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Spring Term 2010 – March (2)

Homefield Disco

A reminder to parents that the Homefield Disco for pupils in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 takes place this evening 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 door 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.



Greenacre Disco

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

Nonsuch Disco

Nonsuch High School for Girls is to hold a disco on Thursday 18th March, from 7.00 – 9.00pm, for years 7 and 8. Tickets are £4.50 each and are available, in advance, from the school office.

Mr M Till

Parents' Consultation

The consultation evening for parents of boys in U6P and U6S takes place next Thursday from 4.30 – 7.00 pm.

The Homefield Association

Quiz Night

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Quiz night last Friday – a fantastic night had by all! The winners this year were the 'Robin Reliants' who now proudly display their trophy in reception! Once again Sheran Bailey set a high standard as Quiz Master – covering topics such as geography, football, music and phobias! Mr Grace and his team of chefs gave Gordon Ramsay a run for his money with some fabulous Fish and Chips. A resounding success!

The funds raised from this event will be totalled and equalled with a Match Fund opportunity by Barclays Commercial, courtesy of parent and scoreboard master Fiona Freeman. This will enable the Homefield Association to support facilities within the music department – details of which will be announced in due course.

Easter Coffee Morning

On behalf of the Homefield Association I would like to welcome you to come and have a coffee and take the opportunity to meet with friends before the end of term. Body Shop will host a stall and also treat you to a hand massage, whilst Phoenix cards will be on hand if you need to buy those Easter cards!

The proceeds of this Easter Coffee Morning will go to 'Help for Heroes', one of the charities the boys have chosen to support this year. Cake and biscuit (or hotcross bun!) donations are most welcome and gratefully received.

The notice boards both in the hall and in the EYU entrance are continually updated with the latest Association activities and dates for your diaries, but feel free to email should you have any questions.

Nicola Rahman (Chairperson)

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Eco-Council

The eco-council was privileged to welcome at Homefield, Mrs Charlotte Simmonds on 2nd March. We first asked her to tell us about herself. She is the Head of Fire Safety and the Environment at the Houses of Parliament. Before taking up this post, she studied environmental science at university. Her position is neutral, she does not belong to particular political party.

She previously had a post working for the London Underground and also a construction company, working on renewable energy.

In her present post, her responsibilities are to ensure that the Parliament is as "green" as possible; for example she looks at food and energy waste.

She then asked us about Homefield "green" activities. We talked about our three WoW competition wins, the cycle proficiency courses and after school courses, our previous "green" speakers, such as Andy Pag at prize giving last Summer and the 2 plays such as the one last Friday, "What if it rains" performed to the L4th and U4th. We also mentioned our

green clean up initiative at the start of the term and the upcoming cycle track. She seemed very impressed!



Mrs Charlotte Simmonds visits Homefield School and meets the Eco-Council

The next session was the question and answer session; we first asked her about the Government's plan for CO₂ reduction. The Government has a set of long and short term projects with the aim of reducing it by 80%. It has also set up a board of UK scientists to look at the issue. She added that the carbon budgets are rising to allow the increase of green energy.

We also asked how green is UK in relation to the rest of Europe; we are mid table, behind countries such as Sweden and Germany. We need to act as in 20 years it could be 5 degrees hotter here.

Asked about her views on air transport, she said that different parties have different views. All parties feel that more funds needs to be found for train transport.

Should the trains be nationalised? *"I'm biased because I worked there"* she replied but also said that they need more money now and should be promoted to negate the need for short distance flights.

Boris Johnson said that London could be the green council of the world. She said it could be possible and mentioned Sutton as a model council in the way it is promoting cycling.

We also talked about renewable energy, and the necessary move away from fossil fuels, and the need to move to alternative energies, such as solar and wind energy.

Asked about the tidal power scheme in the Severn - it could well happen but only if no damage to wildlife.

Asked about recycling in Switzerland where people are paid for their recycling, she said that some similar plans were being looked by a council of Academics.

How safe is nuclear energy? She felt that it was safe in countries where the industry was regulated. Waste is a major problem however. It could be safe with few improvements and it is a clean energy.

