



Headlines

Autumn Term
28th September 2018

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

ISI inspection report

Letter from the Director of Studies

Dear Parents

Being new to Homefield this term it has been a pleasure getting to know the boys and the wider Homefield community. Something that is already standing out to me is how inquisitive the Homefield boys are and how much they enjoy their learning and being successful in their endeavours.

At Homefield we recognise the importance of celebrating the boys' successes and enjoy doing so in many ways, particularly in our Friday celebration assemblies which are a highlight of the week. Whilst the boys enjoy receiving house points, awards or certificates for their successes, we believe that it is important for them to understand that it is their effort as well as their achievement that is being acknowledged and rewarded. This is a key distinction to make. They won't succeed all the time, but if they try their very best, learn from their mistakes and recognise this, they will feel a real and lasting sense of accomplishment which will really boost their self-esteem.

Research shows that children's self-esteem is boosted when others recognise their strengths and achievements however small or large they may be.

This can be achieved by simple acknowledgement of the everyday things they succeed at and do so well, accomplishments others might brush off as too easy, or acts adults might not even notice. By recognising and celebrating such small, everyday successes parents and teachers can reinforce resilience and self-esteem in children in immeasurable ways. However, it is also important for the boys to develop the ability to recognise, acknowledge and self-reward their own effort and achievements, no matter how small. This really is a key life skill that they can take into adolescence and adulthood.

On the subject of celebrating achievements, please do look out for the 2017/2018 Yearbook which the boys will be bringing home in their bags today. It really is lovely to look back over the past academic year, seeing the boys engaged in first class learning in so many exciting and creative ways. I am sure the boys have created many happy memories along the way too [#CreatingMemoriesSince1870](#)

Martin Frost
Director of Studies

Events for next week:

Monday: Individual and Sibling Photographs
9.30am – 3.00pm

Tuesday: U10 A – E football v The Mall (a)
Teddington CC, Cobbler's Walk, Bushy Park
TW11 0EA
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.15pm Return 4.00pm

Wednesday: U8 A – D Football v Willington
(h) School Start 11.30am Finish 12.30pm
U11 A Team Football v Chinthurst (a)
@ Chinthurst School KT20 5QZ
Start 2.15pm Finish 3.15pm Return 4.00pm
U11 B, C and D Teams v Chinthurst (h)
School Start 2.15pm Finish 3.30pm

Thursday: Dulwich College Orchestra Day
(selected boys)

Friday: HA Class Reps Meeting (Pavilion)
8.30 – 9.30am



Early Years Department

Thank you all for attending our Curriculum and Welcome Evening on Thursday night. It was lovely to see so many of you. We hope you found the information useful.

Reception boys have been busy continuing to learn their sounds this week whilst using their previously learnt sounds to blend together to make simple 3-letter words. Well done for your hard work boys: keep practising at home. Parents, please ask your son about 'Fred Frog' and how he speaks!

We have also been talking about homes and the different places we live in. The boys have enjoyed designing a house using Lego and using the Interactive Whiteboard to draw their own house.

Nursery have been getting messy this week, exploring painting their feet then printing their footprints on large paper! If you wondered why your son came home with blue feet, this is why!

The afternoon Nursery boys also took a stroll in the sunshine on Monday afternoon to the local park to collect autumn leaves and conkers.



Our Special Award this week goes to:

Euan in Elephants for being very brave and happy when coming into Nursery this week!

Our Students of the Week are:

Xand in Tigers for always working hard in everything we do.

Eric in Monkeys for excellent effort and a super house design!



Junior Department

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Curriculum and Welcome Evening on Thursday. The boys have been very busy in the classrooms and it was good for us to share all the things the boys will be learning this year. We look forward to meeting parents again for individual consultations on the 10th and 11th October.

This week, our form assembly was led by 2H who performed a lovely assembly where they shared some super Kennings poems that they had written in class.

Here are two of the poems –

Monkey
Tree crusher
Noisy mover
Banana eater
Loud chatterer
Austin

Dog
Bone biter
Hand licker
Quick runner
Loud barker
Daniel

Pam and Nick from 'Sutton Schoolswork' also paid us a visit for our Monday assembly. They told the boys the parable of the wise man and the foolish man followed by a discussion about making good choices.

