

# HEADLINES

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Summer Term 2010 – April (2)

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Boys, parents and staff will be looking forward to the brief respite of the Bank Holiday on Monday, save for the Eton, King's and St Edward's, Oxford, Scholarship candidates who will be girding their academic loins for their Scholarship examinations which take place next week.

Boys in the 5<sup>th</sup> Form will also be making final preparations for their Key Stage 2 examinations which begin on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

In the Early Years' Unit the boys are all pacing the corridors like expectant fathers; whilst, in the High Street, political canvassers are also counting their psephological chickens! On the Sports' field the Homefield cricket teams are, as I write, unbeaten, and, on Thursday, in the School Assembly Hall, the election votes, will be cast!

**As ever, beyond the voting hall, the school will remain in full working action. Accordingly, we would ask that parents do not use the school drive for delivery or collection on this day. Please assist the school by parking safely at a distance and deliver your children on foot.**

## Homefield Association

### *The Fun Run Saturday - 15<sup>th</sup> May*

The Annual Homefield Association's Charity Fun Run in aid of Cancer Research and The Royal Marsden Hospital will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 11am to 1pm at Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club. Please see attached flyer for information and sponsor forms.

This is a fun event for all the family and will take place whatever the weather. There will be a shorter course available for smaller boys and some fun side events such as 'wet stocks' for teachers will take place. Prizes will be awarded to the boy from each department who completes the most laps. Fancy dress is optional.

### **Bollywood Bash - 26<sup>th</sup> June**

This is an exciting opportunity to spend an evening with your friends from school in a fun, informal party setting. This year's theme is 'Bollywood', with a curry buffet, entertainers, an Asian dance troupe and disco.

Please see the attached flyer for details and ticket request form. Tickets are priced at £50 each and include drinks reception (closing date 4<sup>th</sup> June). Tables are prearranged (8, 10 or 12) so join with your year group or bring some friends. Dress code is smart evening wear or international dress.

## **The Early Years' Unit**

**Chick update** All the boys are behaving like mother hens and can't wait for the chicks to hatch. We are now up to Day 9 (Tuesday) and each chick should now have developed their internal organs, legs and wings. Their feathers are now beginning to grow.

This week we have looked at each egg through a candling lamp to check their progress. All well so far!

Please remember the Bear Raffle fundraising appeal and either sign a box with your son or send a £1 in his book bag.

**Mrs B Whiteway**

## **The Nursery**

This week's focus is 'Rail Travel'.

Some of the learning experiences planned include:

- ❖ Non-fiction books about Rail
- ❖ Jolly Phonic 'w' action, song and story.
- ❖ Trains past and present
- ❖ Recognising numerals **0 – 10 and beyond**
- ❖ Learning about opposites (in and out)
- ❖ Making Train biscuits

**Miss Kingsford, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans**

## **Transition**

Transition boys enjoyed naming the fruits, cutting and making a fruit salad this week and most boys enjoyed eating it too.

Next week for our topic 'Food' we are focusing on vegetables. We will be planting some seeds indoors and printing with vegetables. In PE we have begun to practise team games.

In Literacy we will be reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' and 'Stone Soup'. We are writing a recipe for vegetable soup and making posters for healthy eating.

We will be learning the digraph 'ou'.

In Numeracy we are revising ordinal numbers and counting in twos. The boys will continue to practise addition but with money and making five pence with different coins.

**Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy**

## **The Junior Department**

### **The First Year**

This week we have begun our rehearsals for the Summer Play which will be performed on Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. and Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. We are sending home the words for the boys to learn over the weekend. Please could you make sure that these are returned to school on Tuesday. You will also receive a letter about the costumes – thank you, in advance, for your help. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

**Mrs Gunningham, Mrs Goodbody and Miss Buchanan**

### **The Second Year**

We were delighted to have back most of our boys this week. An excellent start has been made on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year play, “The Goblin Next Door”. The boys have been given their parts to learn and are very excited. Parental assistance in learning lines and cues would be greatly appreciated.

Spellings this week are er, ir and ur words that make the er sound.

We have introduced division and so continuing practise of the times tables will be really helpful.

Clubs have restarted. Well done to those boys who attend every week!

