

Headlines

Autumn Term

9th November 2018

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

ISI inspection report



Year 6 visit to Verulamium

Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Welcome back and I hope you and the boys enjoyed some good times over half term.

I'm hoping matters start with a fizz and a pop with fireworks tonight, but at the time of writing the weather report looks uncertain.

However, let me share some 'silver linings' whatever the weather:

Firstly, I bring to your attention my attached letter regarding the potential of some exciting works to our estates next year. There should also be a paper copy clutched in your boys' hand or possibly buried at the bottom of a soccer kit bag already! Please have a read, and I anticipate a parent launch event during the Spring Term.

Secondly, more good news on the subject of 'kit' and uniform. Later this term, after so many helpful requests, we are pleased to let you know that you will now be able to buy all of your son's Homefield branded uniform items online via Stevensons.

We have been trialling this with our sports kit for the last couple of years and we are now ready to roll it out even further. We will keep the Uniform Shop running for you to size items before buying online, or to purchase smaller items such as ties, hats and gloves. A free returns and delivery service via the school will also be introduced. Less queuing, more availability, more stock, more options. We hope this proves helpful and a more convenient shopping experience.

In advance, many thanks to the Parents' Association for putting so much time and care into the event planned for this evening's popular event. Bring umbrellas!

Enjoy your weekend and for those of you celebrating Diwali this week, I hope you had a lovely time.

John Towers
Headmaster

Events for next week

Monday: Year 8 mock CE exams

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U8 A – C Football v Aberdour & Ewell Castle (h) @ School
Start 2.30pm Finish 3.45pm

Wednesday: Year 8 mock CE exams
HA Committee Meeting 8.30- 10.30am
U11 A & C Football v Aberdour & Micklefield (a) @ Aberdour School KT20 6AT
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.45pm Return 4.00pm

U11 B & D Football v Aberdour & Micklefield (h) @ School
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.45pm

Thursday: Year 8 mock CE exams
U9 A – D Football v Hawthorns & Aberdour (h) @ School
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.45pm

Friday: Year 8 mock CE exams



Early Years Department

Welcome back after a lovely two-week half term. We hope you all had a good break. The boys have enjoyed sharing their holiday news with us all.

We have now begun practising our songs for the Christmas Nativity, if you have wondered what the boys are coming home singing! We will soon be casting the boys and sending out letters about their parts and any words they need to learn.

Our topic this half term is 'People Who Help Us'.

Junior Department

It was lovely to welcome the boys back after the half term break and in our Monday assembly several of the boys shared their holiday news with us.

It was a delight to have the boys in 1H lead our form assembly, which was about why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We were all thrilled to see their confidence and historical knowledge. Well done 1H! Mrs Hilton also paid us a visit to tell us the exciting news that we are only £28 away from sponsoring our 30th guide dog!

On Monday afternoon, Year 3 had a two-hour workshop, from the charity 'Action Aid', discussing the work that is done in the rural village of Chembakolli, India. This was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to show what they have learnt in Geography this term but also to extend their learning experience.

The speaker, Sarah Armitage, showed photographs and artefacts from her visits to the village which the boys got to touch, feel and smell. They tried on traditional garments and carried water on their heads! The boys even got to experience a traditional tea drinking ceremony, accompanied by story-time and biscuits! The workshop focused on village life in India and is an important part of the global citizenship and Geography work that Year 3 have been discussing in class.

We have new Year 3 officers this half term - congratulations to Magsud and Jake the Form Captains, and Noah and Denis who are the Vice Captains. Jeyavel, Vedanth, Freddie, Daniyal, Sebastian, Kaito, Aamir and George are the monitors helping the younger boys.

If you work as a doctor, nurse, dentist, firefighter, policeman/woman or any other profession that helps within the community, we would love you to come in and talk to the boys about your job. If you are interested, please speak to your son's class teacher.

Reception have been very excited this week to receive their reading and record book! They contain a slip of paper inside and an explanation about our Superbird words! Please feel free to keep these words at home to practise them.



Our Special Award this week goes to:

Theo in Elephants for making the right choices and being kind to his friends.

Our Students of the Week are:

Edouard in Tigers for working so hard with his phonics.

