

HEADLINES

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Spring Term 2010 – March (4)

Dear Parents

By any objective analysis this has been a truly astonishing and literally extra-ordinary term. In the now traditional end of term encomium of an ever-present touchline friend of Homefield, *“Congratulations on another superb term on the sports’ field and in the classroom. I am always amazed at the number of activities fitted into every week when I read the Headlines”*. That is an amazement which, as Headmaster, I continue to share, and, as at last night’s astonishing 6th form music concert, my inadequate and halting words of congratulation do not begin to be adequate to encompass the sheer range and quality of the boys’ accomplishments, which, for the present purposes of this newsletter, will need to be left to speak for themselves!

In a term which, at the front end, featured a blizzard and at the rear end an inspection, in between the boys and staff have spliced the little matter of twenty-one academic, music, sporting, all rounder and art awards (so far), the National Preparatory Schools’ U13 Rugby Trophy, the fourth division chess trophy in the Bryant Poulter League, a joint first place ranking in the British Land UK Chess Challenge (shared, improbably, with Dr Anthony Seddon’s Wellington College, no less) and a magical entry to the National Festival of Music for Youth. Ahead, for the U6th form, lie Common Entrance and more scholarship examinations and the opportunity (should we be so small-minded) for a record breaking year. We will all have our personal reasons to remember this term and I thank boys and staff for their matchless contribution to the boys’ peerless achievements. I wish everyone a much-deserved and restful break. Well done!

P R MOWBRAY
Headmaster

The Homefield Association

It is with great pleasure that we can announce the grand total of funds raised at Quiz Night to be over £1400 - £720 profit on ticket sales and a Match Fund opportunity courtesy of Fiona Freeman and Barclays Corporate to equal that amount.

The Homefield Association will contribute these funds towards the purchase of a new Sound System to be used in the hall for assemblies, school productions and concerts. Thank you to all those parents who attended this event and helped make this possible – your support of the Homefield Association’s social activities is greatly appreciated.

Fun Run 15th May 11.00 am -1pm

Come along and burn off those Easter chocolate calories at the Charity fun run in aid of Cancer Research and the Royal Marsden Hospital. This fun run is for boys of all ages. They can arrive at anytime between 11am and 1pm and run a few laps of the course at Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club. Sponsorship forms will be distributed for the boys to raise money for these worthy causes.

There will be an optional obstacle course including tunnels, water squirters, a cargo net and the chance to throw a wet sponge at a teacher on completion of each lap. The boys may wear fancy dress if they like and prizes will be awarded for the best outfit and the most laps in each department. Hot drinks and refreshments will be available for parents and children throughout the morning.

Fun Day Thursday 8th July

This day is for the boys to celebrate the end of a great year and to let their hair down after all their hard work. It will be held during school time between 12.30-4pm and the boys will be allocated a time slot for their year group/department. The fun will include inflatables, ice cream, face painting, candyfloss, a merry-go-round, a fire engine and other games. Any parent volunteers who are able to spare half an hour to help supervise on the day please email me.

Bollywood Bash 26th June 8.00pm -1.00am

Don’t miss this one! An evening for parents and staff to enjoy – starting with a musical reception at the Diomed Suite of Epsom Grandstand, followed by a Curry Buffet. After the main course we will be entertained with a Bollywood Bonanza of dance from ‘Tridhara’, an Asian dance group who have previously performed for Tony Blair and the Queen! The evening will also include a raffle and disco.

Tickets will be available next term and great value at £50 (closing date 4th June). Tables are pre arranged (8, 10 or 12 people) so join with your year group or bring some friends. Dress code is smart evening wear or International dress (no jeans please). See you there!

Any questions about the above events please do not hesitate to email me. On behalf of the Homefield Association may I wish you a Happy Easter Break!

Nicola Rahman
(Chairperson)
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The Early Years' Unit

Kindergarten

In the Kindergarten we have been finding out where different animals live in the world. Polar, Desert, Rainforest and Grassland animals have been painted, marble rolled and collaged to create a lovely 3D display. The boys have really enjoyed stories, songs and movement activities around this topic. They have also made biscuits choosing their own favourite animal.

Through the traditional story the 'Three Little Pigs' the boys have constructed their different homes and re-enacted the story using finger and stick puppets that they made.

The boys have been enthusiastic about making cards for Mothers' Day and Easter, we hope you like them. The Easter nests they made proved to be very tempting. Luckily, we managed to save enough mixture to ensure everyone had a chocolate nest to take home.

Happy Easter Holidays

Mrs Grange, Miss Edwards

The Nursery

This half term through our topic on 'Homes and Habitats' we have looked at the areas we live in. We learnt our addresses and found photos of our houses using the internet. We were then able to use all the information we had to either paint or draw on the computer a picture of our houses.

We have explored countries near and far where we have family links. We have also discovered what life is like for animals and people living in hot and cold countries. We found which animals live in the North and South Pole regions plus those from desert areas.

