

Headlines

Summer Term
7th July 2023



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

ISI inspection report December 2021

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Thanks for your support for some wonderful events over the last two weeks. The three Sports Days were well attended, and the boys excelled with teamwork and pushing their own personal bests. We also enjoyed a hat-trick of drama performances from Year 6 and the Year 8 production was a tour de force comedy of errors.



Assemblies and a Music ensemble brought us into the penultimate week of term, as did our team who competed in the National Science Quiz Final in Oxford coming second in the UK.

During the week spades went in the ground for a final flourish of our rebuild as the timber of the new adventure playground started going up.

you will be able see the rapid progress if you stand in the MUGA pitch. We are also doing a cuter version of this playground for the Reception boys outside their classrooms.



Great to see so many parents attending the parent-teacher consultations. We have an on-line seminar for you on Tuesday on AI in education, The Homefield Association are also laying on a circus show for Reception to Year 3 after School on Wednesday. For boys in Year 4 and above, our Prize Day ceremony at St Pauls Church next Thursday at 2.00pm will be a treat.

This is my last newsletter as Head: as you know from September, I move on to the Royal Bridewell Foundation leading Barrow Hills School in deepest Surrey. I have no intention of getting into green hunter wellies, rather I hope my import of brogues and pocket squares will soon become the new normal to my more rural setting.

I thank parents again for your support and kindness over the last nine years. You really do have the very best boys in London (well in my view).

My last shout out to my team of 63 staff. They are the glue that holds this community together. I'd like to thank them all sincerely. Mrs Harmes, my PA, is coming up to her 23rd anniversary at the School and she will have taken superb care of a hat-trick of Headmasters.

A shorter tour of duty, but thanks to Mrs Drake, Miss Samengo Turner, Mrs Costain and Ms Tong, who move onwards. Thanks also to Mrs Walker and to Mrs Evans for their kind service over the years. We are fully staffed for 2022-23.

I leave you in the very capable hands of Mr Siva as Acting Head in September, holding the fort until the arrival of Mr Naismith later in Autumn Term.

I look forward to celebrating the last week of term with you all.

John Towers
Headmaster

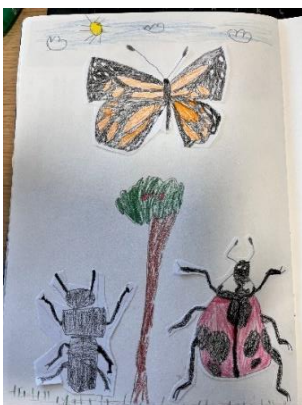
Lower School: Reception, Years 1 and 2

In Reception, our final focus text was 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. It was a familiar text for so many of the boys who enjoyed finishing the rhyming sentences! In the story, Zog travels through dragon school learning a new lesson every year and working hard to win the golden star. We reflected upon our successes in Reception and thought about all we had learnt and achieved this year. We made ourselves a golden star and shared what we thought we had done to achieve it. We spent lots of time discussing the meaning of phrases such as "many moons ago" and "zig zagged through the blue". In Maths, we have used numicon to help us with problem solving. We matched numicon pieces to shapes and explained our reasoning. Arjun said, "3 matches the triangle because it has 3 sides and 3 corners!" We have also enjoyed exploring numbers in the water play outside. Gryffin made "number slushies" for the adults to enjoy!

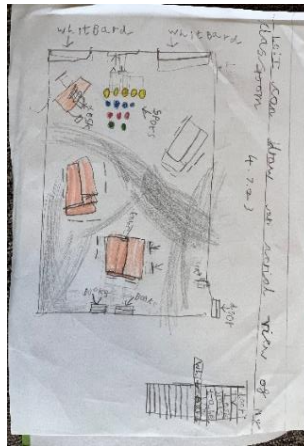


In Year 1, we have continued our topic on time by learning how to tell the time to the nearest 5-minute intervals and converting analogue time to digital time. In English, we finished our topic of poetry by writing our own poems!

In art, we drew three minibeasts which we then cut out and arranged on a garden scene that we had drawn previously.



In Geography, we used Google maps to locate our school, once we had, we drew an ariel view of our classroom. See the photos for examples of our brilliant work. Our science topic of plants has concluded by learning about how plants pollinate and in history we have continued our topic of dinosaurs and the Mesozoic era.



In Year 2, we edited and published our 'Magic Finger' sequels, the boys are very excited to show you when the books return home next week. Alex said, "I think my parents will really like it because I've tried really hard to write it. My favourite bit of my story is the end where I've used lots of details and similes!" In Maths, the boys designed and made their own board games in which they consolidated the Maths units they have covered this year. Some of the Year 2 boys have also been rehearsing for the talent show this Friday. Zien, Shriyan and Harin are representing Year 2 on violin, piano and a poetry recital. Zien said, "I'm just feeling confident. I feel excited and nervous at the same time!"

On Wednesday, the whole of Lower School took part in a carousel of workshops during parent consultations. We had 'Love Theatre Arts' running a drama workshop, 'Techitots' running a workshop on coding and a Lego workshop organized by Mrs. Sharrad. The boys loved the range of activities on offer, and we heard positive feedback from the workshop providers about the engagement and enthusiasm the boys brought to the sessions. Bernardo said, "I liked acting as an animal in the drama workshop." Ariz M said, "In Techitots, I loved the robot Dash, he's called Dash because he's really fast, he has three wheels."