Mrs Simmonds ended the session by giving us all a House of Parliament 'goodie bag'.

She ended by saying that what matters most is to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce waste - "Waste is wasted"

We are all very grateful for her time with us and for her really very fascinating talk.

Reporter: Arjun Sharma

Cycling competition

Well done to all the 5th forms who took part in the trial session for the Sutton Cycling competition.

Two teams have qualified for the next round which will take place on 24th March in the afternoon at the cycling club in Northey Avenue, Cheam.

Thomas Green, Hugo Brown and William French will form the first team. Sean Watters, Zeb Bond and George Henning will form the second team. Reserves will be Noah Franklin and William Fraser. Well done to them and good luck for the semi-finals!

Mrs S White

The Early Years' Unit

This week's focus is 'Cold Countries'.

Please bring in any artifacts, food, books, clothing etc.. This will help us to understand about your culture.

Some of the learning experiences planned include:

- ❖ Cooking meringue icebergs!
- ❖ Observing changes in seasons by going on a spring walk.
- ❖ Finding the total number of items in two groups.
- ❖ Phonic 'j' action, song and story
If possible please bring in objects beginning with this sound.
- ❖ Recognising numerals 0 – 10 and beyond

Miss R Kingsford, Mrs S Muller and Mrs O Evans

Transition

The runner beans the boys planted have grown exceedingly fast and we have sent them home this weekend. I am sure the boys would appreciate planting their bean in a larger pot so they can watch it grow and flower.

Next week we are focusing on the story 'The Three Little Pigs' acting out the character parts and taking pictures to sequence the story. We will be finding the best material to build the pigs houses.

In Literacy we are focusing on the blend 'ie' and practising reading number names and colour words. In Numeracy we will be focusing on number bonds to ten, introducing odds and even numbers and weighing.

Happy Mother's Day. We hope you loved the flowers and cards!

I am away visiting another school for a couple of days but Mrs Khan will be with Mrs Edwards in Kingfishers.

Mrs B Whiteway and Miss S Waddy

The Junior Department

The First Year

We enjoyed meeting all the parents this week and the boys were very excited about their parents having the chance to have a look at some of their work. The boys have been beavering away secretly making something special - we hope all will be revealed on Mothering Sunday - let's hope it's a lovely day for all!

Mrs J Gunningham, Mrs F Goodbody and Miss N Buchanan

The Second Year

Last Friday Year 2 boys went on their outing to the Natural History Museum to consolidate their learning of the Vertebrate topic. Every boy behaved beautifully, was keenly interested in

the various displays (especially in the shop!) and had a great time. They amazed us by the range of their knowledge! The spellings for this week are words with a long i sound. They are quite a tricky group of words and will probably need a bit of support.

The boys have enjoyed writing some fabulous poems for their Mother's Day cards and are looking forward to sharing them with Mummy this weekend! Enjoy!

Mrs R Burgess, Mrs A. Connaughton, Mrs R. Lyndham

Homefield Heroes

1H Lorenzo Morreale for excellent progress in reading. Well done Lorenzo!

1P Shafi Hussain for trying hard in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Shafi!

1S Rizwan Hatimi for being a very helpful and enthusiastic member of 1S. Well done Rizwan!

2H Niall Fatah for the effort and excellent progress he has made in his reading.

2P Rhys Reeves for great improvement in practising the times tables, spellings and reading at home. Well done Rhys, keep it up!

2S Shanthan Sivshankar for being an excellent partner in paired activities and remembering to put his hand up when answering in class.

3H James Nicolson for better participation in class. Wonderful drama, pair-work and role playing. Keep it up James!

3S Nickan Panjeshahi for increased participation, effort and focus in lessons.

Charitable Endeavour

Sam and Joel Goodman are returning with their family to Malawi at Easter

Since our visit to Malawi in 2008, we have been able to raise over £6,500 through the Homefield Fundraising Concert, the second hand uniform sale and other events. Thank you for your support at these events which has enabled new rooms to be built at Lapson's orphanage, benches to be made for Mbawe school, purchase of much needed mosquito nets, and providing education for some of Lapson's secondary school age orphans.