Ethan in Monkeys for excellent number formation and improved listening.

Homefield Heroes

1H Raunak for increased confidence in class discussions. Well done, Raunak!

1S Boris for making great progress with his reading. Well done, Boris!

2H Jamie for superb progress with reading.

2S Matthew for a great effort to make thoughtful contributions to discussions.

3H Prayaan for being a fantastic and willing support in the class.

3S Sebastian for his level of participation during our Chembakolli workshop.

Parents' Association

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Fireworks Event tonight!! Please remember to wear your wristbands and enter through the side gate. Tickets will also be available to purchase on the door.

Doors open at 6.00pm and jacket potatoes and hot dogs will be served in the Hall until 7.15pm. Glow toys, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, hot and cold drinks and snacks will also be on sale. The display will start at 7.30pm (doors will close at 7.25pm) so do arrive in plenty of time. **Please remember to be vigilant in supervising your children at all times.**

Classical Studies

A limited number of places are still available for the bi-annual trip for boys in Years 4-8 to Rome and the Bay of Naples for the duration of 14th – 19th July 2019. This is always a great experience for the students involved, and evaluation of previous visits has demonstrated that this undertaking, in addition to being a valuable life experience, significantly enhances the boys' knowledge and understanding of Classics.

Flying to Rome, we shall be visiting sites such as the Colosseum, Forum, Pantheon, Ostia Antica and Villa Adriana, before making the journey south to the Bay of Naples. There we shall visit sites including Pompeii, Herculaneum, Mount Vesuvius, Cumae and Oplontis.

A reminder that all deposits need to be paid by 16th November. Please contact the Front Office direct for a copy of the application letter. If you have any queries about the trip please contact Mr McCaffery direct: mmccaffery@homefieldprep.school

Year 6 visit to Verulamium

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited the site of the Roman city of Verulamium, just to the south of modern St Albans. Once the third largest city of Roman Britannia and famous for being attacked during the Boudicca rebellion of AD60, Verulamium provides great insight into the daily life of people living in Roman times.

Dates for the diary:

HA Meeting - Wednesday 14th
November 8.30am

Christmas Coffee Morning - Friday
30th November 8.30am

Christmas Fair - Friday 7th
December 3.45pm



Classlist

Upon arrival at the site our boys visited the remains of a Roman *mansio* (guest house), where the well-preserved mosaic floor and hypocaust beneath demonstrate the conveniences to be found in such establishments of the time. Our walk through the park then took in the surviving remnants of the city walls built originally in AD270, before we visited the remains of the theatre. At the theatre, our observant boys noticed how this particular structure was actually neither a true Roman theatre, nor a true Roman amphitheatre, but rather a blend of the two architecturally different structures in which both theatrical performances and gladiatorial/beast-fighting events could take place. After lunch in the park, our group divided; one half of our group explored the Roman museum and all the artefacts on show, which brought to life the lives of former occupants of the city in Roman times, whilst the other got involved in a workshop focused on the type of shops to be found in a Roman market and the goods which could be purchased therein. Overall, this was a very active day for our students with a great deal of material to enhance their knowledge of life in Roman Britannia.

Focus Fortnight

In Year 5, we have set the boys a new challenge every fortnight and we call the challenge 'Focus Fortnight'. Our emphasis from next week will be to make sure that the boys' minds and bodies are ready for learning each day. We have been talking to the boys in their engineering and technology lessons about the importance of a balanced diet, therefore the 'Focus Fortnight' will be for them to bring in a healthy snack for morning break.

We are also watching and guiding them during lunchtimes, to ensure they have a more balanced lunch (based on the Eatwell plate). We are hoping that this focus will encourage healthy eating at every meal. By helping them start beneficial habits early in life, we hope to reduce potential health risks and increase their chances for longer, more productive lives.

Examples of healthy snacks for morning break can be:

- 100% fruit juice
- Fruit or vegetables
- Popcorn (minimal salt and butter)
- Dried fruit
- Low-fat yogurt
- String cheese
- Pretzels

In addition to this, we would like to encourage the boys to drink more water during the course of the day. Please can you place a pen level (or a sticker) on your son's water bottle to where you think he should drink up to; this is a clear indicator to how much he has drunk in the day. Hopefully, this should reduce headaches and leave them feeling hydrated!

