

# HEADLINES

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Spring Term 2011 – March (4)

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*The start of a long day ...*



*The Headmasters award a new prefectorial appointment*



*Robing for office ...*



**Winners of the Homefield 7s**

## Dear Parents

The Headmaster's contribution to this end of term newsletter is invigorated by the welcome one-day sabbatical provided in the penultimate week of term by the parents of Max Bowen-West and Laurence Clarke-Tidey.

The boys added their names to the school's headmagisterial roll of honour when serving, last Friday, as Homefield's Headmasters for the day. This event, which took place, by coincidence, on the nineteenth very anniversary of my own accession, was the winning prize in an auction at the Homefield Association's Summer Ball.

Among other activities during a very busy day, the boys visited classes and evaluated lessons, charmed a visiting group of prospective parents, knowledgeably taught a Classics' Lesson on Heracles to the boys in 3H, handled correspondence, ghosted contributions for the School Newsletter, the local Press and the Headmaster's Report to The Governors, held Health and Safety and Eco-Council meetings with Mr Till and, school Governor, Mr Sokolowski, visited Junior and Senior Department lunchtimes and hosted a Senior Department Assembly about "The Boy Who Cried Wolf", awarding a tie, to Nishant Bommayya, upon his elevation as school prefect. The Finance Committee will also be relieved and impressed to note that the boys also sagely turned down three (impertinent) staff salary requests. Among the sensible recommendations advanced by Max and Laurence as the hallmark of their day in office was a request for the better policing of Lost Property (none of it theirs!); the reduction of noise in the Junior Classrooms during wet break; the elimination of dangerous parental parking on the yellow lines in front of school; and a request for the sports' leaders to vary their provision of playground activities. The day was a vast and rewarding success which firmly warrants repeating and I could not have been more impressed with the sense of responsibility and purpose with which both young men addressed their duties throughout the day.

As ever, the Spring Term appears to have sped by, but the view through my reversing mirror contains a familiar flurry of events and successes. Foremost among them on the pavement are the twenty academic, all round, art, music and sport awards earned by seventeen boys so far this year to Ewell Castle, Epsom, Hampton, King's Wimbledon, Reeds, St John's, Trinity and Whitgift (so far!). Personal congratulations are due to Ben Adey, Umar Ahmed, Christopher Allen, Adam Araim, Konrad Cheung, Jonny Coekin, Malin Dekas, Luke Gonsalves, Christopher Hart, Nathan Inkester, Peter O'Brien, Yasith Senanayake, Tishe Sokan, Joel Sokolowski, Achal Srivastav, Prashast Vir and Konrad Zielinski. This brings the formal awards' tally for the last two years to a monumental record-breaking 50 awards. Eight boys also earned places to their preferred grammar schools this year.

All the boys and staff will have separate reasons for personal contentment last term. For my part, I was very proud of the 17,000 House points awarded by the Homefield staff to the boys in the Senior Department for their academic, sporting,

musical and social department, at an average of a record 92 house points per boy.

(This compares with a tally of approximately 10,000 House points in the first term when such records began). It was also notable that no less than 87 boys in the Senior Department earned individual book tokens for no misdeeds throughout a long and demanding term.

Again memorable this term has been the school's familiar fund-raising for Charity, with yet another Guide Dog sponsored by the Junior Department and Early Years' Boys. The Early Years' Unit can also feel most proud of its fund-raising for Dana raising over 1,000. The boys' precocious musical talents were most evident at the U4th form and 5<sup>th</sup> form concerts, in musical productions at Epsom College and St John's, and the boys' less formal offerings in Homefield's Red Nose Day production of "Homefield's Got Talent" were similarly startling. To this remarkable league of achievements last term belong the 1<sup>st</sup> team's Rugby Sevens' Tournament wins at Homefield and Aberdour; the achievements of Prashast Vir and Aditya Yanamandra in earning selection for the England U11 and U10 Chess Teams; the qualification of our U9 and U11 chess teams for the English Primary Schools' National Chess Championship semi-finals at Pontins in June; the representation of Zac Gray, Stephen Banh, William Gurney, Alex Davies and Rahul Desai in the Wey Valley (Surrey) Team which finished second in the National Finals in Nottingham; the Chess Team's 100% record to win the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Trophy of the Briant Poulter Chess League; the Squash Team's 1<sup>st</sup> place ranking in the Surrey Preparatory Schools' Squash League; the French Department's masterly showing in the Lancing French Speaking Competition with 6<sup>th</sup> form recitations from Victor Hugo and Jacques Prevert.

Next term, on the pavement, near the bonnet, May brings such enticements as the KCS and St Paul's Scholarship Examinations, a music concert in aid of a school in Angola and the Homefield Association Fun Run; in the middle distance await the Common Entrance examinations and parental induction evenings in June, and, on the - as yet relatively distant- horizon, the Homefield Association's New Orleans' Jazz Event and Fun Afternoon, Sports' Days, the Senior Concert, the Old Boys' and Friends of Homefield Dinner and The Prize Giving. We will also be sharing with parents some exciting evolving thinking on the next draft of the Homefield School Development Plan.

## P R MOWBRAY

### Headmaster

### Scholarships and Awards

Konrad Cheung	Art Ewell Castle
Konrad Cheung	Music Ewell Castle
Peter O'Brien	Sport Epsom
Christopher Hart	Music Hampton
Nathan Inkester	Sport King's College School
Ben Adey	Sport Reed's
Jonny Coekin	Art St John's, Leatherhead
Umar Ahmed	Sport Trinity
Christopher Allen	Academic Trinity
Adam Araim	Academic Trinity
Tishe Sokan	Sport Trinity
Achal Srivastav	Academic Trinity

Malin Dekas	Music Whitgift
Luke Gonsalves	Music Whitgift
Yasith Senanayake	All Rounder Whitgift
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Tishe Sokan	All Rounder Whitgift
Joel Sokolowski	Design Technology Whitgift
Prashast Vir	Academic Whitgift
Konrad Zielinski	Academic Whitgift



**U13 Rugby team receive their certificates from the Headmaster**

### Charities

Red Nose Day was a huge success and we are particularly indebted to the boys in the 5<sup>th</sup> Form that organised 'Homefield's Got Talent'. The team were Aaron Cornish, Ben Forsdick, Luke Gonsalves, George Hopkins, Chris Hart, Joseph Collar, Sam Gurney, Michael Bahn and many others who also made valuable contributions. They organised the publicity, sold tickets, supervised and judged the auditions and oversaw the final, leaving me to be the rather inept compère for the main event. The boys had to contend with a good many complications, the Lower 6<sup>th</sup> form trip and the Homefield Sevens to name but two that had to be taken into account and negotiated. Nonetheless, the success of the final show and the quality of the acts on display paid ample testament to their organisational powers. Many congratulations to them. The event itself raised over £100 and when this is added to the proceeds from the sale of Red Noses and the mufti collections we are delighted to announce that the school has contributed £1000 to Comic Relief. Many congratulations also to the boys in the Junior Department for organising a cake sale during the morning, this added £56 to the overall total.

Later that evening we held our annual disco in support of St. Anthony's School and Helplanka. We were delighted that the event was well attended, with more than 100 boys and girls spending a very enjoyable and excitable two hours enjoying the music of the Avalanche Disco. The event raised £450 which will fund a sports day at St Anthony's and help them play their



annual cricket match against their local rival school, a game of huge significance as they are passionate about cricket and the school can boast a wealth of talent, as I found out in a rather humbling experience in an impromptu game I took part in last summer at St Anthony's!

The annual Fun Run in aid of The Royal Marsden Hospital and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution will be taking place at Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 10.00 a.m. Sponsor forms and details are attached to this newsletter.

I have continued to receive donations from the Toddlers Music sessions run by Mrs Sokolowski and in the light of recent developments in Japan we have decided to divert the money raised to the appeal fund being coordinated by the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, the Early Years' Unit held a 'Day for Dana'. Boys and staff were allowed to come to school in mufti, indeed many appeared to have forgotten to get dressed as I was greeted with the sight of members of the Nursery classes still wearing their pyjamas! The boys also organised a cake sale; all in all the day was a huge success and I understand that well over £1000 was raised - a splendid effort. Well done to everyone involved! Further details can be seen in the Early Years' report in this newsletter.



**Dana with the Early Years' Unit**

So far, we have managed to raise well in excess of 3,000 for our chosen charities this year.

The Spring Term will start with a special charity concert on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May to help with our Angolan cause for which you raised over £3,000 last year. Please put this date in your diary. An Angolan bard will be performing. Please come and support us and enjoy an evening of African music, food and drink.

As always, our grateful thanks for all your generosity and support.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday.

**Mr M Till**

### The Homefield Association

This term has seen a fantastic fundraising effort on behalf of 'Save the Children' at the coffee morning, the first 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale this year, an enjoyable Quiz Night and the Commemorative Tea Towels initiative. In addition, two lucky boys were 'Headmaster(s) for the Day' last Friday (won at the Homefield Association Bollywood Auction), and we have received glowing feedback that both had a really enjoyable and insightful experience (but apparently it is harder work than it looks!).

So, that was the end of the spring term, but what do we have to look forward to next term...

### **Charity Fun Run - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 11 – 1pm Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club**

This year's we are pleased to announce the sponsored Fun Run will be on behalf of the RNLI and Royal Marsden Hospital. Please find attached the sponsorship form in case you see family and friends over the holiday that may be happy to show their support for your efforts. After the holiday, we will email to ask for adult volunteers to help marshal the event, which mostly involves making sure participants are guided around the correct course. If you have a ½ -1 hour to spare, please contact Sundry Sundaran ([sundry@brooksand.co.uk](mailto:sundry@brooksand.co.uk))

### **Coffee Morning - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - 8.40am**

Come along for a coffee break and chat before the half term holiday. As usual, all proceeds will go to charity (to be announced). Cake/biscuit donations are always warmly received.

### **Summer New Orleans' Jazz Event Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 7pm-1am at Kingswood Golf Club**

Plans are well underway for this super summer event, and posters will be on display next term with more details. Tickets will be £50, and the evening will involve jazz music, a disco, reception drinks, and a three-course meal. Also, just as in the New Orleans' French Quarter, there will even be a caricaturist roaming the venue should you like to have an amusing memento of the evening! Tickets will be available from 9<sup>th</sup> May but are limited to 150 people, so please apply early to avoid disappointment (deadline for ticket applications is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June).

If you able to provide any raffle or auction prizes, please contact me. All proceeds go to the Homefield Association for funding value-added items/events for the boys.

### **2nd Hand Uniform Sale - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 3 – 4.15pm**

Association volunteers provide this service, and we are endeavoring to respond to feedback concerning parents who were unable to attend the coffee morning uniform sale. We are pleased to announce that next term we will be holding a sale at pick-up time, and any donations of 'smart' Homefield-specific clothing would be appreciated in the week commencing Monday 20th June (drop-off boxes will be available in the Hall and EYU foyer). Proceeds will go to the Association.

### **Boy's Fun Day Afternoon - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

This is a greatly anticipated fun end to the year for all our hard working boys. As usual, the afternoon will consist of fun inflatables and activities, face painting and refreshments. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help with activities and to ensure safety. More details will follow nearer the time.

On behalf of the Association, we wish you a relaxing Easter holiday.

**Sioban Barringer**

**Chairperson, Homefield Association**

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### **The Early Years' Unit**

Thank you to all the Early Years boys and parents for their support on Friday. We really appreciated the help with cake making and sponsoring the boys for their 'Danceathon'. 'Day for Dana' was a great success and the total raised so far, with more to come, is a whopping **£1,366.39!** Amazing! Well done everybody.



