

Headlines

Spring Term

4th February 2022

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

ISI inspection report December 2021



Future astronaut?

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

We hit number one in the UK last week in the Mangahigh Maths Competition. Our award-winning boys celebrated with us in Assembly, scooping certificates and prizes for the top positions. Maths can be fun, whilst we are challenged. You can see page 5 for details of this strong achievement.

You may recall we reviewed our Scholarships policy to provide more public recognition and celebration. This year’s inaugural winners are listed below; all boys who have demonstrated outstanding exemplification of attitude, attainment, and progress. They received recognition today and their names will be up in ‘gold leaf’ on a new honours board being commissioned for the Performance Hall.

Congratulations to:

Bomfords: *Olivier D, Year 5*

Ellis: *Harry C, Year 5*

Grays: *Andrew Y, Year 7*

Walfords: *Ranvir V, Year 4*

In the wider community, I would like to extend my thanks to the Harper family who provided an assembly reflection recently, sharing their epic bicycle journey from Land’s End to John O’Groats. We discovered the rigours of training, the challenges and the hard knocks, the wildlife, the food and, finally, the glorious finish. A great example of teamwork and charity fundraising to inspire our boys. If you would like some inspiration, click here and get on your bike:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOwsn2Ive_c

We all enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year this week; the kitchen laid on a celebratory meal and many of the boys, who had marked the event, shared experiences, and a song in Assembly. Thank you also to Dr Yuan who visited us today and spoke to the boys about China.

Finally, thanks to all the parents who participated in the pastoral evening(s) catch up with Form Tutors.

Have a good weekend.

John Towers
Headmaster

Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

Reception have enjoyed a variety of activities this week in celebration of Chinese New Year including making a lantern collage, practising writing Chinese numbers, and making dragons out of an assortment of different shapes and materials!

The boys have become experts at building structures from 3D shapes in Maths and have had great fun on a school hunt for 3D shaped objects.

We have started to recap all of the Set 2 sounds in phonics and have focused on those tricky 'red' words that cannot be sounded out.

In Topic, there have been excellent discussions about bedtime routines, and we have continued to learn very interesting facts about Space. Do ask the boys to share these with you.

For Wellbeing Wednesday, the boys have been thinking diligently about ways to connect with each other and further build on their existing friendships.

Years 1 and 2

Boys have enjoyed another fun week at school. Our Year 2 performed brilliantly in their class assembly on Thursday morning and there was not a dry eye in the house! Clear voices, superb acting and great singing showcased our talented boys.

Other Awards in Years 1 and 2

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

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

Kindness (Kangaroo award)

1H Ryan for sharing well in the classroom when we do construction games and **Aaron** for helping others in the classroom.

2H Gianluca for being generous and sharing nicely.

2S Shunta for always sharing and looking after his friends.

Meanwhile, in Year 1 the boys have been creative, designing hedgehog houses in their STEAM lesson linking to their learning about hibernation in Science. They have also experienced Geography fieldwork in their lessons. Boys have been developing their skills of measuring, recording, and tracking the weather, temperature and wind speeds outside school.



In enrichment Year 1 have been embracing yoga to wind down at the end of a hectic day.



Year 2 have been writing their fairy tales in English and are currently in the process of publishing their eagerly anticipated Year 2 book!

Resilience (Courageous: Koala award)

1H Aaron for working hard on some tricky writing and **Harin** for challenging himself with his writing.

2H Yusuf for demonstrating bravery when practising for our assembly performance.

2S Euan for always being honest and trying his best.



Homefield Heroes

Tigers

Ben for modelling excellent behaviour in class and showing good listening skills and **Alan** for excellent effort and progress in phonics.

Monkeys

Philip for excellent contributions in for STEAM leaders award project and **Sam** for amazing independent work in phonics and Maths.

1H Harin for working very hard on his writing this week and **William** for improved speaking and listening skills.

2H Henry for sharing excellent scientific knowledge about plants and flowers and **Axel** for lovely manners towards all.

2S Sacha for fantastic independent work in English and **Oliver** for lovely manners towards everyone.

Organisation (Helping Hands award)

1H Kiran for helping others and **Aldous** for helping to organise Mrs Burgess.

2H Kenzo for helping to remind others on what they should be doing.

2S Oliver for always starting the day ready to learn.



U8 Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 25th January, the U8 tag rugby teams travelled to Hawthorns School. The Red team defended with style and the score remained 0-0 for the first 10 minutes. Rishi, Aran and Max were solid in defence, but Hawthorns did break through and scored two tries just before half time. In the second half, Elijah scored a super try running from the halfway line to avoid the home team defence.

Hawthorns did, however, dominate and despite another well worked try when Daneil passed out to Elijah, the final score was Homefield Prep 2 Hawthorns 5.

The Blue team also had a very close game, and we were unlucky not to record a higher score. Dakarayi did get over the line, but the ball had gone out of play. Dyllon scored a super try and Ashston also scored with a great run but eventually Hawthorns edged ahead and won. Homefield Prep 2 Hawthorns 6.

