

Headlines

Autumn Term
4th October 2019

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

ISI inspection report



Year 4 visit to Butser Ancient Farm

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

We enjoyed a well-attended Open Day last weekend and I want to sincerely thank the large number of wonderfully positive parent volunteers and, of course, the boys that came along; they did us proud. In addition, it was lovely to see generations come together as Early Years opened their doors to grandparents today.

It's the time of year for politicians to have party conferences, but also for us head teachers. I don't know about the politicians, but we spent our time wisely and put children first. Again, top of our agenda was their well-being and mental health. The independent sector, and Homefield in particular, is on this like glue. Did you know that England appears to have the worst 'cyberbullying' problem for young people in any developed country (according to the OECD 2019)! We also know that 1 in 9 children experience real mental health problems, with prevalence around behavioural difficulties, anxiety and addiction; for younger boys that can mean internet and gaming addictions. This is why we look ahead to consider our curriculum and practical approaches to well-being.

We wish to build resilience, critical thinking skills and to use our valuable resource to make sure boys have the time and space to share concerns and to get help from us.

Please do expect more of this. Let's anchor in the present and help the boys enjoy childhood; reading lots of books, climbing trees, footy on the field, science experiments, playing with Lego. A winning attitude can be complemented by also learning to fail, but let's show them how to 'fail forwards' rather than get anxious, and to benefit from challenge. We do need to help the boys with this modern era and a technology and social media that, as parents, our generation really did not have to face so young.

Lots of treats this last week or so, with a round of great football fixtures, home and away, for our boys and also a couple of valuable music expeditions out to Dulwich and Charterhouse.

A final word for Kwame in Year 8, proving good deeds do get noticed: During elections this week for House Captain, this young leader, just ahead in the polls, stepped back and offered up the prize to his house mate Tom, believing him to be a good fellow and deserving of the job. If only more world leaders were as selfless, wise and kind as some of our boys! As ever, the behaviour and attitude of our boys is just remarkable.

PS: My annual information talk on all things senior transfer on Monday evening at 6.00 pm, is aimed at parents from Year 4 upwards who might like an introduction to such matters. Largely the same old jokes with a few updates!

Have a good weekend.

John Towers
Headmaster

Early Years Department

Thank you all for attending our Curriculum Evening last Thursday night, it was lovely to be able to give you more of an insight into how we teach the boys in Early Years, in particular our Phonics. We hope you found the information useful; if you still have any queries please don't hesitate to ask us.

Reception boys have been busy continuing to learn their sounds whilst using their previous knowledge to blend together and make simple 3 letter words to teach 'Fred' some new words. Well done for your hard work boys, keep practising at home. Parents please ask your son about 'Fred'!

Nursery boys have been busy these last two weeks learning all about their bodies and their senses. They have been looking at using our five senses, learning how we can keep our bodies healthy. This week, they made some lovely pizza faces then enjoyed them for their snack!

We have had a slight rearrangement of equipment in our playground and this has given the boys more space to explore and move around which is vitally important for their development. We have also made our own mud kitchen, which the boys are absolutely loving. If you are clearing out any kitchen utensils from home, we would gladly recycle them for you as we would like to grow our mud kitchen by adding metal pots, pans and any utensils we can lay our hands on.



Junior Department

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Curriculum and Welcome Evening last Thursday. We are looking forward to meeting Junior Department parents next week to discuss how the boys have settled in and the progress they have made since September.

On Tuesday, 3S led their first assembly to the rest of the Junior Department. They talked about bullying and the boys spoke confidently and clearly enjoyed performing to us. They even sang a rap!

Mrs Hilton visited us recently to talk about the latest Guide Dog news and she reminded the boys to try and bring in a small amount of money every Friday to support the work of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

After the half term holiday, all Junior Department boys must return to school on November 4th wearing winter uniform - grey shorts, white long sleeved shirts, jumper, tie and long grey socks with maroon bands on them. Boys will need to bring a blazer along with their Homefield blue coat (no other styles are permitted). Gloves, scarves and hats must also be Homefield style. All items of clothing must be clearly named to avoid misplacement.



