

# HEADLINES

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Spring Term 2010 – February (3)

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## Dear Parents,

A very brief contribution to welcome you all back on line and to celebrate the fact that (nearly) normal service has been resumed! As some parents will be aware, the web site was virtually demolished by a mystery hacker over half term (there is no truth in the rumour that it was caused by the Headmaster's inexpert attempts to upload!). It is still being further restored as we have yet to restore the much-treasured Learning Zone.

A (probably unrelated) mystery very nasty virus also attacked the whole school system requiring repeated deep cleansing during the week.

In the circumstances, it is remarkable that we are back on the airwaves at all! There is plenty of good news to share with parents, but, for the moment it will largely now have to wait until next week!

(By then we should also have news of this weekend's chess and rugby exploits!)

Best wishes, **Robin Mowbray**

## Homefield Association

### Quiz Night

The Homefield Association would like to thank all those parents attending next week's Quiz night for their prompt ticket applications. Applications for tickets are now closed and tickets will be forwarded to parents next week via school post. There is still time, however, to brush up on your general knowledge!

### Fun Run

The date of the Charity Fun Run has been changed to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May to guarantee the venue of Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club – please make a note of this in your diaries. Details of this event will follow in forthcoming Headlines.

Thank you to all parents for your support of these events – it's a great way of supporting your boys' school whilst having fun at the same time! Don't forget the webshop for all your online shopping – [www.buy.at/homefield](http://www.buy.at/homefield).

For further details of the Homefield Association activity please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Nicola Rahman (Chairperson)**

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### Early Years' Unit

The boys all returned ready and eager to work last week after their well deserved holiday.

I hope you all managed to sign up for Parents' Evenings which are on Tuesday and Wednesday from 4.30 pm. All the staff are looking forward to discussing your son's progress. For these Parent Evenings the classrooms will not be open. We would appreciate Transition parents arriving five minutes earlier to discuss how your son's interests have developed with the teaching assistants. Please help yourselves to refreshments in the hall.

As all the boys really enjoyed the decorating the sweet jar for the Christmas Fair activity, we are planning to have an egg decorating competition. Please bring your named, decorated egg to your son's class and they will be displayed outside Kingfishers class. Easter prizes will be awarded!

The boys will also be participating in an Easter Egg hunt at the end of term.

**Mrs B Whiteway**



*Canine sculptures from the Art Department  
On display in the foyer*

The 'Pack' built by L6S is now temporarily on display in the foyer of the school and is causing quite a stir!

**Mr J Grdler**

## The Nursery

This week's focus is 'Family Backgrounds and Countries'. Please bring in any artifacts, food, books, clothing etc.. This will help us to understand about your culture. Thank you.

Some of the learning experiences planned include:

- ❖ Looking at non-fiction books from other cultures
- ❖ Tasting bread from around the world
- ❖ Learning about 3D shapes
- ❖ Phonic 'f' action, song and story  
If possible, please bring in objects beginning with this sound.
- ❖ Recognising numerals 0 – 10 and beyond

## Miss Kingsford, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

### Transition

Our topic for this half term is 'Traditional and Fairy Tales'. We have already read 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and the boys enjoyed planting their own runner bean and writing a 'sorry letter' to the giant from Jack.

Next week the story will be 'The Gingerbread Man' and we will be cooking our own gingerbread men and writing the recipe. We are also making a map for the gingerbread man to follow.

In Literacy we are focusing on the blend 'ai' and finding it in words. We are also looking at speech bubbles in a variety of stories and writing our own.

In Numeracy we are counting back from ten and focusing on subtraction. We are continuing to practise counting in two's and tens.

We are looking forward to meeting you again at parents' evenings and discussing your son's progress.

**Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy**

## The Junior Department

### The First Year

We enjoyed welcoming the boys back after the half term holiday and hearing about all the activities they had been involved in. Thank you for helping your sons fill in their 'Weather Watch' last week – we have enjoyed sharing the information.

We have started our topic about money and this week the boys have been familiarising themselves with the coins and learning how to make up amounts of money.

### Homefield Heroes

**1H Jamie Flatley** for an improved attitude to and pace of work.  
**1P Henry Mawson** - for greatly improved written work. Well done Henry and keep it up!

