

HEADLINES

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Christmas at Homefield



A Winter Wonderland- 'Deep and Crisp and Even'

Dear Parents

This end of term newsletter finds me cast in (a sadly pantomime version of) the role of Good King Wenceslas, reflecting in admiration upon the gently accumulating layers of yet another brimming Homefield term in which, like the snow-fall now softly cushioning the school fields behind The Sutherland Building, the relentlessly-gathering achievements of the Homefield boys, staff and parents, lie memorably deep and crisp and even.

Most marked among the footsteps in which the Homefield community has boldly trod this week are the Homefield Association's splendid Christmas Bazaar; the Music Department's fine Christmas Concert at The British Legion's Star and Garter Home, the three Christmas plays, productions and concerts by the Early Years' Unit, the Junior and the Senior Departments and the Chamber Choir's fund-raising caroling in the (seasonally-entitled) St Nicholas Centre. More distant but no less discernible footfalls have been made by boys, staff and local artists exhibiting at the recent Local Artists' Art Exhibition.

Like page and monarch, boys and staff have gone forth together this term on to the sports' fields. Together they have, for the most part, made light of the bitter weather and the rude wind's wild lament, performing with their characteristic enthusiasm and some distinction, in soccer, squash, table-tennis, cycling, karate, judo, cross country, and, most recently, pétanque.

In chess this week the boys were privileged to receive the prestigious national accolade of The English Chess Educational Trust Award from Mr. Neil Cooper, of Wilson's School. This national prize appropriately commemorates the boys' sustained enthusiasm and vaulting accomplishments in chess over the last five years.

As we now look ahead together through the New Year's perhaps daunting portal, I am minded to change the literary reference to the words of the startlingly forthright Angel Gabriel in the Junior Department's splendid Celebration of Christmas, who, to the reassurance and comfort of a young girl, understandably, perhaps, vacillating, like many young people today, in the face of an uncertain and potentially difficult future, incontrovertibly pronounced, "Don't worry, Mary! All is well!" I wish everyone a well-deserved and joyful Christmas and most warmly commend my Head Boy's wonderful Carol Concert Prayer, below.

P R MOWBRAY
Headmaster

Prayer for Carol Concert

Loving Father, as the calendar year draws to a close, and our diaries fill with Christmas festivities and shopping, help us to remember the story of Christ's birth. In the midst of all the distractions of modern commercialism, let us find time to reflect upon the true message of Christmas.

The Christmas season upholds so many precious realities presently endangered: birth, the family, even the earth itself. In celebrating Christmas and Advent, let us keep the Christmas message in mind.

In a world where nature and our environment are constantly threatened, we pray for the victims of the recent Haiti earthquake and those of the Pakistan floods, that they may be

given the fortitude and guidance needed to rebuild their disaster stricken countries.

As we recall the poor shepherds and the circumstances of Christ's birth, so marked by poverty, let us make them reminders of the forgotten poor of our world and let our consciences be stirred to seek to make a difference to their lives.

As we gaze upon the crib containing the Holy Child, protected by his loving mother Mary and father, Joseph, may we recognize the importance of, and thank you for our own families. We pray for those who are alone this Christmas and suffer the pain of absent loved ones.

Lord, as we listen to the Christmas music tonight, we thank you for the message of peace which it brings to our distracted world. We pray for peace among nations, for peace in our land, in our homes and in our hearts. Let all doors of hatred be firmly slammed shut and let the door of love in our lives be opened

We thank you also Lord for all the pleasures we have shared together in our school during the past year and for the guidance which we have received from our teachers. We pray that we will all return in the New Year refreshed and ready to embark upon new ventures and challenges.

Finally Lord, when all the presents have been opened and the lights and decorations packed away for another year, we pray that the light which came in our lives all those years ago in Bethlehem, will continue to shine in, and through us, for evermore.

Amen

Nathan Inkester U6th

Homefield Association

Last week ended splendidly with the Christmas Bazaar, and despite the snow impeding preparations & donations, it proved to be a great success on the day. Thank you to everyone who contributed donations or time, and I hope you were all rewarded with huge appreciative smiles from your boys (and perhaps a bag of bazaar bounty!).



A fine array of toys on offer at the Christmas Bazaar



Santa and his 'elves' visit Homefield

It has been an extremely busy term for the Association, with the Fireworks Party, Northbrook wrapping paper, plum puddings, Westfield shopping trip, Macmillan coffee morning, and not least the Christmas Bazaar. However, we will be back next term to plan the famous Quiz Night and a coffee morning (with a 2nd hand uniform sale), so watch this space.

On behalf of the Homefield Association, we wish you all a restful and very Merry Christmas.

Sioban Barringer

Chairperson, Homefield Association

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Housepoints and No misconducts

Form	Housepoints	No misconducts
Bomfords 1	1. Ken Hiraga 2. Oliver Callaghan 3. Huw Shopland	C Allen, S Callaghan, K Hiraga, H Shopland, A Srivastav, S Sterling
Bomfords 2	1. Rahul Desai 2. Thomas Cross 3. Ravi Nair	A Araim, R Bahl, T Cross, R Desai, J Dhingra, O Hemsley, R Nair, S Sepanya, N Simmons, S Smith
Bomfords 3	1. Olamide Ogunnaike 2. Harry Messent 3. Sam Goodman	B Andrews, J Goodman, S Goodman, O Hilton, G Hopkins, H Messent, O Ogunnaike, L M Quek, F Sheikh, N Yamin
Bomfords 4	1. Prashast Vir 2. Devan Mair 3. Joe Howat	D Aksentic, K Baoku, J Howat, J Nicholson, A Patel, A Peachey, L Vasili, P Vir
Ellis 1	1. William Gurney 2. Zac Gray 3. Luke Saitch	U Ahmed, J Barone, Z Gray, W Gurney
Ellis 2	1. Sam Warren 2. Alex Davies 3. Ben Forsdick	A Douglas, D D'Mello, B Forsdick, H Lucas, J Vincent, S Warren
Ellis 3	1. Jack Hopper 2. Matthew Scott 3. Ademola Lewis/Fahd Khan	L Gonsalves, J Hopper, N Jelcic, F Khan, A Lewis, M Scott, A Shivdasani, S Watters
Ellis 4	1. Tom Bradshaw 2. Imran Shaikh 3. Alex Sun	M Jenkins, J Marsh, I Shaikh, A Sun

Grays 1	1. Evan Wang 2. Sam Heape 3. Tom Reed	C Bond, M Dekas, W Dennis, S Heape, R Rahman, E Wang
Grays 2	1. Alfie Watkins 2. Naveen Dhar 3. Daniel Cronje Charles Davies	N Bommayya, D Cronje, C Davies, N Dhar, J Hughes, J Lynch, D Dandler, H Sprunt, A Watkins
Grays 3	1. Tishe Sokan 2. Konrad Zielinski 3. Ameer Afridi	A Afridi, P Nielen, N Panjeshahi, S Patel, R Prabhu, W Rees, J Sokolowski, U Yar K Zielinski, M Zockoll
Grays 4	1. Tejas Patel 2. Arun Subramaniam 3. Gregory Bragg	B Barber, G Bragg, V Desai, N Inkester, J Mendes, T Patel, S Rana, M Ruggeri, A Subramaniam
Walfords 1	1. Stephen Banh 2. Nasir Zahir 3. Peter O'Brien	S Banh, N Franklin, H Goddard, P O'Brien, N Zahir
Walfords 2	1. Ashwin Sood 2. Thomas Mercieca 3. Faraz Chitalya	N Ali, A Bhatti, T Mercieca, M Melconian, A Sood, A Yanamandra
Walfords 3	1. Cole Friegang 2. Louis Brown 3. Sam Duroshola	M Banh, L Brown, J Douglas, C Friegang, K Hamed, E Henning, A Khan, J-H Park
Walfords 4	1. Thomas Gunningham 2. Theo Brown 3. George Henning	D Ansari, T Brown, T Gunningham, J McGhee, G Henning, R Patel, Y Senenayake

The Early Years' Unit

This half term has flown by and the boys have all been very busy in their classes. They have also enjoyed all our preparations for Christmas and gave fantastic performances in 'Snowman at Sunset' and 'The Wiggly Nativity'.

