

HEADLINES

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Dear Parents,

I extend my personal thanks and appreciation to Homefield staff, parents and boys for their exemplary support and professionalism during this week's inspection of the Early Years' Unit which is now completed, and the first half of the whole school inspection which now resumes in the first half of March. The process is most edifying and constructive. I am especially grateful to those very many parents, and certain boys, who found the time to complete the on-line surveys which first conveyed the Homefield experience to the Lead Inspector and his hard-working team! Inspection outcomes will follow after the completion of the full process.

On Tuesday afternoon I was especially delighted (however fleetingly) to notice the fine improvement of the U4th form rugby players in their splendid rugby tournament against Rokeby and Cumnor House. Crests are merited and will follow in due course!

Let's hope that the England rugby team can emulate the boys' pride in performance at the weekend!

**Best wishes,
Robin Mowbray**

The Homefield Association

Haiti Appeal

On behalf of the Homefield Association I would like to thank all those who were able to attend the Haiti Coffee Morning today for their amazing generosity. The donations of some delicious cakes and biscuits were gratefully received. The second hand uniform sale raised £83 and the proceeds of the morning came to a grand total of £450! A fantastic sum to add to the existing Haiti Appeal!

Quiz Night

Please remember to send in your ticket application forms for the forthcoming Quiz Night on Friday 5th March. This event is very popular so to guarantee your place book early! Ticket application slips are available on the Association Notice Board in the main hall or the flyer is attached with Headlines or on the Homefield website.

If you have any questions regarding the Homefield Association's activities please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nicola Rahman

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The Early Years' Unit

The Nursery

The topic for this half term is Traditional and Fairy Tales and next week we will be recapping all the traditional tales we have learnt so far. We will be making a group book about a Fairy/Traditional tale. Be involved in 'shape' activities. Learning phonic 'u' in action, song and story. If possible, please bring in objects beginning with this sound. We will also be recognizing numerals 0 – 10 and beyond.

Miss Kingsford, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

Transition

All the boys have really enjoyed our focus on Africa and we have been overwhelmed with African stories, animals and artefacts from home. One of the recent visitors commented that they asked a boy where Africa was and they were able to pinpoint the exact position on the world map! They were very impressed! We were also very lucky to have Mrs Munks reading a book in Zulu which corresponded with myself reading the same book in English. The boys enjoyed imitating the 'clicks' in the Zulu language.



Dual language story telling in Transition

In the lead up to Chinese New Year we will be focusing on China. If you have any information, stories or pictures you would like to share then please send them in with your son. We will be making Chinese lanterns and painting dragons (always a popular one with boys).

In Literacy we are focusing on vowels and will continue to practise blending sounds. We will be sending some new word boxes home for the half term holiday.

In Numeracy we need to practise number bonds to five and will be counting in twos.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr Craske for his very generous donation of a huge jar of money for our guide dog appeal.

Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

The First Year

The boys have worked really hard this week. In our Mathematics we have been continuing our 'Time' topic and doing lots of calculations with numbers up to 100. In Art we have been creating Jack Frost collages which we are looking forward to displaying in the classrooms. May we remind the boys that we collect for Guide Dogs for the Blind on Fridays and if you would like to bring a small amount of money, it would be much appreciated.

Homefield Heroes

1H Sahil Kohli for excellent handwriting and presentation of his work. Well done Sahil!

1P Kwabena Sarpong for being a reliable and sensible member of 1P. Well done Kwabena!

1S Yaw Sarpong for listening well and having an excellent approach to all he does. Well done Yaw!

1S Shwan Saeed for trying really hard with his handwriting. Well Done Shwan!

2H Zakariya Lilani for his improved attitude towards his work and meeting his target of completing a task in the lesson. Fantastic progress, Zakariya. Don't stop now!

2P. Ashwin Banerjee for fabulous knowledge of times tables. Great results each week. Well done keep it up!

3H Nathan Addy-Walker for improved all-round behaviour and being more focused in Maths and English lessons!

3S William Sawyer for excellent effort, participation and focus in lessons!

Music

Christmas Concert - CDs

A DVD of all of the performances that took place last Christmas will be available shortly, when editing and production is complete. However, in the meantime, if any parents would like a copy of the audio CD of the Senior Department Christmas Concert please let me know. If you would like to include a donation with your request, I will be collecting for the CLIC Sargent charity that works with young people with cancer.