Homefield's Yellow team enjoyed a very close match. Kaloyan and Rowan both scored a hat trick of tries, and Austin scored two. Homefield's eight tries almost secured a draw, but Hawthorns scored their ninth and winning try in the closing minute. Zayn K and Kenji made some excellent forward runs with the ball, and Nathan started to be more direct with his running too. Well done Yellow team!

On Tuesday 1st February, all of our Year 3 boys played Willington in a tag rugby tournament. Homefield's five teams were involved in a total of fifteen matches. There were four draws, five wins for Homefield and six wins for Willington. It was a fantastic afternoon of rugby and a great way to round off our Under 8 rugby season! Well done Year 3 for all your effort in rugby lessons and fixtures this term.

Year 4 Rugby Fixtures

Year 4's first rugby fixture of the year was on 20th January when Reigate St. Mary's travelled to Homefield. Some very competitive matches were enjoyed by a great turnout of spectators. Thank you to all those who came to support! The 'A' team lost 6-8, tries scored by Rudy, Darwin (2) and Oba (3). Hanchen's tackling was a huge help to the team. The 'B' team lost 5-8; Mustafa, Aaliyan (2) and Adam (2) our try scorers.

There was some great running down the outside by Kota, Ranvir and Reilly whilst Oliver, Josh and Justinus performed well with a more direct approach. Aled led from the front as captain for the day with a determined performance. On the 'C' team pitch it was a 7-12 loss with Zareef, Zachary, Akesh (2) and captain Yusuf (3) scoring Homefield's tries. Homefield's victory came on the tag rugby pitch as our Tag team won 12-9. Aarush, Hei, Aryan (2), Spandan (2), Alex W (3) and Eric (3) ran over for the tries in a very promising performance.

The following Thursday, Homefield travelled to Hawthorns School for a triangular fixture with Yardley Court, the other participants. The 'A' team lost 3-6 to Hawthorns and 1-3 to Yardley Court but should be very proud of their brave tackling. Captain Hanchen again led the way with tackling, but it was great to see Gary and Josh supporting him. Baden, Mikael, Rudy and Aaliyan scored the tries. Our 'B' team lost 1-5 and 3-10, with Adam, Kota and Oliver (2) being our try scorers. Homefield's 'C' and 'D' teams also lost their matches, but it was great to see Akesh, Zachary, Zareef, Aryan (2), Jerry (2) and Ryan running over tries. Well done to all Year 4 for their brilliant effort in their first two rugby fixtures!

Year 5 Rugby

On Friday 20th January, Year 5 had a rugby fixture at home to Chinthurst. Three teams rotated to get some competitive experience against a strong Chinthurst 'A' team.

The first group played extremely well with William and Alex winning everything at the breakdown, A great try by Noah put Homefield into the lead after the first third.

The next group also impressed with great running from Olivier and Keller. Both scored good tries to ensure Homefield kept ahead. In the final third, Samuel and Luke were very impressive and Charlie, despite getting an injured shoulder, scored very early on. The final score was Homefield 12, Chinthurst 11. A great game by all. Well done, boys!

The mixed 'C' team also had a great game. Super passing by Jonathan and Rohan led to a well worked try for Arjun. Arjun went on to score two more and with the game finely balanced at 5-6, Amran, who had already scored twice, ran the ball over to dramatically draw the game! Homefield 6, Chinthurst 6.

U10 v The Mall

On Friday 28th January, three teams from Homefield's Year 5 travelled to Sunbury CC for a rugby fixture against The Mall School.

Our 'C' team gave their all in a 9-11 defeat, with tries scored by Lucas, Aaden, Rohan K, Arjun Sa, Rohan P (2) and Musa (3). Ethan was the 'Man of the Match' with constantly outstanding rucking to retain possession which earned him a Headmaster's Crest.

On the 'B' team pitch, it was a 7-8 loss for Homefield as The Mall scored the winning try with the last play. Matthew, Arvind, Jayden, Stefano (2) and Calum (2) were our try scorers. Alex M won many turnovers with his ripping, and Jayden was voted 'Man of the Match' for his non-stop tackling.

There were tries galore for the 'A' team in a 21-8 victory. Jamie, Jaysen, Harry, Nathan, William (2), Olivier (2), Noah (2), Keller (3), Samuel (4) and Alexander H (4) ran over the tries, supported by the strong running of Atharva and Felix.

Well done to the 36 boys who played, representing Homefield so well in this fixture!



Pastoral

Senior Department

The following boys receive special recognition as Homefield Heroes:

Years 3 and 4

3H Michael for being a kind and helpful member of the class and settling in well to Homefield.

3S Zain I for making sensible choices in the classroom.

4H Aarav for his excellent contribution to 'Terrific Thursday'.

4S Eric for settling into Homefield and for getting involved within the school community.

TPR – Kamran 4S

For being a curious and inquisitive philosopher, who often brings in wider subject knowledge to class discussions.