Last Friday, the Year 3 boys enjoyed a pre-visit talk from Mary, one of the education officers from Bough Beech Water Treatment Works. The boys were shown on a small scale, the different steps that are taken to make water fit for human consumption. The boys now realise how dirty 'fresh' water in the rivers and reservoirs actually is and today are experiencing the processes required in providing us with clean drinking water.



Homefield Heroes

1S Joshua for excellent work in English this week. Well done, Joshua!

1H Rudy for producing some beautiful art work. Well done, Rudy!

2H Damon for showing improved focus and determination.

2S Arvind for following instructions quickly and for being kind.

3H Nikshep for trying harder in lessons and an improvement in his classwork. Keep it up!

3S Yusuf for his diligence and hard work in English.

Parents' Association

Last year, the Parents' Association rolled out the communication portal, Classlist, across the parent body. It has proved to be a great way for parents to contact others in their year group, for Class Reps to arrange socials and for individuals to organise birthday parties for their son! The Association uses Classlist to send information about our events, to ask for volunteers and to send reminders about ticket deadlines. This year we will be selling all the tickets for our events on Classlist. If you haven't signed up to Classlist yet, please register at www.classlist.com/ or download the free Classlist app.

Our first Class Reps Meeting of the term will be held on Friday 5th October at 8.30am. We are still looking for **Class Reps for Nursery, Year 5 and Year 6**. Please contact Lizby Sharpe on Classlist if you are able to help out in this way.



Sport

Year 4 Football Fixture

On Thursday 27th September, all of the boys in Year 4 travelled to Reigate St. Mary's School for their first football match of the year. Our 'A' Team made a bright start and were rewarded with a goal in the ninth minute when the ball fell to George in the area after Tim's mazy run. Seconds later, St. Mary's equalised and Homefield then went 2-1 down just before half time. A powerful drive in the first minute of the second half extended St. Mary's lead but Homefield showed great resilience and determination to pull a goal back when Tim ran through and slotted home. Homefield pressed for an equaliser and deservedly levelled after Rayyan played a brilliant through ball to Tim who scored off the inside of the post. There was time for late drama as George almost won it for Homefield but the boys should be very pleased with a strong second half comeback to draw 3-3, with Jake a standout performer.

There was a more one-sided score on the 'B' Team pitch; despite Andrew and Boris battling hard, Homefield lost 0-6 to a strong side, with Rishan making some excellent saves to prevent a higher score line.

The 'C' and 'D' Teams enjoyed close matches – despite being 2-0 down at half time, Homefield's 'C' Team came back strongly in the second half. Zak reduced the deficit before St. Mary's responded with a third goal.

However, Adam's late strike ensured a tense finish but Homefield couldn't quite find an equaliser, losing 3-2.

There were jubilant scenes on the 'D' Team pitch when Leonardo's last gasp goal secured a deserved 1-1 draw with the St. Mary's 'D' Team. Humzah was effective in winning the ball and driving the team forwards.

It was fantastic to see all of the Year 4 boys enjoying a fixture played in good spirit. A common theme in all of the matches was the boys' determination to keep going. This positive attitude resulted in second half comebacks for the 'A', 'C' and 'D' Teams which they should be very proud of. Well done, Year 4 boys!



Here's our 'A' Team after they came back from 1-3 down to draw 3-3

Fantasy Football League

Well done to our Gameweek 6 winners!

League	Most Pts	Team	Manager
Pupils, Parents & Staff	73	Sivan's Superstars	Sivan A
Year 7 & 8	62	Athletico Wombles	Rafael A
Year 6	73	Sivan's Superstars	Sivan A
Year 5	58 58	David Hammers FC Jaiman's All-Stars	David M Jai S
Year 4	69	Bonson Athletics FC	Zak Q
Junior	61	Zapper Clapper	Jake D
Parents	68	Lizby's Legends	Lizby Sharpe
Staff	72	Thompson Terrors	Mr Thompson





Sport / continued

U10 v Willington

In the much anticipated first real fixture of the season, the U10 A, B, C and D teams played at home on a sunny Tuesday afternoon. The 'A' team played exceptionally well with passing and movement leading to numerous chances in front of goal and it was Dron M who scored first. HPS led one nil at half time and looked in control of the game but were made to regret not taking all of their many chances. Willington scored two goals in the last three minutes. Despite being a little downhearted about the result, the boys were pleased with their performance.