**Mrs Burgess, Mrs Connaughton and Mrs Lyndham**

### **Homefield Heroes**

**1H Rai'd Lilani** for excellent progress in reading and writing.

**1P Yusuf Surty** for writing an excellent story. Well done Yusuf!

**1S Samuel Shorrocks** for fantastic literacy work. Well done Samuel!

**2H Elliot Clarke** for the real effort he is making every day to work quietly and sensibly.

**2P Carter Edwards** for settling down so well to life at Homefield.

**2P Logan Jopling** for making an extra effort in reading and writing.

**2S Kiran Lee** for helping others and super independent work. Well done!

**3H Sam Heape** for being consistent, serious and helpful in his work.

**3S Samuel Warren** for excellent organisational skills and continued positive attitude towards his school work.

### **Other Awards and Certificates**

**2S Hamish Frost** – Congratulations to Hamish who took his Trinity Guildhall Young Performers Gold Award with his drama group. The group achieved a Gold standard pass in this award.

### **Music**

Congratulations to the following boys who took music exams at the end of last term:

### **Violin**

Initial Exam - Ben Andrews L4S (Merit), William Gurney 3H (Distinction)

Grade 1 - Alieu Ceesay U4H (Merit) Hamish Frost 2S (Distinction)

Grade 2 - Jack Newton L6S (Merit), Shaneel Mungul 5H (Merit)

Grade 3 - Sanjay Patel L4S (Merit)

### **Piano**

Grade 1 - Sam Gurney U4S, Rohan Rahman L4H (Merit)

Grade 2 – Charlie Davies L4H (Merit)

**Mr A Meyers**

### **Sport**

#### **Homefield Swimming Gala 2010**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the Homefield swimming gala took place at Cheam Baths. There was a wonderful atmosphere and each race was highly competitive.

At the U9 age level, Konrad Zielinski and Sam Smith won a majority of their respective races giving Grays and Bomfords an early lead but the cumulative points scored by the Ellis swimmers kept them in touch with a score of 60 points.

At the U10 age level, Jimmy O'Brien once again dominated the heats individually scoring 26 points out of a possible 30. Louis Brown also scored highly by winning two out of three races and allowing Walfords to win the U10 points total with 65 points.

At the U11 Level, it was a battle between the team captains, Jack Hopper, Ben Aldous, Sam Sterling and George Henning. Jasper Pittam and William French swam very well but it was George Henning who won two of his races to put Walfords into a narrow lead with only the relays to go. The relay events were extremely close but eventually Ellis became the winning House having accumulated 175 points, just 10 more than second place Walfords.

The Leisure Centre Manager personally told me how impressed she was with the behaviour and conduct of all the boys - a sentiment which I wish to echo. Each competitor gave their all and cheered on their team and also their opponents. Well done to all the boys who represented their House and congratulations to Ellis House.

**Mr D Matthews**

#### **U9 Cricket**

Well done to all the boys in the L4th! A great start to the season with two wins. Special mention for Harry Bulkeley, who scored 29, and Max Bowen-West, who scored 21 and took two catches.

Homefield 'A' 323

Caterham 'A' 258

Homefield 'B' 247

Caterham 'B' 231

**Mr E Judd**

#### **Homefield Unbeaten!**

What a fantastic start to the cricket season for Homefield. At the time of going to print all of the cricket teams have won, six out of six. Only the U11s are yet to play this afternoon and a win will cap a whitewash week! (No pressure Mr Till!)

#### **U10 'A' Team vs Lansborough**

The boys started their season with an emphatic win beating Lansborough by eight wickets. Sai Patel and Jaimin Patel opened the bowling with pin point accuracy, Sai struck first, bowling out the batsman with his third ball, Jaimin picked up two wickets for one run in his first over and a wicket maiden in his second! This provided Mr Matthews the opportunity to give most of the team a bowl, and amazingly every boy responded

with some line and length restricting the opposition to just 35 runs! Ben Forsdick finished with the best figures of two wickets for no runs, narrowly missing out on a hatrick! The batting line up made quick work of the run chase. Jaimin hit four fours and was retired in order to give Jimmy O'Brien time at the crease. The whole team played exceptionally well from start to finish. Well done boys!

U10 'B' Team also made a wonderful start to the season winning by 18 runs. Mr Judd faces a selection headache when some boys return after their volcano restricted travels!

Homefield 301

Lanesborough 283

**Mr D Matthews**