Years 5 and 6

Well done to the following boys for showing great enthusiasm in lessons:

Year 5:

5H Rohan P

5P Seyon

5S Ethan and Felix

Year 6:

6H Alex P

6P Aaron

6S Shiven

Homefield Hero awards go to the following boys for being polite and respectful to staff:

Year 5:

5H Amran

5P Harry

5S Isiah

Year 6:

6H Owen

6P Jake D

6S Vedanth

Years 7 and 8

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Humzah for an excellent attitude to learning in his lessons.

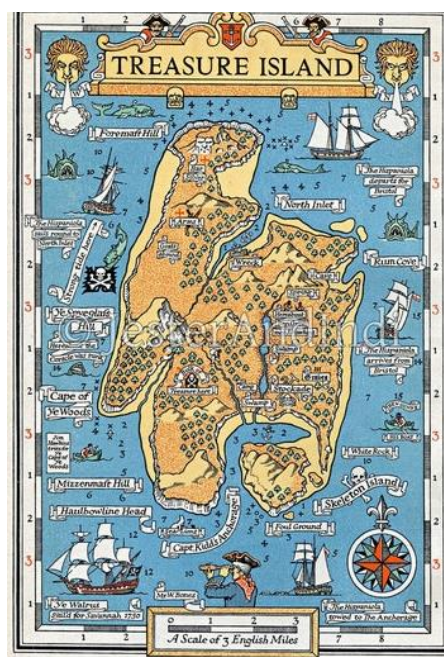
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Robert for a superb start with his STEAM project. He has already come up with three excellent ideas!

Drama News

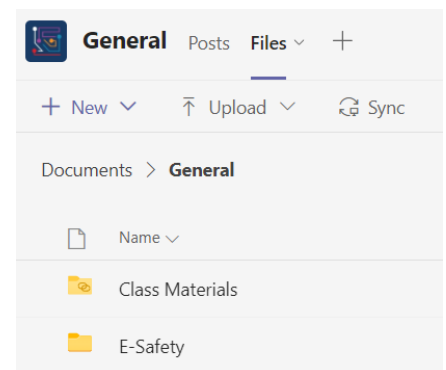
Treasure Island

Ahoy there! Hoist the sails and lift the anchor, because Year 6 will be putting on a theatrical production of *Treasure Island* this summer. The boys will showcase the drama skills that they have been developing in their English lessons and there will also be opportunities for singers, dancers, and artists to shine. More details to follow soon, but we look forward to welcoming you all 'aboard' at the place where x marks the spot...



Safer Internet

Starting on Monday 7th February, through to Friday 11th, all boys will be taking part in this year's **Safer Internet Day**. The theme 'All Fun and Games' will be explored with special presentations delivered by our Year 8 Technology Champions: Sidd, Mannan, Hansol and Arjen. In addition to this, boys in Years 1 to 8 will also have a special e-safety computing lesson and Reception boys will be having a special e-safety lesson delivered by their class teacher. Later in the term, the Safer Internet Day resources will be shared on Teams within the e-safety section. Please do make time to look at these resources and have a talk with your son.



Music

Congratulations to Andrew Y who has been accepted into the prestigious National Children's Orchestra.



Maths Success!

This free, online competition engages students aged 5-16 with maths through a fun, games-based learning approach.

We are proud to announce that Homefield came first place in the British Isles out of hundreds of schools!



Reception

Gold	Ryan
Silver	Logan
Bronze	John

Year 1

Gold	Louis
Silver	Kiran
Bronze	Rahul

Year 2

Gold	Jaydon
Silver	Isaac
Bronze	Rayyan

Year 3

Gold	Anish
Silver	Arnav
Bronze	Easan

Year 4

Gold	Yusuf
Silver	Akesh
Bronze	Mustafa

Year 5

Gold	Rohan
Silver	Atharva
Bronze	Jonathan F

Year 6

Gold	Aahan
Silver	Krish G
Bronze	Kavin

Year 7

Gold	Andrew
Silver	Elliot
Bronze	Jonas

Year 8

Gold	Ronak
Silver	Hansol
Bronze	Jacob

Chess

Wey Valley New Year Tournament

In the recent tournament and team selection competition at Therfield School held on the 23rd January, the following boys recorded:

Under 12:

Aahan 6H (3 points)

Under 9:

Arjun 3P (4 points = 3rd place), Easan 3P (3.5 points = 4th place)

It is now possible that all three boys will be invited for selection for the County team in their respective age groups.



Parents' Association

If you are new to the school and have not signed up to Classlist yet, please register at www.classlist.com or download the free Classlist app.

We are currently looking for more parents as Class volunteers or to assist on the HA team. If you are able to get involved, please email: homefieldassociation@hotmail.co.uk



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Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · 19h
Homefield's first ever #Minecraft Education after school club got off to an exciting start!. Boys worked well in their teams and were tasked with creating one of the following worlds: rollercoaster, underwater, lava and animal #Computing

