

# Headlines

Autumn Term  
4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

ISI inspection report December 2021

## Letter from the Headmaster

### Dear Parents

The boys returned from the half term break to enjoy the final part of our grand school re-design completed, with the opening of our large Multi-Use Sports Pitch (MUGA). This resource will allow us far greater scope both with sport and at play.

I thank you for your patience over the last 4 years of our ambitious, phased re-build. Despite Brexit and the pandemic, we got over the line! Also, due to assiduous care, within budget. I can now hang up my hard hat and go back to the trilby for winter. Over the next couple of terms we will do a bit of tidying up, with refreshment of tarmac and soft landscaping during holiday periods. I also have an eye on commissioning some adventurous playground equipment, both for early years and for the whole school.

You may well enjoy the slight ‘bounce’ of the MUGA surface, under your feet, if you come to see the Homefield Parents’ & Friends’ Association Firework Display next Thursday. In prior years it’s been a real

highlight of the school calendar, with families enjoying the spectacle and joining the community in celebration. Tickets are on sale via Classlist.com.

On family matters, we have provided a ‘wrap around’ childcare service for many years. Post pandemic, the demand for this somewhat dipped, but it is still such a vital resource. We recently commissioned ‘Orchard Childcare’ to join us to run an early morning breakfast club from 7.30am as well as an After School Club running until 6.00pm. I would urge all parents to sign up as 1. It’s a very good and very competitively priced service, and 2. If you are ever unavoidably late, Orchard Childcare can swoop in to save the day... and you will avoid being charged a late pick-up fee by the school. A great option for your peace of mind. Booking information can be found at: <https://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/school-life/orchardchildcare>.

Finally, thanks to you and the boys for all the very creative work over the half term toward the Upper School House Art competition. We are now looking at the initial entries. The four winners, one from each House, will have their final design enlarged and mounted to make a new permanent display in the Foyer.

Boys still have until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November to submit a fabulous design for a ‘House Crest’. Details are on TEAMS from Mr Leung, our Head of Art and Design.

Have a great weekend.

**John Towers**  
Headmaster

## Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

### Reception

This week in Reception, we have started our new topic of 'Owl Babies'. We enjoyed retelling the story with a particular focus on the use of the repetitive phrase, "I want my Mummy!" from the smallest of the owl babies, Bill. We discussed the worries that the baby owls had and how they tried to help themselves with their concerns. We then shared things that make us anxious and what we can do to reassure ourselves. Bertie said, "I was worried about my first day at school, but I reminded myself that my Mummy would come and get me at the end of the day!" Ariz shared, "Thunder makes me feel scared, I will close the curtains, so I feel safe."

In Mathematics, we have started to look at addition with the focus of understanding that addition is the combining of two groups to make a total amount. The Reception boys amazed us with their fantastic knowledge of addition already! This week, we have learnt the sounds y, w, z and x (in that order) and sounded out and blended words with these sounds.



In Year 1 this week, our History topic has been learning about Guy Fawkes ahead of Bonfire Night: let's see if Year 1 can recall any of those facts ahead of the Bonfire Night at school next week! In STEAM, the boys have been introduced to the 'Leaders Award Competition' and what this entails. Our Art focus has been on decorating sea turtles using water colours. In English, we have started a new text, 'Supertato'. We have had a focus on common nouns and enjoyed doing a noun hunt around the classroom and in the text!

Year 2 have had a busy first week back! We have been continuing to work on addition and subtraction in Maths, working with bigger numbers. Our phonics groups are still going successfully and in English we have been working on diary entry features, linked to our class book 'The Explorer'. We have started our new History and Geography topics - 'Travel and Transport' and 'South America'. In Science, we have been discussing the life cycle of animals and humans!

### Homefield Heroes

**RH Reuben** for excellent work in learning his number bonds to 10.

**RS Harrison** for making such an effort with his blending in phonics.

**1H Shivvy** for excellent work using and showing his understanding of nouns.

**1S Eesa** for working well in Art using the water colours.

**2H William** for being really brave at school this week and for working extra hard across all of his subjects.

**2S Alex** for superb work using partitioning to subtract in Maths.

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### Assemblies

We are always delighted to welcome parents into school between 8.40 – 9.00am on Thursday mornings to watch their son's year group deliver an assembly in the Performance Hall.