World Book Day was at the beginning of March, the boys had the opportunity to purchase a book using a World Book Token at the Book Fair. The boys also listened to stories chosen and read by U6th boys. The Nursery boys thoroughly enjoyed the stories and were a very appreciative audience for the slightly nervous senior boys.

Our cookery sessions are always greeted with enthusiasm, the boys having had the chance to make pasta salads, taste a variety of breads from around the world and flexing arm muscle to make iceberg meringues. Finally to finish the term we made chocolate nests filled with eggs for Easter.

Once again, thank you for your continued support bringing in objects of interest to support our topic and phonics table this term.

Happy Easter

Miss Kingsford, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

Transition

What a busy term we've had learning lots of exciting new things!

Our topic this term has been 'Fairy and Traditional Tales', the boys have particularly enjoyed acting out the different stories using masks and props. We have looked at five different tales and written about the stories. We are now able to write independent sentences using all the key words we have learnt. We are also enjoying reading in school and sharing our books at home with you.

In Knowledge and Understanding we have grown our own beans, made gingerbread men and Easter biscuits, drawn maps, investigated the weather and found out which creatures come from an egg.

In Numeracy we have learnt our number bonds to five and ten, counted in twos and tens, learnt about symmetry and repeating patterns, have measured using non standard units and used scales to weigh different materials using comparative language. We have seen lots of enthusiasm in our egg competition and think the beautifully decorated eggs have really made the EYU look more like Easter! All the boys enjoyed looking for eggs after the Easter bunny had visited the playground this morning. We hope you have a lovely Easter holiday.

Mrs B Whiteway and Miss S Waddy

The Junior Department

What an unusual start to the term with a snow covered school and only a limited number of boys able to get here! We have happy memories of snowmen on the field and design and technology skills being used to create Homefield igloos! Now we feel that warmer days mean that Spring is in the air and we look forward to lovely sunny playtimes.

The boys have all had a very busy term and we are delighted with all that they have achieved. One of our highlights was the visit by the Pied Piper Theatre Company, who performed "The Big Enormous Present" to the Junior Department. The second years thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the British Museum and their enthusiastic report in assembly was great to listen to.

We are sorry to have to say goodbye to a few boys – William Sawyer, Yuki Suter, and Alex Dechambeau. We wish them well in their new schools and hope they will keep in touch with us.

You will have received a letter regarding Summer uniform. Please could you ensure that your son has his sports cap with him at all times, as we like the boys to wear these at playtimes when the weather is warmer. If your son needs sun cream please apply it before he comes to school and he may re-apply it if needed during the day. We are happy for boys to bring in water bottles for use in the classroom, but would ask that they have non-spill tops and are named.

We wish everybody a very happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on April 20th.

The First Year

It has been a great term and we are delighted with all that the boys have achieved. All their hard work has culminated in Easter activities this week when they have been very busy using their creative skills. The boys have been very enthusiastic about our topic of money and will probably be keen to practise their skills with their pocket money during the holidays! We have been very pleased with their initial efforts in story writing which we will continue to develop in the Summer Term. The improvement in the weather has meant that the boys have been able to venture outside more for their sports, and we look forward to Summer days of cricket and athletics.

These are a few thoughts from the boys about things they have particularly enjoyed this term.

I enjoyed making the picture frame for Mothers' Day. It had a picture of me in it – Adam Hitchens

*I enjoyed writing the story about "The Fly Away Kite".
Callum Jopling*

I liked our topic work, particularly about hurricanes and tornados. Indi Kulkarni

I particularly liked the work about push and pull toys. I drew a yellow car. Eshan Kesvani

I enjoyed drawing pictures of boats. My boat was called Freddie. Freddie Cornwell

My favourite art activity was creating our Jack Frost collages. Yaw Sarpong

I loved making the umbrellas. We did careful patterns on them. Ibraheem Baig

I liked making the apples and pears for our trees. Abbas Abedi

I liked drawing ships with chalk and crayon. Gabriel Cotton

It was fun investigating 'Push and Pull' in our Science lesson on the adventure playground. Jamie Flatley

I enjoyed writing things in "All about Me" in ICT. Joshua Stearnes and Anirudh Saravanakumar

We wish everyone a lovely holiday and look forward to a great final term in the first year!

Mrs Gunningham, Mrs Goodbody and Miss Buchanan

The Second Year

Another fantastic half term has flown by and yet again our boys have made superb progress.

Their maths and literacy skills are developing soundly.

This half term the boys have enjoyed demonstrating their talents for story writing and have continued improving their understanding of sentence construction.

In science we have learnt about animals with and without backbones. We have been delighted by the interest and enthusiasm and their willingness to share that knowledge with their peers.

Our trip to the Natural History Museum was extremely interesting and great fun! All the boys behaved beautifully on the outing and proudly represented Homefield.

The boys have been learning about healthy eating and making good choices and we are very pleased to say that boys are thinking about eating a balanced and colourful diet at lunchtime.

Mums should be thrilled with their cards for Mothers' Day as every boy produced a thoughtful, personalised poem; something to be treasured!

The boys have continued to enjoy their clubs this term. We are very impressed by their commitment and enthusiasm to attend each week.

