

# HEADLINES

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Spring Term 2011 – March (2)

In the meantime, boys throughout the school are preparing for their charitable endeavours in support of Red Nose Day which takes place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Another action-filled week in the rich life of Homefield School. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Butler and her trusty Guide Dog, Major, who visited the boys in the Early Years' Unit and Junior Department. Boys at Homefield have donated another magnificent £1000 towards the training of another dog.



## Homefield School donate £1000 towards the training of another Homefield Guide Dog

Boys in Transition were able to sample the first buds of Spring at Wisley on Monday and the L6th form visited Wimbledon Synagogue.

On the sporting front, a highly successful swimming gala was staged in co-operation between Homefield School and Sutton High; the U8 tag rugby team performed with distinction at the Epsom College Tournament on Sunday and the Under 13 7s team valiantly won the Aberdour tournament on Wednesday. The team will be in action this afternoon in the Homefield 7s competition.

Boys in the Upper 6<sup>th</sup> form have navigated their way through their Common Entrance mocks and next week the Junior Department will be staging two parental consultation evenings for their young charges.

## Polling Station

The London Borough of Sutton have confirmed that they will be using the school as a Polling Station on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, for a Referendum on the Voting System.

The school is pleased to do this as part of its contribution to the local community.

The school will continue as normal throughout the day.

## The Homefield Association

Last Friday's Quiz night was great fun, and a special thanks must go to the Quiz Masters, Sheran and Steph Bailey, for their continued supported and ingenuity. Congratulations to the 'Chair Boys' who won the quiz (made up of teachers present and past). Mr Grace and his staff need a mention as well, as a truly impressive fish and chip supper with an accompanying spread of cheese and fruit was enjoyed by all.

A quick reminder about the **Coffee Morning on the 25<sup>th</sup> March** from 8.45am, in the school hall. There will be a 2nd hand uniform sale and a variety of stalls present. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**The Summer Jazz Event on 25<sup>th</sup> June at Kingswood Golf Club**, will include a 3 course dinner, jazz music and disco amongst other things. Please make a note, as tickets are limited due to the smaller, more intimate size of the venue. More information will follow after the Easter holidays. *If anyone is able to donate any raffle or auction prizes, please contact me with details.* All profits from the event will go to the Association, who fund value-added items for the school (such as the Grand piano, adventure playground and sound system for the school hall).

## Sioban Barringer

**Chairperson, Homefield Association**

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## Charities

### Red Nose Day 2011

A reminder that next Friday we will be celebrating Red Nose Day. The boys will be allowed to come to school in mufti, ideally with a red theme. However, I would ask that boys

refrain from using face paint and hair colour. Red Noses will go on sale from Monday.

The boys in the Lower 6<sup>th</sup> Form who are going to Portsmouth may also wear mufti, but do bear in mind that they will be visiting the Royal Navy Dockyards along with other members of the public and so should take this into account when selecting what to wear. Boys will be asked to pay a £1 donation for the opportunity to wear mufti.

My thanks to the fifth form boys for their excellent efforts in arranging 'Homefield's Got Talent', the final of which will take place on Friday afternoon.

The evening will also be the occasion of the Homefield Disco in support of our twin school in Sri Lanka, St Anthony's Boys School. The money we raise will help to support their annual sports day. So do please pass the word on, to ensure that the event is well attended.

Many thanks for your support

**Mr M Till**

### **'Day for Dana'**

The Early Years' Unit will be holding a fundraising day in support of Dana Johnston, Oliver Johnston's sister. Dana needs a life changing operation in the USA. In order to help support her and her family we will be holding a cake sale on April 1st. All boys and parents are welcome to come and purchase the cakes which will be on sale during the school day and after school for parents. The Early Years' Unit will be attending school on the 1st in their Pyjamas with a small cost of a £1. The boys will also be attending a sponsored 'Dance for Dana'.

**Miss Kingsford**

### **Running for Christchurch' New Zealand**

#### **FUN CHARITY RUN 5K in RICHMOND PARK**

**10.00am Sheen Gate – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Thanks again to those kind and concerned parents and staff from the Homefield community who have been asking me about my friends and family. Also a special thanks those staff and parents who have donated to Christchurch Earthquake charities!

As you may know, New Zealand's second largest city, Christchurch, was devastated by a 6.3 earthquake at lunchtime on Tuesday 22 February 2011. There have been at least 166 fatalities and some people are still missing. Thankfully, my three cousins and their families in Christchurch are safe and well. However, recently I found out one of my cousins friends and neighbours was killed and the body was only recover last weekend. So the aftermath of such a devastating event continues to have its effect.