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Mach – Head of Year 5





Sport

Year 4 Football Fixture

On Thursday 8th November, Homefield hosted Chinthurst and Hazelwood Schools for a triangular football fixture. Our 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams played their Chinthurst counterparts first and the Homefield 'C' team took a lead in to half time when Adam opened the scoring with a neat finish. In the second half, Homefield had to withstand heavy pressure for an equaliser and defended superbly with Leonardo making some great saves before Adam scored again to double the lead and secure a 2-0 win. Our 'B' team battled well against Chinthurst in a close, competitive match in which finishing was the difference; Chinthurst took their chances to win 2-0. The Homefield 'A' team went 1-0 down before Jake's perfect cross was headed home confidently by Rayyan. Homefield conceded a second goal before half time but increased the pressure in the second half and were rewarded for their improved pressing and possession when Tim's powerful shot from the right of the area nestled in the far corner to make the final score a fair and deserved 2-2 draw.

As Chinthurst did not field a 'D' team, the Homefield and Hazelwood 'D' teams enjoyed one longer match against each other. With a goal scored by Umar and a hat-trick by Tejas. Homefield finished as 4-0 winners after an excellent performance. Jonas was the 'Man of the Match' with some great passing and combative tackling in midfield. Homefield's 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams then played their second match of the afternoon, against Hazelwood.

The Hazelwood 'C' team were quick and skilful and took an early lead. However, Homefield levelled when lovely build up play ended with Hamdan scoring from a cross in to the area. Despite working hard in the tackle, the boys in black couldn't prevent Hazelwood scoring two more goals to win 3-1. Hazelwood also proved too strong for Homefield on the 'B' and 'A' team pitches - they ran out 4-0 winners in the 'B' team match. Across both 'B' team games, Andrew was Homefield's star player with excellent positional understanding and his passing was a threat for the opposition, while Aarush tackled strongly and Kai Tian and Rishan made good saves in goal.

The 'A' team again showed great spirit to come from behind after a good counter attack ended with Jake's deflected shot going past the Hazelwood goalkeeper to make the score 1-1, but a second for Hazelwood before half time and a penalty late on in the second half meant the match finished 3-1. The 'A' team benefited from Zak's defensive positioning and Alex's improved tackling and passing in midfield.

Well done to all Homefield Year 4 boys who represented the school.

U10 v Lanesborough

All of the Year 5 boys had a wonderful fixture against Lanesborough on Tuesday 6th November.

The 'A' team sadly lost 3-0. After a bad start conceding in the first minute, they battled back hard. Some excellent passing play from Rory and Dron meant that David was unlucky not to score. Gajan was superb in goal and made some super saves and Riccardo worked tirelessly in midfield. Henry, Jasen and William were in constant competition at the back as the home side pressed the advantage. The third goal needed goal line technology to decide if it was over the line!

The 'B' team battled back from 1-0 down to secure a super win away from home. Akshay had a flurry of chances and Daniel T seemed to defend every part of the pitch. Zain got the comeback goal and then went on to score the winner. The 'C' team were also behind two nil but clawed their way back in to the match and goals from Jaiman S and Shankar R led to an excellent 2-2 draw. Oliver T was 'Man of the Match' after tackling everything that moved!! The 'D' team recorded yet another victory when Haris K opened the scoring. It looked like Homefield might run away with an easy victory but Lanesborough came back into the game 1-1 at half time. Haris scored the winner in emphatic style. The 'E' team played out a tight 1-1 draw with very good performances from Faizaan and Amaresh. Caelen T-F scored the goal that kept the scores level.

U11 v Willington

Excellent team play saw Homefield record their highest scoring victory of the season against Willington School on Wednesday afternoon. Harry H scored a fine hat trick; one of his goals was direct from a corner along with two right-footed shots. Niraj M ghosted in at the far post to tap home and secure Homefield's win.

Hugo S performed well in goal, with both William K and Captain Stuart S strong and composed in defence. Joshua A and Sivaharan A worked tirelessly in midfield, supplying inviting crosses for the team. A very pleasing performance from all the boys.