*Some of the Easter Egg competition entries in the EYU*

The eggs arrived fast and furious this week for our egg decorating competition and there were some fantastic creations which made it very difficult to select the three winners. After much discussion the three winners were:

- Kindergarten      Felix Price
- Nursery            Jack Weekley
- Transition          Louis Van de Feltz

The boys also took part in an Easter Egg hunt in the playground and amazingly they all found an egg!

On our return to school for the first two days, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April, we will be focusing on the Royal Wedding and our curriculum planning will reflect this topic. We are having a Royal tea party on the Thursday afternoon (food provided) and we would like the boys to come as 'Princes' for the day! What an exciting start to the term!

The Early Years staff wish you all a happy and relaxing holiday.

**Mrs B Whiteway**

**Head of EYU**

### **Ducks (Kindergarten)**

This half term, Duck class have been learning all about Spring. The boys have been out on a Spring Walk spotting lots of signs of spring. We saw blossom on the trees, new shoots growing on plants, spring birds and even enjoyed a story about spring on the field. We have planted lots of different flowers and vegetables, which we have put in the sunshine and been carefully watering. We are very excited to see that they are now starting to grow! Our role play area has been a Garden Centre and the boys have loved buying and selling lots of gardening tools, as well using it to independently explore planting and growing. We have read the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and been very interested to learn about the lifecycle of a caterpillar. The boys used lots of different techniques and tools to create their own Caterpillar, Cocoon and lots of butterflies. Boys were also very excited about the EYU 'Day for Dana', when they had the opportunity to participate in a

sponsored dance. Everyone is looking forward eagerly to the Easter holidays. Have a lovely Easter break!

**Miss Woodley and Miss Edwards**

### **The Nursery**

This half term, through our topic on Spring, we have looked at the life cycles of animals, plants and also discussed how we grow and change. We talked about the seasons, the changes in the weather and looked for signs of spring outside. The boys have grown cress, made a grass seed island and planted potatoes in tubs – hopefully in the summer term we will be able to harvest, cook and then eat them!

The boys especially enjoyed setting up the role play area as ‘Percy’s Hut’, based on the books about ‘Percy the Park Keeper’ by Nick Butterworth. They made masks and dressed up as the different characters to act out the stories.

World Book Day took place at the beginning of March and the boys had the opportunity to purchase a book at the Book Fair. The boys also listened to stories chosen and read by U6th boys. The Nursery boys thoroughly enjoyed the stories and were a very appreciative audience for the senior boys!

Our cookery sessions are always greeted with enthusiasm, the boys having had the chance to make jam tarts and Red Nose cakes plus taste a variety of foods including pancakes with different toppings, and popcorn. We also made an assortment of cakes to sell to boys throughout the school in support of ‘Day for Dana’. Finally to finish the term we made chocolate nests filled with eggs for Easter.

We hope you all have a restful break and the boys come back refreshed in preparation for a very busy and active summer term.

Happy Easter.

**Mrs Whiteway, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans**

### **Transition**

What a busy term we’ve had learning lots of exciting new things! Our topic this term has been ‘Spring’. The boys have particularly enjoyed our role play area of a garden centre, planting plants and watching them grow! The boys are now able to write independent sentences in their bean diaries using all the key words we have learnt. We are also enjoying reading in school and now love choosing our own books to share at home with you.

In Knowledge and Understanding we have looked at the life cycle of a frog and a butterfly, investigated the weather and found out which creatures come from an egg. From the boys interest we have had the opportunity to discuss in detail the effect a natural disaster has on a place by watching clips and holding various discussions about Japan.

In Numeracy we have learnt our number bonds to five and ten, counted in twos and tens, learnt about symmetry and repeating patterns, have measured using non standard units and used scales to weigh different materials using comparative language.

We have seen lots of enthusiasm in our egg competition and think the beautifully decorated eggs have really made the EYU look more like Easter! All the boys enjoyed looking for eggs after the Easter bunny visited the playground.

We would like to thank all the parents for their kind support sponsoring the boys and baking for ‘Day for Dana’. We were extremely pleased to have raised over £1000 for Danas’ operation in America.

We hope you have a lovely break and Happy Easter.

**Miss Kingsford and Miss Waddy**

### **‘Day for Dana’**

*“A big thank you from Dana Johnston and family to all the teachers, boys and parents for supporting the ‘Day for Dana’ event on April 1st. We would especially like to express our gratitude for taking Dana into your hearts and making the day fun and special. Everyone involved worked so hard in making the day a success and Dana thoroughly enjoyed her visit to Homefield, meeting and talking to the boys. Dana was thoroughly overwhelmed and also received a drawing from one of the boys.*”



***Exuberant dancing in Early Years!***

*Funds raised so far stand at £8000 with several events planned during April, May and June. Our two largest events are a family day on Saturday 16th April at the St Nicholas Shopping Centre, Sutton with activities such as Easter Egg Hunt, our very own Sutton's Got Talent, face painting, craft workshops and Capital FM pad. The other is a 1950's Summer dinner and dance with Surrey Jive performing on 10th June at the Holiday Inn Sutton. We are always welcome of other suggestions and can contact us on [www.danaswalktothestars.org.uk](http://www.danaswalktothestars.org.uk) and you can also follow Dana's journey through her blog.”*

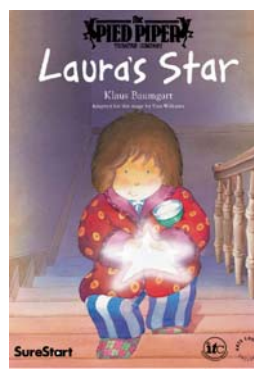
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*Many Thanks*

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### **The Junior Department**



With the snowy days of Winter behind us, we now feel that warmer days mean that Spring is in the air and we look forward to lovely sunny playtimes.

The boys have all had a very busy term and we are delighted with all

that they have achieved. One of our highlights was the visit by the Pied Piper Theatre Company, who performed “Laura’s Star” to the Junior Department. We also enjoyed a visit from Mrs Butler and her guide dog Major, accompanied by Mrs Hilton. It is amazing that the boys have yet again raised £1,000 for the Guide Dog Association, to train another puppy. Well done boys!



**Mrs Butler accompanied by ‘Major’ and Mrs Hilton**

You will have received a letter regarding Summer uniform. Please could you ensure that your son has his sports cap with him at all times, as we like the boys to wear these at playtimes when the weather is warmer. If your son needs sun cream please apply it before he comes to school and he may re-apply it if needed during the day. We encourage boys to bring in water bottles for use in the classroom, but would ask that they have non-spill tops and are named.

We wish everybody a very happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on April 27<sup>th</sup>, when we will be enjoying activities related to the Royal Wedding.

### **The First Year**

It has been a great term and we are delighted with all that the boys have achieved. All their hard work has culminated in Easter activities this week when they have been very busy using their creative skills. The boys have been very enthusiastic about our topic of money and this was particularly evident when we held our very successful cake sale. The recent good weather has enabled us to have some playtimes on the field and we look forward to plenty of outdoor sport and activities next term.

These are a few thoughts from the boys about things they have particularly enjoyed this term:

- We enjoyed drawing with chalk – Atticus and Humphrey*
- I enjoyed writing a story about a red Easter egg. - Nat*
- I liked adding up amounts of money - Samuel*
- I thought it was fun to make the bookmark and Mother’s Day card – Bruno and Reilly*
- I liked writing a class poem – Kai*
- I am enjoying playing cricket - Bryn*
- I am looking forward to giving the Easter card I have made to my Mummy and Daddy - Jayan*
- The reading books are fun! – Kiyen*
- I am pleased that I can do lovely joined up handwriting – Ben*
- The cake sale was fun – Nathaniel and Marcus*
- I enjoyed buying a cake – Yousuf*
- My cake was delicious! – Luca S*

- Doing experiments with ice was fun – Aayush*
- We went on the adventure playground to think about different movements in Science – Ruairi.*
- Doing take away sums was fun – Jacob*
- I liked painting – Luca F*
- I enjoyed eating my lunch – Abdullah*
- I liked going to see Mrs Bulley – Alexander*
- We went outside to look at shadows – Sebastian and Joshua D*
- I like going to the LRC – Maxwell*
- I am enjoying learning the Eddie The Penguin songs – Qasim*
- We like playing the musical instruments – Joshua B, Hari and Niam*
- I love being in the playground – Anas*
- Red Nose day was fun! – Thomas*
- We all told jokes on Red Nose Day - James and Kishan*
- I play “it” in the playground – Lakshan*
- I really enjoy reading – Humayun*

We hope the boys have a great holiday and we look forward to hearing all about it when we return.

**Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody**

### **The Second Year**

Another half term has flown by and yet again our boys have made superb progress.

Their mathematical and literacy skills are developing soundly. This half term, we have focused on subtraction of 2 digit numbers, time and Data Handling. Reinforcement of a quarter past and to the hour would be particularly beneficial. The boys have enjoyed demonstrating their talent for story writing and have continued to improve their understanding and correct use of sentence construction.

In science we have been learning about animals with and without backbones. We have been delighted by the interest and enthusiasm of our boys and their willingness to share their knowledge with their peers.

Year 2 boys will be taking the lead roles in our summer production ‘Eddie the Penguin Saves the World.’ Your son has been given his part and needs to learn his lines during the holidays. Please do not lose the scripts! Information about costumes will follow after the Easter break.

You should have received a letter about the Year 2 Royal Cake Sale which will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April. We very much appreciate your assistance and cake baking skills!

The boys have continued to enjoy their clubs this term and we are very impressed by their commitment and enthusiasm to attend

We would like to wish all our boys a great Easter holiday. Relax, enjoy the chocolate and come back to us safely.

**Miss Buchanan, Mrs Connaughton and Mrs Lyndham**

### **The Third Year**

This term has flown by with all the boys working very hard in the classroom and on the sports field.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Years have had a very busy time since Christmas and 3P have now started swimming and have thoroughly enjoyed their Friday afternoons at Cheam Baths. In form time they have been doing some beautiful embroidery for Easter. We have some very talented boys.

All the boys have been improving their rugby skills and some have had the opportunity to put them into practice against Aberdour, Hazelwood, Feltonfleet, Hawthorns or Willington.

All boys have played in a House competition and have played very competitively and with good sportsmanship! They are now all working hard on improving their cricket skills.

Walk Once a Week (WOW) continues well in Year 3 and most boys are achieving their target. They are all very enthusiastic about the campaign and the rewards offered.

In English the boys have been very creative. They took inspiration from the poet Michael Rosen and wrote a number of 'Down Behind the Dustbin' poems, which we hope to 'publish' next term. They have also learned new skills of note taking and proof reading which will be very useful to them in the future. We enjoyed a visit by Mrs. Butler and her guide dog Major. The boys then all wrote reports about her visit.

In Science they have been learning about the water cycle and energy. We have grappled with the challenging idea of water and energy conservation. In Maths, the boys have been developing and sharpening their skills in number partitioning, multiplication and solving word problems.

In Geography the boys have been learning the main geographical features of the UK, so they are now getting better at understanding their own part of the world.

In R.E the boys has been learning about the life of Moses and the history of the all important days such as Saint Patrick's Day and Mothering Sunday!