To support the folks in New Zealand I am going to run a 5km Charity Fun Run in Richmond Park on Sunday 13 March 2011, at 10am (Sheen Gate) for various charities. We are going to wear red and black (Christchurch Canterbury colours), to show the people of Canterbury, Christchurch our support and run the 5K!

Below is how you can help....

If you'd like to participate/sponsor/support, just follow these easy steps:

\* make a donation to the Red Cross Canterbury Earthquake fund here, using the link below [Minimum \$5 (NZD), recommended donation of \$1 per km.]

<http://www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/run4chch/>

Or

<http://www.justgiving.com/redcrossNZappeal>

Or

[http://www.redcross.org.uk/nzeearthquake/?approachcode=68764\\_heroNZearthquake](http://www.redcross.org.uk/nzeearthquake/?approachcode=68764_heroNZearthquake)

\* tell the world on Twitter, Facebook, your blog, whatever  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Run-for-Christchurch/147699991957613>

<https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=156976601024782>

Thanks again for your kindness and support.

**Mr Medley**

### **Old Boys' News**

The school received this delightful email this week from former pupil Genki Sugiura, whose parents recently visited Homefield School whilst in the UK.

*I deeply appreciate you giving us the beautiful Old Boys' tie and was very excited to hear about Homefield from our parents since I graduated in 1999.*

*I am also surprised and glad to hear that you remember the long-distance goal which I scored in the final of the Surrey Preparatory Schools' Soccer Tournament.*

*I still remember that I polished my football boots before the final match!*

*My life in Homefield School was a precious time. Thank you so much.*

*Genki Sugiura*

### **Health and Safety**

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are parking on the public footpath at the beginning of our drive thus forcing pedestrians to walk into the road to pass the obstruction. We must ask you that if you are unable to fully enter the school drive you **MUST** find alternative parking elsewhere.

For those parents with children under 5 years old, you can apply for a London Borough of Sutton Parents' Priority Parking Permit. To be eligible for the permit you must live three-quarters of a mile or more from the school and own or use a passenger vehicle.

We will be monitoring the traffic across this area and would ask that if you are approached to move your vehicle you do so immediately.

Could we also remind parents not to park in the drive in the morning. We operate a strict 'Stop and Drop' policy only. Our team of minibus drivers and senior boys are available to assist. This is especially important at the moment given the road restrictions and road works in progress in the vicinity of the school.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

### **The Early Years' Unit**

The week began with a very successful visit for the Transition boys to Wisley. The sun shone all day and they even managed to enjoy their picnic outside!

All the boys enjoyed tasting pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and they have had a variety of pancake stories through the week.

A little reminder that next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, is Red Nose Day. All the boys may wear Mufti with a red theme and donate a pound to the Red Nose fund. Tawny Owls are also having their

class assembly and all of their parents are welcome to come and enjoy watching their son with refreshments afterwards.

The Early Years Parents Evenings are the following week on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March, for which you should have received a separate letter.

If any Nursery and Kindergarten parents are wishing to increase their son's attendance for the Summer Term, please advise me in writing as soon as possible.

In our Friday Forum these boys were awarded Star Awards:

#### **Kindergarten:**

**Ducks - Ibrahim Muhammad** for being more confident and enjoying a range of activities now

#### **Nursery:**

**Elf Owls - Edmund Ng** for enjoying different activities

**Eagle Owls - Haroon Haq** for enjoying school and accessing different activities

**Tawny Owls - Harry Jones** for having a cheerful and happy disposition

**Transition** boys who received Student of the Week are:

**Woodpeckers - Tahmed Ali** for contributing to class discussions

**Puffins - Ahrujan Ragunathan** for always being enthusiastic with everything we do

**Mrs B Whiteway**

**Head of EYU**

#### **The Nursery**

The topic for this term is Spring.

Some of the learning experiences planned include:

- Phonic 'f'.
- Counting backwards 10-0.
- Making Red Nose cakes.
- Talking about different types of weather and the clothes we should wear.
- Discussing feelings - happy and sad.
- Making kites and testing them outside.

Please could we ask you to check the boy's uniform to ensure they have the correct sweatshirts. Also a reminder to ensure that they are all labelled clearly – some names have worn off due to wear and washing.

**Mrs Whiteway, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans**

#### **Transition**

Both Transition classrooms are looking very green from all the planting we have been doing. Your sons are turning out to be excellent gardeners and are thoroughly enjoying our Garden Centre role plays.

We were extremely lucky with the weather on Monday for our trip to Wisley. All the boys were very well behaved and we had many comments about how lovely they all were from other visitors to Wisley. Well done boys!

