

HEADLINES

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This week's Newsletter provides a stunning snapshot of the rich life enjoyed at Homefield and pride of place in this week's Newsletter is rightly devoted to Homefield's 28 musicians, who contributed significantly to the success of the **St John's Orchestral Playday** yesterday afternoon and evening. Mr Meyer's report below refers.

St John's Playday

28 Homefield boys attended the prep Schools Playday arranged by St John's School, Leatherhead, this Thursday. The boys



intensively rehearsed the pieces for the concert during the afternoon with the players from the other schools and performed them in a concert for parents at 7pm.

There was a combined orchestra of 180 girls and boys under the age

of 14 and it was great to see so many young people taking an active interest in music. Renditions of 'The Blue Danube', Spring from Vivaldi's 'Seasons' and the 'Batman' theme were enjoyed by all the parents who were thankfully unaware of the cacophony that had started the afternoon 3 hours earlier!



Well done to all the boys who really got it together in time for the concert. I am also pleased to report that it was a pleasure to take the boys as I had no reason to chastise any of them for the entire trip other than two directions to 'tuck shirts in' before the concert!

Mr A Meyers

Staff News

The Homefield family is delighted to welcome Brandon Kyle Munks, who weighed in at 6 lb 12 oz on Thursday morning. A registration form is in the post!

Parents Consultation Evening

Just a reminder to parents that the parental consultation evening for parents of boys in 5H takes place on Thursday from 4.30 pm. Parents should by now have bought home their appointment timetable.

Parents Beware !

Article taken from Sutton Guardian:

Tougher rule aims to stop parking on drives

Motorists who park their cars across driveways can expect a ticket after the council adopted a tougher parking policy.

Parking tickets could previously only be issued in Sutton if the wheel of a badly parked vehicle was found to be alongside the flat part of a dropped kerb without the resident's permission.

But after a series of incidents where householders were trapped on their drives by longer cars and lorries that had their wheels legally parked, the council chose to change the law.

Now their parking wardens can ticket any vehicle partially blocking a drive without permission.

Councillor Simon Wales, council spokesman for parking, said: "Most people park safely and show proper consideration for



Changes: Tickets will now be issued to motorists parking on driveways

other road users and residents. However, there are drivers who think they can park anywhere they like without any regard for others.

"I am pleased we have been able to come up with a common-sense solution to a problem that causes a lot of frustration."

The Homefield Association

Quiz Night – 4th March 7.30pm

Have you organised your Quiz team and recruited your ‘ringers’ (‘QI’ host Stephen Fry is banned!)? If not, but you would like to join in on a fantastic evening of laughs, competitive banter and mind-boggling questions we can add you into a team. You may even make some new cerebrally endowed (or challenged) friends! Please bring along your own wine, beer, Redbull or anything else that you feel will help stimulate the mental cogs! See the attached flyer for more details. This fun annual event is always a sell-out, so please apply early to avoid disappointment. Ticket application forms are also available on the EYU and Association Notice Boards, or via the school website.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is approaching on the 18th March. Have a look for some inspirational fundraising ideas on www.rednoseday.com/fundraise, and perhaps tell your class how you aim to make a difference to people in need.

Sioban Barringer

Chairperson

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The Early Years’ Unit

We had quite a busy fortnight for Early Years boys with assembly, walks and a visit.

I am sure Elf Owl parents enjoyed their son’s class assembly, it was the first one of six class assemblies we are holding over the next two terms. The boys acted out the story ‘Bear Snores On’ and took their part very seriously.

Nursery boys also went for a walk outside of school focusing on road safety. They were all very well behaved and showed lots of interest in the signs and traffic lights along the way.

The Transition boys were very pleased to welcome Mrs Ceesay, who came dressed in her national costume and talked to the boys about her culture in the Gambia. She also played some music and brought in some African musical instruments for the boys to see.