Mr A Meyers

French Department

To pupils in L4th, U4th and 5th forms

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

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

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

This is a truly exciting experience which your son could hugely benefit from. If you are interested, please contact me at sabine.white@homefield.sutton.sch.uk.

Mrs S White

Classics Department News

On the afternoon of Friday 12th February, the Upper 6H and P classes will be attending a performance of Aeschylus' 'Oresteia' at the Bloomsbury Theatre in London, staged by the UCL Classical Drama Society. It will be a wonderful opportunity for these students to widen their appreciation of culture and entertainment from the classical world, and hopefully provide inspiration for further exploration of such topics in later stages of their education.

I would also emphasise a correction to previously published information regarding this outing, the performance will be concluding at 5.00pm, not 4.00pm as originally advised, and thus we will be making our return to school at approximately 6.00pm that afternoon.

I know that all of the boys are looking forward to this outing, and I anticipate a great afternoon's taste of ancient Greek culture.

Mr M McCaffery

Sport

Cross Country Running Competition

On Wednesday, fourteen Year 3, Lower 4th, Upper 4th and 5th form boys participated in the second of three running meets organised by the Sutton and District Athletic Club.

Once again, our boys showed great determination. Many improved on their positions. Sanjay Patel and Konrad Zielinski placed 5th and 14th respectively in the Year 4 race. Archie Otley and Tomas Harmsworth finished in the top 20 in the Upper 4th and 5th form competition.

The third and final race takes place on Wednesday, 3rd March at Sutton Arena.

Congratulations to the following boys who participated on Wednesday.

Year 3

Joseph Harmsworth

Lower 4th form

Luke Saitch, Konrad Zielinski, Aston Barringer, Sanjay Patel, Huw Shopland

Upper 4th form

Ben Forsdick, William Hewetson, Archie Otley, Ashwin Sood, Sam Gurney

5th Form

Tommy Highwood, Jack Hopper, Tomas Harmsworth

Mr A Murani

U9 Rugby

Over the last 8 days the U9 'A' team have played no fewer than 10 matches! After disappointing defeats to Hazelwood and Aberdour last Thursday, the squad showed their potential at the Regional Prep. Schools tournament on Sunday. In the bitter cold and deep mud, the boys battled hard in defeats against strong Columbas and Chinthurst teams, before picking up a morale boosting 1-0 win over Thomas', Fulham.

The boys continued to show improved tackling, rucking and organisation at Hawthorns on Tuesday. However, our passing, support play and finishing still has to be improved if we are to challenge stronger schools. Narrow defeats to Cumnor House, Hazelwood and Yardley Court left the boys feeling that they could have achieved more.

A much deserved 2-1 win over Caterham followed by a frustrating 1-1 draw to Reigate St Mary's rounded off a hectic few days. Well done to the whole squad for their enthusiasm, determination and commitment. Thank you to all the parents for their continued support.

A Team Squad: Louis Vasili, Harry Bulkeley, Max Bowen West, Konrad Zielinski, Sanjay Patel, Luke Saitch, Aston Barringer, Joel Goodman, Jin Seong Yi, Benjamin Andrews, Oscar Pitkethly, Leo Lim.

Mr E Judd

U9 B Team Rugby

Homefield 7- 2 Caterham

On Thursday 4th February, the Under 9 B team had an outstanding win against Caterham. Oscar Pitkethly, Captain for the day showed some impressive running with the ball and scored in the very first play of the match. Harry Bah also impressed with two tries and Aditya Yanamandra also received a pass from Huw Shopland to score a well worked team try. The movement of the team in defence was fantastic with pressure on the opposition's back line leaving little opportunity for them to score. Indeed they only broke through twice in the whole match.

Homefield 2- 3 Reigate St Mary's

In the second game Homefield had the upper hand throughout the match but failed to finish off numerous chances. The boys were unable to replicate the very thing that helped them win the first match - teamwork, and instead tried to run the ball on their own without passing. Rohan Rahman worked extremely hard at scrum half and Ken Hiraga was very good at fly half but basic team passing let us lose a game we should have won.

I am very happy with the boys' development this season and look forward to next week's final game against the Hawthorns.