In Literacy this week we will be continuing to practise reading and writing sentences and hopefully writing another page in our 'bean diaries'. We will be learning new tricky words 'were' 'little' 'one' and 'there' and learning to spell 'they', 'all' and 'are'.

In Numeracy we will be looking at the reverse operation of addition and subtraction, revising number bonds to 5, introducing bonds to 10 and counting in 10s. We will also be looking at non standard measure by measuring our plants and their leaves and capacity, comparing weights of bags containing different objects.

**Miss Kingsford and Miss Waddy**

#### **The Junior Department**

##### **The First Year**

We hope that everyone received the note about our cake sale next Friday. All contributions of cakes will be gratefully received on that morning. If you require a container to be returned, please could you make sure it is clearly named. The boys will be wearing Mufti (as much red as possible) and will have their Games lesson as normal. During the afternoon we will be having a joke telling session to mark the occasion so boys may bring in any joke books, or learn some jokes!

We look forward to seeing all parents on Monday or Thursday evening.

This week we were pleased to welcome Mrs Butler with her Guide Dog, Major, her daughter-in-law and Mrs Hilton. The school presented Mrs Butler with a cheque for £1000 to train yet another Homefield Guide Dog. Well done to all the boys in the Early Years' and Junior Department for their continued support for this worthwhile charity.

**Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody**



**Mrs Butler and Major visit the boys in Early Years'**

##### **The Second Year**

Our boys thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day, especially the session when the senior boys read stories to them. As a result of the successful book fair the boys are benefitting from a selection of new books in the classroom.

The new spellings are words with the long i sound which again are fairly tricky and need learning!

Keep practising the 2,4,5,9,10,and 11 times tables!

##### **The Third Year**

Year 3 boys have been loving getting into Cricket. They have been learning about batting bowling and fielding! Fortunately the rain has stayed away this week so we have been able to practice hard (although we have struggled with bad light!)

In Geography, the boys are finding the new topic about the British Isles enjoyable. They have also been researching some of the stories about the life of St David, the patron Saint of Wales.

3H boys are finishing swimming today and have all improved their swimming skills. A number of Year 3 boys were able to represent their houses in the Swimming Gala on Wednesday at Sutton High School. Please refer to Mr Matthews' report for more details. All the Year 3 boys made their houses proud!

**Mr D Medley**

### Homefield Heroes

**1H Joshua Beukes** for sharing his broad general knowledge with the class. Well done Joshua!

**1S Luca Fooks** for fantastic reading using lovely expression. Well done Luca!

**2H Abbas Ali** for making a big effort to improve his handwriting and fluency in his reading. Well done and keep it up!

**2P Harry Mawson** for effort and success in Maths. Well done Harry and keep it up!

**2S Oliver Lobb-Rossini**..for a big improvement in his written work in English. Well done.

**3H Kiran Lee** for great behaviour and wonderful Maths. You have wonderful general knowledge and you use it! Keep it up!

**3P Barney Evans** for being so much more organized and producing fantastic work in class. Well done and keep it up!

**3S Adam Choudhury** and **Ved Nathwani** for progressing well in Maths. Keep up the excellent work.

### English

#### Poetry Corner

The crow looked her best  
Her mate showed no interest  
Found another tree

**Haiku from Thomas Cross L4P**

### Film Education Prize

One of the group entries submitted to the British Film Institute's Film Education 'Be Creative' competition was a runner-up in the 11-14 age category.

The names of the students in the winning group are former pupil, Alex Howat, and current L6th student,

Film Education receives hundreds of entries each year so this is a wonderful achievement.

There will be prizes of a flip camera or an iPod Nano for each of the students.

The details of these students, their entries and prizes can be found on:

[www.filmeducation.org](http://www.filmeducation.org)

[www.youngfilmcritic.org](http://www.youngfilmcritic.org)

Congratulations!

**Mr Michael Brett**

### Music

#### Kingston Chamber Orchestra

If you are at a loose end on Saturday evening, come along to Kingston Parish Church at 7.30pm where you can see me dressed as a penguin conducting the Kingston Chamber Orchestra in a concert of works by Mozart, Schumann and Beethoven, with a new piece by Glen Rowlan. Alternatively, if you are shopping in the afternoon, pop in to the church between 2.30 and 4.00pm and you can hear the rehearsal for free!

### Music Theatre Courses 2011

Any boys aged over 11 who are interested in music theatre should look at the Youth Music Theatre website for details of Easter and summer courses.

