after the Easter holidays and we enjoyed hearing all about their exciting activities. We are delighted to welcome four new boys into the department - Axel in 1H, Oscar in 2H, Vincent and Haran in 2S. All have settled in extremely well and the other boys have been really kind and helpful to them. Since the start of term the boys have been enjoying playtimes on the field and it is great to see them running around and having fun with their friends.

In Year 1, the boys have been working very hard and we are delighted at how their independence is growing. In History, we have started our new topic all about the Tudors and the boys were fascinated to learn about Henry VIII. We had some great discussions in Geography all about the seaside and the beaches they have visited. In Science we are learning about plants and how they grow. We are hoping that some of the boys have green fingers as we planted some marigold seeds this week! Well done boys for a great start to the term!



*Year 1 hoping the garden will grow!*

Year 2 have had a marvelous first full week of the Summer term. We have introduced new topics including measurement in Maths and the boys have had lots of fun using different resources to estimate and measure an assortment of classroom objects. In Science we have explored a variety of habitats and their features. The boys also produced some lovely pieces of artwork in celebration of World Earth Day last week.

## Homefield Heroes

**1S Hussain** for making a great start to the term and for being a polite and helpful member of the class. Well done, Hussain!

**1S Isaac** for making a fantastic effort with joined up writing. Well done, Isaac!

**1H Axel** for setting in so well to Year 1 at Homefield. Well done Axel!

**1H Ralph** for being a kind and helpful member of 1H. Well done Ralph!

**2H Yiru** for being such a kind, helpful and courteous member of 2H.

**2H Oscar** for settling in well and trying really hard in lessons.

**2S Raveesh** for being a role model in showing excellent manners across the school.

**2S Vincent** for a brilliant start at Homefield and participating really well in his music lesson this week.

## Music

Congratulations to the following boys on passing the dreaded Grade 5 Theory exam: Sebastian in 5H & Kai T in 6H (Distinction).

## Pastoral

### Years 3 and 4

The following boys will be taking on the mantle of responsibility for the Summer Term:

#### 3H

Form Captain: Akesh  
Vice-Captain: Mustafa  
Student Council Rep: Oliver

#### 3S

Form Captain: Constantine  
Vice-Captain: Zareef  
Student Council Rep: Thomas

#### 4H

Form Captain: Oliver  
Vice-Captain: Harry  
Student Council Rep: Noah

#### 4P

Form Captain: Amran  
Vice-Captain: Charlie  
Student Council Rep: Samuel

#### 4S

Form Captain: Gbemi  
Vice-Captain: Abdullah  
Student Council Rep: Zinedine

### Years 5 and 6

Here are the latest 'officer' appointments for boys in Years 5 and 6:

#### 5H

Form Captain: Alex P  
Vice-Captain: Harry J  
School Council Rep: Rahul

#### 5S

Form Captain: Muhammed  
Vice-Captain: Shaan  
School Council Rep: Owen

#### 5P

Form Captain: Magsud  
Vice-Captain: Denis  
Student Council Rep: Sulaiman

#### 6H

Form Captain: Henry P  
Vice-Captain: Tristan  
Student Council Rep: Andrew

#### 6S

Form Captain: Arnab  
Vice-Captain: Hari  
School Council Rep: Luke

## Head Boy and Prefects

With the start of a new term comes the changing of the guard; Tosan has done a sterling job chivvying the boys along with his speeches in assembly during the busier weeks of the Spring term. During the Summer term our Head Boy will be Sam S and he has started his time-in-office with aplomb, delivering a positive and welcoming speech to the whole school in our assembly this morning. Tosan, will now join the ranks as a Prefect with further new additions for the Summer term: George, Oliver and Felix. Congratulations! A busy and productive term awaits the boys at Homefield and they will be looking to you for some much needed steer through your positive endeavours.

### House Points – Spring Term

A quick round-up of the totals for last term:

1st: 4406 Walfords  
2nd: 4355 Ellis  
3rd: 4155 Bomfords  
4th: 4004 Grays

Well done to the top three pupils in each form for earning the most House Points last term!

3H: Yusuf 88, Oliver 85, Akesh 82  
3S: Jack 113, Baden 97, Aarav 91

4H: Vihaan 104, Owais 98, Alexander 93  
4P: Nashwan 109, Jaysen 107, Lachlan 104  
4S: Lewis 106, Rohan K 91, Zinedine 90

5H: Alex 125, Harry 122, Shiven 107  
5P: Henry 91, Kavin 90, Magsud 88  
5S: Aahan 151, Oscar 140, Shaan 136

6H: Andrew 130, Tim 111, Aarush 109  
6S: Leonardo 107, Philip 105, Luke 104

7LC: Arjen 89, Oliver M 87, Jasen 77  
7MMC: James 81, Jacob 79, Rory 77

8KWL: Qasim 119, Henry 110, Lorcan 97  
8MM: Jijith 111, Amir 109, Barnaby 99

Congratulations to the top 10 pupils across the whole school, as follows:

### Whole School Top 10

1st: 151 Aahan 5S  
2nd: 140 Oscar 5S  
3rd: 136 Shaan 5S  
4th: 135 Vir 5S  
5th: 130 Andrew 6H  
6th: 126 Dhilan 5S  
7th: 125 Alex 5H  
8th: 122 Harry 5H  
9th: 119 Qasim 8KWL  
10th: 114 Owen 5S

## Wellbeing at Homefield



As part of our multi-layered approach to embedding wellbeing into our everyday teaching, Mrs O'Reilly has also led a Wellbeing lesson to our Year 3 boys as part of their enrichment programme.

