

HEADLINES

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Spring Term 2010 – March (3)

Clearly I should relinquish my post more often! In the week of my absence, under the sage guidance of Mrs Mapp, the so-called Headmaster's table achieved the distinction of carrying off first prize in the Homefield Association Quiz Evening; the 1st VII won its eponymous 7s competition, and the little matter of four scholarships were secured by Homefield boys at senior schools to bring the current total to a record-threatening 21 (and counting!) A full update of this term's extra-ordinary events will follow in the end of term newsletter next week.

Homefield Association

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Homefield Association Coffee Morning today. Your generosity raised £140.10 for 'Help for Heroes', the boys' nominated charity. Please refer to the notice boards in the main hall and the EYU entrance for latest Association activities and events.

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.



Leukaemia Research

Beefys Great Forget-Me-Not Walk

Sir Ian Botham's 25th Anniversary Charity Walk takes place in the Sutton area on the 15th April.

The route will start outside the Sutton branch of M & S and will pass along the Cheam Road during the course of the day. Participating fundraisers are invited to join the walk, further details of which can be found at www.beefy25.com or email beefy25@lrf.org.uk.

The Early Years' Unit

The Nursery

This week's focus is 'Easter Celebrations'.

Some of the learning experiences planned include:

- ❖ Cooking Easter nests
- ❖ Observing changes in seasons by going on a spring walk.
- ❖ Easter egg patterns and the shape Oval.
- ❖ Recap of all Jolly Phonics 'l, f, b, j' actions, songs and stories.
- ❖ Making Fabergé eggs
- ❖ Recognising numerals 0 – 10 and beyond

The last day for the egg competition is Thursday morning; we will be judging them during the day. Prizes and an Easter egg hunt will follow on Friday. Please remember we finish at 11.30am for the holidays.

Miss Kingsford, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

Transition

The boys have enjoyed acting out the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' during outdoor learning and are looking forward to listening to 'The Ugly Duckling' next week.

We are using all of our senses and going on a Spring walk. We will be discussing which animals are hatched from eggs and reading 'Chickens aren't the Only Ones'.

In Literacy we are reading the 'Jolly Postman' which has several references to different fairy tales and making a map for him to follow. In Numeracy we are looking at repeating patterns and symmetry.

The last day for bringing in your decorated egg is Thursday morning as we will be judging them that day. Prizes will be awarded in the 'Friday Forum' before the Easter Bunny visits! Have a lovely Easter holiday and a little reminder that we break up at 11.30 am.

Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

The First Year

As we approach the end of term we are sending home a letter detailing the Summer uniform requirements. We would remind parents that the uniform shop is open on Monday if you need to make any purchases. Please may we remind you that school finishes at 11.30.a.m. on Friday 26th March. There will be a crèche for boys who are going home on the minibus or who are waiting for brothers in the Senior Department.

Mrs Gunningham, Mrs Goodbody and Miss Buchanan

The Second Year

Another busy week has flown by. We were pleased to see so many Year 2 boys perform on their violins at assembly on Monday.

Next week is the final week of swimming for Year 2 boys this year. Mr Matthews is very pleased by the progress made in swimming skills by all of the boys.

We have been grappling with telling the time in our Maths lessons, concentrating on o'clock, half past and quarter to and past. The boys have been learning both digital and analogue time. It would be very useful if you could please practise these times informally with your boys. The spellings for next week's test are the long –o sound words.

Mrs Burgess, Mrs Connaughton and Mrs Lyndham

Homefield Heroes

1H Gabriel Cotton for an excellent attitude to and progress in literacy. Well done Gabriel!

1P Thomas Edwards for being an enthusiastic member of 1P. Well done Thomas!

1S James Mercieca for fantastic work in mathematics. Well done James!

2H Krisnaa Muhunthakumar for the improvement in accuracy and lovely presentation of his work.

2P James Freeman for an enthusiastic approach to learning in class. Well done!

2S Laurence Clarke-Tidey for being a diligent worker in class and making super progress in his reading.

3H Joe Howat for improved effort all around! Also great effort with your creative writing last week! Keep it up!

3S Thomas Reed for excellent effort and use of interesting words in his creative writing.

Other Certificates

1S Oliver Lobb-Rossini – Rugby 'Man of the Match' trophy.

1S Rizwan Hatimi – certificate of Investiture for Beavers.

1S Saad Ayub – Rainbow 10m swimming award.

Music

This has been an incredibly busy week for the music department, with three outstanding performances by:

Chamber Choir

(Tuesday – Choral Evensong, St John's Leatherhead)

Fifth Form

(Wednesday - Year Group Concert)

Composers' Ensemble

(Thursday – Festival of Music for Youth)

In fact, the week has been so busy, that the Head of Music hasn't had two minutes to write anything so look out for the reports and photos next week!

6th Form Recital

Please make sure that all slips for the 6th Form Recital are returned to me by Tuesday at the latest. The concert is on Thursday evening, starting at 6.30pm.