Our Special Award this week goes to:

Zien in Elephants for settling in to Nursery so well and always being so helpful.

Our Students of the Week are:

Isaac in Tigers for working really hard on his letter formation.

Jai in Tigers for his enthusiasm for learning.

Sachin in Monkeys for writing his letters so neatly.

Ralph in Monkeys for his excellent blending of CVC words.

Homefield Heroes

1H Abbas for improved concentration and work ethic in all of his lessons and **Edouard** for becoming more confident in class discussions and sharing lots of excellent ideas. Well done!

1S Arjun for making a very good start to life at Homefield and for making great contributions to discussions, and **Aiden** for great work in Mathematics. Well done, boys!

2H Aaliyan for excellent focus in class and quicker work and **Aadam** for working extremely hard in class.

2S Akesh for always helping out in the classroom and looking out for others and **Shomik** for active participation in all activities and lessons.

3H Atharva for having settled smoothly into Homefield and being a very polite and hardworking boy and **Saaketh** for his quiet diligence and interest in his learning. You are a great example to others.

3S Abdullah for taking his responsibility as Vice-Captain very seriously.

3S Nathan for helping other members of the class in lessons.

Parents' Association

We had a very productive Homefield Association and Class Reps meeting to start off the term. We discussed the organisation of the exciting events to come. A big welcome to our new HA members and new Class reps, it was lovely to meet everyone. Preparations are now in full swing for the Fireworks Night! Please book your tickets in advance on Classlist.com to get early bird prices. We are planning a fantastic fireworks display, plus an assortment of food and novelty stalls.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 8th November
Fireworks Night 6.00pm

Friday 15th November
HA Meeting 8.30am

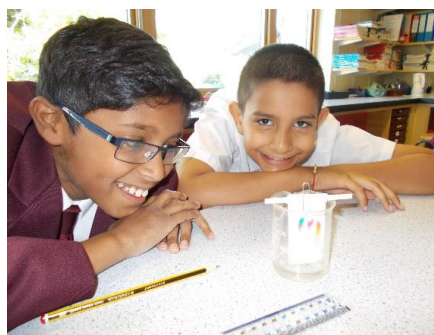
Friday 29th November
Christmas Coffee Morning 8.30am

Friday 6th December
Christmas Coffee Morning 8.30am

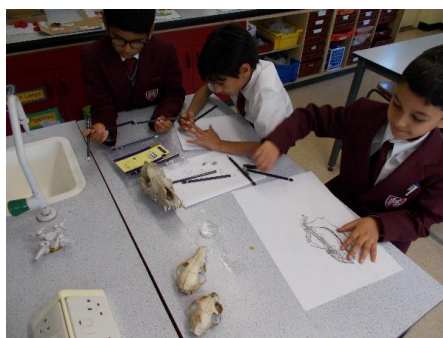


Science News

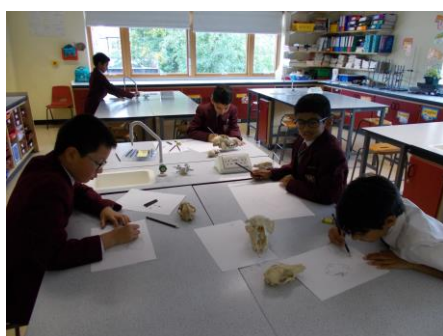
Year 6 have been getting to grips with paper chromatography, which is a process used to separate out mixtures. They have perfected the art of separating out the dyes present in felt-tip pen ink. This required both skill and patience.



In the Science and Art Fusion Club, the boys have started some excellent drawings of animal skulls. For the 'science' aspect, they studied the different teeth in each skull and considered how these linked to the animals' diets. It was interesting for them to compare the large, piercing canines of the Alsatian skull with the grinding molars of the sheep skull. For the 'art' aspect, they experimented with different grades of pencil and some charcoal sticks.