We would like to wish all our boys a safe and happy Easter holiday.

Relax and enjoy the chocolate!

Mrs Connaughton, Mrs Burgess and Mrs Lyndham

The Third Year

This term has flown by with all the boys working very hard in the classroom and on the sports field. All the boys have been improving their rugby skills and some have had the opportunity to put them into practice against Chinthurst, Caterham, Hawthorns and Rokeby School. The boys have enjoyed this

term's rugby and are looking forward to focusing on their cricket skills next term.

In Science with Mr Dawkins, the boys have been looking at skeletons and how the body moves.. We have grappled with the challenging idea that muscles work in pairs! In Geography the boys have studied the main geographical features of the UK. They now have a better understanding of their own part of the world.

World Book Day was on the March 4th where many boys attended the book fair and as a result of their enthusiastic spending, they are now enjoying the joy of new books!

The Year 3 made their annual trip to the British Museum to visit the Egyptian Galleries on Tuesday 26th February. It was a very successful and beneficial outing. The learning experience was great. The highlights for the boys were seeing Ginger and Bones, the famous Rosetta Stone, and the mummified animals. We were very grateful for the assistance of Mr Shivdasani and Mrs Scott. The museum is always teeming with visitors and having extra helping hands and watchful eyes proves invaluable. Other visitors remarked on how well behaved and interested our boys were. Well done boys, we are very proud of you.

This term brings our swimming lessons to a close. The boys have all improved and are more confident and skilful in the water.

We hope that you have a wonderful, safe Easter break with much more Spring weather to come.

Mr Medley and Mr Murani

Homefield Heroes

1H Gerard Akioyame for effort and success in Literacy. Keep it up Gerard!

1P Freddie Cornwell for having an excellent approach to all he does. Well done Freddie!

1S Callum Jopling for excellent application to all his work. Well done Callum!

2H Femi Sonuga for a fabulous improvement in his literacy work and spelling.

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

2S Barney Evans for being a happy, hardworking and helpful member of 2S.

2S Saurav Ruparelia for being a happy, hardworking and helpful member of 2S.

3H Sam Martin for improved all-round behaviour. Keep it up!

3S Zac Gray for working so hard and making excellent progress in literacy.

Other Certificates

2P Omar Rahman - Trinity Hall Initial Violin (with distinction).

Charity Report

We have all enjoyed another very hectic and busy term and we have continued to try to find time to maintain our charitable initiatives.

The Parents Association has really put its shoulders to the wheel and has helped to add to the excellent work the boys do by adding the profits from its coffee mornings.

The collection tins for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal collected over £300 and this amount was further boosted by the proceeds

from the first coffee morning. The second event helped to collect £140 for Help for Heroes.

I hope everyone will be planning to take part in the Fun Run next term; it certainly promises to be a very entertaining event. I hope that Saturday 15th May is already a fixture in your diary! We also had a Cake Sale this term, it was a very successful event and £141 was collected for Smile Train. The brothers Sharma and Forsdick worked very hard to ensure that all went smoothly and that there was sufficient produce to sell.

Also worthy of a special mention are Hugo Brown, Tomas Harmworth and Alex Howat. They were the driving force behind the collection for Haiti and they have also been busy making a film this term. The film will be ready after the holidays and they are planning a special first screening early next term. Tickets for the premiere will be on sale soon. I hope that this will be a well supported event and that it will raise a good deal for the selected Charity.

The annual Homefield disco took place the other week, despite my usual panic in the week preceding the event. It was very well attended and raised a magnificent £628 for Help Lanka. The money is already on its way to Sri Lanka and is going to be used to help fund a special sports event at our twin school St Anthony's in Panadura.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Goodman family luck on their return to Malawi and also to all the parents that have contributed craft items for them to take out. We look forward to hearing news on their return.

I have recently been contacted by a former pupil Ben Turner requesting support on his planned World Challenge trip to Mongolia. I hope to have more details soon. However, if you would like to make any contribution or have ideas for extra fund raising for Ben I would be delighted to hear from you.

Once again, I find my self humbled by the school's charitable work and I am delighted to be able to confirm that we have raised over £5000 for our charities so far this year. My thanks as always for your generosity and support.

Mr M Till

Charitable Endeavours

The Jauffret Frost Sports Relief Team would like to thank all those who kindly supported us for their generosity. As a result, we raised £352 (and counting) for the charity, so far making 176% of our target! Thank you all on behalf of the many who will benefit.

Hamish Frost's family (2S)

Other intrepid runners in Nonsuch Park were **Ben Forsdick** who completed the 6 mile run in 59 minutes 30 seconds accompanied by **Aaron Cornish** (dressed as a 118 118 man) who completed the 6 mile run in 1 hour 15 minutes – delayed by the partial loss of his moustache part way round!

Tejas Patel and **Vivek Desai** took part in a 3 mile run in Victoria and they completed their course in just under an hour.

Also supporting Sports Relief were members of **London Snow Herons** who raised £82 for the charity.

Well done to all Homefield boys for their marvellous effort on behalf of the Sports Aid Charity.