The boys enjoyed visiting the Bazaar on Friday and managed to buy lots of exciting toys. They also brought a really good selection of decorated jars for the 'jam jar' competition. Unfortunately we could only pick two winners per class. For the six classes in the EYU they were Oliver Jarrett, Jasper North, Jaren Tan, Hasan Khan, Ismail Surty, Edmund Ng, Rhian Patel, Shayaan Ali, James Mannion, Millen Sood, Oscar Price and Matthew Hutchinson.

In our recent Friday Forums these boys were awarded Star Awards:

Elf Owls Ethan Thorne for fantastic singing in the play
Ayden Sherwani for excellent symmetry work

Tawny Owls Sufyaan Rehman for working well alongside others
Yusuf Hussain for enjoying all activities

Eagle Owls Hasan Khan for being more aware of others
Toby Dale for good singing in the Christmas play

Transition boys who received Student of the Week are:

Woodpeckers Zayn Rafi for being such a sensible member of the class
Oscar Price for trying really hard with the nativity practices

Puffins Umar Khan for fantastic blending work
George Liddle for enthusiastic performance in the play

Well done boys!

All the staff from the Early Years wish the parents and boys a very happy Christmas.

Mrs B Whiteway
Head of EYU

Kindergarten

Duck class have had a very exciting and busy term. We have been learning about people who help us and have particularly enjoyed looking after each other in the doctor's role play area. The boys have also shown a keen interest in anything with wheels, and in response to this we have been using size and shape language when making different sized tracks by driving vehicles through paint.

We have been so busy with Christmas, and have loved making Christmas crafts, learning Christmas songs, and of course did fantastically in the 'Snowman at Sunset' play. Our Christmas party was a great success, and the boys loved playing different party games and of course loved the party food complete with chocolate cake! We were also fortunate enough to have Father Christmas come to visit us and the boys had obviously been very good as he gave them each a present.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year and we look forward to hearing all about it in January.

Miss Woodley and Miss Edwards

The Nursery

Our topic this half term was 'People Who Help Us'. The boys toured the school, visiting the offices, kitchen and the senior department. They were very excited about being allowed upstairs!

Other discussions were based on the emergency services and included a fire engine visit. Some boys had the chance to try on the firemen helmets and we were all able to watch a fire hose demonstration. Finally, we talked about some of the busiest people at this time of year – the postal workers.



The Fire Brigade visit the Homefield EYU

The weather towards the end of term was a little unsettled but we turned the snowy days to our advantage with the boys having the opportunity to explore the snow, making footprint

trails and throwing snowballs at their teachers! We even brought the snow indoors to explore its texture.

As part of the festive celebrations, all the boys took part in the Nursery Christmas play, 'Snowman at Sunset'. They were all stars, singing and acting superbly. We were all very proud of them and know that you all were too.

A big thank you to all the parents for helping with the costumes.



The Nursery performance of 'Snowman at Sunset'

The boys all enjoyed the Christmas party, having lots of fun playing party games, eating party food and especially the surprise visit from Santa.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Whiteway, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

Transition

What a Wiggly half term we have all had in Transition! We have not sat still!

We began the term with our exhilarating topic 'People Who Help Us' and had special visits from Sutton Fire Services and Doctor and Nurse Rahman. The Royal Mail kindly supplied us with some exciting educational resources which the boys know as Lenny the Letter!

We then had the surprise of snow which prevented us from opening for two days but supplied many impromptu winter observations and excitement such as: freezing and melting, Arctic and Antarctic animals and Symmetrical snow flakes. Soon after the snow, Christmas celebrations began with much cutting, sticking, singing and glitter! In between all these exciting experiences we did manage to fit in some important Literacy and Numeracy work!



An investigation of snow!

In Literacy we have continued to learn our sounds along with the name of the letter. We have started learning our high frequency words and used these to form sentences to read and write. We have been writing for different purposes for example: letters to Santa, fire work noises and lists of ingredients.

In Numeracy the boys have learnt about shape, time, positional language, addition and ordinal numbers. The boys are beginning to solve mathematical problems as well as to tell the time independently.

We hope you all enjoyed the Nativity as much as we did. The boys were all stars!



An array of Transition performers

A big thank you to Joel's mummy, Ms Thomas, for making a recording of the Transition performance 'The Wiggly Nativity', which has already been distributed to all the parents.

If you feel you would like to make a donation to our chosen charity 'The Children's Trust', there is a box outside Transition classes.

After such a busy term we are all ready for a nice break and a trip from Santa!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Waddy and Miss Kingsford

The Junior Department

What an extremely busy term we have had! In September we welcomed Mrs Dawson into the third year. We thank her for the way in which she has so readily become such a valuable

member of our team. Meanwhile, we were delighted to hear the news of the safe arrival of baby Jack Burgess on October 13th, and the boys were delighted to meet him when he made his first appearance at Homefield!

After half term, rehearsals got under way for "A Celebration of Christmas" and the headmaster said how much he enjoyed sitting in his study hearing Christmas carols being practised! Our thanks go to Mr Meyers and the Junior Department staff for masterminding a most successful production.



The Junior Department 'Angels'

On Friday December 10th a group of parents were very busy preparing the hall for the Christmas Bazaar. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and all the activities. They were loaded down with lovely purchases as they headed home! We had a lovely selection of decorated jam jars for the competition – it was a very difficult job to select winners - well done to all the boys who took part.

On Monday December 13th excitement was in the air as boys arrived at school in Mufti ready for our Junior Department Christmas party. We enjoyed party games in our classrooms, ending with a delicious party tea in the hall. Many thanks to all the parents for providing such a lovely array of food. We hope all Junior Department boys and their families have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The First Year

What a lovely term we have had! In November we welcomed Anas Usman to 1H. He has settled in very quickly and made lots of new friends. We are delighted with the fantastic progress that all the boys have made. Their independence has grown and this was particularly evident in the run up to the end of term with all the extra activities.

We have enjoyed the boys' energy and enthusiasm and this was very apparent in their marvellous performances in "The Special Baby" as part of "A Celebration of Christmas". Well done boys! The boys really liked being part of a Junior Department production and we were very impressed by the way that they learnt their words and the songs, so they looked professional on the stage!

On Friday December 10th the first year boys were very enthusiastic visitors to the Christmas Bazaar and we were very impressed by their shopping skills, some boys being loaded down with bags full of goodies they had bought! Boys managed their money very impressively and this bodes well for our money topic next term.

The last Monday of term was party day. It was our boys first taste of a Junior Department party and they certainly had a good time! It was fantastic! It was lovely to see the boys at the party tea interacting with friends from other year groups.

As Christmas approaches, we would like to wish you all a relaxing holiday wherever you are and look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Merry Christmas to all!

Mrs Goodbody and Mrs Gunningham

The Second Year

It is hard to believe that our first term has passed. The boys settled into second year brilliantly. They continue to work enthusiastically and are making sound progress.

The boys have been studying variations between animals and humans in Science and discovering the similarities and differences between them. More recently, however, we seem to be swamped under heaps of "Kicking Santas", tessellating angels and glitter!!

The Christmas production, "A Celebration of Christmas" included splendid performances by our Year 2 boys reciting their poems and singing traditional carols. Well done everyone for remembering all the words and actions.