Homefield Heroes

RH – Nikola for fantastic participation during Sports Day.

RS – Ariz for working hard in all literacy lessons.

1H - Charlie for trying his hardest in all lessons this week.

1S – Tise for his amazing work on time.

2S - Zien for being consistently fantastic in all aspects of Homefield life.

Medication

As we come to the end of the academic year, a reminder to parents that all medication will be returned to you on 12th July 23 at the end of the school day via your son's form tutor. Please check with your son that he has received it before you leave the school site when collecting him.

Please remember to supply the medication for your son on the first day back in September so we can support your child throughout the school day. All medication requires a prescription label and must be in the original container marked with their name and dosage. We will be sending out the new Health Care plan and Consent forms for your kind attention, these will need to be completed and brought in with the medication.

Wishing you a very restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you and your child back into school next September.



Pastoral

Years 3 and 4

Well done to all of Year 3 and 4 who have been working harder than ever in the last two weeks.

The Homefield Heroes are:

Henry 3P and Benji 3H for their excellent expression and overall delivery during their French poem recital.

3S Kenzo for brilliant focus and determination during his creative writing. 3H Gianluca for his positive attitude and determination in English.

3P Keshav for his focus in English and working hard to boost his vocabulary. 3S James for using excellent vocabulary in his creative writing.

4H Kaylan for excellent focus and enthusiasm in French lessons and Aran, a fantastic attitude to reading and producing a brilliant book review.

4P Advik for being a great captain in the recent cricket fixture, showing fantastic encouragement to his peers and Dakarayi for being engaged in his English lessons and showing a positive attitude to his learning.

4S Faiz for always completing English work to an excellent standard including beautiful presentation in his book and Theo for beginning to make positive contributions in lessons.

Science and Maths

Boys in Years 5 and 6 have been in strong competition in recent weeks in the Science and Maths National Quiz Club finals. On Monday 3rd July, 4 teams travelled to Oxford to compete in the science finals and one team competed in the Maths finals.

The highlight was the Science teams coming joint 2nd nationally (Owais 6S, Rohan 6S, Alex W 5H and Hamza 5P), a fantastic achievement as they had passed through selection heats in school, regional heats and gruelling semi-finals to qualify. The Maths team of Aadit 6P, Lewis 6S, Owais 6S and Olivier 6H also did well, coming 12th. A great achievement especially as it is the first time the school has participated in this prestigious competition.

Years 5 and 6

Congratulations to the following boys for their excellent effort and attitude in recent lessons, standing out for enthusiasm and positive contributions:

5H Hei and Oliver H
5P Ian and Hamza
5S Aiden and Oliver G
6H Lachlan
6P Arjun and Jamie
6S Masood, Abdulaziz and Daniyal

Years 7 and 8

Year 7

Adam for his caring, mature and sensible way when helping others in his year group and Henry for his outstanding assembly, even though he was nervous and anxious.

Year 8

All boys who took part in their amazing drama production and Boris for his positive mentality and running the winning lap for his House in sports day.



Science Quiz Team

Sports

All Lower School boys in Years 1 and 2 had a wonderful Sports Day and took part in seven athletic events, finishing with relay races which were as exciting as ever! Well done Years 1 and 2. Overall results were:

- Grays
- Ellis
- Bomfords
- Walfords

Well done also to our Year 7 House Captains for their great leadership skills.



Upper School Sports

Boys in Years 3 – 8 took part in a wonderful Sports Day last Friday and the overall results were:

- Grays
- Ellis
- Bomfords
- Walfords

Well done to all pupils and congratulations to our trophy winners:

- Samuel - Richard Strong Shield for Dedication to Athletics
- Bomfords – Year 5 - 8 Relay
- Grays – Year 3 and 4 Relay



Drama Performances

Year 6 Class Plays

We were delighted with how well year 6 embraced their roles in the English class plays. Stand out performances were noted in every production. What was most impressive however, was the strong collaboration, commitment to learning lines, behind the scenes organisation and lighting management from each of the boys in the run up to the shows. Their combined efforts resulted in three entertaining productions enjoyed by the upper school and their families. This was a great showcase of the skills they have all developed across the year during Spoken Language and Drama sessions. Even though this might have been for some a first experience of a public performance, all the boys approached their roles with tenacity and resilience, revealing some wonderful talent in the process.



Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep Sport @HomefieldSp0rt · 10m

This week, Year 5 played in a mixed doubles tennis tournament with girls from Seaton House School. It was a fantastic event with lots of great tennis on display! 🎾 #HPSfixtures



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Sharing Good News

Has your son done anything exciting or interesting outside school? Any achievements that you would like to share with the school community?

Please contact us with a short explanation and a photo via email to registrar@homefieldprep.school. We would love to share your son's good news on social media!

ISEB Pretests

For parents considering ISEB pretests for Senior schools (Children in Year 6/7 in 2023/2024), please click on the link below to familiarise yourself with the platform and timeframes. We will set time aside in early Sept to share more details. <https://info.iseb.co.uk/cpt-parents-guardians>