Eco-council

The highlight for the eco-council this term has been the visit of Mrs Charlotte Simmonds, Head of Fire Safety and the Environment at the Houses of Parliament.

She explained her responsibilities to the eco-council members, asked them about all the initiatives the eco-council had been involved with, such as WoW competitions, the Clean-up sessions and the cycling initiatives. The boys then had an opportunity to question her on the Government's plans for "green" developments such as alternative energies.

The eco-council has also gone into gardening this week, by planting small trees given to us by the National Trust, and silver birch seeds in the Nursery garden. We shall look forward to seeing them grow!

Cycling continues to be an area of development at Homefield. Year 2 and Year 3 boys have enjoyed their after-school club on Mondays, and further similar sessions will be run after the Easter break.

This week, six boys took part in the Sutton Cycling Championship semi-final but unfortunately did not qualify for the final this year.

Next week a cycling proficiency course level 2 will be run from Monday to Thursday. There are a few places available, for pupils year 6 and above. Should you be an experienced cyclist, you are welcome to attend, even though you may not have taken the level 1 course. Please e-mail me to check availability!

Ms Buchanan also attended an eco-schools information meeting earlier this week and we are looking forward to hearing about news initiatives.



The Eco-council tilling the soil

Mrs Sabine White

Music

Spring term overview

This has been a very successful term for the music department with a number of boys gaining awards for their next schools.

Freddie Meyers U6P

Full Music Scholarship Trinity School, Croydon and City of London School.

Raymond Yip U6H

Music Award King's College, Wimbledon.

William Ferguson U6S

Music award Reigate Grammar School.

Harry Hovell U6S

Music Award Reed's School, Cobham.

Taeon Park

Music Award Trinity School, Croydon.

Voces 8 Concert

Back in January the 3rd Form joined forces with pupils from Manor Park School and Robin Hood School in a concert with the professional Vocal Ensemble Voces 8. They performed on the third floor of the St Nicholas centre to a large and enthusiastic audience of parents and shoppers.



Voces 8 visit Homefield

There have been two visits to St John's School, Leatherhead. In January, Homefield sent 30 boys to the Orchestral Playday, giving a definite maroon hue to the 200 strong combined orchestra.

On March 16th 30 trebles from the chamber choir joined with the St John's choir and boys from Aldro and Chinthurst to sing choral evensong. The boys gave a fantastic performance of a very taxing programme as the St John's choir were repeating the service that they had sung in Winchester Cathedral the previous Sunday.



Homefield visit St John's School, Leatherhead

The next day Wednesday 17th, the Fifth Form gave a fantastic performance to their parents with a selection of percussion pieces, solo performances and songs. If this wasn't enough for one week, the following day, the 6th Form Composer's Ensemble travelled up to Somerset house to compete in the Festival of music for youth.

They performed a seven minute piece for instrumental ensemble that they had composed themselves and the adjudicators were extremely impressed with their work.

"Excellent instrumental and technical playing. Your self-direction is immaculate and your stage presentation is very convincing."

"You are all fantastic musicians who play with technique and musicianship well beyond your years. An excellent performance that I enjoyed thoroughly from start to finish. Well done!"

The term was completed by a recital by members of the 6th form. Performances were given by the Jazz Orchestra, 6th form Percussion Ensembles and a rock band that the boys had organised themselves. There were 40 solo performances on instruments ranging from xylophone to saxophone and the wealth of talent was staggering.



Members of the Instrumental Ensemble

Humanities

RS

Visit to Wimbledon and District Synagogue

On Tuesday 8th March, Homefield School visited the Wimbledon and District Synagogue.

As we arrived at the synagogue three Jewish women met us and showed us around their synagogue. They explained that it was a liberal reformed synagogue, which means a modern and not an Orthodox one.

Next to the main entrance were two engraved plaques with the words in English and Hebrew (the Jewish holy language). As we entered the holy building, we looked at many pictures of two *women Rabbis*. In a liberal reformed synagogue the rabbi, teacher of the Jews, could be a woman or a man whilst in an Orthodox synagogue the Rabbi has to be a man. In both synagogues there are no statues or pictures because the 2nd commandment says that you shall not worship any idols.

We wore a special Jewish cap called a **Kippah** to show respect to God. We sat down and listened to the three women. They told us how to say hello and welcome in Hebrew; **Shalot** and **Shallon**.

They spoke about the **Shabbat**. The Shabbat begins at sunset on Friday evening and lasts until dusk on Saturday. Jews rest on the 7th day of the week because God worked for six days and on the 7th he rested. We were allowed to stand on a raised platform, from where the rabbi took the service, which is called a **Bimah** and open the **Ark** (a wardrobe where five holy books were kept). The most holy book is the **Torah** (The book of teachings). On top of the Ark was an everlasting lamp called a **Nair Tami** which symbolized God. We saw two candle-stands

called a **Mezuzah** and a **Hannukah**. We saw a few pictures of boys and girls who had had their **Bar Mitzvah** and **Bat Mitzvah**.