We will be in Malawi for three weeks:

During our visit we will spend three days at Lapson's orphanage helping with children's activities including games, football and craft.

The children at the orphanage sleep 8 to a room. There is just one toilet (a hole in the ground) for everyone! With no electricity and running water this will be the most challenging part of our stay in Malawi.



Children at well in Malawi

We have also been asked to oversee the installation of computers at Mbawe's school (where we helped to provide the benches). There are over a thousand primary aged children in classes of around 150.

Ten computers have been provided by Pembroke University for this school. We have been asked to oversee the installation of solar panels, plastering and painting the room, securing the room, networking and installing the computers.

We will also take assemblies and tell bible stories and do craft activities with the children. Sara and Hannah will give some girls Netball Coaching. Mark, Josh, Sam and Joel will do some football coaching.



One of the children at the Lapson's orphanage

We would like to take craft items and sports equipment with us. If you would like to help, there is a box in the dining room where you can put any craft items e.g. felt pens, card, card making things, stencils, notepads etc. Thank you for your continued support.

Mark, Sara, Hannah, Josh, Sam and Joel Goodman

Sports Relief

The family of **Hamish Frost in 2S** have entered the Sports Relief Mile as a team on the 21st March. Hamish's dad will run 6 miles, his sister Alicia 3 miles and Hamish and his mum will do 1 mile.

All money raised is for the benefit of needy people in the UK and abroad. The family would appreciate your support by sponsoring them at the following link: <http://www.mysportrelief.com/TeamPage.aspx?teamID=49727&langPref=en-CA>.

On the 20th March, **London Snow Herons** will be undertaking kicks in a train motion round the hall, each of the three classes will do 533 metres and each member will donate £2 to participate.

Music

Congratulations to Joshua Ajay for passing his grade 3 guitar with distinction. Well done Joshua!

Congratulations are also due to all of the Upper Sixth boys who have taken music scholarship auditions. I have had good

reports of all of their performances and these boys should be proud of their achievement even if they were not eventually offered an award. (A full list of Scholarships and awards will be published in the end of term headlines.)

There is a busy series of events for the music department next week:

Tuesday – Choral Evensong sung by the chamber choir at St John's School Leatherhead at 6.30pm.

Wednesday – The Year 5 Concert will take place in the school hall at 6.30pm.

Please note that rehearsals will take place during the day on Wednesday and boys will need instruments and music!

Thursday – The sixth form composers' Ensemble will be performing a piece that they have written at the Lambeth Academy as part of the Festival of Music for Youth.

Any boys who fancy attending a Summer Music course should have a look at the Musicale Web site. www.musicale.co.uk There are courses for all ages and standards (residential and daily) around the country. Alternatively, if stage musicals are your thing, Stagecoach are holding a course from 6th – 8th April at Honeywell School in Battersea. 3 days of dance, drama and singing – 'A celebration of ABBA'. (Courses for 4 – 7 year olds and 8 – 16 year olds)

Concert

I am conducting a concert in Kingston Parish church tomorrow evening at 7.30 pm. (Tickets £10 available on the door Under 16s free). We have an excellent soloist, the soprano Jane Wilkinson, who will be performing Barber's exquisite 'Knoxville: Summer of 1915' and movements from Beethoven's incidental music to Egmont.

We will be rehearsing in the church between 2.30 and 4.00 pm – if you are in Kingston tomorrow, take a break from your shopping and pop in and listen to 10 minutes of the rehearsal. (For free!)

Mr A Meyers

Lancing College Visit

On the 11th March, Balraj Dhingra, Nathan Inkester, Joshua Vincent, Nicholas Jelcic and I were invited to Lancing College's Concours d'Oratoire, a French speaking competition. We were told to prepare a presentation and a poem to be learnt by heart.

After a brief lunch and tour of the school, the competition began. Amongst the various presentations chosen a few were 'If I could change the world', or, 'My ideal holiday'.