Much of our focus over this year has been with regard to the ever-changing response to Covid-19. Lessons have seen us create news reports, write song lyrics and reflect on our own responses. Most recently, we have focused on the future and the idea of hope.

Whilst various work and publications highlight future thoughts on the impact of Covid-19, some researchers are also reflecting on the positivity that has been a result of this time. We too spun the plate on 'lockdown' and thought about the positive impact that we could take from this time. Each Year 3 class generated a list of over thirty words to describe the positive side to this last year. The most dominant feature was the time that pupils were able to spend with families, strengthening their bonds and engaging in activities that often can be difficult given pre-Covid schedules.

To further support this work, and add to the work we do around this topic, we would love to hear from families across the school and invite you to share your views and thoughts over this time, particularly reflecting on this positive angle taken. Do please email: [loreilly@homefieldprep.school](mailto:loreilly@homefieldprep.school)



## English

Krish in 5P has had work chosen for publication in 'A Wander in the Woods', a book showcasing young writers' work. This writing competition challenged 7 – 11 year olds to write a mini saga in just 100 words inspired by woodland. Well done, Krish for a wonderfully creative entry.

### My Day Out In The Woods

As I strolled into mysterious woods, I could feel the gentle breeze blowing all around me. A beacon of sunlight peered through the overgrown trees, towering above my head. I could hear leaves cracking beneath my feet, birds chirping, mice squeaking, and a squirrel chewing on a nut. I could smell flowers as sweet as a blossom. As I continued walking, I was met by a deer, gliding across the woods. Mice looked like they were crawling at my feet. Squirrels came out of their homes. It was all coming to life! Finally, I got out of the woods.

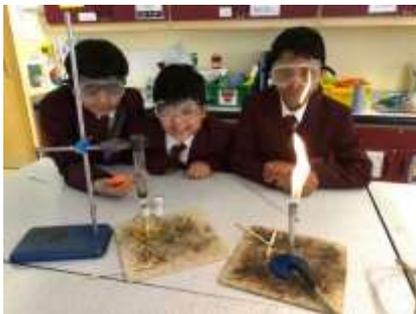


## Science

The boys have been very busy in Science, enjoying their practical work. Year 5 have been burning different fuels to determine which give off the most heat energy. Year 6 have learnt about static electricity; Jimmy in 6H was especially amazed that he could bend a stream of water using a Perspex rod that has been rubbed with a cloth to generate a charge! Year 7 have been investigating light and made some excellent pinhole cameras using empty Pringles tubes and some black paper.



Static Electricity



Burning Fuels



Pinhole Camera

## Parents' Association

### Second Hand Uniform Sales

Thanks to all of you who have donated items of uniform for our second hand sales. The next donation date will be announced in due course. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations other than on the specified dates. Orders can be made at any time via the email address:

[hauniformsales@gmail.com](mailto:hauniformsales@gmail.com)

We hope to run a couple more events this term, so please do watch out for further information on Classlist, in Headlines or via email. For anyone who wishes to get more involved in the Homefield Association we are always looking for more volunteers, so please feel free to contact us at

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

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

## Sport

### Year 8 Tennis

On Monday 26th April, after 410 days without a school sports fixture, the Year 8 Tennis team took on Cumnor House at Sutton Churches Tennis Club! The Homefield team did extremely well winning all their doubles matches, except one draw, and narrowly winning a very good singles competition. The stand-out players were Barnaby F and Oliver C. Well done to all the boys who represented the school.

(Homefield score first)

Match one: 11-11, 14-6, 7-6, 13-9

Match two: 16-5, 10-5, 10-9, 16-5

Singles: Homefield 11, Cumnor 8



### Year 6 Cricket

Following an extensive length of time without cricket fixtures, the boys were so excited to play this week and luckily the rain stayed away!

'A' Team - HPS 89-2

Aarush 25

Elliot 24

Kingswood House School 29-7

George 2 wickets

Aarush 2 wickets

'B' Team - HPS 66

Shun 5 runs

Kingswood House School 57

Reece 1 wicket

'C' Team - HPS 61

Kingswood House School 83

Saideep and Hanlin bowled well

Jimmy (C) and Ayaan's first ever cricket matches - exciting day for all boys!

## Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · Apr 23

Results for Paper 1 of the #TownsendWarnerPrize are in! Congratulations to these Homefield boys who have made it through to Paper 2, placing them in the top 250 History students in the country!

5th Qasim #Y8  
10th Samuel B #Y8  
57th Oliver #Y7  
129th Vansh #Y8  
159th Jijith #Y8



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## Homefield Gallery

Shun Year 6: Enjoy the View



## On-line Safety

Technology continues to move at a rapid pace. While this brings wonderful opportunities for wider communication, there are also inherent risks.

On the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> May, from 6.00-7.00pm, we have organised for a virtual inset on 'Keeping Our Children Safe Online'.

This will be run by Steve Welding who is the Sutton Borough Education E-safety advisor. Further details with a link for this virtual event will be sent to parents next week.