All in all a busy term, we are looking forward to sunny days next term and listening to stories in the sunshine on the field as well as the Royal Wedding Picnic

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and a restful holiday

**Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Medley and Mr Murani**

### Homefield Heroes

**1H Luca Shaw** for being a friendly, helpful member of the class. Well done Luca!

**1H Thomas Jarrett** for making a lovely decorated Easter egg arrangement. Well done Thomas!

**1H Niam Patel** for making a lovely decorated Easter egg arrangement. Well done Niam!

**1S Jacob Skinner** for writing a lovely Easter story. Well done Jacob!

**1S Nathaniel Roche** for being an efficient and reliable messenger. Well done Nathaniel!

**1S James Hennessy** for making a fantastic effort with his reading. Well done James!

**2H Joel Ajay** for an excellent character profile of Captain Ajay!

**2P Eshan Kesvani** for an excellent attitude and approach to his learning. Keep it up Eshan!

**2S Oliver Lobb-Rossini** for coping so cheerfully and sensibly with his fractured ankle.

**3H Gregory Gilbride** for always working hard and participating well in your Maths lesson. Keep it up as I know you will!

**3H Liam Colohan** for being a very responsible and sensible boy. You have been working very hard and participating well in your RE lessons. Also, well done with your Rugby this year!

**3P Niall Fatah** for beautiful sewing and for always being willing to help others.

**3P Terence Hitchens** for fantastic reading and beautiful manners.

**3S Harry Allen** for excellent contribution to class discussions in Science.

### Other Certificates

**1S James Hennessy** – Skiing medal from St.Anton.

### The Allergy and Gluten Free Show

**6 – 8<sup>th</sup> May at Olympia, London**

This event is the UK's largest annual gathering of people living with allergies, skin conditions, migraines, celiac disease, asthma and food intolerances. The exhibition will feature new and innovative products, free to attend expert seminars, consultants in various fields will be on hand to answer specific questions and there will be an opportunity to attend health professional masterclasses.

For further information and a free ticket to attend this show, please go to: [www.allergyshow.co.uk/go/more](http://www.allergyshow.co.uk/go/more)

### House Points and No Misconducts

Form	Housepoints	No misconducts
Bomfords 1	O Callaghan H Shopland S Callaghan	C Allen, S Callaghan, Dhar. Pirabaharan, Dhiv Parabaharan, H Shopland, S Sterling
Bomfords 2	R Desai T Cross H Bulkeley	A Araim, R Bahl, T Cross, R Desai, J Dhingra, O Hemsley, S Sepanya
Bomfords 3	J Goodman H Messent S Goodman	J Goodman, S Goodman, O Hilton, G Hopkins, H Messent, O Ogunnaike, L M Quek F Sheikh,
Bomfords 4	D Mair P Vir J Howat	K Baoku, J Howat, N Kavanagh, D Mair, J Nicholson, A Peachey, H Pope, P Vir
Ellis 1	Z Gray W Gurney L Saitch	Z Gray, L Saitch, K Sharma
Ellis 2	A Davies K Dawson S Warren	A Davies, D D'Mello, K Dawson, B Forsdick, J Vincent, S Warren
Ellis 3	M Scott A Lewis A Shivdasani	L Gonsalves, J Hopper, N Jelicic, F Khan, M Scott, A Shivdasani,
Ellis 4	T Bradshaw M Jenkins I Sheikh	M Jenkins, J Marsh, I Sheikh, A Sun
Grays 1	E Wang S Heape M Dekas	C Bond, W Dennis, R Rahman, E Wang
Grays 2	D Cronje N Dhar A Watkins	N Bommayya, D Cronje, C Davies, N Dhar, B Higgs, J Hughes, J Lynch, H Sprunt, A Watkins
Grays 3	A Afridi S Patel W Rees	A Afridi, P Neilan, S Patel, R Prabhu, T Sokan, U Yar, K Zielinski, M Zockoll
Grays 4	S Rana A Subramaniam V Desai	G Bragg, A Cornish, V Desai, T Green, N Inkester, J Mendes, S Rana, M Ruggeri, A Subramaniam
Walfords 1	N Zahir S Banh M Bowen-West	S Banh, N Franklin, H Goddard, P O'Brien
Walfords 2	A Sood George & Thomas Mercieca A Yanamandra	F Chitalya, M Melconian, G Mercieca, T Mercieca, A Sood, A Yanamandra
Walfords 3	C Freigang E Henning K Hamed	C Friegang, E Henning, K Hamed

Walfords 4	Y Malik T Brown S Martin	T Brown, T Gunningham, G Henning, Y Malik, J McGhee, R Patel, Y Senanayake,
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*A fine show of hands at the end of term assembly for 'No Misconducts'*

### English Department

The school has invested in an extension to the LRC with a Key Stage 3 Library section which is for the exclusive use of the 6<sup>th</sup> forms. Please encourage your son to use it as it will make a huge improvement to his English, knowledge of the world and maturity in general. Private reading of good, demanding and enjoyable texts is the key to success in this subject, and in so many others.

The school is revealing the hidden literary talents of some of its pupils by publishing a poem each week in the newsletter. We hope that you are enjoying these contributions.

### Debating Club

Debating Club takes place in Room C12 every Tuesday evening.

Coming soon is the St John's Prep School Debating Contest which takes place every year in the spring. This is a popular event with the more confident speakers and writers who are expected to defend or oppose motions at the drop of a hat, delivering an appropriate speech for three minutes duration. Reading a quality newspaper and being aware of current affairs is of enormous assistance when preparing for the occasion.

### Drama Report

Homefield boys from the present Lower 6<sup>th</sup> are going to have a 'stab' at presenting Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar' in the Autumn at the Leatherhead Theatre. There will be more news of this closer to the time.

### Scrabble Club

Ms Ranson has now started a Scrabble Club which takes place every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime.



### Cross-Curricular Events

The Lower 4<sup>th</sup> Form will be sampling both Shakespeare and the wonders of the Tate Gallery on a forthcoming school visits to the Globe Theatre and the Tate Gallery – a collaboration between the English and Art Departments.



*The Globe Theatre*

### Mr M Brett

#### Poetry Corner

#### *Steve Eats Anything*

Steve eats anything.

Left over custard,  
Ham and mustard.  
Last night's curry,  
Covered in fungus.  
When he's walking,  
When he's sitting  
On a stool or on a chair  
On the bus or in the park  
In the light or in the dark.  
Mouldy cheese,  
Mushy peas,  
What he eats will make you howl,  
His eating habits  
Are really fowl  
Steve  
Eats  
Anything.

### Jasdeep Dhingra

#### Learning Resources Centre

#### World Book Day and the Book Fair

On World Book Day the first lesson was ERIC – Everyone Reads In Class. Each class in Early Years' and the Juniors had volunteers from the Upper 6th read to them. This was a great success with all of the boys enjoying it. The Upper 6th said it was a great experience and something they would like to do again. Boys in the Senior Department read books in their classrooms - the whole school reading created a great atmosphere.



*This photograph shows William Trefusis and William Dennis reading to Eagle Owls, one of the nursery classes*

A lot of boys must have brought new books into school to read on World Book Day because an enormous number were bought at the Book Fair. Thank you so much to all the boys and parents who bought a new book or two!

**Sainsbury's Active Kids 2011 and Tesco for Schools and Clubs 2011**



Sainsbury's Active Kids 2011 starts on 9<sup>th</sup> February and runs until 31<sup>st</sup> May. Tesco for Schools and Clubs 2011 starts on 28<sup>th</sup> February and runs until 8<sup>th</sup> May. We are collecting both of these vouchers so please send these into school with your son or put them in the collecting box in the foyer.

**Mrs K Merryman**

**Trips and Visits**

**Wimbledon Synagogue**

We travelled to the Synagogue on the trusty School Bus! I live in Wimbledon and was quite excited at the prospect of having the opportunity to visit.

**At The Synagogue**

The work of the school visits team allows the Synagogue to fulfill the role of an educational resource to the outside world. It does this by playing host to pupils and their teachers drawn from all over South London providing them with a basic understanding of Jewish religious worship.

Our visit lasted about an hour and a half. Our visit included a general introduction, undressing and dressing the Torah (the scroll) and we heard about the history of the Torah.



*Wimbledon Synagogue*

One of the first things I noticed was the Mezuzah on the right hand side of the door, we were told this contained a small Jewish prayer.

When we entered the Synagogue we all placed a hat on our heads to show our respect.

Next we entered the main part of the Synagogue, where we all sat down and a woman started talking to us about the parts that make the Synagogue special. I was interested that this religion had nominated a woman to speak to us. I had not expected that. First she talked about the Ark and got two boys to open it and she took the Torah out and showed it to us. It look very grand and shiny, you could definitely see the fabulous craftsmanship that went into making this amazing spectacle.

Next she talked about 'the ever burning light'. This symbolised God as he is ever-lasting [Immortal].

We then talked about the Prayer Shawl [Tallit], which Jewish men wear to Pray.

We then looked more closely at the Torah. She showed us the different parts that go to make up the Torah. First was the velvet cover to protect the parchment. The parchments were made from the gut of cows which were chosen to be in the parchment and reared according to the Jewish laws of Kosher, and so strictly, vegetarian. The next piece was the Yad. This is used as a pointer to help you read the Torah, as if you were to use your fingers, the ink would smudge. Finally the Torah had a silver chest plate which protected the ten commandments, and the reason for it being silver was that as silver is a very soft metal it cannot be used as a weapon. The Torah is written in Hebrew and there is no punctuation or vowels. This Torah was about one hundred and fifty years old.



**Hannukiah**

The centrepiece of this celebration is the candlestick holder, with 9 spaces, to symbolise the days of Hannukiah. Hannukiah is also referred to as the Jewish Christmas and begins at sundown on different civil dates depending on the Jewish calendar.



*A Hannukiah Candle*

**In the Synagogue,**

There are no pictures. Exceptionally you will see pictures in abstract form of the Creation Story.

In the Synagogue there is a raised platform which the Rabbi stands on. This is called a bimah.

Next we talked about eating at Shabbat. First one of the main items is the shallah bread, which you do not eat until you have said the holy prayer. Wine is also taken as a drink, and again,

is not taken without the prayer.

Normally the table cloth is white with two candles, Kiddush, starts Shabbat.

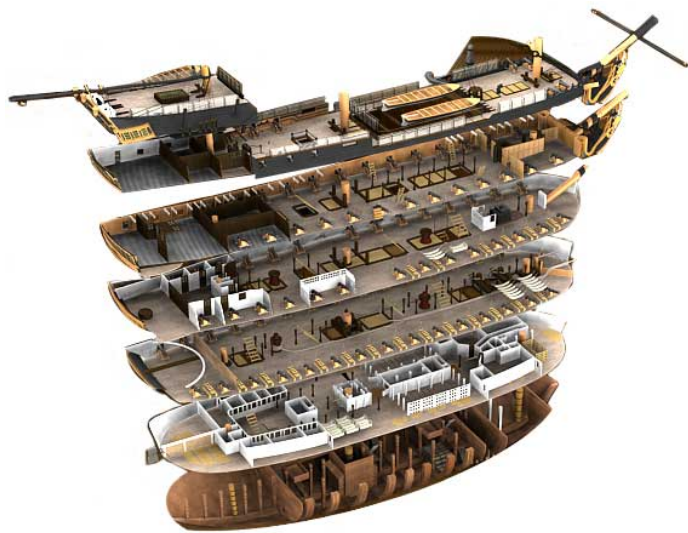
### **How I felt about the trip**

I really enjoyed this visit to a part of Wimbledon that I didn't know and without this opportunity probably would never had the chance to learn more about the Jewish faith in Wimbledon.

