

HEADLINES

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As the Senior Boys will know from last week's Assembly, one hundred years ago this month, a group of five former military personnel trudged obdurately across the icy landscape of Antarctica under the leadership of Robert Falcon Scott, in their frustrated quest to be the first men to reach The South Pole.

Yesterday, in the West Indies, six equally gallant but triumphant soldiers rowed euphorically into Barbados' Port St Charles. In the process they showed off their vast resources of mental and physical strength, and raised a mighty £1million pounds towards their chosen charities, Help for Heroes and The Soldiers, Airmen and Families Association.

At Homefield this week, the school's own gallant troupers have show-pieced their own splendid team-work and gallantry to their proud parents and the world at large.

Notable exemplars have been the boys in the Homefield orchestra (featured) who performed so notably in last night's splendid prep schools' orchestral concert at St John's.

On Tuesday afternoon, the rugby players in the U4th form demonstrated sublime running, handling and teamwork skills in their triangular tournament against Lanesborough and The Mall. On Wednesday afternoon, the 1st XV, like Scott, came a very close and gallant second to Amundsen's team at Chinthurst.

This week the U11 side has also been in combative action against Reigate St Mary's and Chinthurst.

On Friday evening, the boys in the Homefield Chess Team pulled off a very fine, and hard-grafted win by the very narrowest of margins (6.5 points to 5.5) against their elders (but not betters!) at KCS. This evening they try to repeat the exercise against their very close protagonists at Sutton Grammar. Next week the boys are involved in another top of the table clash against Wilson's.

Last night Homefield staff and 5th form parents reviewed their sons' pleasing examination progress. Meanwhile, external assessments to senior schools continue productively. Formal outcomes will follow when received at half term. .



'A mighty orchestra ... 22 boys represented Homefield, the largest contingent from any school!'

History ultimately attributed the narrow failure of Scott's gallant endeavour to weather which was freakish and unseasonably cold. Base camps which lie ahead on next week's projected meteorological tundra include next Saturday's qualifying round of the English Primary Schools' National Chess Tournament, which the school will be hosting, and, on Sunday, the U9 and U10 Regional Rugby competition which takes place at Epsom College. On the further Antarctic horizon lies the alluring glow of the Homefield Association's Quiz Evening on Friday 24th February, with its treats of warmth, togetherness, emulation, recreation and fish and chips!

As I write the third of Homefield's newly-liveried buses is approaching the school from magnetic north

The Homefield Association

Quiz Night, Friday 24th February

Preparations are well under way for the annual Quiz Night, on Friday 24th February. Tickets are £11.00 per adult and include Mr Graces' delicious fish and chip supper, followed by cheese and biscuits. Please see the attached flyer for further information and ticket order form. Alternatively, ticket order forms are available on the EYU general notice board and on the Homefield Association notice board in the main hall. Order forms together with payment should be placed in an envelope marked 'Homefield Association – Quiz Night'. Please indicate on the form whether you are part of a team and provide the team name or other team members. If you are not part of a team, we can of course allocate you to one. Tickets will be sent home by boy-post. This is a great evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

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Charitable Endeavour

Mrs Fatim Kesvani, Mrs Hijab Khan, Mrs Nasheet Khan and Mrs Katherine Keen are doing The Marsden March, a 14 mile walk from The Royal Marsden, Chelsea, to The Royal Marsden, Sutton, on Sunday 11th March. They would greatly appreciate your support and donations.

The fundraising page for their team; 'Mums are doing it for Ourselves' is, <http://www.justgiving.com/FatimKesvani>

Music

St John's Orchestral Day 2012

A mighty orchestra of over 100 players was assembled on Thursday 26th March at St John's School in Leatherhead for the annual Prep Schools' Orchestral Day. 22 Boys represented Homefield, the largest contingent from any one school.

After 3 hours of rehearsals, a crispy crème, a sticky chocolate rice crispy square and noodles and chicken nuggets, the boys performed for the parents at 7.00pm. They gave a spirited rendition of 'Men of Harlech', 'Jupiter', 'William Tell' and melodies from 'Carmen'. Parents joined in singing 'I vow to thee my country' in the arrangement of Holst's 'Jupiter'. I'm pleased to report that the Homefield parents sang with

appropriate gusto! All of the boys were excellent ambassadors for the school; behaving very well and playing confidently and accurately.

Music Exams

Congratulations to **Alex Sun** for passing **Grade 4 Theory** with merit – a taxing exam and a great achievement!

Mr A Meyers

French exchange

Homefield pupils from the L4th upwards have the opportunity of participating in an extended exchange with pupils from the Ombrosa bilingual college in Lyon.

If you would like to welcome a French pupil for 3 weeks in June (following the school's internal examination), please contact me. Your son will, in turn, should he wish to, attend the French school or visit the French family at a time of your choosing and for the length of time of your choosing too. This is the best way for your son to make great progress in French! Homefield has been part of this scheme for 3 years and we hope that some of you will, this year again, benefit from this unique opportunity.