One of our teachers was allowed to hold the Torah while some pupils unrapped it. Our teacher wore a prayer shawl with many fringes called a **Tallit**. The Tallit had many fringes so it reminds the Jews about their special laws. We were shown a book called the **Saffa Torah** which consisted of many stories like David and Goliath, Passover and the escape of the Jews from Egypt into Israel. We also saw the Torah up close and there was a silver pointer called a **Yad** so no-one needed to touch the pages and risk marking the holy book. The Torah had a silver cover called a **Mantill**. On the Mantill were two lions of Judah, bells and a crown. The Torah was wrapped in a prayer shawl called a Tallit. In the Torah the letters are written by a very skilled person called a **Shoffer** in Hebrew. The Torah is read from right to left. In the Torah there are neither valves nor punctuation. The scrolls would take from two to three years to write. The scrolls are made of parchment, from the shin of a **Kosher** animal. A Kosher animal is an animal which Jews are allowed to eat, for example a cow. The Torah is approximately thirty metres long.

Next we were taught about the functions of a synagogue. These functions are: social events (to become a community), learning and prayer.

Then we gathered around a table for Shabbat. On the table were books, challah bread, a cotton piggy bank for charity, a Goblet (a cup) which was filled with wine, a cup of salt and a bottle of wine. Every Friday, Jews light candles to start Shabbat. Then a prayer is said.. **Sidur** is a Jewish book containing prayers and blessings. We read some prayers and drank a small cup of grape juice, not wine, and ate a piece of **Challah** bread. This is a special bread eaten on special occasions. It was very delicious.

We thanked the people for showing us their Jewish synagogue and returned to our school.

This was my first experience of a Jewish synagogue.

Reporter: Dinos Kalognomas L6H

History

Lower 6th Visit to Portsmouth

On the 22nd March, the whole of the Lower 6th went on a history trip to Portsmouth.

Firstly, we were split into 2 groups. We started to walk around one of the ships decks called the weather deck. This is where the 12 pounder cannons are kept. These cannons would fire 3 different types of shot. Grape shot, which was designed to kill people on board the other ship; small bits of metal would burst out of a tightly wrapped leather bag. Bar shot were a round metal tube with 2 round balls on the end of the metal tube. The aim of bar shot is to destroy ships masts and sails. The last kind of shot is simply a cannon ball, which is used to hit holes in the side of a ship.

The Victory started to be built in 1759 and was finished in 1765. It served for 157 years in the Royal Navy. It carried 850 crew - 821 at the battle of Trafalgar. All of the crew slept in hammocks except the officers who slept in cots. 40% of the Navy were actually forced into work because they had no other occupation. We then travelled up some stairs to the top deck, where a sniper shot Nelson at 1:15pm on the 21st October 1805. He died at 4:15 pm just after the news reached him that he had won the Battle of Trafalgar, the Victory's most famous battle. Living conditions are very cramped and the food was awful.

There was 1 small galley/kitchen feeding 850 people. The whole of the bottom deck was used for storage. Also there was one doctor on board the Victory, he worked near the bottom of the ship, below the waterline, so they were quite safe. He had some basic amputating tools such as saws and knives.

After we had been on the Victory we went to Royal Naval museum. There we saw a small programme on the Battle of Trafalgar and after that we did some of the activities inside the Museum, which were fun.

Then we headed off to have lunch in a lunchroom, we spent about 30 minutes eating lunch then we headed off to the HMS Warrior.

The Warrior is a lot bigger ship than the Victory. It was built in 1860 and was powered by steam and sail, this made the ship travel at 20mph compared to the Victory's 5mph. The ship weighed 9600tons. It had 705 crew, 114 marines and 13 bandmen. It had 3 masts and its highest was 170 feet high. The actual ship never went into action, and it had the first guns to fire shells. It took 8 men to steer. Also it took 6 hours to anchor the ship. We then went down to the lower decks where there were cannons, living quarters and guns. The British sailors fired a cannon in 50 seconds. Also we saw the ship had a small kitchen, but sailors would eat 6000 calories a day. We also learnt that there were 4 different uses of a hammock. Firstly, to sleep in; life raft, it would stay afloat on water; protection, they could absorb bullets and also they would be used as a sailors coffin. We then travelled down to the boiler room where the ship carried 800 tons of coal and the room temperature in the boiler rooms was about 100c.

We then left the Warrior and started to walk back to the coach. I had really enjoyed my day at Portsmouth and hope the boys next year will really like the trip.

Reporter: Peter O'Brien

Maths

Primary Maths Challenge – Finals 2010

In November boys from the Upper 4th and 5th year took part in the Primary Maths Challenge, a nationwide Maths quiz run by the Mathematical Association. Nikhil Fernandes, Prashast Vir, Evan Wang, Tommy Highwood and Charles Bland performed especially well and qualified for the Finals, which took place in February.

We recently received their results. Prashast, Tommy and Charles narrowly missed winning a medal, but both Nikhil and Evan did so well that they were both awarded a Bronze medal. Well done!