After reciting our piece without completely blanking out, we were faced with the daunting task of reciting our poems, written by famous French poets from Jacques Prevert to Victor Hugo.

When we had finished the prize-giving took place in the college theatre. To his delight, Balraj was awarded 2nd place – to his disappointment, he found he had to perform in front of everyone!

In fact, all five of us did extremely well and many thanks to Lancing College and Mrs White for organizing the event.

Reporter: Dennis Sun U6th

Learning Resources Centre

Thank you so much to all the boys and parents who bought books at the Book Fair. The taking for the Fair were a wonderful £1590 in cash and £176 in £1 World Book Day tokens. This means that we have £894 in commission to spend on new books.

Mrs K Merryman

Under '8' 'A' Prep Schools Rugby Finals at Epsom College 2010

Well done to all the boys in the A team who played in the National Prep Schools Rugby Finals at Epsom College on Sunday 7th March.

Homefield were drawn in group 3 with both Chinthurst and King's House. In the opening game Homefield drew the game 5-5 with Chinthurst. The second game was a very close event with Homefield winning by 4 tries to 2 against King's House. Homefield finish top of their group and went on to play Dumpton in the quarter final of the main competition. In an even game, Dumpton went through to the semi finals just winning by the odd try 6-5.



Under 8 Rugby action at Epsom College

The boys played well throughout the tournament, with good positive running and passing. Many thanks to all the parents for their positive support to the boys throughout the tournament.

List of Results:

Group Games

Homefield v Chinthurst

Score.5 -5 Theo Brown (3) Alex Davies, Sam Heape

Homefield v King's House

Score 4 -2 Sam Heape (2) Theo Brown (2)

Quarter Final

Homefield v Dumpton

Score 5-6 Sam Heape (2) Joseph Harmsworth, Olamide Ogunnaike, Shiv Rana.

Team: Sam Heape; William Gurney; Joseph Harmsworth; Alexander Davies; Matthew Scott; Olamide Ogunnaike; Theo Brown; Shiv Rana..

Mr Pearce

Harry Ledger named as England Under 16 captain

Harry Ledger, ex Homefield pupil, member of Sutton and Epsom RFC and Surrey and Harlequins' elite player development group, has been named the captain of the England Under 16 squad.



Ledger named as England Under 16 captain

Harry will lead England in the annual Four Nations Tournament in Italy next month (April 3-10), having received the news of his appointment from lead coach Phil Stanlake last week. It was announced to the rest of the 26-player squad during last weekend's training camp at Cokethorpe School.

"The England U16 coaches have been considering their choice over a period of time and Harry has got the nod for his personal qualities and the way he leads by example on the field," said Stanlake.

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. Go to 'your images', the 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

Homefield Hockey History

Boys in the L4th made Homefield history on Thursday, taking part in the school's first competitive hockey fixtures. Luke Saitch scored Homefield's first ever goal in a 1-1 draw with Feltonfleet's A team. The B team went down 0-2 in a close fought match. Excellent effort around!

Mr E Judd

Judo

The last lesson of this term for the Upper 4th form will be on **Thursday 18th March**. All other groups will finish on **Friday 19th March**.

The first lesson next term will be on **Thursday 22nd April** for the Upper 4th Form (1.25 – 2.10) and for all other groups on **Friday 23rd April** at the following times:

- Years 1 and 2 3.20 – 4.05
- Years 3 and L4 1.25 – 2.10
- Years 5 and 6 4.15 – 5.00

The fee of £70 will be due on the day of the first lesson. If your son no longer wishes to continue judo, a term's written notice must be given otherwise you will be charged a full term's fee.

I would like to wish you a happy Easter holiday and thank you for your support. I look forward to teaching your son next term.

Ms J Horton

London Snow Herons

London Snow Herons will be holding karate and games day camps on the 31st March and 19th April during the Easter holidays and on the 31st May and on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th June. The activities will take place at The Downs Lawn Tennis Club. Further details are obtainable from the school office.

Ms F Andrews