Please contact me should you have any further queries.

Sabine White

Sport

Sports Leaders

Congratulations to the following Upper Sixth boys who have been successful in completing the Sports Leaders Training. They will be involved in coaching structured games and sports during the break times in the Junior playground. Amongst their other duties is helping to return the weekly mountain of lost games and PE kit and working with younger pupils during their sport practices.

Well done boys and good luck in your new roles:

- Ben Aldous
- Arran Brodie
- Sam Duroshola
- Harry Goddard
- George Henning
- Jack Hopper
- William Rees
- Sean Watters

Mr D Matthews

Rugby

Colts 'B' tem v Aberdour

The Colts 'B' team fought back twice to draw against Aberdour on Friday 20th January. It was a competitive game with both teams displaying plenty of good rugby. Jasdeep Dhingra leveled the score when, once again, his fast running was rewarded with a try in the corner. Sam Smith scored an early try with his positive running for Homefield. Both teams had opportunities to score, but were held up by strong defending.

Homefield 10 Aberdour 10

Team: Samuel Smith, Imran Shaikh, Haig Lucas, Nathan Simmons, Wasee Rahman, Shrey Sachdeva (Capt), Edgar Povey, Vivek Desai, Caleb Bond, Jasdeep Dhingra.

Mr G Pearce

Homefield U9 'A' Team v Hazlewood

On Thursday 26th January, the U9 'A' team thoroughly thrashed Hazlewood School on their own pitch 10-0 (effectively 50 points to nil!). Although the boys will face much stronger opposition next Tuesday in the Hawthorns tournament they remained focussed throughout and put on an excellent display of expansive rugby.

The whole team worked very hard up until the final whistle and it was pleasing to see the boys develop their passing strategies as opposed to just trying to break through on their own as individuals.

The following boys scored the tries: Carter Edwards 3, Theo Saitch 2, Gon Declercq 2, William Macdougall 1, Krishna Muhunakumar 1, Rhome Jacquart 1.

Team: Gus Bradford, William Macdougall, Gregory Gilbride, Gon Declercq, Rhome Jacquart, Theo Saitch, Carter Edwards, Shanthan Sivshankar, Humza Rafi, Krisnaa Muhunthakumar. Well done boys.

Mr D Matthews

U9 Rugby

Homefield 'B' 7-1 Hazelwood 'B'

Homefield 'B' 6-6 Aberdour 'A'

The boys produced some fantastic attacking rugby. William Hughes (2), Amaan Afridi (2), George Devonport, Laurence Clarke-Tidey and Adam Choudhury all scored tries. The team defended well, preventing Hazelwood the opportunity to score. Aberdour proved more challenging opposition. Again, the boys were purposeful in attack. Laurence and Amaan both scored. Adam helped himself to 4 tries in a magnificent display. Unfortunately, Homefield's defence was weak and disorganised, allowing Aberdour to match us try for try. Positioning and tackling will be worked on in training this week!

Well done to the squad: Jacob Trevithick, Toni Viva, George Devonport, Patrick Smith, Matthew Tyson, Laurence Clarke-Tidey, Harry Allen, Amaan Afridi (C), Adam Choudhury, Rhys Evans-Ellis, Furio Scopinich and William Hughes.

Mr E Judd

U10 As Rugby Update

Congratulations to the U10 'A' Rugby team, who have recorded victories in their first four matches of the season. Before Christmas, they played with great aggression and skill to win 40-5 over Hoe Bridge. Following on from that result, was a 50-15 demolition of Hawthorns and convincing victories against Lanesborough (20-0) and The Mall (20-5) last Tuesday in a triangular competition at Sutton C.C.

Sam Warren, William Gurney and Alex Davies have provided a solid foundation for possession both at the breakdown and scrum. In the loose, their contribution with direct, barrelling runs, have also assisted in attack. Sam Heape has been fantastic at Scrum Half. Both Sam and Theo Brown at Fly Half have formed a great partnership. Their running, support, tackling and organisational ability sets an excellent example to the team. Olamide Ogunnaike and Ademola Lewis are particularly threatening in attack and have scored numerous tries. Noah Yamin and Sam Martin are also contributing very well in the backs. Next Tuesday, the boys face an encounter with Cumnor House. This should be good preparation for the Regional Rugby Competition on Sunday 5th February at Epsom College. The tackling and work at the breakdown must be of a

consistently high standard. If the boys can achieve this, then this team is capable of causing problems in attack. Congratulations to Oliver Zonfrillo, who has been selected in a competitive U10 'A' Squad in what is his first year of contact rugby. His attitude in training and matches has been first rate.