Most second year boys enjoy participating in a range of extra-curricular clubs, namely Sewing, Chill-Out and Puzzle clubs, Chess, Judo and Karate. All of the clubs are enthusiastically attended.

The seasonal excitement continued this week with a terrific party! We enjoyed letting off energy with party games, disco dancing, a Christmas Sing-a-long and best of all, a magnificent party tea! Many thanks to parents for supplying the delicious fare.

We wish all our boys a very happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing them in 2011!

Miss N Buchanan, Mrs A Connaughton and Mrs R Lyndham

The Third Year

We have had a very busy half term. We set straight to work with auditions and rehearsals for our "Christmas Celebration". The boys have been extremely enthusiastic throughout our rehearsals determined to produce a play that would bring pleasure to our audience. We felt they gave a splendid performance on both the 8th and the 9th December!

The Year 3 made their annual trip to the British Museum to visit the Egyptian Galleries on Wednesday 24th of November. It was a very successful and beneficial outing. The learning experience was great. The highlights for the boys were seeing Ginger and Bones, the famous Rosetta Stone, and the mummified animals.



'Mummy' at the British Museum

We were very grateful for the assistance of Mrs Bradford, Mrs Colohan and Mrs Jauffret. The museum is always teeming with visitors and having extra helping hands and watchful eyes proves invaluable. Other visitors remarked on how well behaved and interested our boys were. Well done boys we are very proud of you.

3P boys have made significant progress in their swimming lessons as reported by the teachers at Cheam Baths. Those boys swimming in the deep end have been improving their diving and swimming skills. Boys in the middle group have all improved their stamina and worked particularly at breast stroke and back stroke this half term. Boys in the shallow end have gained in confidence with many swimming a width of the pool unaided.

3H will continue there swimming lessons on Fridays when we return.

The boys have been allocated their school houses and represented their teams in a house football match earlier this term. They were excited to begin their coaching in rugby for the last few lessons of the term.

In Art/Technology this half-term, the boys have been making wooden elastic band powered cars. They will hopefully make the journey home early in the New Year.

Thank you to all the parents for their continued support throughout the term especially with regards to making costumes for the play and providing food and drink for the Christmas party. The boys have also appreciated your attendance at the number of matches they have played at home and away. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year!

Mr Medley, Mrs Dawson and Mr Murani

Homefield Heroes

1H Humphrey Povey for showing a keen interest in Literacy work. Well done Humphrey!

1P Bruno North for showing an excellent general knowledge during class discussions. Well done Bruno!

2H Sahil Kohli for being a reliable and sensible boy in the classroom. Thank you and keep it up!

2H Philippe Pioli for an excellent performance in the Christmas Concert. Fabulous acting!

2H Gabriel Cotton for excellent organisational skills

2H Tife Sokan for hard work and lovely presentation. Well done Tife!

2P Ibraheem Baig.for excellent story-writing.

2S Shwan Saeed .for speeding up at his work and always being kind and helpful.

2S Oliver Lobb-Rossini for improved behaviour and settling quickly to his lessons. Keep it up!

2S Alex Morris for improving his concentration and effort in all his work. Keep it up Alex!

2S Yaw Sarpong for super answers in class and becoming quicker at his written work.

3H Ben Lowhing for being such a hard worker in Year 3. You are doing some great work in Maths!

3H Qais Moti for being such a hard worker in Year 3. Keep up the great work in Maths!

3H Kiran Lee for being such a great worker. Keep up the great work in Maths!

3H William Hughes for being such a wonderful worker and a great class member of 3H. You have great manners and are always helpful!

3H Antoni Viva for improved Maths. A greater focus and getting a lot more work done. You are a valuable class member of 3H

3P Sami Haque for always working hard and for always smiling!

3P Mikail Raza for fantastic art work. Mr Girdler was most impressed!

3S Mihir Patel for being respectful, well-mannered and having a positive attitude toward learning.

3S Rhys Evans-Ellis for increased focus and attention in lessons.

Other Certificates and Awards

1H Luca Shaw – Octopus 3 Level 1 swimming certificate

1H Alexander Clarke-Tidey - Surrey Rugby mini development festival medal

Charities

We are happy to announce that we will be supporting the following charities for the remainder of the school year:

- Help for Heroes
- Water Aid
- Red Nose Charities
- Cancer Research and The Royal Marsden
- The Children's Trust, Tadworth Court
- The Guide Dogs
- Helplanka and St Anthony's College
- NSPCC

We had another very successful cake sale organised primarily by Ben Forsdick and Kishan Sharma, despite the freezing temperatures boys were still very keen to part with their money and make a selection from the very tempting selection. The event raised £75 and the money will go towards the NSPCC.



The Charity Cake Sale

Mrs Sokolowski continues to make regular contributions to our charity fund with the takings from her Toddlers Music and Movement sessions. My thanks to her, so far she has contributed £54.

The Homefield Association Christmas Bazaar was fabulous, as always and it really helped everyone get into the Christmas

spirit. As yet I have no details on the amounts raised, but my sincere thanks to all the parents for giving up their time, whether it was helping on the day or working behind the scenes to help produce such a wonderful array of items for the event.

Our collections from the splendid Christmas events including the magnificent Carol Concert and the Junior play will go to The Children's Trust in Tadworth, as usual.

Next term, I hope that the boys will organise a talent contest for Red Nose Day, now just a case of turning their initial ideas and requests into reality! We shall also be holding our disco in March. Please keep an eye out for further details.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a pleasant and restful holiday and I hope that the boys will return full of ideas for raising more money for our charities in the New Year.

Our thanks as always for your generosity.

Mr. M Till

Movember concludes at Homefield



At Homefield, 'Movember' was very successful. This is a time when men worldwide grow the mo or otherwise know as the moustache in the month of November, for raising funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer. Mr Dawkins, Mr Judd, Mr Medley and Mr Meyers have joined the team to support the cause. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. One man dies every hour from the disease in the UK.

Mr Dawkins, Mr Judd, Mr Medley and Mr Meyers had decided to donate their faces to raising awareness about prostate cancer. Their donation and commitment is the growth of a moustache for the entire month of Movember, which generated conversation, controversy and a lot of laughter. Fortunately razors have been out, sharpened and used to effect!

But it's not too late to donate. So far, the team 'Homefield Mo Bros' have raised over £700, but now as the month of December is here the razors are out thankfully!!

There are various ways of donating ...

- use these links for team Homefield Mo Bros and **look at the pictures of the men's moustaches which are online:**

Andy Dawkins

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/826256/>

Edward Judd

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/1294006/>

Dave Medley

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/1297004/>

Andy Meyers

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/1299516/>

You can donate online using your credit card or PayPal account Or,

- Send cheques and CAF vouchers (made payable to 'The Prostate Cancer Charity Re 'Movember') directly to The Prostate Cancer Charity – First Floor, Cambridge House, Cambridge Grove, London W6 0LE. Be sure to include the person's name on the back of the cheque. The Prostate Cancer Charity will use the money raised by Movember for the development of programmes related to awareness, public education, advocacy, support of those affected, and research into the prevention, detection, treatment and cure of prostate cancer. We would like to thank you most sincerely for helping to support men's health.

Mr A Dawkins, Mr E Judd, Mr D Medley and Mr A Meyers

Charitable Endeavour

Alicia Jauffret, the 16 year old sister of Hamish Frost in 3P, is undertaking a World Challenge Trip to Borneo in July 2012. Whilst there, she will spend some of her time workins with local communities to help them develop infrastructures to improve their lives and with an orphanage for physically and mentally disabled children. Alicia needs to raise the cost of the trip, £3500, herself. She is offering a range of services ranging from babysitting, cleaning, petcare, present wrapping and car valetting to help achieve her goal. Alicia can provide references. If you feel able to support Alicia in her endeavours please contact her on 07703 007466.