[www.youthmusictheatreuk.org](http://www.youthmusictheatreuk.org) Tel: 0844 415 4858

### Jazz Zone 2011

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August Shrewsbury House School – Jazz Course for players of flute, clarinet, sax, trumpet, trombone, horn, bass or drums, who are approximately Grade 4 standard or above.

Details [www.jazzzone.co.uk](http://www.jazzzone.co.uk)

**Mr A Meyers**

### Sport

#### Ski Champion

During the half term break I went to Austria to go skiing. I managed to ski on a variety of slopes and only fell over a couple of times!



The food was less than healthy with plenty of crisps, chips, sausages and chicken nuggets! I did venture into a cheese shop but had to leave because the smell was so awful.

On the last day of the holiday I took part in a ski race. We all wore shirts with different numbers. I was number 18. I came 1<sup>st</sup> out of 200 people. It was a slalom race where you have to weave in and out of posts. We took turns to go down the

course and we were timed as we made our run. I received a trophy and am very proud of my achievement.

**Reporter: Lee Ming Quek**

### Sutton Mini Marathon

On Saturday 26th February, three Homefield athletes, Nathan Inkester, Ben Adey and Oliver Darroch, braved the elements to take part in the Sutton Mini Marathon Trials which were held on Roundshaw Downs. The trials were held to select a team to represent Sutton in the London Mini Marathon which takes place the same day as the main London Marathon, which this year is being held on 17th April and covers part of the same course. This event is the official UK road running championships for young athletes aged between 11 and 17.

At the Sutton trials, competitors were divided into three age groups, 11-12 years, 13-14 years and 15-17 years. All age groups ran the same distance, 5km, over the same course. Given the terrible weather everybody was keen to get out of the wind and rain as quickly as possible, so we were all relieved that all age groups ran together rather than having to wait for other races to be completed before our own took place. However, this did mean that it was quite difficult to know how you were doing in your own age group as the only indication of which race you were in was the colour coded number which each athlete wore on their chest, clearly not that easy to keep track of whilst running in the pouring rain!

All three Homefield representatives put in 'gutsy' performances in adverse conditions. We all had to contend with carrying several extra pounds of mud on our shoes, not to mention the layer of mud we had to scrape off of our bodies at the end of the race!

After a gruelling run, Nathan Inkester came in 1st in 20.03 minutes whilst Ben Adey finished in a commendable 10th place in a time of 23.15 minutes and Oliver Darroch was not far behind in 15th place, recording a time of 25.10 minutes. This meant that Nathan was then selected to represent Sutton in the London Mini Marathon which will include representatives from the 9 regions of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, as well as teams from all 33 London Boroughs.

**Reporter: Nathan Inkester**

### **Cross Country**

#### **Cross Country Running Competition – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Finish !!!**

Last Tuesday, twelve Lower 4, Upper 4 and 5th Form boys participated in the third and final running meet organised by the Sutton and District Athletics Club.

Once again, our boys put in a terrific performance as all placed in the top half. Tom Bradshaw, Sam Heape and Olamide Ogunnaike finished 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Year 4 race while Archie Otley completed the Year 6 race in 12<sup>th</sup> position. The 5<sup>th</sup> Form boys must be especially congratulated as their combined point total earned them a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish overall.

Thank you to all the parents and siblings who came to cheer on the boys.

Well done to the following boys who participated on Tuesday.

#### **Lower 4**

Tom Bradshaw, Theo Brown, Sam Heape, Olamide Ogunnaike, Noah Yamin

#### **Upper 4**

Sanjay Patel, Edgar Povey, Huw Shopland

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Form**

Louis Brown, Ben Forsdick, Archie Otley, Tishe Sokan

**Mr A Murani**

### **Rugby**

#### **Under 8 'A' Prep Schools Rugby Finals at Epsom College 2011**

Well done to all the boys in the 'A' team who played in the National Prep Schools Rugby Finals at Epsom College on Sunday 6th March. Homefield were drawn in group 1 with Barardiston Hall, Thomas's Fulham, St Faith's and King's House. In the opening game against King's House, Homefield won the game by 7-6. The second game was a very convincing win over Thomas's Fulham, winning 6 tries to 2. The match against Barardiston Hall was a close event. Homefield were trailing at half time but managed to draw the game 5 tries each. In the last group game Homefield went down to the odd try against St Faith's by 5 tries to four. Homefield finished second in the group and went into the quarter finals of the main competition. In an even game, Cranmore went through to the semi finals just winning by the odd try 5-4. The boys played well throughout the tournament, with good positive running and passing. Many thanks to all the parents for their encouragement and positive support throughout the tournament.