To be reasonable and fair to all, we are limiting attendance to a maximum of 2 parents/guardians per pupil and we look forward to welcoming you into school on your child's respective day.

| Date     | Year Group                      |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| 23/11/22 | Year 1 and 2 Christmas Assembly |
| 29/11/22 | Reception Christmas Assembly    |
| 12/01/23 | Year 8                          |
| 19/01/23 | Year 7                          |
| 26/01/23 | Year 4                          |
| 02/02/23 | Year 3                          |
| 09/02/23 | Year 6                          |
| 23/02/23 | Year 5                          |



## Pastoral

### Homefield Heroes

#### Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 have come back from the half term break with bundles of energy and excitement for learning. In the two weeks prior to the half term break, there were ample discussions on the topic of friendships and kindness.

The children who received a Homefield Hero certificate for displaying excellent qualities of a kind friend were:

Oliver W (3H), Aun and Misha (3P), Ethan (3S), Haran and Elijah (4H), Aiden L and Ashton (4P), and Ethan C and Faiz (4S).

Well done to Ayaan on his Homefield Hero certificate for his hard work in Maths. This week, we have started discussing what it means to be resilient and some strategies to help us with this!

## Sport

#### Year 5 Football

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, all the Year 5 travelled to Royal GS, Guildford, to play a football fixture. The 'A' team started brightly but were under huge pressure from three consecutive corners. On each occasion Aliyan made great saves from point blank range. As Homefield began to pass the ball, a super through ball from Darwin led to Adam scoring giving HPS the lead. In the second half, the opposition goalkeeper also made three fantastic saves after shots from Alisdair, Ranvir and Rudy. Eventually, Oba scored with a long-range effort: a super goal. 'Man of the Match' was Aaliyan in goal. A great result boys, well done,

The 'B' team played a 9 a side match and the game was very even in the first half. Eric scored two wonderful goals in quick succession after great passes from Ian and Oliver. Hamza made some formidable saves in the first half and there was some strong defending by Oliver G and Shomik. The boys lost the game 6-2 but showed great team spirit and stuck with the task.

The 'C' team won 3-2. The game was end to end and it seemed either team could score. Zachary latched on to a great pass from Aiden but RGS equalised. Sulaymaan scored and Zachary got the winning goal after Brendan made a great tackle. A super result boy, well done.

#### Years 5 and 6

For a fantastic first half term of the school year:

Harry and Enming (5H), Gary and Sulaymaan (5P), Alasdair, Ranvir and Aarush (5S), Harry (6H), Isaiah and Arthur (6P), Arvind (6S).

For excellent attitude and participation on the Year 6 Classics Trip:

Alex Z (6P), Lewis and Owais (6S)

For positivity and a high standard of work in Science lessons:

Deep (6P)

#### Years 7 and 8

Siddharth in Year 7 for his resilience and determination in and out of school and Ayaan in Year 8 for his work in Science.

The 'D' team have shown huge improvement this year and Thomas CS was 'Man of the Match'. Yaseen and Nitin defended impressively. A goal line clearance initially denied Justinus a goal to equalise but showing tenacity to the job in hand, Justinus did go on to score moments later. Thomas put the ball into the back of the net to set up a thrilling finish to the game but RGSG just won 3-2. Well done to all the boys who played – an afternoon of great football and sportsmanship.

#### Surrey Cup Plate

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Homefield U11 took on Belmont in the Surrey Plate Cup. The game was played with great intensity with Homefield soon gaining a 1-0 lead with a goal from Jaysen. However, Belmont equalised shortly after but two rapid fire goals from Olivier meant Homefield went into half time 3-1 up!

The second half got under way and the Belmont team succeeded in clawing back a goal back with 10 minutes remaining. With the light fading, Jaysen managed to make it 4-2. In a hard-fought tussle in the closing minutes of the game, Belmont managed to score one back to leave the score at 4-3! Nail biting stuff with end-to-end drama!