Mr L Nellthorp

Homefield 1st XV 12-19 v Chinthurst

Jasper Pittam gave a superb performance in the forwards, providing a solid platform for Ben Higgs and Sam Sterling to provide quality ball to the three quarters. Sean Watters, finding more space playing at 12, produced two fantastic long range tries. Handling errors and clumsy offside penalties cost Homefield in the second half as Chinthurst applied pressure. Jack Hopper made some terrific cover tackles from full back, but was unable to prevent a narrow defeat.

Mr E Judd

2nd XV Rugby Report

Homefield 5 v Feltonfleet 26

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The 2nd XV played two matches; both were well contested despite finishing in defeats. Sam Sterling captained the side and Dani Aksentic and Jaimin Patel were the leading players. Unfortunately, it was impossible to field a settled side due to the demands of tests and interviews at senior schools. For some of the boys it was their first experience of playing rugby matches and the experience will stand them in good stead for the future

Mr C Lloyd

Fencing Club

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 to try. Well why not try it at school!

Fencing is an exciting and challenging sport. It is fun and is good exercise but also makes you think about tactics. At Homefield Fencing Club you will quickly learn the basis skills and rules of the sport.

The Fencing Club meets every Monday in the Sports Hall from 1.20pm. Come along on Monday 30th and have a free trial lesson. **You must be 9 years old by the end of the summer term.**

If you would like to participate for the first time please remember to bring tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a t-shirt. The rest of the kit is supplied including mask, jacket, plastron glove and most importantly an Epée (which is the type of sword used).

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

Squash

Six coaching spaces are available for boys in the L4, U4 and 5th forms. If anyone is interested, please contact Natalie Le Serve-Ort, Squash Coach, or speak to Ms White. These sessions will

be held after school on a Monday or Wednesday from 4.00-5.00pm.

U11s and U12/U13s have squash matches arranged at home versus Trinity.

- U11s – Wednesday 8th February 4.30pm
- U12/U13s – Friday 10th February 4.30pm
- Surrey individual squash tournament Sunday 12th February 9.00am to 4.00pm

Natalie Le Serve-Ort

Karate

Please refer to the revised schedule available on the Homefield website, for lessons taking place after the February half term.

Ms F Andrews

The Early Years' Unit

The Nursery

Next week in Nursery we will be reading different versions of the Traditional Tale 'Little Red Riding Hood.' We will be acting out the tale and exploring our new castle role play area. The boys will be making their own maps to help each other find the way through the forest to Grandma's house. We will also be painting the characters from the tale, and enjoying a Little Red Riding Hood indoor picnic.

We will also be exploring:

- Phonic 'r'
- Shape table: squares

We have been, and will be continuing to, explore collage and would appreciate parents bringing small boxes from home.

Miss Woodley and Mrs Evans

Reception

During next week we will be focusing on Africa, finding it on maps and on the globe. We will be talking about the habitats of the animals you find in Africa and painting pictures of them.

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, 'all'. We will be reading African related stories and writing about them in our writing books.

In Numeracy this week we will be looking at the story 'Ten Tall Giraffes', learning the number names and making our own big class book. We will also be revising 'one less' and looking at subtraction.

Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

We are all looking forward to the visit of the Pied Piper Theatre Company on Thursday February 9th. They will be performing 'Great Gran's Great Games' to the Junior Department boys in the school hall. It will get us all thinking about the London Olympics and we are sure the boys will enjoy this production.

The First Year

We have started to learn about "Time" in our mathematics lessons. Hopefully, the boys will practise their new skills at home! We will be thinking about times of the day, and it would be useful if the boys could know what time they get up and go to bed.

In our topic, we have been thinking about cold climates and would appreciate any pictures that the boys can bring in to share, of activities in the snow! Many thanks.

Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody

The Second Year

Year 2 are delighted to have Mrs Khan working in our year group as our classroom assistant. Mrs Khan remembers many of the boys since their time in the EYU and is enjoying getting reacquainted with them and getting to know any new boys.

Thank you to Mrs Thomas-Bagley for the DVDs of 'The Animals and the Star', a keepsake of a lovely Nativity play.

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Connaughton

The Third Year

The boys have really enjoyed putting their times tables to excellent use this week, applying them in their division sums.

In RE the Y3 boys have enjoyed learning the Joseph story and thinking about what is jealousy.

Mrs Dawson. Mrs :Lyndham and Mr Medley

Homefield Heroes

1H Oscar Price for making a great effort with Literacy. Well done Oscar! Keep up the good work!

1S Umar Khan for his excellent work in Literacy. Well done Umar!

2H David Wamsteker for making such a big effort with your handwriting. Well done, keep it up!

2S Bruno North for improved focus and concentration in lessons. Keep up your excellent contributions to lessons.

3H Yusuf Hatimi for great improvements in Tag rugby and understanding the game more and more!

3P Oliver Lobb-Rossini for great progress in reading

3S Theo Murray-Smith for amazing division and the huge improvement in the presentation of his work. Well done and keep it up!