Mr D Matthews

U10 Rugby v Cumnor House and Rokeby

Homefield 2-4 Cumnor

Homefield 4-2 Rokeby

On Tuesday 2nd February, the U10 boys took on the might of Cumnor House and Rokeby with fantastic success. The A team lost to Cumnor but the improvement in their all round play was clear for all to see. The front row worked extremely hard at the break down with Seb Callaghan, Prashasht Vir and Selesso Sepanya seeming to always be at the forefront. The backs had pace and the tenacity of Tishe Sokan led to the home team scoring a well worked try.

Against Rokeby the A team finally put all their hard work together and won. Team work was the main factor, Jimmy O'Brien managed to link up very well with scrum half Malin Dekas, who incidentally looks a class act in that position, and the attacking play was relentless.

The sports department are so proud of the whole team for their constant improvement and unwillingness to give in.

Well done!

Team: Seleso Sepanya, Prashasht Vir, Seb Callaghan, Malin Dekas, Tishe Sokan, Jimmy O'Brien, Louis Brown, William Hewetson, Archie Otley, Aaron Cornish.

Mr D Matthews

Under 10 B team

Homefield 5-4 Cumnor House

Homefield 2-1 Rokeby

The B team beat both Rokeby and Cumnor House with ease. Tries by Sam Gurney and Michael Bahn very early on led to Cumnor making many mistakes and the passing of the B team allowed new players Alex Peachey and Ravi Nair make impressive debuts. Rokeby put up a greater fight but the passing of George Hopkins and Ben Forsdick and the forward play of George Mercieca allowed great runs by Matthew Laws and Sam Gurney to secure all the points for the home team.

Well done boys.

Team: George Mercieca, Luke Gonslaves, Cameron Sturgess-Taylor, George Hopkins, Michael Bahn, Sam Gurney, Ali Janjua, Jamie Lynch, Matthew Laws, Ben Forsdick.

Mr Matthews

Under 10 C Team

Homefield 4-4 Cumnor House

Homefield 3-3 Rokeby

The C team managed to draw both their games and continued their unbeaten run. Max Zockoll was the star of the afternoon continually running in to gaps and scoring great tries. Yasith worked very hard in the front row as did Nayim Ali. All the boys should be very proud of their performance.

Well done!

Team: Nayim Ali, Dilan Patel, Anand, Patel, Sai Patel, Ash Sood, Yasith Senanayake, Max Zockell, Achal Srivastav, Adam Kahn

Mr D Matthews

Colts 'B' Team Rugby Report v Hawthorns

The Colts 'B' team put in an encouraging performance against Hawthorns on Friday afternoon. Homefield tackled well but didn't quite manage to get over the try line when so close to scoring. Hawthorns did score three tries in the first half when Homefield had them push back deep onto their own try line, only to find them chasing the Hawthorns ball carrier who had found space in the Homefield defence. When the team worked together Homefield recycled the ball well for both George Henning and Tommy Highwood to score for Homefield before half time.

Half Time Hawthorns 15 Homefield 10

Hawthorns faster boys took advantage of the open spaces to score a further four tries before Milan Andesilic scored a late try for Homefield. Although the team lost, the boys continued to the end which on a very cold day was very pleasing.

Hawthorns 35 Homefield 15

Team: Thomas Hunt; Jordan Goulding; William Fraser
Thomas Green; Milan Andesilic (Capt); George Henning;
Tommy Highwood; Max Ruggeri; William French; Bhavish
Ruparelia.

Mr G Pearce

3rd XV Rugby Match Report V Feltonfleet

The 3rd XV Rugby team continued their excellent form against Feltonfleet on Wednesday afternoon with another victory. First half tries were scored by Freddie Meyers, Khalil Baoku and Jack Newton to lead at half time by three tries to one.

Homefield continued the good work in the second half with a further two tries. Freddie Meyers scored his second of the game, before David Sandler scored Homefield's fifth. David also converted four of the conversions with excellent control and accuracy.

Keep up the good work boys.

Result; Homefield 33 Feltonfleet 10

Try scorers; Jack Newton; Khalil Baoku; Freddie Meyers (2)
David Sandler; David Sandler with 4 Conversions

The boys play their last game of the season against Rokeby on Wednesday 10th February.

Team: Darius Sanjoori; Cameron Crowley; Freddie Meyers;
Faraaz Khan; Khalil Baoku; David Sandler; Yathavan
Sugirtharanjan; Adam Arain; Harry Sprunt; Jack Newton;
Dominic D'Mello; Jamie Hughes; Anthony Cheung; Raymond
Yip; Joshua Vincent; Rahul Pugalia; Benedict Tangney.

Mr G Pearce