



## Headlines

Summer Term

28<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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

ISI inspection report



Year 6 boys on their PGL residential trip to Liddington

### Letter from the Headmaster

#### Dear Parents

We are well into Summer Term now; time to write reports, to think about the next academic year, but also a time to run at learning with some gusto. Of note, across the last few weeks, include Year 8 at an outward-bound adventurous week on the south coast and then similarly Year 6 out in Liddington. This week, we led an expedition across the Channel to Burgundy, to sample French culture and language. In common across all these endeavours is the consistent feedback around the boys' sterling behaviour and attitude. It is such a test of character when the boys, as a group, are out and away from the School and challenged with new experiences and yet maintain their team outlook, good manners and confidence.

On challenge, parents may be aware of our Common Entrance results. They are simply stellar and testament to boys who are happy and confident learners (all passed of course).

- 88% Grades A\* - B
- 62% Grades A\* and A
- 30% A\*

Whilst yet another local boys' prep has struggled and is folding into a co-ed, it's pleasing that with your kind support, year on year we improve on our very strong outcomes.

More widely, at the time of writing, the boys are enjoying an 'Enrichment Day' with a refreshing change from the timetable.., a squad of Year 3s have just sailed past with some impressively weaved baskets. A change is as good as a rest sometimes. Please see our pictorial '5-minute snap-shot of a day in the life at Homefield', attached to this newsletter illustrating the breadth and diversity of activities on offer to our boys we enjoyed.

Thanks all for visits to our sports days and events; some fantastic parental support and commitment there.

Finally, this week, it was a rare and wonderful privilege to be called for an audience and luncheon with Her Majesty the Queen. A great moment in Homefield's long history. It was an honour to be able to talk of the School and much else besides. Her Majesty had a very disarming warmth and humour ... thank goodness, as this headmaster never expected to be before our monarch.

As I say to the boys; just be your best, go for it and good things tend to happen.

Enjoy your weekend, and God Save the Queen!

**John Towers**  
Headmaster



## Early Years Department

We just can't get our heads around how quickly the time is flying by and that we only have 2 weeks left with the boys before the summer holidays. We are noticing how much they have grown and matured over the year, especially when looking back at the boys' learning journey photos and listening to them communicate with adults and their friends! They are most definitely out growing their current year and ready for that next step up!

Last week, Nursery had their trip to Godstone Farm and were great ambassadors for the school; we are all very proud of you for representing Homefield so well. Let's hope Reception can follow in Nursery's footsteps on Monday when we visit Nower Wood Educational Nature Reserve.

Following on from that, Reception very professionally delivered their Summer Concert to their families on Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Walker for all her hard work, teaching the boys to sing their songs so beautifully and learn their class poems. It is our favourite concert to watch and always brings smiles from ear to ear!

Well done to all in EYD for doing so well in Sports Day on Monday. We were very lucky with the weather and there seemed to be a great atmosphere on the field. Thank you to everyone who supported the event it was lovely to see so many of you. This has been 2 weeks of happy memories and positive achievements! Keep it up boys! You're making us very proud.

### Our Special Award this week goes to:

**Esa** for always being so polite and remembering to say 'please' and 'thank you'

### Our Students of the Week are:

**Yiru** in Tigers for his excellent maths skills

**Zayn** in Tigers for doing so well in his 5km charity run and for raising the highest amount of money

**Murray** in Monkeys for excellent ideas and drawing for his Minibeasts designs

**Zachariah** in Monkeys for being kind and helpful in class and with his friends

## Junior Department

'The Junior Department Maths Challenge, 2019' was held in assembly on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Three teams of three mathematicians from all year groups took their places and focused their minds on answering some tricky year group questions individually. The competition was closely fought all the way, with teachers having the call on whose hand went up first. Many of the audience also knew the answers, but were fantastically restrained and didn't shout out! After 3 rounds, the winners had to be decided by a tie-breaking question: 'what is half way between 168 and 46'. Well done to the 'Falcons' for pipping the 'Eagles' and the 'Vultures' to a splendid win.

This week, 2S confidently led our form assembly on Tuesday morning and the topic was 'Sports Day'. It gave all the boys a chance to reflect on what to expect from the experience and how to really enjoy the event. Thank you, 2S!

There was great excitement on Wednesday morning as boys looked forward to their sporting activities! The afternoon went very smoothly and the boys showed good sportsmanship and determination.

We enjoyed welcoming Mrs Hilton who presented the prizes and it was lovely to see so many parents and family supporting the boys.

Thursday was action-packed as the Junior Department boys took part in 'Enrichment Day'. The wide range of activities made sure there was plenty to capture everyone's interest. The boys loved working with different teachers, spending time in the Science labs and doing a road safety walk round the local area. They also had great fun weaving, doing puzzles and making jigsaws!