**Reporter: William Rees**

### **L6th Visit to Portsmouth**

The Lower Sixth form went to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011. We departed for the harbour at 7.30 am. At the end of a two-hour drive, we arrived at Portsmouth. Portsmouth Historic Dockyard houses HMS Victory, the flagship of the British Navy at the Battle of Trafalgar on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1805, during the Napoleonic Wars. It also contains HMS Warrior, the world's first iron-hulled, armour plated ship, as well as the Mary Rose, a huge Tudor warship during the reign of Henry VIII that mysteriously sank under strange circumstances.



*HMS Victory's decks - diagram*

When we had gone into the Dockyard, we stopped for a short break to eat snacks. Then we went into HMS Victory with a guide. Having arrived at the middle gun deck, the guide first lead us into Nelson's private study and dining cabin, after telling us a bit about the Victory. The Victory had 104 cannons, and was 246 years old. The main mast was 175 feet high. There would have been 850 men onboard the Victory, and they would have earned £15 a year, or £8 if they were below 14 years old. After going out of active service, the Victory had many uses, such as becoming a hospital ship. Most of the current ship is modern and rebuilt, and only the bottom decks still have the original floorboards.

We saw replicas of Nelson's uniform, and also the wooden cot he slept in. Then we climbed the extremely steep stairs to reach the top deck.

The top deck was one of two spaces that a sailor could smoke, the second being right next to the ship's oven. On the top deck, we stood on the spot where Nelson was shot, and the guide told us about the Battle of Trafalgar, in which a sharpshooter on the

Redoubtable, the French ship that was locked in battle with the Victory, succeeded in killing Nelson. We also saw the fire-buckets, buckets filled with water or sand to smother a fire, which could be devastating to the wooden ships.

Going through the hospital area of the ship, we went to the upper gun deck of the ship, where we learnt about the punishments onboard. Due to the fact that press-ganging, which was kidnapping and forcing people from taverns to join the navy, was in service during the Napoleonic Wars, there was often disobedience and occasionally, mutiny. If a man was bunking off when he was meant to be working, he would be locked up in leg irons and given a rope to unpick throughout the night. For more serious offences, such as being drunk, they would receive lashes from a cat o' nine tails, a multi-tailed whip. They would receive between 12 to 48 lashes. If the crimes committed were of severe degree, such as assaulting an officer of higher rank, the offender would be hanged.

Then we went down to the middle gun deck, and examined the cannons. The guide told us about the loading of the cannons and also the firing. To load the cannon they had place gunpowder down the front of the barrel, add a sheet of material called wadding, place a cannon ball in the barrel and take a ramrod (covered with sheepskin) and push it all to the back or bottom. A fuse was inserted in the hole. When they were aimed at the enemy ship, the sailors would light the fuse and fire the cannon. The type of ammunition was either the ordinary cannonball, grapeshot or the chained bar-shot. The cannons could fire once every 1-2 minutes.

After this, we went to the lower gun deck, the main living quarters where 480 men would have slept. The basic naval worker had hammocks, and was only allowed 16 inches (wide) of space. If they exceeded this, they would be accused of "stealing space" and flogged. We also learnt about the diet of the average sailor. Their meals consisted mainly of cheese, butter and hard biscuits, with a hot stew and salted meat for supper. Although it sounds fairly decent, the biscuits were usually infested with weevils, whose eggs were not destroyed by baking the biscuits at least 3 times. All this did was make the biscuits extremely hard. In addition, the cheese contained red worms most of the time.

As if in compensation for this nourishment, anyone over 14 years of age would receive vast amounts of drink: 8 pints of beer, 2 pints of wine and half a pint of rum or brandy per day. An under 14 would receive ½ as much. One of the difficulties of being a sailor was not to be drunk, which was very hard considering how much alcohol they were given.

The penultimate area of the ship before the tour came to the end was the hold, where all the food and powder was stored. Anyone who visited the hold had to wear slippers, to prevent friction from creating a spark, which could blow up all the gunpowder, and the entire ship as well. This incident occurred during the Battle of Aboukir Bay, also known as the Battle of the Nile, in which the French flagship Orient was set aflame and exploded because fire reached the hold.

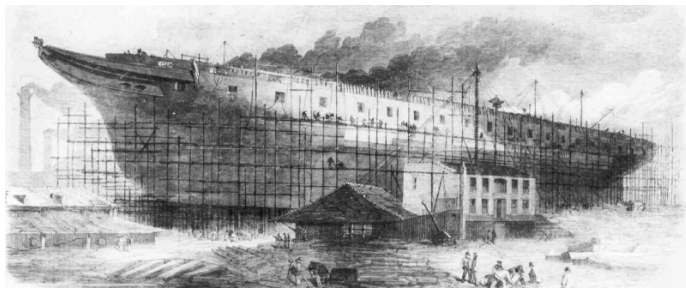
To finish off the tour of HMS Victory, we travelled up to the surgery table, where the surgeon William Beatty would carry out amputations. At the time there was no anaesthetic, only an opium mixture, which was practically useless. After the Battle of Trafalgar, nine arms and two legs were amputated onboard the Victory.

Leaving the HMS Victory, we then went to the Royal Naval Museum and examined the many exhibits, but the main

attraction of the Museum was the 'Trafalgar Experience', a combination of a cinema and moving wax figure tour about the events leading up to and the Battle of Trafalgar, complete with visual/sound effects and narration.

We then went onboard HMS Warrior, after a trip to the Gift Shop and eating lunch. Constructed in 1860, the Warrior was the world's first iron-hulled battleship, but contrary to popular belief, was not the first ironclad ship, as it was actually the second ironclad but the first in the Royal Navy. During its years of service, it never actually fought a battle, but was used mainly as a deterrent as it was at the time the largest, fastest and most heavily armed/armoured ship ever built. It was extremely advanced in technological terms, as it had combined steam engines, a propeller and many of the cannons were firing shells, which were far more devastating than cannonballs. In addition, the guns were all breech loading, which means that you could load the cannon from the back instead of the front.

The HMS Warrior was only in service for about 15 years before it was decommissioned, as it was outdated by that time, similar to modern-day computers!



*HMS Warrior – commissioned in 1858*

After viewing the cannons and other weaponry, we went to see the officer's dining room and the Captain's day cabin, as well as the 'Gun Room', a joint dining and meeting room for trainee officers like the midshipman. We also saw the bathrooms for the engineers, and the mangles, which were machines that consisted of a few cylinders. Clothes would be put through the space between the cylinders, which would squeeze out all the water. The Warrior was the first ship to have the newly invented washing machines. Then we went down into the engines. There would be 40 furnaces loaded with coal to power the steam engines, manned by 10 engineers and 66 stokers. Using the steam, the Warrior could move at about 14 knots, far faster than any other ship of the time.

To finish off the trip, we went up from the engine rooms to the lower gun deck. There, we all had a rest in one of the hammocks that had been set up. After that, we went out of HMS Warrior and returned to the coach at around 2.30 pm to return to Homefield School.

**Reporter: Evan Wang**

### **Primary Maths Challenge – Finals 2011**

In November boys from the Upper 4th and 5th year took part in the Primary Maths challenge, a nationwide Maths quiz run by the Mathematical Association.

Yasith Senanayake, Luke Gonsalves, Aaron Cornish, Oliver Hilton and Prashast Vir, performed especially well and qualified for the Finals, which took place in February. We recently received their results. Luke, Aaron and Oliver scored good results, but both Prashast and Yasith did so well that they

were both awarded medals; Prashast won a Bronze medal and Yasith a Silver one. Well done!

**Mr N Dawson**

### **Modern Languages**

The highlight for me has been the outstanding performance at the annual Lancing French speaking competition of our four U6th participants, culminating in Nishant Bommayya's first place as a non French participant. Please read the report by Joshua Vincent below, and refresh your French by reading the poems and presentations, recited from memory, by Nishant Bommayya, Nathan Inkester, Nicholas Jelcic and Joshua Vincent. I am sure you will be as impressed as the judges were! Five other boys have decided to take on another challenge, that of learning basic Portuguese, for a charitable cause: that of helping women and children in Africa.

For a £2.50 donation, Ben Forsdick, Luke Gonsalves, Rohan Bahl (5<sup>th</sup> formers), Theo Brown (U4th) and Matthew Scott (L4th) have been given a language disk and they will try to acquire as many Portuguese expressions and consequently points in order to qualify for the next round. Thank you to them and good luck!

Three other pupils will be looking forward to welcoming a French pupil of the Ombrosa school in Lyon in June, for 3 weeks. Jonathan Marsh (5<sup>th</sup> form) will be welcoming Hugo for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, whilst it will be a new experiment for Eddie Henning and Amir Shivdasani, both L4th pupils.

Then, should they wish, our Homefield boys will be able to visit the French school and families. This is definitely the best way to become a fluent French speaker!

The L6th are preparing for their own exchange trip, with the Collège Pharamond Savary, also in June. Letters, e-mails and SMS have been exchanged. There will be a short information evening for the parents of the L6th pupils at 6.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> May. The L4th boys have been labelling the Senior department rooms in French, merci!

The French department has signed up to a remote access learning platform, School Shape. Pupils in the 5<sup>th</sup>, L6th, and U6th classes have been and will be able to practise French reading, listening, speaking and writing tasks which Mr Soltysik and I will be able to post, view, correct and feedback on as the pupils attempt them.

For those of you who wish to practise French, do not forget the excellent BBC programmes, the [zut.org.uk](http://zut.org.uk) and the [atatot](http://atatot.com) sites, as well as the [encore tricolore](http://encore.tricolore.com) online site for vocabulary, grammar and spelling! If you wish to improve your pronunciation, visit the [languageguide.org](http://languageguide.org) site where words or whole texts are read for you. For the more ambitious of you, do visit the TV5 French speaking channel. You will be able to view up to date international news as well as enjoy interactive exercises. Finally, pupils can register on the MYLO site, free of charge, where they will be able to climb up a national language league by practising KS3 and KS4 French online. Khalil Baoku, in the U6th, is already a keen visitor of the site and finds it very useful.

I would also like to remind parents that Mandarin lessons are available after school for pupils of year 3 upwards, should there be sufficient interest.

Joyeuses Fêtes de Pâques à tous!

**Mme Sabine White**

**Concours d'art oratoire  
2011Poems**

*Nathan Inkester's poem :*

**Le Cancre par Jacques Prévert (1900 -1977)**

Il dit non avec la tête  
Mais il dit oui avec le cœur  
Il dit oui à ce qu'il aime  
Il dit non au professeur  
Il est debout  
On le questionne  
Et tous les problèmes sont posés  
Soudain le fou rire le prend  
Et il efface tout  
Les chiffres et les mots  
Les dates et les noms  
Les phrases et les pièges  
Et malgré les menaces du maître  
Sous les huées des enfants prodiges  
Avec des craies de toutes les couleurs  
Sur le tableau noir du malheur  
Il dessine le visage du bonheur.

*Nishant Bommaya's poem*

**Déjeuner du matin par Jacques Prévert (1900 -1977)**

Il a mis le café  
Dans la tasse  
Il a mis le lait  
Dans la tasse de café  
Il a mis le sucre  
Dans le café au lait  
Avec la petite cuiller  
Il a tourné  
Il a bu le café au lait  
Et il a reposé la tasse  
Sans me parler  
Il a allumé  
Une cigarette  
Il a fait des ronds  
Avec la fumée  
Il a mis les cendres  
Dans le cendrier  
Sans me parler  
Sans me regarder  
Il s'est levé  
Il a mis  
Son chapeau sur sa tête  
Il a mis  
Son manteau de pluie  
Parce qu'il pleuvait  
Et il est parti  
Sous la pluie  
Sans une parole  
Sans me regarder  
Et moi j'ai pris  
Ma tête dans ma main  
Et j'ai pleuré.