Learning Resources Centre

It has been a really busy term in the LRC. The boys enjoyed visits from the illustrator Liz Million, a visit from 'Rappaman' Donovan Christopher, Lower 6th boys chose books from 'Booked Up'. Some boys were lucky enough to choose books from the Puffin Book leaflet and a number of boys came to the LRC Christmas party. None of this would have been possible without the help of the LRC assistants - Ben Aldous, Zeb Bond, Hugo Brown, Noah Franklin, Niall Kavanagh, Devan Mair, James McGhee, William Rees and Evan Wang. They received assistant librarian badges from the Headmaster at the end of term assembly.



Liz Million visits Homefield School

The illustrator Liz Million visited Homefield to talk to the boys in the Early Years Unit and Juniors the week before half term. She inspired and entertained the boys with her readings and illustrations. The drawing workshops she held with year 1 and year 2 were fantastic.



Donavan Christopher 'Rappaman', visits Homefield School

The rap poet and singer Donovan Christopher – also know as Rappaman – delighted the boys in the 3rd year and the whole of the Seniors with his rapping. He held brilliant workshops with each year group which totally enthused the boys. Thank you for your support of the Puffin Book club, parents spent an amazing £604 which resulted in commission for Homefield of £302. This has been spent on a class set of Shadow (the new Michael Morpurgo) and some great new books for the LRC for all ages.



The Learning Resources Christmas party

Have a Merry Reading Christmas and a Happy Reading New Year!

Mrs K Merryman

Art

Local Artists Exhibition

Homefield held its first Art exhibition on 26th and 27th November.

Nearly 100 works of arts were exhibited by 14 local artists, Ingrid Barber, Valerie Beddington Hooker, Julie Curry, Loretta Delaney, Bob Last, Joanne Last, Jon Leyer, Victoria Anne Lloyd, Kirsty Pritchard, Norman Roberts, Claire Rollinson and Liz Vickery. Two members of staff also exhibited, Mr Girdler and Mr Dawkins.



Still Life by Jon Leyer

Four Homefield pupils exhibited, Jonny Coekin who is getting ready for his Art scholarship at St Johns' Leatherhead, and Umar Ahmed and Indran Duraisingam as well as "Old Boy" Alex Howat, who was one of the artists who sold one of his artwork.

Thank you to all the parents and numerous neighbours who braved the cold to peruse and purchase paintings.



An array of Homefield artistic talent



Homefield Art Exhibitors

The local Sutton Guardian paper also sent a journalist. All were impressed by the variety and quality of the work of arts exhibited and are hoping to be able to return to a future exhibition.



Ms Sabine White

Spring Term Art Homework



The Homefield Milliners proudly display their creations

Here are next term's Art homework. You can complete them in any order. You should spend 2 weeks on each one. You should spend at least 80 minutes on each homework; longer if you wish and your parents allow. You can ask me as many questions before and during as you like. Always look at other

people's work for inspiration. Feel free to look for tips and advice elsewhere. Most importantly I hope you enjoy working on each piece!

- 1- Research, design and make a carrier bag for a new toyshop called; "Terry's Tremendous Toys"
- 2- Paint a picture as if you are inside an Aquarium.
- 3- Draw a picture of your bathroom.
- 4- Design a garden, for a plot 8 metres by 4 metres.
- 5- Produce a collage of a still life.

Mr J Girdler

Music

You may not have finished your shopping yet, but Christmas is in full swing at Homefield already!

The juniors have given two excellent performances of their 'Celebration of Christmas' with poems, traditional carols and even recording playing from the 3rd years. The Chamber Choir have serenaded the shoppers in the St Nicholas Centre raising money for St Raphael's Hospital and HoJo (Homefield Jazz Orchestra) have delighted the residents at the Star & Garter home in Richmond with a programme of Jazz band pieces and solo items. Heather, the events organiser, asked the residents for their views after the concert and superlatives such as 'Wonderful' 'Fantastic', 'Brilliant' and 'Excellent' were used by the residents who are all ex-service men and women. A number of them were ex-guards band musicians so the praise was truly earned.



Star and Garter Performers: Malin Dekas, Ben Forsdick, Mitchell Jenkins, Luke Gonsalves, Zeb Bond, Jack Hopper, Evan Wang, Sean Watters, Hugh Brandreth, Jamie Hughes, Huw Morgan and Ju Hyeok Park



The Chamber Choir sing at St Nicholas Shopping Centre

Next Term

There are still spaces for boys wishing to start lessons in singing, piano, clarinet and brass instruments. Full details can be found on the website in - About Us/Music or e mail andy.meyers@homefield.sutton.sch.uk if you have queries.

Boys who usually have lessons on a Thursday or Friday should check the website before the start of term as some lessons will start on the first two days of term.

Mr A Meyers

Trips and Visits

Year 3 Trip to the British Museum

We went to the British Museum. We went on a coach. Firstly, we had a snack then we went to the pottery room. I saw some jewels.

Then we went to the mummy room. We all went to explore. I found Ginger lying dead! We all looked at a red mummy case. Then we all saw mummies wrapped in bandages.

Then we saw some Egyptian chess pieces, some were gold, silver, yellow, black, brown and bronze.

We went to see the Rosetta Stone and sculptures. I saw a lion sculpture, I was very scared!

We had lunch. I had a cheese and tomato sandwich, an apple, a drink, a Penguin bar and some fruit. I drew the Rosetta Stone.

After lunch we all went to the gift shop. I bought a monkey drum and a pencil for my brother Ewan.

We went on the coach back to school.

Reporter: Tyler Munks 3S

The Tower of London

First I woke up and thought "yes it is the school trip to the Tower Of London". It was a long journey though so I was pleased to finally arrive. My first impression of the Tower of London was that it looked very old. Mrs Bowen-West was our supervisor.

We first went with a guide to the prisons and he told us about all the prisoners. Two of the prisoners were called John Gerard and John Ardin. The two both escaped the tower with a piece of rope, an orange, a feather and the help of the foolish guards.

Then we went in our groups and went to look at some towers. We went to a tower that had the Queen's crown jewels in. There were some diamond swords, some lovely crowns and some golden goblets.

Then we sat down and ate our packed lunches with the Ravens. The Ravens are thought to protect the tower from a curse. Then we went to the White Tower that displayed all the methods of torture. These included lying down, tied to ropes that were then pulled apart. Another torture was called the Scavengers Daughter, where a person would be huddled up in a cage and the cage would then be closed in. Another method of torture was hanging someone by their hands. John Gerard was tortured this way.

Then we saw the weaponry used in wars by the soldiers. These included catapults, guns, swords, armour and horses. We went into a room that had games such as aiming catapults and firing bow and arrows.

Then we went to the Bloody Tower. This tower got its name from the famous murder of two Princes in 1483. It used to be a water tower and then became a land tower. It has a portcullis and was used for executions.

Finally we saw the Traitors Gate, which was also used for execution for prisoners accused of treason. We finally got on the coach and headed back to Homefield.

Reporter Rohan Rahman U4H

The Weald and Downland Open Air Museum

On the 8th of November 2010 the 5th form went to the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum. We were going to study about Tudor life. We were told that our four main activities that we would do were; Tudor Cooking, Tudor Games, Tudor Farming and Spinning and Weaving.

It was a 1hr 45 minute drive to the museum, so we had fun on the coach while the long journey lasted. Once we reached there, we changed, took off our shoes and put on Wellington boots because it would be quite muddy and we would be walking around and going outside for activities. Then we walked to a small room where we placed our rucksacks. After we split into our groups, we went to our first activities. The teacher in my group was Mr. Lloyd and we followed him as we went to the Tudor kitchen for Tudor cooking.