Music

Christmas Concerts

The Homefield Christmas Concert schedule will be as follows:

EYD - 2.30pm Thursday December 6th in the School Hall

Juniors - 2.30pm Wednesday December 12th at Trinity Church, Cheam Rd, Sutton SM1 1DZ

Seniors - 6.30pm Wednesday December 12th at Trinity Church, Cheam Rd, Sutton SM1 1DZ

Senior parents, please note that **all** of the senior boys will be performing in the concert so all of the boys will be expected to attend. Please email Mr Meyers if there is a valid reason why your son should not be present.

South London Youth Orchestra Courses

There are a handful of places for orchestral players Grade 4 - Diploma level available with the South London Youth Orchestra.

Next Course: 2nd – 4th January 2019 - JAGS in Dulwich, SE22

SLYO is well established, offering excellent tuition with a formal concert held on the final day. Their tutors create a friendly but focused atmosphere and in just three or four days, outstanding musical performances are achieved.

More information can be found at: www.jasspa.org.uk/?cat=11

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Fantasy Football

Well done to our recent Fantasy Football winners!

GW9

League	Most Pts	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	69	Pony & Trap FC	Richard Blench
Years 7 & 8	53	R Ashlee's Superclub	Ashton J
Year 6	57	Mushy Peas	Joshua A
Year 5	71	Team CCCP	Ivan A
Year 4	57	Tim's Terrific Team	Tim S
Junior	65	Bonbon	Adam Q
Parents	69	Pony & Trap FC	Richard Blench
Staff	64	Lucky Juniors	Mrs Connaughton

GW10

League	Most Pts	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	103	Star Troop	Jake H
Year 7 & 8	93	Titans	Kwame S
Year 6	89	Alex's Armadillos	Alex P
Year 5	69	Score! Liverpool	Akshay P
Year 4	103	Star Troop	Jake H
Junior	83	Bonbon	Adam Q
Parents	83	SO Menaces FC	Sharon Davidson
Staff	74	Smith's Super-Subs	Mr Smith

GW11

League	Most Pts	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	96	Homefield Academy	PE Department
Year 7 & 8	56	Homefield United	Eric S
Year 6	63	Riven's Maestros	Riven V
Year 5	70	Regards to Riccardo	Ric F
Year 4	74	Tim's Terrific Team!	Tim S
Junior	78	Adrian's Attackers	Adrian B

Good News...

If you have any good news that you would like to share about your son, that you think others in the Homefield community would be pleased to hear about, then please do drop an email [with a photograph](mailto:goodnews@homefieldprep.school) to: goodnews@homefieldprep.school

We will aim to share as much as possible on social media to celebrate the successes of our talented boys.

English Department

This week, boys in Year 5 have been writing poems to commemorate Remembrance Sunday and below we publish a thought-provoking poem by Caelen in 5H.

Remembrance Sunday

*It's remembrance Sunday and the people of
England are silent.
The whole world felt silent.
It was like a chamber with soundproof walls.
It was a massive blur.
They were lighting the candles for Sunday.
Two minutes of silence felt like days, hours.
It was just silent.*

- by Caelen T-F



Cycling Club

Thursday 4.00-5.00pm

Autumn Term 2018

The club will run from Thursday 8th November on the following days:

- 8th November
- 15th November
- 22nd November
- 29th November

Note: There will be no Cycling Club on 6th or 13th December

Homefield Art Gallery

Leonardo 4S - The Dream



Superb display of lighting projects by boys in Year 8 in the School Foyer



Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · 17h

Following our alumni wine tasting event, a group of #OldBoys met for an informal gathering last week & sent us this: "Thank you for providing the impetus to get together again & rekindle friendships that, in many cases, stopped almost 5 decades ago. #CreatingMemoriesSince1870"



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Social Media

Keep abreast with Homefield news as it happens....



We are holding our next Open Morning for prospective parents on **Thursday, 22nd November at 9.20am.**

Please do let any friends or relatives you know who may be interested in joining Homefield that they would be very warmly welcomed.

Places can be booked on our guest list via our website:
<https://bit.ly/2cDcApd>