The 'B' team applied lots of pressure and good attacking play in the first half but many of their shots were wide or blocked. Akshay, Sergio and Oliver provided some great, agile movement and Zain M showed good positional awareness in defence in the second half. Daniel made an excellent save from a Willington free kick and Jasen was composed on the ball throughout. Sergio scored from Gajan's pass with one minute remaining – a low strike into the corner (through the keeper's legs!)

The 'C' team were held to a 0-0 draw and both teams worked extremely hard in defence. The 'D' team won their match with a great strike from Raamin into the top corner. Well done to all the boys who played.

Senior Department Positions of Responsibility

Head Boy

Joshua S-P

Prefects

Oliver J
Joshua H
Abraham S

House Captains September 2018

Bomfords	Rafael A-H
Ellis	Anuj S
Grays	Thomas G
Walfords	Ashton J

1st Team Football v Willington

Homefield opened the season with a creditable game against Willington School on Monday afternoon. Salaar S opened the scoring very early from a nice through ball from Tom H. Homefield had further chances to increase the scoring, with Salaar S hitting the post and Adil A having his shot hit the post and go to safety. Willington drew level from a cross midway through the half.

The second half was very open, with both teams having good opportunities to take the lead. Luca S made a good save from the Willington striker, however could do nothing to stop him scoring a last minute winner after Homefield had pushed too far forward to get the winning goal. Well done to all boys for a good opening performance.

Our U13 3rd team hosted Willington's 3rd team and succumbed to a narrow 2-0 defeat after Willington scored two first half goals. Jaineel, Justin and Joshua were particularly impressive in defence, while Rafael and Ollie were full of energy in midfield and saw a lot of the ball. Striker Anthony showed good control throughout and came closest to scoring for Homefield, shooting narrowly wide from just inside the area. The boys showed great spirit in a close encounter – Well done!



House Vice-Captains September 2018

Bomfords	Idhant L
Ellis	Sam S
Grays	Ohki M
Walfords	Alexander P

Thought for the Day:

"In order to carry a positive action, we must develop here a positive vision" - Dalai Lama

The start of the day is the most influential time of our day.

We all can relate to those awful mornings when alarms don't go off, arguments ensue as the clock is ticking and we're running behind time. The anxiety builds, tempers rise and everyone leaves the house under a dark cloud. (Without the necessary sports kit or Latin book!) This leaves us unsettled, frazzled and disgruntled. Not a good start for a productive, enjoyable day.

A calm, happy, well organised morning of regular routines means we send our children (and ourselves) off to school and out into the world equipped with security, positivity and happiness.

P.S. I'm going to aim for three out of the five days this half term and see how I go!

Mrs R. Burgess - Head of Year 4

Music

St Paul's School - String Workshop Saturday 27th October 1.30pm - 5.30pm

St Pauls School is hosting a string workshop for players who are aged 8 - 15 and are Grade 3 and above. Please see the attached brochure for details or email Tom Evans: te@stpaulsschool.org.uk for any queries.

Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra 10.00am – 4.00pm Sunday 21st October

Orchestral Workshop for children aged 8 - 13 grades 4 - 6.

Register at:

vicechairman@stonleighyouthorchestra.org.uk

Congratulations to Daniel W in Year 2, who recently passed his Grade 1 Piano (Distinction), Violin (Merit) and Theory (Distinction). Well done.





Homefield Art Gallery

Sulaymaan M 4H - Warm and Cold Faces in Cubism



Tweet of the Week



Social Media

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



'Homefield Sp0rt' has its own Twitter page. Follow us for all the latest sports news, fixtures and information at Homefield!



<https://twitter.com/HomefieldSchool>
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SAT, 29 SEPT AT 10:00
Open Morning
Homefield Preparatory School

We are holding our main Open Morning of the year for prospective parents next **Saturday, 29th September** from 10am to midday.

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>

It looks like it is going to be a very busy day with 55 families booked to visit on the day.