

# HEADLINES

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Spring Term 2011 – March (3)

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Another week in which I glow with pride at the achievements of the Homefield boys! The U13 7s' team resoundingly won our home tournament last Friday, emulating their earlier success at Aberdour.

This morning, the young charges in Tawny Owls gave a splendid rendition of the fantastic 'Going on a Bear Hunt' story and this afternoon, performers, singers and musicians in the senior department are entertaining us in the school's own stupendous version of 'Homefield's Got Talent'. Sensational! Outside on the sports field the mud-splattered boys in the Colts 7 are trying to emulate the Upper 6<sup>th</sup> form success.

The boys have continued their charitable endeavours today in aid of 'Red Nose Day' and this evening the Homefield Disco takes place to raise money for our sister school, St Anthony's in Sri Lanka and the Helplanka charity.

Next Friday, the Homefield Association is holding a coffee morning in aid of those who lives have been devastated by the earthquake and Tsunami in Japan. Our thoughts are with all those affected by these tragic events..

## Homefield U13 7s Winners

Congratulations to the U13 1<sup>st</sup> VII Squad who played fantastically well to win the Homefield 7s last Friday. We beat **Aberdour** comfortably (43-0), but won two tight matches against **Hawthorns** (12-5) and **Chinthurst** (10-5). With three consecutive wins we topped the group.



As a result we qualified to play Kings' House in the Semi Final. Homefield were looking to avenge their defeat to King's House from earlier in the Sevens season when we started poorly.

After a pulsating game, Homefield just managed to cling on to win 19-15. A few weeks earlier we had beaten Cumnor House in the 15 a-side game, though the scoreline was close. We knew the final would be tough and it wasn't until the final couple of minutes that we managed to pull away from the opposition. We managed to retain the trophy with a winning scoreline against **Cumnor House** of 22-10.

Well done to **Jasper Pittam, Peter O'Brien and Thomas Gunningham** who scrummaged successfully all afternoon. They toiled hard to provide good possession for the backs. **Sam Goodman** was determined and thoughtful at Scrum Half. **Nathan Inkester** displayed his usual athleticism and try scoring prowess at Fly Half. **Jonny Coekin** and **Oliver Darroch** shared duties on the right wing and contributed well to the teams' success. On the left Wing, **Nicolas Jelacic** was a constant threat in attack and played well to support the team with some robust defence.

It was an excellent end to a short but successful fortnight of Sevens Rugby. We won the Bowl at King's House Sevens by beating Newland House 14-10. We were then Semi finalists at the Feltonfleet Sevens and lost narrowly to Feltonfleet 5-0 in an epic encounter. Homefield won the final two tournaments of the year at Aberdour and Homefield. Well done to **Jack Newton** and **Khalil Baoku** who all represented the Sevens Squad in competition.

**Mr L Nellthorp**

## Homefield Association

We are holding a **Coffee Morning on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** on behalf of 'Save the Children', who have launched a '*Japan Emergency Appeal*'. Please come along and support a worthwhile cause. We will also be holding a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale, so please donate any 'smart' Homefield uniform you have from Monday. See the attached flyer for more details.

A note for your diary that the annual Fun Run will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club. More details will follow nearer the time, and we will also be looking for volunteers to help marshal the event.

**Sioban Barringer**

**Chairperson, Homefield Association**

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## Health and Safety

Parents in the Wimbledon area please be aware of the email sent today referring to recent incidents. The boys need to be extra vigilant if approached by strangers

## Road closures in vicinity of school

From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February to the end of April there will be a temporary closure of Gander Green Lane between the junction of Cheam Road and Tate Road and of York Road between Cheam Road and Salisbury Avenue.

## The Early Years' Unit

What an exciting day! First of all the boys arrived in mufti for Red Nose Day and then we went to watch Tawny class assembly. We have had quite a lot of sickness in the Early Years this week so we were unsure how many boys would be in the assembly but they rallied round! They performed really well and I am sure all the parents enjoyed listening to the story of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. Well done boys!



## Tawny Owls set off to Hunt for Bears!

Next week we have the Early Years Parent Evenings on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Please remember our fundraising 'A Day for Dana' on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and begin to send your sponsor forms back to school.**

## Egg Decorating Competition

We would like the boys to make a decorated egg at home and bring it to school. We will have prizes for the best eggs and the final date will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The boys really enjoyed this competition last year and we hope it will be just as successful this year.

On a more serious note we are all deeply saddened by the events taking place in Japan. We feel more aware in the Early Years, as we have Mrs Brooker working with us and our thoughts go out to her, and her family who live in Japan.

In our Friday Forum these boys were awarded Star Awards;

### Kindergarten:

**Ducks - Iestyn Ellwood-Thompson** for being so helpful and listening so well this week.

### Nursery:

**Elf Owls - Alexander Wood** for having a good understanding of numbers and letters

**Eagle Owls - Prrashann Kirin** for great general knowledge

**Tawny Owls - Yusuf Hassain** for being more aware of things around him.

Transition boys who received Student of the Week are;

**Woodpeckers - Anush Hydros** for showing such enthusiasm with our Spring topic

**Puffins - James Mannion** for being so kind to his friends

## Mrs B Whiteway

### Head of EYU

### The Nursery

The topic for this term is Spring.