Mr N Dawson

Learning Resources Centre

World Book Day and the Book Fair

On World Book Day the first lesson was ERIC – Everyone Reads In Class. Each class in Early Years' and the Juniors had volunteers from the Upper 6th read to them. This was a great success with all of the boys enjoying it. The Upper 6th said it was a great experience and something they would like to do again. Boys in the Senior Department read books in their classrooms - the whole school reading created a great atmosphere.

A lot of boys must have brought new books into school to read on World Book Day because an enormous number were bought at the Book Fair. The takings from the Book Fair were a fantastic £1591 plus 223 £1 World Book Day tokens. This

gives Homefield £894 to spend in the Book Fair catalogue which is wonderful. Thank you so much to all the boys and parents who bought a new book or two! Thanks also to Mrs Crowley, Mrs Dawson and Mrs Lynch for their help at the Book Fair.

LRC Assistants

I have a super team assisting me in the LRC this year. They are William Dennis, Thomas Gunningham, Huw Morgan, Rushil Patel, Kishan Sharma and William Trefusis. Thank you so much for your help.

Mrs K Merryman

Modern Foreign Language Department

L6th and U6th boys have been given the opportunity to take part in the second "Concours d'Art Oratoire" held at Lancing College. The number of participants doubled this year, reaching 85, all keen linguists and 16 schools! In spite of internal examinations and minor distractions such as the school inspection, 5 pupils made the journey to Lancing on 11th March. They had to learn from memory a French poem and also recite a presentation which they had written themselves.

The five Homefield participants and their chosen poems/presentations were:

L6th

Nathan Inkester: Le Cancre by Prévert and "Mes vacances idéales"

Nicholas Jelacic: Chanson de la Puce by De Nerval and "Si j'étais président"

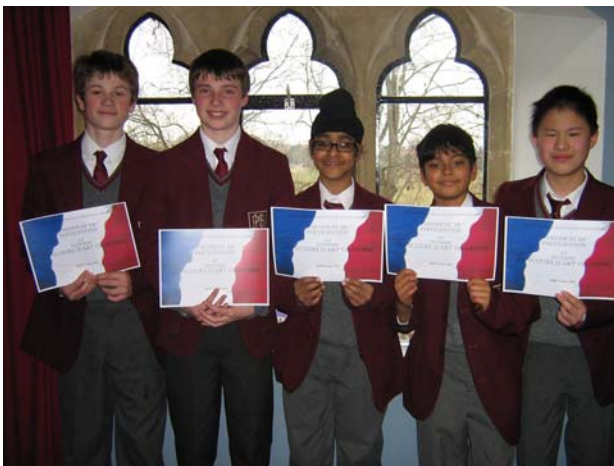
Joshua Vincent: Demain dès l'aube par Victor Hugo and "Si je pouvais changer la terre"

U6th

Balraj Dhingra and Dennis Sun: a pair poem: Je suis enragé, j'aime" par Victor Hugo

Balraj Dhingra: presentation: "Une bonne surprise"

Dennis Sun: "je ne l'ai pas fait!"



Homefield boys at Lancing College

At the end of the afternoon the prize-winners were announced and we were delighted to hear that Balraj had won 2nd prize with his presentation, and Dennis has been awarded a Special Mention!

Well done to all the 5 participants! I was very proud of them!

Another competition has been offered to our pupils, this time for the L4th, U4th and 5th form boys, giving them to chance to learn another foreign language, Italian, whilst helping a Charity supporting mothers and children in Africa. The competition is entitled 'Junior Language Challenge' and I am pleased to say that 7 boys have entered.

Three boys have volunteered to welcome three pupils from the Ombrosa college in June: thank you and I hope that they will also decide to travel to Lyon to visit their French friend's family and school.

L4th, U4th and 5th form boys have exchanged letters with the French pen-friends and the L6th are awaiting details of their exchange partner!

Finally I would like to remind parents of the opportunity available to all Senior and Year 3 boys to learn Mandarin. The club is run on Thursdays after-school by a qualified Chinese teacher, Mrs Lin. Please see the form attached to this newsletter.

Joyeuses Fêtes de Pâques!

Sabine White, Nicolas Soltysik, Andrée Quayle

Art and Design Technology

Congratulations to Jack Tyler, Raymond Yip, Charlie Reed, Alex Howat and Omar Malik, who have been awarded Art and Design Technology scholarships to senior schools, equalling the department record of 5 and our first at Lancing College. A great deal of hard work went into the applications and they are well deserved. Further congratulations also to Tom King who seems to have bypassed the whole process; selling his first painting and now working on two commissions!

This morning the 'Rubber Band Powered Car Trophy' will be awarded following an extremely hard fought battle between 3H and 3S. An incredible effort from all the boys and the highest standard I have seen in my 18 years at the "chalk face". However there can only be 1 winner and the 3 ct solid gold car trophy now in its 4th year, is awarded to 3S who pipped their rivals by just 2 points.

Unfortunately, I may have to make slight changes to the Art Club next term due to its popularity. We now have a regular attendance of 45 boys. Hopefully, I can work a solution that will suit all and I will keep you posted.