We went to an original Tudor kitchen which was built in 1540 A.D, so we had to be careful not to break anything. We were going to cook what an ordinary family of not very rich people would cook. The first thing we did was to obviously wash our hands. Then we all sat around a table for a conversation. We talked about what food they would eat. The Tudors ate a lot of bread, which later we would find out about how they made bread. Their main meat was pig and they also ate a vegetable stew called 'pottage.' We also learned that they had no potatoes or tomatoes as these were grown in South America, which had not been discovered.

After this chat, we got down to cooking. We were going to make an excellent small cake, which would only be made on special occasions. It was going to be my birthday soon, which would be called 'nameday' by the Tudors, so the excellent small cake was made especially for me! The ingredients used were flour, one egg, nutmeg, cinnamon, ginger and raisins. This would all be mixed up into a ball and then flattened to the shape of a flat cake. After being cut into quarters it was put onto a griddle and then baked on the fire. When it was cooked, we needed to make it sweet. Sugar was very expensive in Tudor times, so honey was used. We all tried a piece of it. It was delicious! Finally we had a look at meat hanging from the roof with salt on it. It was being preserved. We had one last look, and then went. 'Delicious'! Our next activity was Tudor games.

When we reached the room where we were going to do the Tudor games, we started by having a look at a picture of people playing. These people were again people who were not very rich. We saw all different types of games such as people on stilts, skittles, hoops being thrown, tag and many others. None of these children were supervised, whereas wealthier people would be supervised and would play games like chess. Next, we had a go at a game called 'Nine Men Morris.' The objective was to place your nine men on the board and try to get rows of three. Whenever you got a row of three, you took one of your opponent's men. You won if you got your opponent down to two men. I was quite good at it! After this we had a go at playing with stilts, hobby horses, skittles, throwing rings and hoops. The games were actually quite fun!

After the games, we quickly nipped off to the gift shop. There was quite good stuff there and in the end I got an archery set, which actually works quite well! Now it was time for lunch so we went back to the bag room and ate lunch. Two more activities left to enjoy!



The Weald and Downland Museum

After lunch, we went to a small open barn to talk about Tudor farming. The first thing we talked about was animals on a farm. All the animals that were kept by farmers were important to the life of the farmer. Firstly, we talked about cows. Cows were important because they produced milk in the spring when they had calves. Some of the milk was drunk, but most was sold at the market. They also made butter and cheese. Most of the butter would be sold and for the cheese, about half was eaten and the other half was sold. Then there were chickens, which laid eggs, which would then be sold and used in cooking. After that, there were sheep. Sheep were used for the wool that they had as that could be used for clothes and to sell. Next, there were geese, which were used for their feathers. The soft feathers would be made into pillows and bed covers while the hard feathers would be sold to people as quills for writing. Finally, there are pigs. The main meat would be pig. All the rubbish would go to the pigs, which would eat anything! The

sows and the boar would produce piglets which would be killed and eaten. Afterwards, we talked about crops. The main crops grown would be wheat, barley and oats. Oats would make porridge and barley would make ale, which was drunk as the water was dirty. The wheat would be taken into a barn, where either with a scythe or sickle, the weeds would be cut off the bottom. Then the stalks and the top of the wheat plant would be separated by threshing, a process involving hitting the gathered wheat with a flail, which was basically a long stick with a short stick attached in such a way that the short stick was flexible. Then finally, winnowing would happen. All the grain and the ears of the wheat were gathered into a basket. The contents would be thrown into the air. The light ears would catch the wind and fly away, whereas the heavy grain would fall back into the basket. Now, the grain would be taken to the miller, who would grind the grain into flour, which was used to make their staple diet of bread. After a very long conversation, we left the open barn to get to our next activity of spinning and weaving.

This next activity was in a house of quite a well off person, so we got to look around. There was no glass in the windows, because glass was very expensive. In the middle of the room was a fire as there were obviously no lamps. It did get quite smoky at times!

In the actual spinning and weaving part, we started with talking about different materials. The main material the Tudors used was wool, because cotton hadn't been discovered and they could get wool easily from their sheep. Very rich people might have some clothes made from silk. We were going to have a go at spinning and weaving some wool. Firstly, we got a lump of wool and we had to straighten all the fibres in it. To do this, we carded it by using hand carders. These are basically rectangular blocks of wood with sharp needles sticking out of them and a handle attached on the side. Once all the fibres were straight, we had to spin the wool to strengthen the fibres so it would be harder to rip it. We just used our fingers, but Tudor girls and women would use a spindle and if you were richer, a spinning machine. Once the wool has been spun, you need to weave it into your clothes. We didn't have time, but we were told that it would have been weaved by a loom. If you look closely at woolen jumpers, you can see where it was woven with the stitches going up and down and side to side. After this, two of my friends dressed up in Tudor clothes. Even though their techniques were clever, I have to admit that I wouldn't like to wear those clothes at all!

After our spinning and weaving, we took a quick look at a bedroom. The beds were made of straw and the covers and pillows were made of soft goose feathers. After a great day at the museum, we headed back to the coach. The return journey was the same as the inward journey; 1hr 45 minutes. What a trip!

Reporter Prashast Vir, 5S

Modern Foreign Languages

French Department

The "French year" started with the visit by their pen-friends to the U6th boys. We really enjoyed having the pupils of the Collège Pharamond Savary with us.

The 5th forms then enjoyed their day trip to France, more precisely to Audinghen and to Boulogne-sur-mer.

Some of the comments that followed the French trip were:

What we learnt on the Boulogne trip

- I learnt that Boulogne is the biggest fishing port in France.
- I learnt that in the war museum, the Batterie Todt, one large gun could fire from Audinghen to England across the Channel, 42 km away.
- The Batterie Todt was part of the German defensive Atlantic wall.
- I learnt that the Germans had "Rommel's asparagus" defences which were giant metal crosses as an anti-tank device.
- I learnt that they camouflaged the batterie into a house. They also covered it with green nets covered with leaves so that the planes would not spot it.
- I learnt that the Batterie took 2 months for the allies to capture in 1944.
- The shells were kept very deep underground in the bunker.
- Nausicaa is the largest aquarium in France.
- In the Nausicaa museum, I learnt that pollution by rubbish and nets in the sea kills tons of sea creatures every year by accident.
- In the old town, there was an environmental exhibition in the public garden. It taught us that nature always wins over technology.
- I learnt that French bread and mussels are really tasty!

Please also read the French report by Prashast Vir below.

Le voyage à Boulogne

C'était très passionnant de découvrir ce que c'était d'aller en France le quatorze octobre. Je ne suis jamais allé en France. Nous avons vu Guerre Musée, de Audinghen Restaurant Le Parisien et L'Aquarium Nausicaa.

Je suis allé à l'école à 5:15. Le car est parti à 5:30. J'ai pris un en-cas, de l'argent, des boissons et la veste. Le car est parti à 5:30. C'était quarante cinq minutes à Douvres. J'ai joué à la console et j'ai écouté la musique. C'était très amusant!

À Douvres, nous sommes allés sur le ferry. C'était quarante vingt dix minutes à Calais. Le ferry avait de petits magasins, beaucoup de restaurants et les distributeurs automatiques. J'étais malade en premier, mais allais mieux bientôt. C'était incroyable!

En France, il a fait beau! Nous sommes allés à Audinghen Guerre Musée. C'était énorme! Nous avons vu beaucoup d'armes, comme les revolvers, les fusils, les couteaux et les canons. Un canon pouvait tirer à travers la Manche! C'était stupéfiant! Puis nous sommes allés au Restaurant le Parisien.

L'odeur du restaurant était délicieux! Pour mon déjeuner J'ai mangé du poulet et des frites et du coca. C'était délicieux! Après déjeuner, nous sommes allés à l'Aquarium Nausicaa.