Some of the learning experiences planned include;

- Phonic 'l'.
- Book knowledge
- Counting amounts into sets.
- Making popcorn.
- Talking about new born animals in Spring.
- Looking at the life cycle of tadpole to frog
- Discussing how we take care of animals.

## Mrs Whiteway, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

## Transition

Thank you to everyone that contributed to Comic Relief. All the boys looked fantastic in their red clothes.

In Literacy this week we will be continuing to practise reading and writing sentences, practising CVC and CCVC words and writing a third page in our bean diaries. We will be learning new tricky words 'do' 'out' 'what' and 'when' and learning to spell 'my' and 'her'.

In Numeracy we will be looking at more than/less than, continuing to practise number bonds to 10 and beginning to introduce odd and even numbers. We will also be weighing different objects relating to our topic.

## Miss Kingsford and Miss Waddy

## The Junior Department

### The First Year

It was a pleasure to meet so many parents this week. The boys were delighted to know that parents were able to see some of their work and you will have the opportunity to look at more of it on Open Afternoon next term.

We have begun to talk to the boys about the forthcoming Royal Wedding, and have encouraged them to bring in any literature relating to this.

Thank you for the cakes that made our Red Nose Day sale so successful. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

## Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody

### The Second Year

We had a lovely week which culminated in an exciting Friday with Red Nose Day. The boys always love being in Mufti and enjoyed buying cakes at the cake sale. We rounded the day off by telling jokes in class.

Our spelling pattern is the long 'i' sound so another week of tricky spellings.

## Homefield Heroes

**1H Reilly Smith** for making a fantastic effort with all his work. Well done Reilly!

**1S Nat Wagner** for his sensible and mature approach to everything he does in school. Well done Nat!

**2H Andrew Faris** for being polite and well behaved in the class.

**2P Freddie Cornwell** for effort and success in Maths. Well done!

**2S James Mendes** for always being organised and following instructions.

**3H Jacob Trevithick** for improved confidence and participation in Maths. You have also improved your work pace! Keep it up!

**3P Carter Edwards** for improving his handwriting and working harder in class. Well done!

**3S Anish Patel** for increased effort and participation in Maths.

**3S Elliot Clarke** for improved focus and attention in lessons.

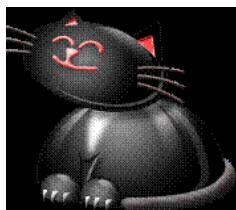
## English Department

### Poetry Corner

There once was a man with a hat  
Who thought himself humungously  
fat

But in fact he was thin  
With thick crocodile skin  
And a grin like a big Cheshire Cat!

**Harry Messant L4S**



### Film Education Prize

One of the group entries submitted to the British Film Institute's Film Education 'Be Creative: Be a Screen Champion' 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, **Hugo Brown**.

To enter the competition, students had to research, design and create an original campaign to promote legitimate film and TV content – both at home and in the cinema – and discourage illegal downloads. The campaign entrants had to target people of their own age and could be produced in the form of a 30-second film, a series of three posters or a series of three radio adverts.

The competition attracted a huge volume of entries from students across the UK from ages 11 to 19. The thoughtful and original entries were carefully constructed and showcased impressive talent. The judges praised Alex and Hugo's original filmed campaign for its clear, simple concept, its illustration of key ideas and the effective editing of the final film. 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/becreative](http://www.filmeducation.org/becreative)

Congratulations!

**Mr Michael Brett**

## Fencing

*Come and Try or sign up now!*

**Monday Lunchtime - 1.20pm in Sports Hall!**



### Fencing Club in action!

We have a strong Fencing Club at Homefield and the boys enjoy the odd duel against Mr Medley (Year 3 Teacher). The Coach is Anita, an ex-international fencer herself. Her son finished in the top 16 at the 2010 World Junior Championships.

Here are some of the boys thoughts on the club...

*Fencing is an experience that you can't normally have. It is like a thrilling adventure, I feel like a pirate with a sword!*

**Luke Saitch U4th**

*It a good thing to do! I feel like one of the three musketeers or like a knight with a sword fighting a battle. I'm finding it a challenge but its fun!*

**Oscar Pitkethly U4th**

*I enjoy the tactician element of Fencing. I like to wait for my opponent to make a mistake then take advantage of it and hit them with a lunge! I have been doing it for three years!*

**Tristan Taylor U6th**

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 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 Thomas can be contacted on 07719 631210 for further details.

### Mr Medley and Tiger Swords Fencing

## Swimming

The Otter Swim Club, who meet at Sutton High School, are running Easter 'Crash Courses' from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Full details and an application form are available online or from the School Office. Spaces are strictly limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. The deadline for receipt of all applications is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April