Homefield held out for the victory and have now moved into the Quarter Finals. A fantastic achievement

### Wrap Around Childcare at Homefield Prep

We are very excited to be able to offer a new Breakfast and After School Club on site provided by:



All the details for registration and booking can be found on our website at:

<https://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/school-life/orchardchildcare>.

If you are running late one day and you have already registered with the club, your son is welcome to come and play while they wait for you.

Orchard Childcare would love to welcome more Homefield Prep boys to join them each day, either before or after school, and are keen to involve the boys in suggesting activities they would like to see in their club.

If you would like to come and meet the staff and ask any questions, please come to the entrance by the Reception classrooms and they will be able to answer any queries you may have.

Orchard Childcare have already received some wonderful comments from parents this week:



#### Reminder:

We urge all parents to sign up to Orchard Childcare because if you are ever unavoidably late your son can go along to the After School Club and you will avoid being charged a late pick-up fee by the school.

## Mathematics

On behalf of the Mathematics Department, we would like to congratulate Hanlin on his brilliant performance in the Cayley Olympiad 2022 Mathematical Challenge.

Named after the influential mathematician Arthur Cayley, the Cayley Olympiad is a 2-hour challenge that is famous for promoting a love of problem-solving.

Hanlin worked diligently on his written solutions and earned a Bronze Medal for his efforts.

Hanlin, we are all so proud of you and your result - congratulations to you on this superb achievement.

*"There is a wild, splendid, intoxicating joy that follows work well done." – Elbert Hubbard*



## Parent Information

### ISEB Pretests

Several of our Homefield Prep boys in Years 6 and 7 have elected to sit the ISEB pre-test for their senior schools at Homefield this year. We will be invigilating these for the senior schools who elect to use this assessment platform, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November, boys will sit on one of these two days and will be informed as to which date they are sitting by the end of the day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure you contact the relevant senior school you have registered with if there are any queries.

### Parent Teacher Consultation

Booking is now live on the School Cloud booking system. Bookings will close on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November for Lower School and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November for Upper School.

### Lower School Parents' Consultation

(Reception – Year 2) with class teacher on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November:**

- Morning sessions will be **in person** at school
- Afternoon sessions will be **virtual**

**Upper School Consultations (Years 3 – 8)**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November:**

- 5-minute appointments **in person** will be available for Subject Teachers

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November:**

- 5-minute appointments will be available **virtually** for Subject Teachers

In addition, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 4.30 – 6.00pm, drop-in sessions for **specific enquiries** will be available with Mrs Griffith, Mr Matthews, Mr Smith and Mr Leung. Please refer to the email from Mrs Corner for further information.

For parents new to Homefield Prep: demand is high for these sessions - please book early and as always, please do contact relevant teachers via email where necessary.

### Parent Teacher Consultations

Just a reminder to parents that there will be **no teacher run clubs** on the evenings of Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. All **peri run clubs will still be taking place as scheduled.**

*If you would like childcare and your son is not signed up to a peri club, please sign up now to our new wraparound provider, Orchard Childcare.*

## Music

This could be of interest to you if your son is in Years 5 to 8.  
Find out more here: <https://www.nycb.co.uk/>



**SPRING 2023**  
**1<sup>ST</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
CONCERT: 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2:30PM  
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## Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · 18m

Thursday mornings are abuzz with activity as our wonderful instrumental teachers run their groups. Mr Legg with #Year5&6 in the guitar group, Mr Aslangul with the new cohort of #Year1 cellists & Mrs Allardyce with the #Year3&4 percussion ensemble! #HomefieldMusic #OurBoysCanPlay



Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens ...



## Gifted and Talented

Our Homefield 'Gifted and Talented' TEAMS page is now up and running, with lots of exciting resources being posted.

There is a Bonfire themed competition for the boys to enter, with some exciting prizes to be won. All entries must be submitted to Mrs Drake by **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022**.

## Homefield Art Gallery

Artwork - Jayden, Year 6 - Good Dog!



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