*Nicholas Jellic's poem*

**Chanson de la puce par Gérard de Nerval (1808 – 1855)**

Une puce gentille  
Chez un prince logeait,  
Comme sa propre fille,  
Le brave homme l'aimait,  
Et (l'histoire l'assure)  
Par son tailleur, un jour,  
Lui fit prendre mesure  
Pour un habit de cour.

L'animal, plein de joie,  
Dès qu'il se vit paré  
D'or, de velours, de soie,  
Et de croix décoré,  
Fit venir de province  
Ses frères et ses sœurs,  
Qui, par ordre du prince,  
Devinrent grands seigneurs.

Mais ce qui fut le pire,  
C'est que les gens de cour,  
Sans oser rien dire,  
Se grattaient tout le jour...  
Cruelle politique !  
Quel ennui que cela ! ...  
Quand la puce nous pique,  
Amis, écrasons-la !

*Joshua Vincent's poem*

**Demain dès l'aube par Victor Hugo (1802 – 1885)**

Demain, dès l'aube, à l'heure où blanchit la campagne  
Je partirai. Vois-tu, je sais que tu m'attends.  
J'irai par la forêt, j'irai par la montagne.  
Je ne puis demeurer loin de toi plus longtemps.

Je marcherai les yeux fixés sur mes pensées,  
Sans rien voir au dehors, sans entendre aucun bruit,  
Seul, inconnu, le dos courbé, les mains croisées,  
Triste, et le jour sera pour moi comme la nuit.

Je ne regarderai ni l'or du soir qui tombe,  
Ni les voiles au loin descendant vers Harfleur,  
Et quand j'arriverai, je mettrai sur ta tombe  
Un bouquet de houx vert et de bruyère en fleur.

**Presentations**

*L'avenir par Nishant Bommaya*

Quand on voit que le monde varie constamment, on pense 'que va-t-il se produire alors, est ce que des extraterrestres vont nous envahir ou est ce que le soleil explosera?'. On peut réfléchir longtemps à ce sujet mais il n'y a pas de réponse certaine. La technologie fait des progrès constants comme de nouvelles personnes pensent à des idées nouvelles sur le sort de l'univers. Par exemple, maintenant, ils croient que le réchauffement climatique détruira le monde car les glaciers fondront, ce qui causera des inondations et finalement le monde ne sera plus habitable.

De l'autre côté, beaucoup de gens pensent que cela ne se produira pas et les gens vivront pour beaucoup de siècles à

venir. Peut-être c'est parce qu'ils ne veulent pas penser à ce sujet.

Personnellement, je pense que la théorie actuelle du réchauffement de la terre est vraie parce qu'elle me semble être la plus réaliste.

Pour terminer, je pense qu'on doit faire quelque chose pour stopper le réchauffement climatique, afin d'assurer que les autres générations pourront vivre et s'amuser dans ce monde merveilleux. Nous pouvons tous faire notre part, en altérant légèrement notre style de vie, par exemple, marcher à l'école ou au travail, en éteignant toutes les lumières et en conduisant des voitures hybrides.

### ***Le Pentathlon Moderne par Nathan Inkester***

Est-ce que vous attendez avec impatience les Jeux Olympiques qui se dérouleront à Londres pendant l'été en 2012? Personnellement, je suis très excité par les Jeux Olympiques, mais il y a un sport qui est inconnu à beaucoup de personnes, le pentathlon moderne. Je vais donc vous en parler car je le pratique.

Le pentathlon moderne a en fait été créé par un Français, Pierre de Coubertin. Le pentathlon moderne est au cœur de l'Olympisme et devrait être l'une de ses racines les plus importantes, une partie de la culture olympique et son héritage. Le pentathlon moderne est un sport éducatif. C'est un sport complet, du côté physique – la natation et la course sont les disciplines de base; du côté mental – le tir requiert la maîtrise du stress et une technique précise, du côté intellectuel – l'escrime nécessite adaptabilité et intelligence; faire de l'équitation sur un cheval inconnu nécessite une combinaison de l'adaptabilité, de la maîtrise de soi et de courage.

Dans les Jeux Olympiques des dernières années et à Pékin en 2008, le pentathlon moderne est normalement l'un des premiers sports à vendre la totalité de ses billets. Parmi les raisons de ce succès sont:

les spectateurs admirent les athlètes aux multiples talents.

la victoire n'est pas décidée avant la fin de la dernière épreuve spectaculaire, une course décisive, où la première personne à traverser la ligne d'arrivée est le champion Olympique.

Il y a un fort esprit de compétition dans le Pentathlon.

Il y a un plus grand sens de fair-play que dans d'autres sports.

Les athlètes sont de véritables sportifs, pas concernés par des avantages financiers comme dans certains autres sports, comme le football.

Les 5 anneaux olympiques sont reflétés dans le pentathlon moderne de 5 événements et la participation de tous les 5 continents. C'est un vrai symbole sportif des Jeux Olympiques modernes. J'espère que je vous ai appris quelque chose au sujet du pentathlon moderne et, quand vous regarderez cette discipline pendant les Jeux Olympiques vous comprendrez un peu plus et apprécierez ce sport.

### ***Les sports je voudrais ajouter aux jeux olympiques par Nicholas Jellic***

Maintenant il y a plein de sports dans les Jeux Olympiques mais il y en a d'autres qui sont très populaires qui ne sont pas dans les jeux. Pour être dans les jeux le sport doit être populaire dans le monde entier. Voilà certains sports que je pense les officiels devraient ajouter aux Jeux Olympiques.

Le premier sport que je voudrais voir dans les jeux est le cricket. C'est un sport de deux équipes qui ont onze joueurs. La personne qui a la batte doit frapper la balle et courir à l'autre

côté pour marquer un point. Les matches peuvent durer un demi-jour, un jour ou cinq jours. La meilleure version serait les matches d'une demi-journée. Beaucoup de gens jouent au cricket alors les officiels devraient l'ajouter.

Aussi je voudrais voir les professionnels jouer aux fléchettes. Ils lancent les fléchettes vers une cible. La première personne qui gagne cinq cent et un points gagne le match. C'est un sport que plein de personnes regardent une bière à la main. Aussi, l'Angleterre est le meilleur pays à ce sport alors cela aiderait l'Angleterre dans les jeux olympiques à Londres.

Un autre sport que je voudrais voir apparaître aux jeux est le golf. Les professionnels frappent les balles dans le trou avec le moins de coups. Il y a dix huit trous dans un match. Je pense que les gens plus âgés regarderaient d'avantage les jeux olympiques si le golf devenait une discipline et aussi c'est un sport populaire.

Finalement, je voudrais voir la Formule 1 dans les jeux. C'est le cinquième sport le plus populaire du monde. Les voitures font la course vers le stand et le conducteur qui arrive en premier gagne. Une multitude de gens regardent ça à la télé alors les jeux rapporteraient beaucoup d'argent. Aussi, l'Angleterre a deux des meilleurs conducteurs au monde.

Le cricket, les fléchettes, le golf et la Formule un, peut-être seront-ils présents aux Jeux Olympiques de 2016 ?

### ***Si Je Pouvais Transformer La Terre... par Joshua Vincent***

Si je pouvais transformer la terre, voici ce que je ferais.

Premièrement, je voudrais rendre les jeux vidéo obligatoires pour les jeunes! Non, c'est une blague!

En réalité, je voudrais organiser les Jeux Olympiques, et je voudrais aider le public, pas seulement les athlètes. Il y aurait une section pour que les jeunes essaient tous les sports, cela aiderait les jeunes à être sains.

Deuxièmement, je voudrais réduire le prix des maisons, parce que beaucoup de personnes ne peuvent pas acheter ou louer des maisons et des appartements, et, par conséquent, beaucoup de gens sont des SDFs en France, et partout le monde et sont sans travail.

Je voudrais encourager l'athéisme, parce que cela diminuerait le nombre d'extrémistes religieux tels que les membres d'Al-Qaeda. Les extrémistes religieux sont très dangereux et ont tué beaucoup de personnes innocentes le onze septembre deux mille un, Il faut arrêter les extrémistes car, alors, aucune personne innocente ne mourra.

Je voudrais distribuer la nourriture à toutes les personnes, ce qui aiderait les gens qui sont très pauvres et ne peuvent pas acheter de nourriture parce que moins de gens mourront et plus seront en bonne santé.

Finalement, je voudrais aussi arrêter l'effet de serre parce qu'il détruit l'environnement et l'ozone, tue les animaux et tuera les humains, ainsi il faut arrêter rapidement. Je voudrais encourager le recyclage et économiser l'électricité et l'eau aussi, et ainsi, la terre sera sauvée et nous survivrons!

Voilà mon programme!



*Homefield boys at Lancing College*

**Lancing College French Speaking Competition 2011**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011, Josh Vincent, Nishant Bommayya, Nathan Inkester and Nicholas Jelacic participated in the Lancing College French Speaking Competition. It was obligatory for each pupil to write a ninety second speech and perform this speech in front of a French judge, and then recite a notable French poem in front of the judge. Competition was fierce, yet Nishant Bommayya came first out of the English speaking pupils. It was an enjoyable outing, especially after our Burger King celebratory meal (courtesy of Ms White)!



**Reporter: Joshua Vincent**

**Art and Design Technology**

Next terms homework's will be published on the first day back after the vacation. There will be 3 because the term is short. Remember you can complete them in any order and please "get carried away". Look out for the "Egg Challenge" – coming soon!

One of the topics covered this term has been the design and construction of gardens. Here are some of the boys' submissions:



**Faraz and friends proudly display his garden design**



*Zac Gray in his ideal garden design!*



*Industrious U6th boys!*

**Mr J Girdler**

## Music 5th Form Concert



The 5<sup>th</sup> Form gave a tremendous display of their musical talents on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The concert started with a bang – 6 percussionists playing snare drums and floor toms gave a rousing rendition of ‘Stick Beating’ directed by Ms Allardyce. There were solos from 32 individuals and each class performed a percussion ensemble piece. As well as playing instruments, all of the boys sang two 3-part rounds ‘Adam blamed Eve...’ and ‘Sweetly Sings the Donkey...’ The concert concluded with three contrasting songs; Body, Four Wheel Drive and Jump, Jive and Jam.

The concert lasted a full hour and a half – an impressive display from a single year group!

## Upper 4<sup>th</sup> Form Concert

Following the high standard set by the 5<sup>th</sup> form, the Upper 4ths gave an equally good show on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. There were 24 solo performances, an excellent rendition of ‘Under the Sea’ from Ms Allardyce’s U4 percussion Ensemble, percussion ensemble pieces performed by each class, a violin trio and the concert ended with three songs by Lin Marsh.



All the boys performed well and I was particularly impressed by their confident 2-part singing in the Ballooning song. Well done U4!

## Homefield Boys at the Albert Hall!

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, I had the pleasure of attending the Merton Borough ‘Music is for Life’ concert at the Royal Albert Hall. This was a tremendous concert and it was good to see two Homefield boys participating. Hamish Frost (3P) performed in the string orchestra and Tishe Sokan (5H) demonstrated his excellent ability as a percussionist performing with the bands and in a very impressive percussion ensemble. Well done to these two boys.

It is well worth parents looking at what the Merton Music Foundation has to offer [www.mertonmusic.org.uk](http://www.mertonmusic.org.uk). Similarly Sutton music services have bands and ensembles at weekends and evenings. [www.suttonmusicsservice.org.uk](http://www.suttonmusicsservice.org.uk)

## Chamber Choir

Following their successful performance at the St John’s evensong, the Chamber Choir are working hard to prepare for their next outing – Charterhouse Choral Day. The boys will be singing items possibly suitable for a royal wedding! ‘I was Glad’, ‘Zadok the Priest’, the Hallelujah Chorus’, ‘Ave Verum Corpus’ and ‘Cantique de Jean Racine’. The chamber choir members have had information letters. Please make sure that these are returned on the first day of next term if I have not yet received them.