Mr J Girdler

Sport

Sports overview

Sport at Homefield goes from strength to strength as the 1st XV Rugby team has gone one better than the football team by winning the national competition. A more detailed account will no doubt follow but let us not underestimate the awesome achievement it is to be the best school rugby team in England at U13 Prep school level. The 7s team also won the Homefield tournament and seemed to beat anyone in its way. I have been mightily impressed with the Under 11 teams so far this year. They seem to have galvanised as a group to form a wonderful understanding of how to play together and semi finals in both football and rugby have followed. Perhaps next year that all illusive final appearance will materialise?

The Upper 4th year group has overcome its tendency to lose by just the odd goal or try and has found its sports legs in hockey

by being the first Homefield team in the whole school history to win a hockey match. I am truly looking forward to the cricket season for this year group as we have some real talent. Well done, lads.

As for the Lower 4th there is a lot of potential and the boys are finally adjusting to the discipline and organisation that are required to gain success. A special mention goes to Sanjay Patel who did incredibly well to finish in the top five cross country boys in the whole of the Sutton District this term.

The introduction of hockey fixtures has been a triumph. Many boys who perhaps do not feature in the A or B teams in football and rugby have now had the chance to represent the school at a high level in hockey and it is wonderful to see them give their all.

The summer term will soon be upon us and I for one cannot wait for those hazy summer days of cricket and athletics, but can I please remind all parents to put your son's name on every item of sports kit so the sports leaders can return it, as I am in danger of missing the sun due to mountain of lost property!

Well done to all the boys for their continued success in Games and Physical Education.

Have a wonderful sporting Easter break.

Mr Matthews (Director of Sport)

Rugby

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 7 March. Homefield were drawn in group 3 with both Chinthurst and Kings 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 finished top of its 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. 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 Kings 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

U9 Rugby

A team Player of the Season: Max Bowen West

A team Most Improved Player: Louis Vasili

A team colours: Max Bowen West, Louis Vasili, Konrad Zielinski and Luke Saitch.

A Team Squad certificates: Louis Vasili, Harry Bulkeley, Max Bowen-West, Konrad Zielinski, Sanjay Patel, Luke Saitch, Aston Baringer, Joel Goodman, Jin Seong Yi, Benjamin Andrews, Oscar Pitkethly, Leo Lim.

B team player of the season: Shrey Sachdeva

B team most improved player: Huw Shopland

C team player of the season: Nathan Simmons

C team most improved player: Jasdeep Dhingra

Mr E Judd

Under 10 Rugby

The under 10 teams took massive strides forward this year with the introduction of the full contact scrum and I am glad to say that the boys have finally began to work as team players giving them more opportunity for success. The A team player of the season goes to Tishe Sokan whose pace, tenacity and unwillingness to give up led him to be the top try scorer but also vital in defence. Prashast Vir deserves a mention for wonderful leadership and Seleso Sepanya was excellent in the front row but the most improved player goes to Malin Dekas who came from the B team into the scrum half position and simply blew some opposition away!

The B team only lost one game all season and provided super support for each other throughout. Sam Gurney was the most improved player as he consistently scored vital tries and learned the importance of the extra pass. Michael Banh wins B team player of the season; his pace and quick passing skills will no doubt see him into next year's A team.

The C and D team had only a few games due to the snow but Max Zockoll really impressed against Cumnor House and will no doubt stake a claim for a higher team position next year.

Well done all the boys who represented the school this year.

Mr D Matthews

Colts 'B' Team End of Term Rugby Fixtures and Scores 2010

It has proved to be a difficult term of rugby for the colts 'B' team. The boys played only two of the five schedule fixtures with the other three being cancelled due to the poor weather. The team at times showed that it had the capabilities to win games but was often let down with basic handling errors when so close to scoring tries. The boys have shown they have good potential, but will need to be more consistent in their performance, both in attack and defence. The team were led well by both William Fraser and Milan Andesilic. Their energy and drive often led the boys forward into scoring positions. In the backs both Max Ruggeri and George Henning run particularly well with the ball in their hands to create good opportunities for the team. It was also good to see William Fraser Thomas Green and Milan Andesilic contributing to the 'A' team's win against Caterham School in the last game of the season.

Played 2

Won 0

Lost 2

Cancelled 3

Most Improved Player. Bhavish Ruparelia

Player of the Season. Milan Andesilic

List of Matches and Results:

V Feltonfleet	Match Cancelled
V The Mall	Lost 46-26
B Aldous; W French; T Green; M Andesilic; J Goulding 3 Conversions.	
V Kings House	Match Cancelled
V Rokeby	Match Cancelled
V Hawthorns	Lost 35 -15
George Henning; Tommy Highwood; Milan Andesilic.	

Well done to all the boys who represented the Colts 'B' team. Ben Aldous; William French; Thomas Green; Milan Andesilic; Jordan Goulding (Capt); Thomas Hunt; William Fraser; George Henning; Max Ruggeri; Bhavish Ruparelia; Amin Janjua; Sean Watters; Harry Goddard; Alex Gargrave; Jasper Pittam.