They are learning how to get the shading just right, and how adding a little water can add even greater depth to their shading. They will finish their masterpieces next week!



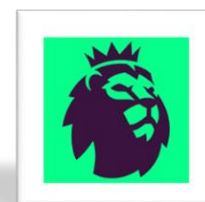
Fantasy Football

Game week 6 winners:

| League | Most Points | Team | Manager |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Pupils, Parents & Staff | 83 | Sid's Titans | Sid |
| Year 7/8 | 69 | The Gunning Soldiers | Kwame |
| Year 6 | 74 | The Wakandians | Nishad |
| Year 5 | 59 | Shun's Stunners | Shun |
| Year 4 | 83 | Sid's Titans | Sid |
| Junior | 69 | Cal Attax | Cal |
| Parents | 77 | Noice | Chris S |
| Staff | 77 | Larkin's Loonies | Ms Larkin |
| Alumni | 60 | The Stadium Raiders | James |

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| Year 7/8 | 68 | The Gunning Soldiers | Kwame |
| | 68 | Oli's OTT team | Oli |
| Year 6 | 76 | The Wakandians | Nishad |
| Year 5 | 62 | I am GUNNER Win | Tim |
| Year 4 | 83 | Rahul the Great | Rahul |
| Junior | 58 | Westside Wombles FC | Noah |
| Parents | 64 | Sutton FC | Fraser D |
| Staff | 71 | Abra Dúbravka | Mr Smith |
| Alumni | 58 | No Spurs | Gabriel |





Sports News

Under 8 Football v Ewell Castle

Homefield's U8s played in some competitive games against Ewell Castle School this week. Both teams had impressive wins with many boys on the score sheet. The 'A' team had a convincing 9-0 win with Olivier D, Alexander H, Luke B, Nathan C, Samuel A, Noah P and Lachlan all scoring for Homefield.

Our 'C' team boys also won well with Abdullah D (2), Matthew S (2), Zinedine B and Seyon T all scoring for Homefield in the 6-0 victory.

The boys all performed extremely well as a team showing great sportsmanship. Well done to you all.

Year 4 Football v Reigate St. Mary's

Our Under 9 footballers kicked off their season with a hugely entertaining fixture at Reigate St. Mary's School on Thursday 26th September.

Both the 'A' and 'B' team matches were full of end-to-end, exciting football - there were seven goals in total and the woodwork was struck three times!

Goals from Alex, Kailan and Malachi sealed a 3-1 win for the 'B' team, who showed great hunger to win the ball and get it forwards quickly.

Raece and Ismail scored to secure a 2-1 win for the 'A' team which was particularly impressive given they were a goal down inside two minutes. An outstanding performance by George in goal prevented Reigate St. Mary's from scoring further goals and Jake's influence on the match grew when more space opened up as the game wore on.

Two good team performances to be built upon in the coming weeks - well done Year 4 'A' and 'B' teams!

U10 v Reigate St. Mary's

On Saturday 28th September, the U10 year group played in their first competitive football fixture of the season against Reigate St. Mary's. The 'A' team started very well building on the work they had been doing in lessons and after just four minutes, they were ahead. Tim S crossed in a super corner into the area and George G planted a bullet header past the visiting goalkeeper.

Homefield were on top for most of the first half and Luke H was unlucky not to make it two nil as he shot just wide after a great pass from Phillip P. Reigate did break away and have a very good shot on goal but Louie B made a comfortable save.

In the second half Reigate were more of an attacking force and the defence of Jake D and Alex G was really tested. The visitors struck back after a speculative shot bounced straight out to an oncoming striker and he slotted home. Rayyan and Shun came close to taking the lead again and Jake was denied by an amazing save from the Reigate keeper.

Overall, Homefield played a super team game and the 1-1 draw was a fair result. The 'B' team suffered a loss in their first game but some good individual performances were noted. Musa S and Elliot V ran continuously and despite the score line did not give up. The 'C' team played out an epic game with nine goals scored between the two teams. Humzah F had a wonderful game in goal but the scoring of Hamdan K was the story of this game. He managed to score four goals with some super finishing which led to the Homefield win. Henry P and Parth J also scored with the 'C' team recording a wonderful 6-3 win.