## Homefield Heroes

**1H Aled** for working hard to produce joined up handwriting and **Baden** for producing a lovely woven butterfly for Enrichment Day.

**1S Spandan** for making great contributions to class discussions and **Joshua** for working really hard and for showing great enthusiasm for everything. Well done, boys.

**2H Lachlan** for always working hard and trying his best and **Luke** for much improved focus and effort with his class work.

**2S Ewan** for lovely manners and a friendly attitude towards everyone and **Arjun** for sharing his general knowledge clearly with his class.

**3H Rishi** for the effort he put into his 'Spelling Bees' and **Shiven** for being a kind boy and a good friend.

**3S Sebastian** for his sportsmanship this week, **Muhammad** for his improved organisational skills and **Kaito** and **Aidan** for being such a delight to teach!

## Parents' Association

### Summer Fun Day - Saturday 6th July 11.00am – 3.00pm

The **deadline** for purchasing your Fun Day tickets on Classlist is on

**Monday!** Don't miss out on this online discount rate of £8 per child (£10 on the door, adults free). This year, the boys will have the chance to withstand the giant sweeper and compete against each other on the bungee eliminator!

All the inflatables are included in the ticket price along with Cricket World Cup games and challenges, face painting and the opportunity to soak your friends in the stocks!

A range of food and drinks will be on sale, included Halal and vegetarian options.

We are still looking for volunteers to operate the games and stalls, so if you are able to help for an hour please get in touch with your Class Rep. As ever, many thanks in advance for making this a wonderful day for the boys (and parents alike)!



## Sport

### Year 4 Cricket Fixture v Kingswood House

On Thursday 6th June, Year 4 enjoyed their penultimate cricket match of the year, as our 'A' and 'B' teams played against Kingswood House. Both Homefield teams were victorious, winning by large margins as our batting, bowling and fielding was relatively error-free. Pleasingly, both sides learnt from mistakes which had cost them in their previous match - the 'B' team managed to hit more boundaries and the 'A' team did not lose a wicket. Fielding first, the 'A' team took eight wickets to reduce Kingswood House to 232 from their 12 overs. Luke took a brilliant boundary catch, George's excellent throw led to a run out and Tim, Elliot, Parth, Luke and Tejas all bowled out opposition batsmen. Rishan and Aarush restricted Kingswood House to just one run off the bat in their three overs. In reply, Homefield hit 16 boundaries to finish on a total of 339. Tim scored 22, Luke and Parth made lots of quick singles and Elliot and George hit big sixes. In the 'B' team match, Louie took a fantastic catch as a few wides from Homefield helped Kingswood House reach 261. Homefield finished on 318 in reply as Philip and Alex G hit big sixes and Rayyan, Zak and Kai Tian also chipped in with some strong fours. Zak was impressive throughout, showing good all-round skills.

### Year 4 Cricket Fixture v Micklefield

Our 'A' and 'B' teams played their final match of the season on the 20th June, against Micklefield School. Playing away in Reigate, the 'B' team batted first and scored a defendable 259 after some good running between the wickets and a powerful four by Hari. Unfortunately, the six wickets lost cost the team 30 runs which would ultimately prove the difference. In reply, Micklefield were restricted to singles and twos - impressive bowling and fielding prevented Micklefield from hitting a boundary. Wickets fell when Jonas, Hari, Kai Tian and Louie all bowled, but on the last ball Micklefield scored the two they needed to win, ending on 260, winning by one run.

The 'A' team played at Sutton Cricket Club and also batted first. Tejas and Tim showed very impressive defence, meaning that they saw off the opening bowlers without losing a wicket. A big six from Tejas got Homefield up and running. In fact, Homefield didn't lose a wicket until the eighth over, as they showed disciplined shot selection to learn from their previous mistakes. Boundaries were tough to come by though, but a lovely four from Aarush helped Homefield reach 240 after losing a couple of late wickets to run outs.

## Learning Resources Centre

### LRC News

This academic year a Whopping **6063** books were loaned out – up from last year's total of 3415 titles.

### Author visits

**David Wood:** author, play writer and a member of the Magic Circle, came to entertain the boys with stories, anecdotes and even a sprinkle of magic thrown in. The boys enjoyed the story of the 'Gingerbread Man', and were able to buy books at the end of the day, which David kindly signed.

**Christina McDonald:** is a newly published author of 'The Night Olivia Fell', and a Homefield parent to two boys. She came to talk to the Year 7 and 8 boys about her passion of always wanting to write and have a book published. She spoke about how she did not let rejection put her off and she has succeeded in being an author. She gave the boys a writing challenge, which they all enjoyed.