## Trinity Exam Results

### Violin

#### Initial - Distinction

Theo Saitch  
Kian Hamed  
Ra’id Lilani  
David Duroshola

#### Initial - Merit

Jonathan Cheng  
Anish Patel

#### Grade 1 - Distinction

Ashwin Banerjee  
Humza Rafi  
Zakariya Lilani

#### Grade 2 Merit

Samuel Duroshola

#### Grade 3 Merit

Samuel Smith

## ABRSM Exam Results

### Piano

#### Grade 3 - Merit

Charlie Davies

#### Grade 4

Marcus Melconian

#### Grade 1 - Merit

Caleb Bond

#### Grade 1

Nathan Simmons  
Sebastian Callaghan

## Mr A Meyers

### Music is for Life Concert!

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, the whole of Merton Music Foundation and children from many Merton schools travelled by coach to the Royal Albert Hall to rehearse. We got there by about 10am and my orchestra, my sister’s orchestra, rock group and the choir started rehearsing at 12noon. After the rehearsal, we went

back to the Merton Music Foundation building, got picked up by our mums or dads, then went back home for a rest for about two hours.

Then at home we got dressed into black and white (or concert dress) and went back to the Royal Albert Hall by car and tube. When we arrived, we unpacked our violins and then went on stage. When we were on stage, it was: cool, a bit scary and fun. There was a choir of one thousand Merton Year 5 school children and Merton Music Foundation children.



*A cascade of multi-coloured balloons*

The concert was very fun and funny. There was percussion, strings, choirs, jazz, orchestras and bands. Everybody played, sung or performed very well. At the end TWO THOUSAND balloons fell from the roof. The colours of the balloons were silver, yellow, red and orange. It was amazing. Some people stamped on the balloons to make them pop, other people collected one, two or three to take home. Tishe Sokan was also at the concert with his family and he gave a truly amazing, confident percussion performance!

**Reporter: Hamish Frost 3P**

## **Sport**

### **Spring Term Sport Review**

It has been an excellent term for sport at Homefield. Highlights include the individual success of last term's Head Boy, Nathan Inkester, in qualifying for the Mini London Marathon, the U13 rugby team's success in two rugby sevens events, outstanding achievement in squash, the U11 Cycling team qualifying for the Sutton District finals, an inaugural swimming gala with Sutton High School not to mention the hockey victories by no less than every year group and the introduction of competitive petanque! I have been particularly pleased with the boys' progress in hockey. We have taken on more schools this year in competitive fixtures and the pace and control of the game on astro turf is technically very hard. However, the Homefield boys have adapted well and beaten teams that have been playing for years. The U13 and U11 boys have been practising cricket in our winter nets sessions and the new elite badminton club on Wednesday lunchtime has shown the sports department that many of our boys have hidden talents. The year three boys have benefited from a professional golfer, John Skinner running an excellent club after school and no doubt those boys will be well prepared for their Golf PE lessons at Cuddington Golf Club next year.

I am currently processing the Hockey House match results as every senior boy has competed for their house and it is very close. On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, we had forty boys competing for their House in the Homefield Swimming Gala; a wonderful event enjoyed by boys in years 4, 5 and 6.

I am looking forward to the beginning of the summer term when the boys will focus on athletics for Sports Day and we will finally turn our attention to the 2012 Olympics which are tantalisingly close. We will also begin the full cricket season with a range of fixtures in the very first week of term. Could I please ask all parents to ensure the boys all have their white kit labelled with their name, including any cricket bags and expensive bats. The Lower 4<sup>th</sup> boys will begin using a hard ball so it is important that they bring along their own protective box (with their name on!) we will provide all other cricket equipment for the seniors but for hygiene reasons all boys must have their own cricket box.

I hope you have an enjoyable and sporting Easter break.

**Mr D Matthews**

### **U9 'A' Rugby Report**

This has been a most enjoyable season working with the U9 'A' Team. It is the first year of contact rugby and there are a huge number of rules and skills to get to grips with. As you can see, many of the matches have been very close and exciting with little difference between the teams. Alex Davies, Cole Freigang and William Gurney have ended up as the first choice forwards. Their tackling and rucking has improved and I'm sure these boys will relish the contact scrums next year at U10 level. Sam Heape has been fantastic at Scrum Half. He formed an excellent partnership with Theo Brown at Fly Half who was also outstanding. These two boys scored numerous tries and made countless tackles. Their attitude and skills were first rate. Olamide Ogunnaike and Ademola Lewis also grew in confidence, making some good breaks and scoring some tries. Sam Martin showed a real energy and enthusiasm for the game. Arun Subramaniam, Shiv Rana and Tom Bradshaw also contributed well in a variety of positions. Overall, individual skills have improved and the team as a whole has a better understanding of rugby. There is a good deal of ability within the squad. The challenge next year is to play their best rugby for longer periods, thus placing more pressure on the opposition during games. Well done to all the boys for their hard work throughout the season.



*Homefield Rugby in action v Hawthorns!*

## Results

40-20 lost v Cumnor House

### Rokeby Tournament:

20-20 drew v Lanesborough

20-20 drew v Rokeby

15-30 lost v Cumnor House

25-13 lost v Hazelwood

10-10 drew v Caterham

25-0 win v Reigate St Mary's

### Hawthorns Tournament:

20-10 lost v Cumnor House

15-5 lost v Hazelwood

10-0 lost v Feltonfleet

### Regional Tournament;

25-10 win v Caldicott

20-10 lost v St George's Weybridge

20-15 win v St Thomas's Clapham

10-5 lost v Lanesborough (Quarter Final)

15-10 win v Ewell Castle

'A' Team Certificates are awarded to boys who played regularly for the 'A' Team:

Shiv Rana, Cole Freigang, William Gurney, Sam Heape, Theo Brown, Olamide Ogunnaike, Alex Davies, Sam Martin, Arun Subramaniam, Tom Bradshaw and Ademola Lewis.

**Colours** are awarded to those outstanding individuals within the 'A' Team: Theo Brown, Sam Heape, William Gurney and Olamide Ogunnaike.

Player of the Year – Sam Heape

Most Improved – Theo Brown

**Mr L Nellthorp**

### Colts A XII Rugby

Homefield 14-42 Rokeby

Homefield 0-19 Lanesborough

Homefield 7-52 King's House

Homefield 33-7 Caterham

Homefield 7-56 Hawthorns

Homefield 25-15 Ewell Castle

Homefield 21-0 Aberdour

Homefield 19-14 The Mall

Homefield brought their season to an end with a hard fought victory over The Mall. Down 14-5 at half time, the boys showed great spirit to fight their way back into the match. Two tries from Sebastian Callaghan and one from Prashast Vir gave Homefield the victory. This meant Homefield finished the season with 4 wins and 4 defeats from the 8 games they played. This represents a fantastic improvement over the 3 years the boys have been together at Homefield.

The boys adapted well to the 7-a-side game. They played in 3 tournaments, the highlight being a narrow plate semi-final defeat to Chinturst at the Feltonfleet sevens.

A Louis Brown try and William Hewetson conversion set up a frantic last few minutes, with only a fantastic try saving tackle preventing Brown from taking the game to extra time. Homefield eventually losing 7-14.

'A' team certificates are awarded to: A Cornish, S Sepanya, P Vir, L Gonsalves, S Callaghan, M Dekas, W Hewetson, T Sokan, J O'Brien, A Otley, L Brown, M Banh, G Hopkins, G Mercieca, C Sturgess-Taylor and M Zockoll.

Colours are awarded to: S Callaghan, A Otley, W Hewetson and Jimmy O'Brien

'A' team Player of the Season: A Otley

'A' team Most Improved Player: S Callaghan

**Mr E Judd**

### Colts 'B' team End of Term Rugby Fixtures and Scores

Well done and congratulations to the 'B' team rugby for an excellent season of Rugby. It has been a very busy and successful season for the boys who won four of their six matches. All the boys that represented the school played well throughout the season. The boys had wins over The Mall, Rokeby, King's House, Aberdour and a draw against Caterham School. The boy's only defeat was against a very useful Hawthorns team. The boys in the pack; Matthew Laws, Sam Gurney, and George Mercieca, all played well and continued to improve with each match. The boys showed good strength in the scrums which allowed the backs to have quality ball to run with.

In the backs the team had very good pace and strength with both Max Zockoll and Dani Ansari having very good seasons, scoring important tries and making very good tackles for the team. Their tries were often converted by the excellent goal kicking of Michael Bahn and Ash Sood. The team was often helped out by the 'A' team boys who were only able to play at home. Michael Bahn, Prashast Vir and Luke Gonsalves gave both strength and speed which was very encouraging.

The Colts 'B' team has been a pleasure to coach this term, and with continued awareness of team-mates and improved listening the boys should do well again next season. The boys deserve the success they have achieved this term, and well done to all the boys who have played their part

Played 6 Won 4 Lost 1 Drawn 1

Most Improved Player: Max Zockoll

Player of the Season: George Mercieca

List of Matches and Results:

Homefield 22 Rokeby 15

George Mercieca, Alexander Peachey, Max Zockoll, Cameroon Sturgess-Taylor, Ash Sood Conversion.

Homefield 36 King's House 7

Michael Banh 2 tries, Sam Gurney 2 tries, Ben Forsdick, Luke Gonsalves, Prashast Vir 2 conversions

Homefield 24                      The Mall 17

Michael Banh 3 tries, Max Zockoll, Michael Banh 1 conversions

Homefield 35                      Caterham 35

Cameron S Taylor 2 tries, Sam Gurney 2 tries, Ben Forsdick, Daniel Ansari, Max Zockoll.

Homefield 45                      Aberdour 5

Max Zockoll 2tries, Cameron S-Taylor, Sam Gurney, Dani Ansari , George Mercieca, Jamie Lynch, Matthew Laws, Alexander Peachey.

Homefield 0                      Hawthorns 35

Team: G Mercieca, C Sturgess-Taylor, A Peachey, M Laws, S Patel, G Hopkins, A Srivastav, J Lynch, A Janjua, M Zockoll (Capt), B Forsdick, A Sood, D Ansari, Y Senanayake, N Ali, M Laws, B Barber, S Gurney.

**Mr G Pearce**

### U13 1<sup>st</sup> XV Team Rugby

Congratulations to all boys who have represented the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Squad this season. The team have battled extremely hard in defence and have at times played some excellent rugby going forward. I feel the skill level and intensity of the rugby has improved dramatically, with a number of boys growing in stature within the team. Teamwork and support have become more evident in attack as confidence and understanding of the game has improved. We undoubtedly have some talented individuals who were able to shine during the 7s season. Homefield responded well after tough early matches against Feltonfleet and Hawthorns. The following games against Lanesborough, The Mall and Chinthurst were all tight matches with Homefield only losing by a try or two. Our scrummaging, rucking and defensive organisation improved. This then gave us possession and a platform to attack from. Willington and Aberdour gave us a little more time and space to play in and this enabled the boys to exhibit their running and ball handling skills. Once again, Homefield dominated the restart and tackle areas and this provided a constant supply of ball for our backs to use. The games ended in fine wins for Homefield. Rokeby provided the boys with a shock as their quick aggressive rucking game proved hard to contain. At half time they were 21-0 in the lead, however an Oliver Darroch intercept and Nathan Inkester break away try pulled Homefield back to within one score. Unfortunately, in the final quarter of the match Rokeby made their domination of possession and territory pay. The final score was 42-14 but the tackling from a number of Homefield players was fantastic. In the final match of the year, we played Cumnor House. Homefield managed to absorb some early Cumnor House pressure and actually went in to half time with a two point lead. The challenge in the second half was to sustain this advantage whilst playing up the slope. This looked unlikely as Cumnor House scored two quick tries. In the last few minutes Nathan Inkester managed to break away following some excellent defensive work by Jack Newton and David Sandler. It was left for the boys to cling on for a narrow

but deserved victory in the dying minutes. It was great for the boys to finish the season on a high given all their hard work throughout the term.