L'Aquarium Nausicaa est incroyable! J'ai vu des poissons, les requins, les lizards, les phoques et les homards. C'était beau! Mon favori? C'était les phoques! Ils font beaucoup de cool tours dans l'eau!

Après Nausicaa, nous sommes rentrés au ferry et nous sommes allés à la maison. Le ferry et le car voyage ont été les mêmes. Quel incroyable voyage!



Reporter: Prashast Vir, 5th Form

The Transition boys have had their first French lessons with Mme Quayle.

The L6th have written to their French pen-friends, some of them, like Niall Kavanagh and Sam Sterling, just to mention a couple, have recorded a presentation speech for their pen-friends. They are looking forward to their visit to France next Summer!

Lower 4th, U4th and 5th form pupils have also written to pen-friends in France.

One of our pupils, Jonathan Marsh, spent a week at his pen-friend's house in Lyon, as part of the exchange we run with the Lycée Ombrosa. I would be great if more pupils could take advantage of this exciting opportunity. Please see details below and do come back to me if you wish your son to take part this year.

Ombrosa exchange

To pupils in L4th, U4th and 5th forms

Dear Parents,

Pupils from the "Lycée Multilingue" in Lyon are looking for a pen-friend with which they can spend 3 weeks, in June. During that time, the French child will attend school with your son and spend the rest of the time sharing your family life. In return, your son will be able, **if he so wishes**, to spend some time, one, two or three weeks at the French school and will share the life of this pen-friend's family.

Four of our pupils took part in this venture last year, and the French pupils are keen to return!

Please check the French school's website on www.ombrosa.com, a private co-educational school. The children are carefully matched by the French teacher who will visit us at Homefield and also arrange a meeting with you prior to the visit taking place.

This is a truly exciting experience which your son could hugely benefit from.

If you are interested, please contact at sabine.white@homefield.sutton.sch.uk.

I would also like to remind parents of boys in Year 3 and above that a Cantonese language club can be organised, should there be sufficient interest. Again, please contact me.

Joyeux Noël and Bonne Année 2011!

Ms Sabine White

Sport

Football

1st Team Football End of Term Report and scores 2010 -11

Overall the boys had a successful season. They won games against Hawthorns, Aberdour, Chinthurst, and drew the game against Feltonfleet and Cumnor House, and also the end of season game against the Staff /Fathers.

In the Surrey Cup they lost by the odd goal against St Andrews in extra time and lost against The Mall after leading by 3-1 at half time.

In the final game of the season against Willington, the boys went down by the odd goal losing by 2-1.

In goal both Harry Sprunt and David Sandler performed well, showing a good understanding of goal keeping. In defence, Jonny Coekin and the improving Nicholas Jelcic both looked strong and competed very well. They were supported on the flanks by both Ben Adey and Sam Goodman, whose positional play was sound and effective. In midfield Captain Nathan Inkester covered lots of ground and scored three headed goals from corners. Alongside him, Jamie Hughes was starting to understand his position and contributed well. Down the flanks were the real stars. Both Oliver Darroch and Jack Hopper's crossing was excellent, both from general play and from corners. In the forwards, this was shared by Ben Higgs, Sean Watters, Peter O'Brien, and more often by Jack Newton and Gregory Bragg. They all showed good improvement and have an eye for goal especially Jack Newton who scored 8 goals in all games.

The season finished off with the annual Staff/Fathers game which ended 3 -3 with many of the boys' parents showing good skills and an eye for goal.

Surrey Cup

Homefield 1	St Andrews 2	Lost
N Inkester		
Hawthorns 0	Homefield 2	Won
J Hopper, N Inkester		
Homefield 3	The Mall 4	Lost
J Hopper, N Jelcic OG		
Aberdour 0	Homefield 3	Won
J Newton, S Goodman, N Jelcic		
Feltonfleet 1	Homefield 1	Draw
J Newton		
Homefield 6	Chinthurst 0	Won
J Hopper (3), J Newton, O Darroch, N Inkester.		
Homefield 2	Cumnor 2	Draw
O Darroch, J Hopper.		
Willington 2	Homefield 1	Lost
J Newton		
Homefield 3	Staff/Fathers 3	Draw
D Aksentic, J Hopper; OG		

Played 9 Won 3 Drawn 3 Lost 3

The Mall School Five-a -Side Tournament

Well done to the Five-a-Side team that won the Final of the Plate at Teddington Cricket Ground. The boys beat Fulham Prep in the final by 1-0, Jack Newton scoring the winning goal.

Final of Plate

Fulham Prep	Won	1-0	Jack Newton
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Goal scorers. A Total of 33 goals were scored in all games played.

Oliver Darroch	8
Jack Newton	8
Jack Hopper	7
Nathan Inkester	3
Nicholas Jelcic	2
Sam Goodman	2
Own Goal	2
Dani Aksentic	1

Well done to all the boys who played during the season.

Team; H Sprunt, D Sandler, B Adey, N Jelcic, J Coekin, S Goodman, B Higgs, N Inkester, J Hughes, J Hopper, J Newton, G Bragg, S Watters, D Aksentic, P O'Brien

Colours awarded to: N Jelcic, J Hopper.

Certificates awarded to: H Sprunt, D Sandler, B Higgs, J Hughes, G Bragg, S Watters, D Aksentic, P O'Brien.

Player of the season: J Hopper.

Most Improved: N Jelcic

Mr G Pearce

Under 13 2nd XI

The Under 13 2nd XI Team all played extremely well this year and they began the season by thrashing The Hawthorns 5-0 away from home. Despite a narrow defeat against The Mall and Chinthurst, both games being lost in the dying minutes, the team put in a faultless performance against Cumnor House winning 4-2 and battled extremely hard in an epic 4-3 against Feltonfleet.

Many of the Upper 6th players showed enough experience to dominate games and were then called up to represent the school in the 1st XI. Well done to Peter O'Brien, David Sandler, Gregory Bragg, Dani Aksentic, Sean Watters and Ben Higgs who all played at the higher level.

The 'Player of the Season' 2010 goes to Dominic D'Mello, who has demonstrated great vision when passing and wonderful desire to win the ball. 'The 'Most Improved Player' 2010 goes to Thomas Gunningham who continually won 'Man of the Match' for relentless tackling, winning the ball and then playing the simple pass to a team mate. He even played very well in goal (!) in the victory against Willington.

Well done to all of the boys who represented Homefield at U13 2nd team level this year:

Joel Sokowloski, Harry Sprunt, Adam Araim, Peter O'Brien (Cpt), Thomas Gunningham, William Dennis, Sean Watters, Ben Higgs, Dominic D'Mello, Dani Aksentic, Sam Durashola, Khalil Baoku, Joshua Vincent, Marcus Melconian, Wajid Khan.

Mr D Matthews

U11s Football End of Term Report

Throughout the year the team made many improvements and managed to work better together despite some disappointing results. The team worked hard and continued to defend, chase and pressurise the opposition. Though many games were lost, the attitude of the team improved and the boys were never beaten by more than four goals. On occasions it would have

been easy to have given up. Unfortunately, the team was unable to force the opposition back and sustain any possession or territory in their half. As a result we spent a lot of time in our own half defending. Sebastian Callaghan improved dramatically in defence, becoming more skilful, tactically aware and assured. As a result he deserves the 'Most Improved Player' Award. In midfield, we showed a lot of pace with Louis Brown, Tishe Sokan and William Hewetson showing attacking flair and an increasing willingness to chase back and defend. In attack, Michael Banh was our top scorer with four goals. The highlight, being a fantastic strike against The Mall, which helped secure a 1-0 victory. This game was evenly matched, as was the previous game against Willington. However, on this occasion, Jimmy O'Brien pulled off some fantastic saves to keep Homefield in the game. Michael listened particularly hard during training and showed great willingness and skill in trying to implement these ideas during matches. His play in general became sharper and more composed. As a result he deserves the 'Player of the Year' Award.