Well done to all the boys who played.

Homefield U11 Football v Hawthorns and Solefield

A team 5-3 Win v Hawthorns Goals - David x2, Omasan x2, and Cass)
A team 2-4 lost v Solefield (Goals - David and Omasan)

The performance against Hawthorns was most pleasing. Homefield scored some dazzling goals constructed with great passing and movement off the ball in attack. The challenge for next week will be our transition into defence and reacting quickly to a counter attack.

B team 2-0 Win v Hawthorns (Goals - Oliver x2)
B team 2-1 Win v Solefield (Goals - Oliver and Akshay)

Oliver was outstanding, scoring 3 of the 4 goals. The match against Hawthorns was an end to end encounter with Homefield taking the lead, then losing it before eventually snatching the winner.

C team 1-0 Win v Hawthorns (Goal - Naman)
C team 2-0 Win v Solefield (Goals - Jaiman and Naman)

Congratulations to the 'C' team who maintain their 100% win ratio this season under team manager Mr Hawkins.

D Team 2-4 Lost v Hawthorns (Goals - Rishi B and Sami)

Homefield trailed by two goals at half time. Mr Smith explained the need to release the ball early during his team talk at the interval. The boys responded with much more potent attack in the second half which they actually drew 2-2.

E Team 9-0 Win v Hawthorns (Goals - Raghav x 4, Harry F x 3 and Siddhant)

What a sensational score line! Harry F and Raghav earned a call-up to the 'D' team with a bounty of unstoppable strikes!

U11s (Year 6) Football v Chinthurst and Micklefield

The Sports Department were delighted that the entire Year group were able to play in a competitive fixture for the third week running. As the results below suggest, there were some exciting encounters, but Homefield were found a little lacking in attack! With a fortnight until the next fixture away at Claremont, we have opportunities to strengthen this area of our game. The 'A' team claimed the only win of the afternoon against Chinthurst. They went three goals up, only for Robert to make some marvellous saves in goal to prevent the visitors from equalising in the dying minutes. Against Micklefield, we took the lead through a well taken through ball that Omasan latched onto and dispatched into the bottom corner. Unfortunately, Micklefield worked their way back into the game to take a one-goal lead that Homefield just couldn't quite wrestle back.

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| A team | 3-2 Win v Kingswood House (Goals - Omasan x2, Dron) 1-2 lost v Micklefield (Goal - Omasan) |
| B team | 1-3 lost v Micklefield (Goal - Oliver) |
| C team | 0-2 lost v Chinthurst |
| D team | 0-2 lost v Micklefield |
| E team | 0-1 lost v Chinthurst |

1st and 2nd teams Football v The Mall

Both Homefield's 1st and 2nd teams kicked off the season in fine style against The Mall School. The first team had an encouraging game which ended in a 2-2 draw. Homefield had to come from behind to level the scores in an even and entertaining game. It was Captain Tom H, who assisted in both of Homefield's goals with fine through balls. First to score was Ashton J whose first-time shot found the corner of the net, before Sam S coolly slotted home from inside the penalty area to draw level. Sam T in goal made some inspired saves to keep Homefield in the game. In defense, both Anuj S and Tosan improved their defending throughout the game to keep the score level.

Homefield's 2nd team squad started brightly with excellent linking play from Hugo and Zohaib. The defence was also holding solid with Archie, Barnaby and Daniyal all putting in great tackles. However, the hosts scored first which was a shock as Homefield had controlled possession. Moments later though a through ball from Felix allowed Jijith to score. Homefield were on top and soon scored a second goal when Theo blasted the ball and the home goalkeeper could not keep it out. Ben made some fine saves in goal but our defence had a lapse of concentration and The Mall equalised. At 2-2 the halftime score line was a fair reflection but Homefield totally dominated the second half creating chance after chance.