Well done to the front row of Indran Duraisingham, David Sandler and Khalil Baoku for becoming better scrummagers and starting to contribute well in many areas of the pitch. Jasper Pittam and Marcus Melconian performed with great commitment in the engine room of the second row. The back row of Peter O'Brien, Thomas Gunningham and Nicholas Jelcic were an outstanding unit. Sam Goodman and Nathan Inkester worked very well as a half back partnership. Nathan scored numerous tries and made a huge number of tackles in defence. Oliver Darroch improved dramatically at full back. Ben Higgs, Sam Duroshola, Jack Newton and Niall Kavanagh were the outside backs who illustrated their capabilities more in attack against Willington and Aberdour, though regularly held their line well in defence.

### 1<sup>st</sup> XV Results

**Feltonfleet** (lost 61-0), **Hawthorns** (lost 41-14), **The Mall** (lost 28-22), **Lanesborough** (lost 38-19), **Chinthurst** (lost 31-14) **Willington** (won 45-7), **Aberdour** (won 64-0), **Rokeby** (lost 45-13), **Cumnor House** (won 26-24).

### Homefield U13 7s

Congratulations to the U13 1<sup>st</sup> VII Squad who played fantastically well and improved massively within a short time. The key players were those who were also outstanding within the 15 a-side team. It was an excellent end to a short but successful fortnight of Sevens Rugby. We won the Bowl at Kings House Sevens by beating Newland House 14-10. We were then Semi finalists at the Feltonfleet Sevens having narrowly lost to Feltonfleet 5-0 in an epic encounter. Homefield won the final two tournaments of the year at the Aberdour and Homefield Sevens, where we beat Cumnor House 26-24 in a thrilling final.



**Winners of The Bowl Final King's House 7s**



*Aberdour 7s winners*



*Homefield 7s winners*

Well done to Jasper Pittam, Peter O'Brien and Thomas Gunningham who scrummaged successfully throughout all four sevens tournaments. To play sevens rugby and to scrumpage continually between plays is exhausting. They toiled hard to provide good possession for the backs. Sam Goodman was determined and thoughtful at Scrum Half and was outstanding at the Homefield 7s. Nathan Inkester displayed his usual athleticism and try scoring prowess at Fly Half. Jonny Coekin and Oliver Darroch shared duties on the right wing and contributed well to the teams' success. On the left Wing Nicolas Jelacic was a constant threat in attack and played well to support the team with some robust defence. Well done to Khalil Baoku and Jack Newton who also contributed well during games and tournaments.

**Certificates** are awarded to boys who played throughout the whole season for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV this year;

Khalil Baoku, Indran Duraisingham, David Sandler, Jasper Pittam, Marcus Melconian, Thomas Gunningham, Peter O'Brien, Nicholas Jelacic, Sam Goodman, Nathan Inkester, Jonny Coekin, Niall Kavanagh, Ben Higgs, Oliver Darroch, Sam Duroshola.

**Colours** are awarded to boys who were outstanding within the squad;

Jasper Pittam, Thomas Gunningham, Peter O'Brien, Nicolas Jelacic, Sam Goodman, Nathan Inkester, Oliver Darroch, Jonny Coekin

**Player of the Year:** Nathan Inkester

**Most Improved Player:** Thomas Gunningham

**Mr L Nellthorp**

### **Old Boys' Sports Update**

#### **KCS wins U16 Rugby Surrey 7s**

A mix of L5th and U5th boys were selected for the U16 Surrey 7s this Thursday. Despite only having a handful of training sessions the boys went into the tournament with a quiet sense of confidence.

Despite losing their first game to a physical Riddlesdown Collegiate side the boys rallied to play with intensity and passion to beat a much fancied John Fisher side 22-0 which was a fantastic achievement. After the completion of the group stages having won 3 and lost 2 the boys finished third in the group on points difference and were entered into the Plate competition.

Determined to prove a point and lay a marker down for the National in two weeks time the boys stormed their quarter-final against Carshalton Sports College running in 7 tries. Local rivals Tiffin were then overcome in the semi-finals to set up a final against City Of London Freeman's School who had been playing some good 7s throughout the tournament. The boys did not disappoint. Freemans were blown away in the final by a calculated and physical performance by the KCS boys who thoroughly deserved their 38-0 victory.



*Matthew Hykin (second left, front row) with the valiant KCS team*

All boys must be commended for their efforts during the course of the day. It was a real squad effort with every individual making significant contributions. A special mention must go to top try scorer George Taylor who despite playing an age group up stood out with his composure and ability on the ball. Captain James Baker, James Churchman and **Matthew Hykin** were the heart of the team throughout the day and put in some outstanding performances.

## **Hockey**

### **Under 13 Report**

This was the second year of matches and therefore we had more idea of what we would face at Kingswood House and Hawthorns. Playing seven a side on a larger area of pitch was very different from our preparation, but we settled quickly in our first match and led by a Jamie Hughes goal at half-time. The long break before we resumed worked in their favour and within seconds the scores were level. Jamie then finished off a series of passes forward by beating the Kingswood keeper from close range. For a while, it looked like we could hold on for a win with Ben Adey and Harry Goddard defending well in front of David Sandler in goal. Sadly, we let in two goals in the last four minutes and let our opponents off the hook. We couldn't really complain as they had plenty of chances to score.

Team: D Sandler, B Adey, H Goddard, D D'Mello, J Hopper, A Araim and J Hughes.

In the match at Hawthorns, we started well again. It was no surprise when the energetic Nathan Inkester and Peter O'Brien took control of midfield and Peter had cracked in two goals by half-time. David Sandler kicked away a dangerous attack and successfully pushed away a high shot from a penalty corner. This meant that we did better than just hold on for an unexpected 2-0 result on a three-quarter sized pitch. Yes, we did nearly concede towards the end, but our hosts were clearly desperate to get back in the match and couldn't take the chances past our excellent goalkeeper. Well done to all those who played this season!

Team: D Sandler, B Adey, H Goddard, A Araim, J Hughes, N Inkester, J Hopper and P O'Brien

**Mr Richard Strong**

### **Colts 'A' and 'B' Hockey results v Hawthorns**

Both the Colts 'A' and 'B' teams were involved in their first games of hockey against Hawthorns school on Friday. The 'A' team played against a very useful Hawthorns team and was soon relying on the goal keeping skills of Jamie Lynch to keep the score down, making many fine saves in the first half. Homefield improved greatly in the second half with Jaimin Patel forcing the Hawthorns keeper to make good saves. Jaimin did find the target after he was sent clear and scored from a tight angle.

Hawthorns 8 Homefield 1

Team: Jamie Lynch, Ben Forsdick, Ashwin Sood (Capt), Dani Ansari, Yasith Senanayake, Seb Callaghan, Jaimin Patel

The 'B' team had an excellent result beating Hawthorns by two goals to nil. Oliver Hilton was solid in defense, and both Rohit Prabhu and Christopher Hart were on target to score for Homefield. Malin Dekas showed lots of energy supporting both the defense and attack and Luke Gonsalves in goal stood firm and cleared away any danger.

Hawthorns 0 Homefield 2

Team: M Laws, Oliver Hilton, Luke Gonsalves, Christopher Hart, Rohit Prabhu, Adam Khan, Malin Dekas.

Colts 'A' and 'B' Hockey results v Kingswood House

The 'A' team put in a much improved performance against Kingswood House on Wednesday afternoon. However, it was not sufficient to stop the opponents winning the game. Goalkeeper Luke Gonsalves used both his feet and body to good effect stopping any threat on his goal. Homefield were trailing at half time, but in the second half they were more involved in the game and scored two goals through Archie Otley and Michael Banh. Choice of possession in the second half was much improved along with the boy's decision making.

Kingswood House 5 Homefield 2

Team: Luke Gonsalves g/k, Malin Dekas, Archie Otley, Tishe Sokun, William Hewetson, Michael Banh, Prashast Vir.

The Colts 'B' team put in another convincing performance winning the game by 3-0 against Kingswood House. George Hopkins played well in defense making good tackles to stop the Kingswood House attack. First half goals were scored by Jimmy O'Brien and Ash Sood. A late second half goal sealed the game for Homefield, with Louis Brown finishing off a fine move.

Team: Sam Gurney g/k, Jamie Lynch, Ben Forsdick, Ashwin Sood (Capt), Jimmy O'Brien, George Mercieca, Louis Brown, George Hopkins.

Well done to all the boys who have been selected to play Hockey this term.

**Mr Pearce/ Mr Till**

## **Squash**

### **Homefield; top Squash school in Surrey**

Squash fixtures, such as the one against Cranmore, were unfortunately disrupted due to some players being injured.

The under-11 had a fixture against Chinthurst School at home; it was the first competitive game for some of the team, and I was delighted with their draw.

Well done to the Sanjay Patel, Ali Janjua and Jimmy O'Brien. The other members of the team were Shrey Sachdeva, standing for an injured Imran Sheikh, Harry Bulkeley and Fahd Khan.

Homefield School had again a powerful presence at the annual individual Surrey Squash tournament, held at Epsom College.

The under-11 made a strong showing. Both Ali Janjua and Jimmy O'Brien were qualified for the main cup following a round robin first section. This in itself is a feat. Unfortunately, they were both narrowly knocked out at the first round of the main cup.

Our under-13 team was wonderful; Amin, as a L6th, found the day quite challenging but won several games and a match in the round robin section. David Sandler was only a few points away from the final of the plate competition. Five boys made the main cup draw and even though our number 3, Jamie Hughes was not able to play, we still claimed 5 out of the top 6 places! Nicholas Jellic had a great match against Nathan Inkester in the quarter final of the main cup but had to concede the match, Nathan went on to the semi final, where he was unfortunately

defeated by the eventual winner. Harry Sprunt had a perfect match day and exceeded all his expectations by reaching the semi finals, where he had to play against Ben Adey, our team captain. Again, Harry gave Ben a good game but had to concede the match. Harry had then to play Nathan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, Nathan coming out victorious. Ben had reached the final, but did not quite manage to work out how to beat the eventual winner, a pupil from Kent.



*Medal winners at Epsom College*

So, to summarise, we ended the day with 2 medals, for the runner up and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Homefield School squash team being once again as it had shown last term at the Surrey team tournament, the best squash team in Surrey, claiming the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> equal place! Well done to all the boys who took part; I was so proud of them!

The under-12 team, with George Henning, Amin and Ali Janjua, Max Ruggeri and Sam Sterling was in action against Trinity School, away, on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately, the team players still need to make further progress before they emulate the under-13 team and only one of the 5 team members scored a victory, Ali Janjua. Keep practising!

The Spring term ended with the House Squash competition. Every squash club member was encouraged to take part, and if my adding up is correct, 38 boys from the Monday, Wednesday and Friday groups competed.

For the Monday group, in 1<sup>st</sup> position was Bomfords, in 2<sup>nd</sup> position Walfords, 3<sup>rd</sup> position Ellis and 4<sup>th</sup> position Grays.