Danes Hill 1-1 Draw (Lost on Penalties)

Lanesborough 0-3 Lost

King's House 0-4 Lost

Aberdour 0-4 Lost

Ewell Castle 2-3 Lost

Cumnor House Quadrangular

Hawthorns 0-4 Lost

Cumnor House 0-3 Lost

Chinthurst 0-3 Lost

Rokeby 1-1 Draw

Willington 0-1 Lost

The Mall 1-0 Won

Hawthorns 0-4 Lost

The following boys receive colours for being outstanding within the A Team: Sebastian Callaghan, Tishe Sokan, William Hewetson, Louis Brown and Michael Banh.

Congratulations to the following boys who will receive 'A' Team Certificates for regularly being selected for the 'A' Team throughout the season: Sam Gurney, Archie Otley, Luke Gonsalves, Prashast Vir, Ashwin Sood, Jimmy O'Brien, Sebastian Callaghan, Tishe Sokan, William Hewetson, Jaimin Patel, Louis Brown and Michael Banh

Mr L Nellthorp

Under 11 'B' Team

This has been a difficult start to the season and the team has been on the wrong end of a string of defeats. Nonetheless, the boys have continued to play with spirit and were rewarded with a first victory against Chinthurst.

Our first match of the season was against Lanesborough. We began well and made a number of positive opportunities. Unfortunately, we were unable to convert any of these chances. With the slope in favour of our opposition we found it difficult to maintain any sustained pressure and it was not long before our defence was caught out and they scored. Heads dropped a little and they scored again. In our keenness to get back into the game we kept pushing too far up field and our defence was too stretched. Sadly, we conceded a further two goals.

In the second half we enjoyed better possession and did have chances, including a penalty, but sadly we were once again

unable to find the back of the net. In the end we lost by 5 goals to nil.

Our next fixture saw us travelling to the windy and rather desolate wastes of the Civil Service Sports Ground in Chiswick. Once again we were playing against the wind and slope in the first half and did remarkably well to compete and as we approached half time, it was still goalless. Sadly, a defensive error resulted in King's House scoring and despite our best efforts their superior passing and use of the ample space afforded by the full size pitch ensured that they ran out comfortable winners.

The next two matches were 7-a-side fixtures against Aberdour and Ewell Castle. In both games we matched the opposition and they were close fought affairs with plenty of chances to score, but once again we just lacked the composure to finish. Once again our desire to win the game against Aberdour meant that we left attacking players unmarked and the opposition scored two late goals. The fates were also against us against Ewell Castle. Our mixed 'B' and 'C' team performed wonderfully, but once again failed to score. There was much controversy, however, when Mr. Judd had to disallow a goal as it went in directly from a throw in. Late in the game a rebounded clearance found its way past Jamie Lynch in goal, another cruel blow.

The good work on the training ground helped to keep spirits high and the boys approached future matches in a positive frame of mind and I was particularly grateful to the boys that came to matches at short notice following one or two late withdrawals from the 'A' and 'B' teams.

Hawthorns were a strong side and despite great endeavour by our defense of George Hopkins and Malin Dekas and the heroics of Jimmy O'Brien in goal, we were outplayed and lost 3-0.

Next we faced Cumnor House and once again played with real commitment and with purpose mounting some good attacks. Despite all our endeavours and the support of parents on the touch line we still couldn't find the net.

So to our last game against Chinthurst. Once again we began well and played purposeful football. The key difference this time was that Aaron Cornish did score, much to everyone's delight. The transformation was instant, the boys played with greater confidence and defended resolutely to ensure that when the final whistle blew we remained worthy winners.

Teams selected from:

Sam Gurney, Jimmy O'Brien, Jamie Lynch, Cameron Sturgess-Taylor, Malin Dekas, George Hopkins, Seleso Sepanya, Ali Janjua, Sai Patel, Tejas Patel, Luke Gonsalves, Naym Ali, Ravi Nair, Achal Srivastav, Daniyal Ansari, Ben Forsdick, Dilan Patel, Rohit Prabhu, Yasith Senanayke, Ashwin Sood, Max Zockoll and Boris Barber

Under 10 'A' team Football

The U10 'A' team started the season with two narrow defeats to The Hawthorns and Feltonfleet but were able to sweep aside Ewell Castle 3-0 in their third football match. The team continuously worked hard to play attractive passing football and the work in lessons and the lunchtime practise really began to show in the fixtures. Despite losing to Cumnor House, the 'A' Team battled with magnificent energy, Max Bowen-West winning lots of tackles at the back and Luke Saitch directing the game from midfield. In the fifth game, Homefield battled extremely hard against Willington and were just beaten in the

last minute. Sanjay Patel and Konrad Zielinski both impressed throughout the season as did Louis Vasili, who gained in confidence in goal. Joel Goodman, Harry Bulkeley and Harry Andre did well up front, combining to create chances but it was our lack of scoring decisive goals that ultimately hindered our results.

Luke Saitch wins the 2010 'Player of the Season' award for his tireless running and link play. Max Bowen-West wins the 2010 'Most Improved Player' award as his defensive display against Cumnor and Rokeby was very impressive.

Well done to all of the team.

The U10 'B' and 'C' Team

The 'B' Team players enjoyed the season with some hard fought games against some very strong opposition. As is often the case if you play well for the 'B' team, you move up to the 'A' team which makes it hard for the players to settle in to a team pattern. Well done to Harry Andre, Leo Lim and Fahd Khan who moved up to the 'A' team during the year. Ken Higura wins the 'Player of the Season' award for some outstanding saves in games and extremely brave goalkeeping. Aditya Yanamandra wins 'Most Improved Player' and with a bit more strength will no doubt push for an 'A' team spot next year.

The 'C' Team 'Player of the Year' award goes to Rohan Rahman for his consistent effort and skill development and the 'Most Improved Player of the Season' is Ben Andrews. Well done to all the boys who represented Homefield School at Under 10 level.

Mr D Matthews

Under 9 Football

A superb effort from all of the boys. With over 20 boys regularly turning up for after school training, competition for places was hot and selection always a headache. Highlights for the 'C' team included 4 goals from Sam Martin against Caterham in a 4-0 win. The 'B' teams defence proved impenetrable, the boys going unbeaten all season under the management of Mr Mallet. Theo Brown captained the 'A' team from midfield, working tirelessly in both defence and attack. Sam Heape showed his agility in goal, while Thomas Bradshaw and Cole Friegang were uncompromising in defence. Arun Subramaniam and Olamide Ogunnaike provided attacking flair on the wings, feeding the impressive Rahul Desai up front. Noah Yamin's versatility allowed him to make an impact off the bench.

'A' team Colours: Arun Subramaniam, Thomas Bradshaw, Olamide Ogunnaike, Theo Brown, Rahul Desai, Samuel Heape, Noah Yamin and Cole Friegang.

'A' team Player of the Season: Theo Brown
'A' team Most Improved Player: Rahul Desai

'B' team Player of the Season: Alexander Davies
'B' team Most Improved Player: Ademola Lewis
'C' team Player of the Season: Shiv Ranna
'C' team Most Improved Player: Thomas Mercieca

Mr E Judd

Squash

The squash club is run three times a week again this year by our coach, Natalie Le Serve. The boys, from year 3 to year 8, are very keen and have made great progress.

The under-13 team won all their matches against both Trinity School and City of London Freeman's School, the under 12 team drew against Trinity School.