Zohaib scored a well-worked goal after good play from Qasim and Niraj, then Theo scored his second from a great through ball by Hugo. In the closing moments, a poor clearance allowed The Mall to score an unlikely goal. It was 4-3 with one minute to go and the Mall were on the attack, Daniyal handballed the ball just outside the area everyone stopped except one Mall player who slotted the ball into the goal. Despite the lack of VAR the referee acknowledged that everyone had stopped because of handball and awarded Homefield a free kick instead. Homefield had won! Final result The Mall 3 Homefield 4.

Well done to all the boys who represented the school.

Harvest Festival

The Student Council are delighted to confirm that we will be holding our Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday 11th October. As part of this Assembly we will be donating to our local Foodbank. Please find below a list of recommended foodstuffs, which can be brought into school from Monday.

- Long Life Orange Juice
- UHT Milk or Dried Milk
- 500g sugar
- Instant Mash
- Tinned Meat or Fish
- Tinned Vegetables - peas, carrots etc.
- Teabags 40/80
- Jams; Honey; Peanut Butter
- Tinned Fruit
- Sponge Pudding - at least 3 months shelf life please
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Angel Delight
- Tinned Spaghetti
- 500g Rice
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned tomatoes
- Soup - tinned, packet, cuppa-soup
- Biscuits (no tins or large packs please)
- Small bars of chocolate
- Shower Gel
- Shampoo or Conditioner



October Half Term Activities 2019 at the Sutton Ecology Centre

Halloween Trail: Dream Jars and Giants! Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October, 11.00am-2.00pm

There are some human bean eating giants on the loose this Halloween - can you help the BFG find his missing dream jars so that he can mix a trogglehumper of a dream to scare them away? Follow the spooky trail, find the dream jars and make a whopps-whiffing dream catcher to take home.

Suggested suitability: families with children 3 yrs+.

Cost: £4.50 per participating child

BOOKING ESSENTIAL Book your arrival time at <https://suttonecology.getconnect2.com/>

Website: www.sncv.org.uk

Admissions to Homefield for 2020

Please note that if you have a younger son who you would like to join us at Homefield in **September 2020** then **Thursday 10th October** is the deadline to confirm his name for a place at our Assessment Morning on **Saturday 12th October**.

To register your son, please complete our online registration form, which is on our website:

<http://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/Register-Online>

Tweet of the Week

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Homefield Prep Sport @HomefieldSp0rt · 18h

Football fun in the sun for #Year1 this morning! ⚽☀️



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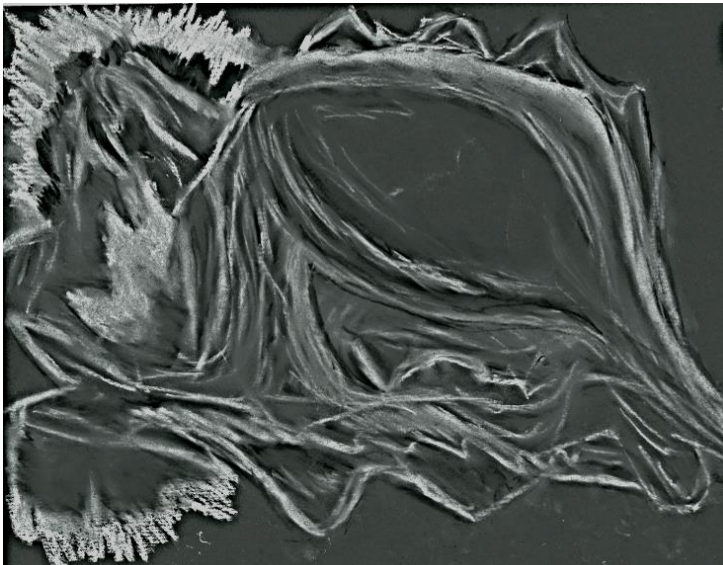
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The Homefield Art Gallery

Daniyal P, Year 7 - Soft Pastel Shell



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