For the Wednesday group, in 1<sup>st</sup> position was Walfords, 2<sup>nd</sup> position Grays, 3<sup>rd</sup> position Bomfords and 4<sup>th</sup> position Ellis.

For the Friday group, in 1<sup>st</sup> position was Grays, 2<sup>nd</sup> position Ellis, 3<sup>rd</sup> position Bomfords and 4<sup>th</sup> position Walfords.

The points gained by each player was added and the final overall result was:

1<sup>st</sup> Bomfords, 2<sup>nd</sup> Walfords, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ellis and 4<sup>th</sup> Grays.

Once again, thank you very much to Natalie, our coach and to their parents for their support.

**Sabine White**

### **Table Tennis**

The U13 team have played 3 league fixtures this term. They beat Hampton 8-2 but lost 7-3 to King's College Junior School and 9-1 to Wilson's. Well done to the following boys for representing the school. Jamie Hughes, Nicholas Jelcic, Harry Sprunt, Dominic D'Mello, Sam Goodman and Nishant Bommayya.

The U11 had 2 league fixtures beating Royal Russell 7-3 and losing 9-1 to KCJS. In the autumn term they played in the South London Cup beating Royal Russell 7-1 in the semis and

losing 7-1 to KCJS in the final. Well done to Yasith Senanayake, Seleso Sepanya, Sanjay Patel, Aaron Cornish and Harry Bulkeley.

**Mr Michael Mallett**

### **Ski Trip February 2011**

During half term, 35 pupils and old boys embarked on another successful ski trip to Gstaad ski region of Switzerland. After an early start from Homefield on Saturday morning we arrived at The Haut Lac International Centre in Les Sciernes late afternoon. Each day we travel by train through the picturesque towns of Chateau d'Oex and Gstaad to the ski area of Saanenmoser.



The ski area is ideal for our school party as it caters for all standards of skiing. The lunch is eaten in the picnic area at the top of the gondola lift. This is a good opportunity for all the boys to get together to discuss their experiences. At the end of the day our coach is waiting for us in the car park to transport us back to the centre. Each evening the boys are looked after by the sports monitors and are entertained by table football, pool, table tennis, video games, a casino night and a film night. I would like to thank all the boys who came with us for their enthusiasm and perfect behaviour.

**Mr Mallett**

### **Petanque Club**

This takes place every Wednesday evening and at 1.30 on many days during the week, using the cycle path. This game is gaining in popularity in England for many reasons. The first reason, perhaps, that it's fun and can be played by anyone, pretty well anywhere and is rapidly becoming an international game like football. The second is its happy associations with the South of France in the summer! There is now an English Petanque Association that is desperate for younger players and runs special training sessions for young people at the weekends, and during the holidays. Details of this are on the Association's website. There is even a Petanque TV Channel on the web at [petanque.org](http://petanque.org).

**Mr Michael Brett**

### **Young Stars Judo**

The first lesson next term will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May for the Upper 4<sup>th</sup> (lunchtime) and for all other groups lessons will commence on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the following times:

Years 1 and 2	3.20 – 4.05pm
Years 3 and 4	lunchtime
Years 5 and 6	4.15 – 5.00pm

Please note that 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.

If your son no longer wishes to continue judo, a term's written notice must be given otherwise you will be charged a full term's fee.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and to thank you for your support.

**Ms J Horton**

**Karate**

**Snow Herons Martial Arts Club Championships**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March, I went to the SHCC at school. When I arrived at school I watched the testing that was going on. It was before the Championships.

There were nearly 50 competitors getting ready and lots and lots of mums and dads. It was really busy and there were some of my friends there. Ma'am explained to everyone what was going to happen during the day and when we found out what time our division was on we started to get ready by warming up. Then the competition started and each division did hyungs and I did form number four which is for green belts.

After the hyungs we had a break and lunch. When lunch was over, it was time to get my padding on for the sparring session. The padding is to keep us safe when we are sparring. When I finished my sparring, I watched all my friends take their turn. I was really pleased to win a bronze medal.

When all the medals had been handed out we watched one of the referees who is a 14 times Great British Nunchucku Champion do a demonstration using 2 Nunchuckus. His moves were really cool. Everyone enjoyed watching him. After the demonstration my daddy took a photograph of me trying to do the splits with the Nunchucku Master.

Then it was time for the black belts to spar and they were awesome. I hope I can be a black belt champion when I get older. Everyone had a great day.

**Reporter: Liam Colohan 3H**



*The Snow Herons Club Championships*

**Results**

**Name**

Ben Andrews

**Medal Awarded**

Bronze – Hyungs  
Gold – Sparring  
Gold – Weapons  
Gold – Board Break  
Gold – Sparring

Adam Attal

Ashwin Banerjee

Zeb Bond

Adam Choudhury

Alexander Clarke-Tidey

Laurence Clarke-Tidey

Liam Colohan

Bryn Craske

Luca Fooks

William Gurney

Rizwan Hatimi

Sam Heape

Humayun Husain

Sahil Kohli

Ayokune Lewis

James Mendes

Jonathan Mendes

Ved Nathwani

Sean Pande

Philippe Pioli

Kiyan Rahman

Qasim Raza

Seza Reisoglu

Luca Shaw

Joshua Stearnes

James Vandrau

Nathaniel Wagner

Warwick Wagner

Silver – Hyungs

Silver - Sparring

Silver - Weapons

Bronze – Hyungs

Bronze - Sparring

Gold – Hyungs

Gold - Sparring

Gold – Hyungs

Gold - Sparring

Bronze - Sparring

Bronze - Sparring

Silver – Hyungs

Silver - Sparring

Silver – Hyungs

Silver – Sparring

Bronze - Weapons

Bronze – Hyungs

Gold - Sparring

Gold – Hyungs

Silver - Weapons

Gold – Sparring

Gold – K/B Combo

Silver – Hyungs

Silver – Sparring

Silver - Weapons

Gold – Hyungs

Silver - Sparring

Bronze – Hyungs

Silver - Sparring

Gold - Sparring

Silver – Hyungs

Silver - Sparring

Bronze K/B Combo

Gold – Hyungs

Gold - Sparring

Gold - Sparring

Bronze – Sparring

Gold – K/B Combo

Silver - Sparring

Bronze - Sparring

Gold – Hyungs

Bronze – Sparring

Bronze - Weapons

Silver – Hyungs

Bronze - Sparring

Silver – Sparring

Gold – K/B Combo

Silver – Hyungs

Silver - Sparring

A reminder that if students would like a trial lesson they must pre book with Faith Andrews who can be contacted on 07809725948.

**Ms F Andrews**

**Chess**

This has been another outstanding term for chess at Homefield, as will be evident from the following achievements:

**South of England Junior Championships**

Venue: Yateley Manor School, Hampshire

Date: 29<sup>th</sup>– 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011

In the U11s Michael Banh achieved the outstanding result of 4.5 out of 5 and came 1<sup>st</sup> out of 52 players. Prashast Vir came joint 16<sup>th</sup> with 3 out of 5.

In the U10 Closed Tournament (to which only the top players are invited to play) Aditya Yanamandra with 3.5 points came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, which was another excellent achievement.

### **'Make Me A Champion' Tournament**

Venue: Hinchley Wood Secondary School

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Only 12 Homefield boys played in this tournament, but 5 of these became Wallington Champions and 1 a Brixton Champion. The successful boys were:

- Philippe Pioli (U7s) who came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 32
- Anish Patel (U8s) who came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 46
- Stephen Banh (U9s) who came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 37
- William Gurney (U9s) who came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 37
- Alex Davies (U9 boy who played in the U11 section) came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 24! Well done!
- Evan Wang (U12s) also came 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Zac Gray did not become a Champion, but he played well to come in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 37 in the U9s.

### **Briant Poulter League**

Last year, Homefield came 1<sup>st</sup> playing in the 4<sup>th</sup> division of this tournament for Secondary Schools, so we were moved up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> division. This proved a not too daunting challenge for our boys, as they won all 10 matches this year and so came top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> division. Further details will be given next term. We are very grateful to Mr Mowbray for supervising all 10 matches, both home and away.

### **UK Chess Challenge 2011**

36 Homefield boys have already successfully qualified for the Megafinals of the above tournament which will take place during the May Bank Holiday weekend. Some of the boys who did not quite make it will be trying for a second chance to qualify by playing in the 'Last Chance Saloon' tournament on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

### **English Primary Schools National Chess Championship**

In the first round of the above tournament at Twickenham Preparatory School, our U11 team of 6 boys and both U9 teams qualified for the semi-finals. Our U9 'A' team and U11 team both won their section with an outstanding score of 23 out of 25 points. All 3 teams will now be playing in the semi-finals at Pontin's, Camber Sands, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We wish them well.

### **Wey Valley Teams 2011**

As a result of their good performance in the two important Wey Valley tournaments played this term, 5 Homefield boys were selected for the U11 squad and 6 for the U9 squad:

#### **U11s**

Michael Banh  
Luke Gonsalves  
Yasith Senanayake  
Prashast Vir  
Aditya Yanamandra

#### **U9s**

Alexander Davies  
Rahul Desai  
Stephen Banh  
Zac Gray  
William Gurney  
Adam Choudhury (U8 boy)

In the finals of EPSCA Inter-Counties team tournament, the U11 Wey Valley Team, representing Surrey, came 1<sup>st</sup> and the U9 team came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to all the boys who played so well and a big 'thank you' to all the parents who took their sons up to Nottingham or down to Devon for these events.

### **England Chess Team**

Two of our Homefield boys, Prashast Vir and Aditya Yanamandra (U10) must be congratulated on their selection for the England U11 Chess team, as a result of their good performance in their recent England trials in Liverpool. Michael Banh, another excellent chess player, also qualified for the trials, but sadly did not quite make it into the team.

This brings the number of Homefield boys selected to play for England over the years to a total of eight.

### **Miss W Bradley**

### **EPSCA National Chess Finals**

Well done to Zac Gray, Stephen Banh, William Gurney, Alex Davies and Rahul Desai who played in the EPSCA Inter Area Chess Finals in Nottingham on Saturday. They were part of the 12 strong Wey Valley (Surrey) team who fought off stiff competition to come second in the entire country and only one point behind the overall winners, Sussex.



*Happy Chess Success!*

### **England Chess Team Trials 2011**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of April, I left school to go to the England chess team trials in Liverpool. This tournament was to get into the National England junior squad, in which you would visit other countries to play their chess team.

When we arrived, I was very nervous because this trial was for the U11 Squad and I was 11, so this was my final chance to get in through the trial. On the next day, 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, the trial began. I had butterflies in my stomach as I went in to play the first round, but I managed a win. I started to gain my confidence, which was proved in my second round win against the top seed in the tournament. Unfortunately, I lost the third and last game of the day. Two out of three on the first day is quite a good score for the first day of play because there are six rounds and you usually need about three and a half to get in the squad.

After this day, I went to the hotel for a good night's sleep. There was still one more day of chess left!

On the 3rd of April, I felt the same nervousness from the first day. A win in the fourth round gave me a boost, but I lost the fifth round to a very strong player. I now had three out of five. I needed to win or draw my next game; otherwise I would have no hope. The sixth game was agonizingly close, in which I just managed to pull off a draw. I went home hoping three and a half out of six would be enough.

On the afternoon of Monday the 4th April, I got a call from the manager of the England team. I was overjoyed when he told me that I had got into the England team! I was also told that I had been invited to go to Holland and Flanders and some other places to play against them in chess! A great weekend for me!

**Reporter: Prashast Vir 5<sup>th</sup> form**