The Under 13 team members were Ben Adey, Nathan Inkester, Jamie Hughes, all three in the Surrey squad, Nicholas Jelcic, Sam Goodman, David Sandler and Harry Sprunt.

The Under 12 team members were Amin and Ali Janjua, George Henning, Harry Goddard and Sanjay Patel.



Homefield runner-up team in the Surrey Schools Competition

The highlight of this term was the Surrey Schools Championship which took place at Epsom College on 28th November. Ben Adey, Nathan Inkester, Jamie Hughes and Nicholas Jelcic were on great form and won all their matches against Chinthurst School, Dulwich College teams 1 and 2, and all but one match against Daneshill School. They also won all their matches against a Kent school, Holmwood School, but were unfortunately defeated by their first team, 3 matches to 1. This made us close runners-up of the championship, and top Surrey school!

Our team members will now be preparing themselves for the individual Surrey squash championship on 13th February but will first face Cranmore School. The under-11 will also be in action, against Chinthurst in January.

Every member of the squash club will also have the opportunity of representing the school in the Spring term during the Squash House tournament.

Should you wish to join the club and check on availability, please e-mail natalieleserve@aol.com

Ms Sabine White

Table Tennis

The Under 11 team have had 2 fixtures this term. They successfully beat Royal Russell 7-1 in the semi final of the South London Cup. Unfortunately, they were beaten 7-1 in the final by a very strong KCJS. Well done to Yasith Senanayake, Seleso Sepanya, Sanjay Patel and Aaron Cornish.

The Under 13 squad will start their league programme after Christmas with fixtures against KCS, Whitgift, Hampton and Wilson's.

Mr Michael Mallett

Cycling

Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 boys had the opportunity to improve their cycling skills this term as they attended the Monday after school club run by Trevor Lenthall.

During half term, Year 6, 7 and 8 boys were able to attend the week long cycle proficiency course, level 2. Well done to all the participants who passed both the theory and practical tests! I had the pleasure of presenting the following boys with their certificate during the end of term assembly: Prashast Vir, Seleso Sepanya, Max Ruggeri, Nishant Bommayya, George Henning, Khalil Baoku, David Sandler, Thomas Green and Niall Kavanagh. Congratulations!

Further cycling courses will hopefully be available after the February half-term break.

Ms Sabine White

Judo

The first lesson back next term will be on Thursday 13th January for U4 (lunchtime) and for all other groups on Friday 14th January at the following times: Years 1 and 2 (3.20-4.05), Year 3 and L4 (lunchtime), Years 5 and 6 (4.15-5). Please note the fee of £70 will be due on the day of the first lesson.

If your son is unable to attend his own year group's class, he is welcome to join one of the others.

Please note if your child no longer wishes to continue judo, a term's written notice must be given to me. Otherwise you will be charged a term's fee.

I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Ms Josie Horton

Petanque

Petanque this term seems to be gaining in popularity, more than equalling the Wednesday night Rugby practices.

In good weather, the Club plays all lunchtimes save Mondays and Wednesday evenings.

The narrow piste of the cycle track seems to help with tight aiming.

At present, Homefield is looking for other schools to play against and are already in contact with Aldro School, Shackleford, Surrey. They have a French Head of Petanque who is eager to play us in the Summer, as is St Andrews in Woking.

The club is also in touch with the English Petanque Association regarding the possibility of there being established an English Prep Schools League perhaps to play against the sort of young teams playing in championship games in Marseilles. .

You can see these on web television: <http://www.petanque.org/hotboule/go/694>




The following boys were given Medailles d'honneur de Petanque for their enthusiasm and excellence at the game:

- o Henry Pope
- o Aaron Cornish
- o Jonny Marsh
- o James McGhee
- o Zeb Bond

They would have played under the recent snowdrifts had I let them!

Mr M Brett

Swimming



Have fun learning to swim
The Otter Club is the parent-run swimming club at Sutton High School. It offers value for money swimming lessons and family swimtime in a safe, crowd-free environment. Excellent for beginners to gain water confidence and for improvers and advanced swimmers to perfect their strokes, turns & dives.

Otter Club Lessons
Term-time lessons taught by fully-qualified instructors are run on Thursdays and Fridays after school as well as on Saturday mornings. The club follows the ASA National Curriculum Training programme and award schemes. All ages and abilities are catered for in small class sizes. Adult fitness pop-in sessions also run 2 days a week.

Otter Club Family Swimtime
Free fun swim sessions for the whole family take place on Saturday afternoons and during the school holidays.

Otter Club Crash Courses
Run during school holidays, courses include 'Learn to swim', 'Deep Water Confidence', 'Lifeguard Skills' and 'Scuba Diving.'

Family Membership is £45 and available now
If you are interested in joining or would like to book a free trial lesson
email: otterswimclub@hotmail.co.uk

Further copies giving full details of the Otter Swim Club are available from the school reception.

Chess

National Schools Chess Championships

In the Autumn Term 2009 we started playing matches against local schools in the above tournament. After winning these matches we came up against Wilson's 'A' team in the Zone final. As all their 'A' team boys were England players, we were fairly certain about the outcome.

Our boys played extremely well and had long games, some of which were very close and could have gone either way, but in the end we were defeated. This meant we were out of the Championship but were advised to try for the Plate Competition. After beating other local schools, including Wilson's 'B' team, we made it to the semi-finals which were held at Uppingham School in the Midlands, at the beginning of July. The school provided us with transport there for our team of 6 boys, accompanied by Prashast Vir's mother and myself, and we were also grateful for the support of Mr Jellic at the

venue. The boys had to sleep in a school dormitory which was quite an experience, especially as this was the first time some of them had slept away from home without their parents.

As this was a competition for the U18s, schools with younger boys benefitted from an age handicap. Because the average age of our team was more than 4 years younger than that of the teams we played against, we only had to win 1½ out of 6 games for an overall win.

Our team members in board order were:

1. Nicholas Jellic
2. Nishant Bommayya
3. Michael Banh
4. Prashast Vir
5. Evan Wang
6. Yasith Senanayake

In the semi-final on the first day we played just one long match against King Edward's School, Birmingham. These were exciting games and we (the adults) kept popping back into the hall where the boys were playing to watch their progress. We were thrilled when Nicholas Jellic on Board 1 and Michael Banh on Board 3 both ended up winning their games, and we knew we were through to the final the following day.

On the Friday we found we had to play against Millfield, a school which has chess as its specialist subject. We were told by one of their players that pupils are regularly taken out of lessons for 1 hour training sessions with a chess grandmaster! We knew then that it was going to be tough, but once again our boys played good long games against their opponents. Imagine our excitement when Michael Banh on Board 3 won for the 2nd time and Prashast Vir on board 4 also succeeded in defeating his opponent. We now had two wins (half a point more than we needed), so knew we had won the Plate Competition. There were individual awards for each of the boys and a trophy for the school, and as these were presented to us, we were told that we were the youngest school ever to win this competition!

Here follows a personal account by the Captain of our 'A' team, Nicholas Jellic:

"Going back to last November, a tournament in Halifax was where I got halfway to becoming an England player. Although it was about 300 miles away at the opposite end of the country, a commendable 6½ out of 11 saw me through to achieving half of my goal.

Many months later my next important tournament was at Millfield School (the school we had defeated in the final of the Plate Competition at Uppingham School). I needed to score 3 out of 5 to complete my goal. It was a two day tournament and I came out of the first day with a score of 2 out of 3. On the second day I needed 1 out of 2, which I achieved through two nerve-racking draws. It had been a long and hard journey through the months, but I could finally call myself an England player!"

Nicholas Jellic

English Chess Educational Trust Award

Back in January of this year I was asked to write a citation of the Homefield chess successes during the previous 5 years, to support our bid for the above award. This I did and presented it to the Committee responsible for choosing the most deserving school.