#### **List of Results:**

##### **Group Games**

Homefield v King's House

Score: Won 7-6

Gon Declercq (3) Carter Edwards (3) Gregory Gilbride

Homefield v Thomas's Fulham

Score: Won 6-2

Humza Rafi (3) Gregory Gilbride (2) Carter Edwards

Homefield v Barardiston Hall

Score: Draw 5-5

Gon Declercq (2) Krishna Mukunakuma, Humza Rafi, Carter Edwards.

Homefield v St Faith's

Score: Lost 4-5

Humza Rafi (2) Gregory Gilbride, William Macdougall

#### **Quarter Final Main Competition**

Homefield v Cranmore

Score: Lost 4-5

Carter Edwards (3) William Macdougall

Team; Theo Saitch, Krishna Mukunakumar; Gon Declercq (Capt) Amaam Afridi, Humza Rafi, Gregory Gilbride, Shanthan Shankar, William Macdougall, Carter Edwards.

**Mr G Pearce**

#### **U13 Aberdour Sevens Winners**

Congratulations to the U13 1<sup>st</sup> VII Rugby Squad who won the **Aberdour 7s** this Wednesday. It was a deserved triumph. The boys beat Hawthorns (twice) and Chinthurst on their way to winning the trophy.



Thus avenging defeats sustained against the two schools in their respective fifteen a-side matches after Christmas. The boys also built upon the confidence gained by reaching the semi final of the **Feltonfleet 7s** tournament at the weekend. A last gasp try by Feltonfleet sank Homefield's hopes of reaching the Final. A full 'Sevens' match report and summary will be available after the Homefield 7s this Friday. This is always a poignant event for the U13 1<sup>st</sup> Team rugby players, as it marks their final game of rugby for the school. Good luck to the current team, who will be aiming to retain the trophy as Homefield ran out winners last year!

**Mr L Nellthorp**

#### **Sutton High School/ Homefield Swimming Gala 2011**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, forty boys from Homefield joined forty girls from Sutton High in the inaugural team Sutton High

School / Homefield Swimming Gala. The boys and girls formed four teams and competed together for the first time in order to win points for their house. The swimmers were chosen from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and all the Homefield boys swam with wonderful energy and commitment for their house teams. Gon Declercq demonstrated excellent ability in the pool winning 3 out of 4 races and along with Greg Gilbride, won most of the points for their teams in the Year 3 races.

Theo Brown and Sam Heape were very impressive in the Year 4 races and in Year 5 James Nicholson and Sanjay Patel won a number of points for their team. In Year 6 the team captains, Jimmy O'Brien, Luke Gonslaves, Max Zockoll and Prashast Vir, ensured the younger members of their team knew when to race and where to go. A wonderful display of teamwork and maturity. A special mention (and two house points) to Jasdeep Dhingra, who was a last minute guest swimmer for Walford's even though he is a Bomfords boy through and through!

Thanks to Mrs Glynn (Sutton High), Mr Pearce, Mr Judd and Mr Medley for all their hard work.

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part.

Please note that if your child no longer wishes to continue judo, a term's written notice must be given. Otherwise you will be charged a term's fee.

**Ms J Horton**

| <b>WALFORDS<br/>1st</b> | <b>ELLIS<br/>4th</b> | <b>GRAY'S<br/>2nd</b> | <b>BOMFORDS<br/>3rd</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| J O'Brien               | L Gonsalves          | M Zockoll             | P Vir                   |
| L Brown                 | J Marsh              | C Hart                | S Callaghan             |
| Y Senanayake            | B Forsdick           | T Sokan               | R Nair                  |
| S Sachdeva              | A Sun                | R Rahman              | S Smith                 |
| J Dhingra               | F Khan               | S Patel               | H Shopland              |
| E Henning               | T Bradshaw           | S Heape               | J Nicholson             |
| T Brown                 | M Scott              | D Cronje              | N Yamin                 |
| L Clarke-Tidey          | T Saitch             | G Gilbride            | L Jopling               |
| G Declercq              | R Evans-Ellis        | W Hughes              | P Smith                 |
| G Bradford              | K Lee                | A Banerjee            | S Packer                |

**Mr D Matthews**

### **Judo**

The last lesson of this term for the Upper 4<sup>th</sup> form will be on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. For all other groups it will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The first lesson back next term will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May for the Upper 4<sup>th</sup> (lunchtime) and for all other groups on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the following times:

Years 1 and 2    3.20 – 4.05 pm  
 Years 3 and L4    Lunchtime  
 Years 5 and 6    4.15 – 5.00 pm

Please note that the fee of £70 will be due on the day of the first lesson.

If your son is unable to attend his own year group's class, he is welcome to join one of the others.