Mr A Meyers

Classics

In order to assist our Upper 6th students in their preparations for forthcoming examinations next term, I will be conducting a revision day on Tuesday 30th March. The day will be separated into two segments, with the Common Entrance students invited

to attend from 10am to 12:30, and the Scholarship students invited to attend from 1:30 to 3pm. In each of the sessions we will be focusing upon examination preparation techniques and addressing issues identified by the students themselves. I would strongly recommend, if practicable, that the students attend the relevant session as part of their continuing undertakings of revision.

Mr M McCaffery

Cycling Proficiency

There are still a few spaces left for the Level 2 cycling proficiency course taking place between the 29th March and the 1st April. The course is open to boys from the 5th form upwards. If you would like further details, please email Mrs White at sabine.white@homefield.sutton.sch.uk.

Sport

Rugby

Under 8s Tag Rugby v Rokeby

Well done to the boys in the A, B and C teams who played their last game of tag rugby against Rokeby on Tuesday 16th March. In all of the matches Homefield were always in the game playing lots of good rugby with fast running and good support.

All matches were very close with lots of tries being scored by both teams.

The results reflect how very closely contested these games were. The boys have improved throughout their fixtures and totally enjoyed playing rugby this term. Next year these boys will be playing full contact Rugby with compulsory mouth guards.

List of Results:

A Team Score.

Lost 12-11

Samuel Heape (6) Theo Brown (2) William Gurney (1)
Alexander Davies (1) Matthew Scott (1).

B Team Score

Lost 11 10

James Nicholson (4) Tom Bradshaw (3) Noah Yamin (2) Arun Subramaniam (1)

C Team Score

Lost 10 -9

Stephen Bahn (3) Zac Gray (2) Harry Messent (1) Nathan Addy-Walker (1) Samuel Warren (1) Naveen Dhar(1)

Mr G Pearce

Hockey

Under 10 Hockey v Kingswood House

After the disappointment of the first ever Homefield hockey fixture being cancelled last week, the Under 10 A and B team made up for over a 100 years of lost time by emphatically winning both their matches and placing themselves in the Homefield history books. The B team conceded very early on but managed to work the ball around the astro turf and equalise with an excellent pass from Jaimin Patel to Louis Brown who scored with ease. Jaimin had numerous opportunities to score and played very well, Sai Patel was able to capitalise on a rebound from one shot and scored. Kingswood House bounced back in the second half but Homefield proved too strong and Sai Patel found his scoring hockey stick again and slammed the ball in the back of the net.



Homefield U10 boys in action v Kingswood House

Result:- Kingswood House 2-3 HPS 'B'

The A team also had a fantastic win. Sam Gurney was a rock in goal and made some vital saves but Homefield were always in control of the game and he had little to do for most of the match. When Aaron Cornish latched on to and well placed Archie Otley pass he had only the keeper to beat and coolly slotted the ball home to give Homefield the lead. In the second half Archie dominated the midfield and his tireless running set up another goal for Aaron Cornish. Archie then rounded off a man of the match performance by scoring himself. Kingswood House did manage a consolation goal but considering this was their first ever fixture, the A team looked like hockey was a second nature to them.

Result:- Kingswood House 1-3 Homefield 'A'

Both teams were the first ever Homefield boys to win a hockey match in the school's history, well done all of you:

Teams

'A' Team	'B' Team
Sam Gurney (GK)	Jimmy O'Brien (GK)
Archie Otley	Ash Sood
Michael Bahn	Sai Patel
William Hewetson	Louis Brown
Tishe Sokan	George Hopkins
Aaron Cornish	Luke Gonsalves
Seleso Sepanya	Max Zockoll
	Jaimin Patel

Mr D Matthews

U13 Hockey v Belmont and Kingswood House

On Wednesday 17th March, the newly formed Homefield team went to Kingswood House in Epsom to take part in a 7-a-side mini-tournament.

The host school played Belmont school first and they won convincingly by eight goals to one.

Homefield then lined up against Belmont and despite having two good chances to score, we were soon 0-2 down. Then Jamie Hughes finished off some good passes towards goal. This was quickly accompanied by a second goal scored by Oliver Darroch to equalise just before half-time. We continued to attack but went behind again after some good kick away saves by the Homefield goalkeeper eventually resulted in a tap-in from close

range. Fortunately, Cameron Crowley scored a last minute goal to give us a deserved draw at 3-3.

We then played Kingswood House after a brief rest. They had a powerful hitter in their team and their main tactic was to blast the ball forward as quickly as possible. Despite some good early attacks we were again two goals down before we found the net via a flick in by Jamie. At half-time we were 1-3 down but a driven shot made it four soon after play resumed. Cameron put us back in the match with good control before slipping the ball in just past the feet of their confident goalie. Kingswood House scrambled in a messy goal from close range. Then Ben Adey passed forward accurately into midfield and Marko Ravic finished off from the next pass to score the best goal of the afternoon. We continued to attack right to the end but lost an enjoyable match by 3-6, despite one of their players scoring **five** goals. So we finished in second place ahead of Belmont on goal difference (scoring more and conceding fewer). Thanks to Mr Strong for coaching the team.

Homefield 'A' team: A Sharma (GK), B Adey, C Tribe, O Darroch, A Bygate, M Ravic (C), C Crowley and J Hughes.

Reporter: Arjun Sharma

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