### Book Fair

The School held a book fair to coincide with World Book Day. Many thanks to everyone who came to support the school by buying a book; we took over £1000, which gives just over £500 to spend on new publications for the enjoyment of the boys.

### Break/Lunch

The LRC is open every break from 11:00-11:20am and most lunches from 1.45-2.15pm where the boys have the opportunity to come and read a book or paper, play top trumps / cards or even try to complete one of the tormenting jigsaws!

### Librarians

A big thank you to the Librarians who give up their break and lunch play to help in the LRC by either getting the LRC ready for a class, loaning/returning books, shelving books or reading to one of the Reception classes, an activity always thoroughly enjoyed by the younger boys.

### Book donations

Reading is an essential life skill underpinning how we engage with the world. Thank you to all the boys and parents who donated a whopping 682 books to the 'Delight' charity, enabling children aged 3 – 11 to own and read their very own book.

### Stories/poetry competitions

Finally, a massive 'well done' to any boy who has had a story or poem published: a great achievement! Keep reading for more brilliant ideas.

## Sport / continued

Homefield knew that to have any chance of winning they needed to bowl accurately and keep it tight in the field. Every single member of the team performed brilliantly - putting in fantastic displays of fielding with diving stops, catches and run outs. Their outstanding never-give-up attitude was brilliant to see and is the reason they ultimately came very close to winning. Homefield took eight wickets (Rishan, Zak, Luke (2), Tim, Aarush, run out (2)), double the number that they lost themselves, and after Micklefield's superb opening batsman scored 33 runs in the first two overs, Homefield didn't give up - they restricted Micklefield to just 17 more runs in the following eight overs.

Homefield were defeated by 10 runs, but their positive attitude and high effort levels throughout, when they could have thought the game was lost, were outstanding. Well done to all the boys for representing the school so well!



## Enrichment Day

Have you ever wondered if you could see what life was like for our pupils here at Homefield? At 11.45am on Thursday morning, during 'Enrichment Day', a five-minute snap shot was completed. Here you can see a range of activities, from Forest School to planning and prepping by the staff, from report writing to 3D modelling. This is a great example to support our Well-Being Challenge: many activities seen here and others not captured in this moment in time demonstrate the NHS 5 steps to Well-Being.

*What does 'Enrichment Day' mean to me? It means I can relax and enjoy a day with my friends. In our year groups, we have fun activities instead of work like bridge building, charity work and marathons. I think this day is exciting for the boys here at Homefield and I really enjoy it! ~ Harry, Year 6*

See our snap-shot of Homefield Life attached to this newsletter.



## 5 Ways to Wellbeing

## Year 6 Adventures

The Year 6 Residential trip was a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding trip for both the pupils and staff alike. From a teacher's perspective, residential trips like this always provide a wonderful opportunity for several students to come to the fore and impress with their hidden 'Indiana Jones'-side. It was clear from some of the more challenging activities the strength of friendship and camaraderie between the boys; this helped to encourage those boys who were a little apprehensive with activities such as the Jacob's ladder.

They should each be proud of their efforts and the resilience that they have shown over the course of this week. Bravo!



## The VR (Virtual Reality) Experience

On the day of the scheduled VR sessions, boys who were participating came into school with eager anticipation at the prospect of the forthcoming encounters. The Year 5 topic was on rainforests and at the end, just as a treat, we got to look at the Poles and also at underwater sea life, which included scuba divers clearing rubbish from the ocean floor. The poles were populated with penguins and when you looked down the floor appeared to be penguin dung! The floor ended up to be Penguin dung!! In the forest, we saw four photos, all of which were from the same area. The first featured a snake in a coniferous forest. The second was the same view but instead of a snake, there was a mantis. In the third scene instead of a mantis, there were apes and explorers. The fourth scenario was a deforested part of the forest, which was devoid of any wildlife.



Raghav 5H

**Peter Franklin  
Open Garden**  
 Saturday 29th June from 10am-4pm  
 72 Burdon Lane, SM2 7BZ  
 A wide variety of Gigapanthus ranging in size, both white and blue, also with variegated foliage and gardening books for sale. Free Giant Fennel seed (see photo of plant below).

House located on crossroads of Burdon Lane and Northey Ave. To avoid congestion, please park locally.

## The Homefield Art Gallery



'Painting the Buddy Bench' - Year 6, Harry H

## The Children's Trust

For children with brain injury  
 10% of the proceeds will be generously donated to  
 The Children's Trust, Tadworth.

## Tweet of the Week



**Homefield Prep School** @HomefieldSchool · Jun 24  
 So proud of Zayn in #Reception for raising £231.16 from his cake sale last Friday & collectively raised £2k with his cousins for classrooms in Ghana. They also ran 5km & took part in an obstacle course. Awarded the highest fundraisers in the under 15s category! @Mercy4MankindCC



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