In our Friday Forum, these boys in Transition were awarded Student of the Week:

Adam Palmer for his brilliant number bond work

Millen Sood for making a huge improvement in his writing

Oliver King for showing confidence to talk in class discussions

Ozair Rahman for sounding out words in his reading books well

Nursery Star Awards were for:

James Edwards for enthusiastically completing difficult puzzles

Joseph Dean for beautiful creative work

Luca Evans for recognising all his shapes

Ethan Thorne for recognising and ordering numbers to ten

Arthetya Srinangan for good cutting skills

Sami Raza for brilliant phonic work

The Transition and Nursery boys were lucky to both have Teddy Bears Picnics this week in class, the Nursery boys making their own sandwiches and Transition making Teddy

Bear biscuits. Kindergarten also had a treat this week when they took their teachers shopping and enjoyed the walk making many observations along the way, especially seeing ‘the lovely school bus’.

Mrs B Whiteway

Head of EYU

The Nursery

The topic for this term is Toys

Some of the learning experiences planned for this week include;

- Phonic ‘u’
- Numbers in the environment eg. our door numbers
- Opposites
- Looking and story telling with puppets
- Discussing Chinese New Year and the story of how each year in the Chinese calendar is named after a different animal. We will also be making masks, talking about Chinese food and the use of chopsticks.

Just a reminder to ask that all boys have a spare set of clothes in their PE bags.

Thank you

Mrs Whiteway, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

Transition

The boys thoroughly enjoyed our teddy bears picnic last week and the teachers loved seeing all the boys’ lovely cuddly teddy bears! They also made delicious teddy bear biscuits. I hope the boys were kind enough to share them with you!!

In Literacy this week we will be recapping all the sounds learnt so far and using them to read and write different words. We will also be learning a new tricky word, ‘are’. We will be reading different robot stories and continuing to practise our handwriting in our handwriting books.

In Numeracy this week we will be counting in tens, looking at missing numbers from 10-20, estimating and checking our answers! We will also be making robots using 3D shapes, so would be very grateful for any empty boxes for junk modelling! During the week will also be looking at how robots move and moving to music in Music and Movement! We will be celebrating Chinese New Year, looking at non fiction books, our very own dragon and making Chinese lanterns.

Miss Kingsford and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

The First Year

It was lovely to welcome Anas back to school after he has had treatment for his broken arm. The boys are enjoying looking after him and he has numerous offers of help!

In the classroom we have been learning about analogue and digital time and the boys are becoming very proficient at this.

Please may we remind you that LRC books should be brought back to school every Monday for 1S and Wednesday for 1H. Thank you.

Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody

The Second Year

Mr Sattaur, who joined us in Year 2 this term, is enjoying getting to know the boys very well and working with them.

We have been investigating symmetry this week in our Maths lessons. Keep your eyes open, boys, and see where you can spot symmetrical patterns and shapes in the world!

Our spelling pattern is ss, ll and ff and we are continuing to learn the 9x tables for a few more weeks.

Miss Buchanan, Mrs Connaughton and Mrs Lyndham

Homefield Heroes

1H Yousuf Hassanali for answering questions enthusiastically. Well done Yousuf!

1S James Hennessy for being an enthusiastic and friendly member of 1S. Well done James!

2H Joshua Stearnes for excellent presentation and a positive attitude in all he does! Well done Joshua.

2P Adam Hitchens for improving his handwriting and presentation.

2S Samuel Shorrocks for listening well and sharing his ideas in class discussions.

3H Gon Declerq for improved behaviour and wonderful Maths. Keep it up!

3H Gregory Gilbride for improved behaviour and wonderful Maths. You are also a very helpful boy. Keep it up!

3P Hamish Frost for always playing so nicely and having a great sense of fun.

3P Ashwin Banerjee for always working hard and being so polite.

3S Omar Rahman for being well organized, focused in lessons and being a good citizen of the class.

3S Logan Jopling for increased effort and participation in lessons.

Music

Congratulations

Congratulations to Alex Sun on passing his Grade 3 piano.

Epsom String Day

The more advanced string players from L4 – L6 will be visiting Epsom College on Tuesday 8th February, for the Epsom String Day. The boys will rehearse all day then give a concert for parents at 4pm in Big School. Afternoon teas will be served for the audience from 3.10 pm. Please ensure permission slips are returned promptly.