**1S Jonathan Kim** for making excellent progress with his Literacy work. Well done Jonathan!

**2H Rhys Evans-Ellis** for the fantastic enthusiasm and effort he brings to every activity.]

**2P Anish Patel** for contributing more during discussion work.

**2S Tyler Munks** for speeding up at his work and being well organised with classroom routines.

**3H Joseph Harmsworth** for improved organisation. You are working hard and participating well in lessons!!

**3S Umer Yar** for being more organised, focused and attentive

in lessons.

## Homefield Superstars

### Haiti Appeal

The boys at Homefield Superstars, wanted to offer their support and help raise some money for the tragic victims of Haiti. We decided to auction our magnificent Bonfire Night collage. All the boys had helped to produce this piece of art work and it had been admired by many. The boys set about organising this themselves.



Mrs.Glanville was our highest bidder, and now Joshua has it adorning his bedroom wall.

I would like to thank them and all the parents who donated and helped us raise £40.90 the Haiti Appeal.

**Sue Moylan**

### Homefield School Disco

Homefield School is hosting a disco for pupils in Years ,6, 7 and 8 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.

Entry will be by ticket only at a cost of £4.00 each in advance or £5 on the door. Tickets are available from the Homefield School Office. Cheques should be made payable to Homefield School. Any profits from the event will go towards Helplanka and our twin school St Anthony's College in Sri Lanka. Tickets may be purchased on the night, but a completed permission slip will still be required.

Children may arrive by 6.50 p.m. and should be collected by 9.10 p.m. at the latest.

A reminder to parents that boys from the Upper 4<sup>th</sup> to Upper 6<sup>th</sup> Forms are invited to the Greenacre School Disco which takes place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets cost £3.50 each and further details can be obtained from the school office.

**Mr M Till**

### Townsend Warner History Prize 2010

Many congratulations to Dennis Sun, Alex Bygate, Raymond Yip and Balraj Dhingra, who all finished in the top 200 in Paper 1 of the Townsend Warner History Prize. Over 700 candidates entered this National Prep School competition which demands a knowledge of History from the Plato to NATO!

The four boys qualify for Paper 11.

**Mr C Lloyd**

### **The Book Fair and World Book Day**

I am happy to say that the Travelling Book Fair will be visiting Homefield next week. The Book Fair will be open after school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be a fantastic selection of books to choose from.

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the Book Fair will be open from 3.15pm for EYU boys and parents and from 4pm for senior boys.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, from 3.15pm for junior boys and parents.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, the Book Fair will open at 3.15 for all age groups.

Today, all boys will be bringing home a letter, leaflet from the Travelling Book Fair and a World Book Day £1 Book Token which can be used at the Book Fair or in book shops.

I hope that you and your son will be able to visit the Book Fair and choose from the many titles available.

**Mrs K Merryman**

### **Sport**

#### **HPS Primary School Tag Rugby Tournament**

Following the success of our Primary Cricket tournaments, held the last two summers at Sutton Cricket Club, we are further strengthening our links with local schools by running a tag-rugby tournament.

Ten Primary schools will compete for the chance to become the inaugural winners of the HPS Primary School Rugby Cup on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Sports Leaders will play a large part in the organisation and running of the tournament.

**Mr D Matthews**

### **Orienteering**

Congratulations to the Homefield Orienteering team who came second in the District Secondary Schools Orienteering Competition. Only Overton Grange managed to beat Homefield with a margin of 4 minutes 37 seconds.

The fastest pairing on the day were Nathan Inkester and Nicholas Jelicic who completed the Beddington Park course in 40minutes, just 1 minute 12 seconds behind the fastest for the day.

Well done to the following boys:

- Nathan Inkester
- Sam Goodman
- Jamie Hughes
- Jack Newton
- Louis Shields
- Dominic D'Mello
- Thomas Gunningham
- Nicholas Jelicic
- Peter O'Brien
- Ben Adey
- Liam Grant
- Oliver Darroch

**Mr D Matthews**

### **Rugby Team Photographs**

Rugby Team photographs are now available for U8 to U13s. Order forms have been sent home but photographs can also be ordered on the website at [www.penuelphotography.co.uk](http://www.penuelphotography.co.uk). Go

to 'your images', password is 'Homefield 2010'. Framed team photographs are on the wall near the sports hall.

Photographs of boys playing sport, including this term's rugby and golf, are also available on the website.

If you have any queries please contact Sara Goodman on 07951 559817. Thank you.

**Mrs S Goodman**

### **Karate Success**

Congratulations to Rohan Bahl for achieving his brown and white karate belt.