National Preparatory Schools Orchestras

There are two new orchestras to replace the previous IAPS orchestras. The main orchestra is for players who are Grade 6 and above but the Training Orchestra is aimed at players between Grade 2 – 5 and that course would be suitable for lots of Homefield musicians. The course will take place at Sherborne School in Dorset from 17th – 25th July and costs £415 including all residential fees. Boys will receive expert tuition from the music staff and will also be able to utilise the recreational facilities at the school including a sports centre and an indoor pool. More info: www.npsso.co.uk

Sutton Music Service

Other opportunities for budding musicians can be found closer to home, run by Sutton Music Service. There are Bands and Orchestras to suit players of all standards from the String Group (for players who have learned for two terms or more) up to the Young Musicians Orchestra for advanced players. These ensembles rehearse on Monday, Tuesday or Fridays at various times between 5 and 8pm at Wandle Valley School.

More info www.suttonmusicservice.org.uk

Mr A Meyers

News from Abroad

We have just received this lovely email from the mother of Jason Lim who left the Transition class last year to relocate to Hong Kong.

“The time is just flying here, on Friday the children break up for half term, it coincides with Chinese New Year. Very early here!! The decorations are every where - the Year of the Rabbit. Chinese New Year is a time when family and friends gather to celebrate the start of a new lunar year. Every shop and every lobby is adorned with red decorations and flowers. There are small orange trees and potted plants and lanterns hang from the ceilings with fairy lights. The New Year is celebrated on the 3rd February with a huge fireworks extravaganza planned for the following day.”



Photos from around Causewaybay, Hong Kong showing celebration preparations for Chinese New Year

We will be celebrating at home with my parents, they arrive on Saturday. I can't believe seven months have flown by. Both Jess and Jason have just recovered from a bout of flu here, it really knocked them for six. Hopefully their immunity it up now!! Their school has put on a lot of activities to do with Chinese New Year, which the children have really enjoyed. Even our complex here is full of decorations, plus planned activities for the children to attend. The year will be 4709 on the Chinese Calendar. Until the next update, take care.”

Angela Lim

Sport

Under 8s Rugby v Feltonfleet and Hawthorns School

Well done to all the boys in the A, B and C teams who played their first and second games of touch rugby against Hawthorns and Feltonfleet School on Thursday afternoon. All the boys are showing an improved understanding of the game, and again played some very good rugby, showing good handling skills and better support for the ball carrier. In all the games played, Homefield boys played well throughout. Thanks to the parents for their support and the staff for helping with the refereeing. When we play again on the 15th February, the ‘C’ team boys will have a new team. This is to give as many boys as possible a

chance to play rugby for the school teams. I appreciate all the parents understanding in this matter.

List of Results:

A Team v Feltonfleet

Won 8-6

K Mukunakumar (3), G Gilbride (2), C Edwards, (2) T Saitch,

A Team v Hawthorns

Won 7-5

C Edwards (3) n T Saitch (2), S Shankar, W Macdougall

B Team v Feltonfleet

Won 8-6

H Rafi (2), R Jacquart (2), J Lam, A Norman, K Lee, A Choudhury.

B Team v Hawthorns

Drew 6-6 R Jacquart (2), A Choudhury, A Norman, O Rahman, H Rafi

C Team v Feltonfleet

Won 7-6

T Munks, B Evans, Z Bhati, H Allen, R Patel (2), W Hughes

C Team v Hawthorns

Lost 7-8

Z Bhatti (2), Z Lilani, R Patel, B Evans, J Trevithrick, W Hughes

Mr G Pearce

U10 'B' Rugby

Homefield 20-20 The Mall

Homefield blew away the winter cobwebs with an emphatic first half. Tiarnan Craine opened the scoring after a powerful charge. Harry Andre added to the score with a similar effort. Homefield's defense was impressive all game, a big hit from Vivek Desai forced a turnover with Aditya Yanamandra capitalising to touch down in the corner. Half time score 3-1. Homefield started the second half with a try, Rohan Rahman pounced as the ball went loose to score under the noses of the opposition. The Mall began to exert more pressure and managed to secure a well-deserved draw with the last play of the game. An excellent effort from all the boys involved.

Homefield 25-25 v Chinthurst

Tiarnan Craine was back on the score sheet with a well-deserved hat trick helping Homefield to a hard fought draw. Harry Andre and Leo Lim also touched down in a match where Homefield showed plenty of promise in attack but were left wanting in defence.

Homefield team: Tiarnan Craine, Leo Lim, Harry Andre, Fahd Khan, Aditya Yanamandra, Ken Hiraga, Vivek Desai, Shrey Sachdeva, Rohan Rahman, Nathan Simmons.

Mr E Judd

Colts A Team v Lanesborough

Homefield 0-19 Lanesborough

Homefield were much improved this week. The forward pack began to work as a unit and was able to secure quality possession. The backs, after some positional changes, showed greater cohesion. William Hewetson impressed at fly-half, George Hopkins was solid at 13 and Tishe Soakn always looked dangerous from full back. Lanesborough took an early lead, but Homefield responded with an extended period of pressure just

before half time. Tishe Soakan, Prashast Vir and Malin Dekas were all held up over the line, with Homefield unable to score. The second half saw Lanesborough extend their lead as they remained composed while Homefield began to panic and rush, squandering possession on too many occasions.

Mr E Judd

Colts 'B' Team Rugby Report v The Mall

The Colts 'B' had another good victory against The Mall on Friday afternoon. It was a very even contest throughout the game with both teams playing hard and running rugby. Michael Banh scored two tries in the first half with excellent running from deep positions. The visitors pulled a try back just before half time to narrow the lead. In the second half Michael Banh scored his third of the match with man of the match Max Zockoll going over the try line in the corner. Michael also converted two of his four attempts. However, The Mall never gave up and scored again to keep the scores tight to the very end. Again Max Zockoll made two very good tackles in the game which denied The Mall from adding to their score. Many thanks for Mr Nellthorp for refereeing.

Homefield 24 The Mall 17

Michael Banh 3 tries

Max Zockoll 1

Michael Banh 1 conversions

Team; Max Zockoll (Capt), N Ali, M Laws, A Peachey, S Patel, S Gurney, A Srivastav, J Lynch, B Forsdick, A Sood, D Ansari, M Banh, L Gonsalves, A Janjua.

Mr Pearce

Junior Colts 'C' team rugby report v Lansborough

Homefield's 'C' Team played Lansborough School on Tuesday afternoon in a competitive and interesting game. We played three 10 minute games and although we did not win, the boys improved throughout with Samuel Smith scoring for Homefield. In the last period of the game Homefield did have two opportunities to score but didn't have enough weight to push over the try line to add to the score-line. It was also very pleasing to see Wasee Rahman make many fine tackles during the match which stopped Lansborough making ground.

Team: Haig Lucas, Wasee Sheikh Rahman, Alexander Sun, Ameer Afridi, Giles Winterbourne, Samuel Smith, Caleb Bond, Charles Davies, Yasser Malix.

MrG Pearce

Fencing Club – Come and Try Session

Monday 31st January

For those of you who fancy trying a new sport or activity.....have you ever thought about fencing?

Fencing is one of those sports that everyone has heard of and wants a go at, but none knows where to go to try! Well why not try it at school!

Fencing is an exciting and challenging sport. It is fun, is good exercise but also makes you think about tactics. It's one-against-one, you and your opponent.....can you out think him?



At Homefield Fencing Club you will quickly learn the basic skills and rules of the game

Fencing Club meets every Monday in the Sports Hall from 1.20pm. Come along on Monday 31st and have a free try (You must be 9 by the end of the summer term).

If trying it for the first time remember to bring track suit bottoms, trainers and a t-shirt – you'll get hot!! We supply the rest of the kit including mask, jacket, plastron, glove and most importantly an *Epée* (*–which is the type of sword we use*).

Anita, the Coach, is an ex international fencer herself. Her son finished in the top 16 at the 2010 World Junior Championships. Anita Thomas can be contacted on 07719 631210 for further details.

Tiger Swords Fencing

Chess

Congratulations to the six Homefield boys who have made it through to the Surrey U9 squad this year; Stephen Banh, Adam Choudhury, Elex Davies, Rahul Desai, Zac Gray and William Gurney.