Mr G Pearce

U11 1st VII (Rugby 7s)

The 7s squad improved throughout the season. At the **Hawthorns 7s** we drew 5-5 in a tight early encounter with Feltonfleet. Marcus Sotiriou scored the only try. In the next game, Kingswood House took an early lead and Homefield could not even the score. There was some excellent rugby played, but the boys did not maintain possession for long enough to press home any advantage. In the Semi Final we were overwhelmed in the first half by Hawthorns. However, the Homefield boys showed great pride in ensuring that the opposition scored no points in the second half. Our tackling and defensive alignment improved dramatically. The second tournament saw us competing at the **Feltonfleet 7s**. Again, we faced Feltonfleet in our first match and enjoyed the greater share of the ball in the first half. Unfortunately, we couldn't break through and Feltonfleet managed to score after our scramble defence failed to deal with a kick over the top. The game finished with Feltonfleet winning by one try 5-0. We then faced a strong Kings House team and Sam Duroshola gave us a fantastic start to the game by touching down for a try. This was the result of some good support and link up play. Ben Higgs did fantastically well to kick the conversion. Kings House came back strongly in the second half but could not break down an organised and resolute defence. The game finished with the opposition touching down just inches short in the corner. Homefield won the game 7-0. In the final group game we again pressed the opposition with our aggressive defence. Marcus Sotiriou and Robert Cooke scored tries to give us a 14 point lead. Trinity broke away down the blind side following a scrum and their scrum half could not be caught. The game ended 14-5 and Homefield did fantastically well to reach the main semi final where they met a particularly strong K.C.S Wimbledon team. We ended up being defeated 26-0, but the boys showed great character in working hard until the final whistle. The first game in the **Homefield 7s** was a success. We dominated territory and scored two tries through Marcus

Sotiriou and Liam Grant. Niall Kavanagh, Joshua Ajay and Robert Cooke were superb and dominated in the scrum throughout the match. Homefield ran out winners 14-7. Homefield then played particularly well against the Mall and Kingswood House, winning both games 26-0. The defeat of Kingswood House was particularly pleasing as they had beaten us earlier in the 7s season. It was a fantastic achievement to reach the final and only concede one try in three matches. Again, in the final we played an outstanding Hawthorns team. After making a bright start we fell away losing 35-0. However, to take the Runners Up position was outstanding. Well done to all those in the 7s Squad who reached two Semi Finals and a Final in the three tournaments we entered.

Colours (awarded to those boys who were outstanding within the A Team)

Robert Cooke, Joshua Glanville, Liam Grant, Marcus Sotiriou

Certificates (presented in assembly to boys regularly selected for the A Team 12 a-side)

Robert Cooke, Joshua Glanville, Niall Kavanagh, Jasper Pittam, Ben Aldous, Liam Grant, Marcus Sotiriou, Sam Duroshola, Joshua Ajay, Tomas Harmsworth, Tommy Highwood, Jack Hopper, Ben Higgs and Sam Sterling

Throughout the season Marcus Sotiriou was fantastic in defence. His tackling is up there with the best that I have seen over the last few seasons at Homefield. In attack he learned to distribute the ball better and direct play from fly half which is not his usual position. Joshua Glanville, Ben Aldous and Ben Higgs made massive improvements and contributed well both in 12 and 7 a-side rugby. However this year, Jasper Pittam wins the Most Improved Player Award for his startling improvement in attitude and ability.

Player of the Year – Marcus Sotiriou

Most Improved Player of the Year – Jasper Pittam

Mr L.Nellthorp

U13's 1st XV Rugby Season

v **Cumnor House** 19-38 (L) Tries; Daniel Park, Fola Oki, Jack Tyler

v **Lanesborough** 0-58 (W) Tries; Daniel Park 2, Omar Malik 2, Sam Yip 2, Fola Oki, Taeon Park

v **The Mall** 7-56 (W) Tries; Daniel Park 3, Sam Yip 3, Fola Oki

v **Feltonfleet** 31-32 (L) Tries; Daniel Park 2, Sam Yip, Nathan Inkester

v **Chinthurst** 47-14 (W) Tries; Daniel Park 2, Omar Malik 2, Fola Oki, Louis Shiels, Marko Ravic

v **Willington** 48 -12 (W) Tries Sam Yip 2, Omar Malik 3, Jack Tyler, Fola Oki, Taeon Park

v **Rokeby** 60-7 (W) Daniel Park 4, Omar Malik 3, Sam Yip, Jack Tyler, Harry Hovell

U13 1st XV National Prep Schools Rugby 'Winners'

Group

31-0 Win v The Hall (Jack Tyler, Daniel Park, Omar Malik, Fola Oki)

0-5 Lost v St John's Beaumont

14-0 Win v Feltonfleet (Omar Malik, Daniel Park)

Quarter Final

24-0 Win v Danes Hill (Omar Malik x2, Sam Yip, Daniel Park)

Semi Final

14-7 Win v Cumnor House (Omar Malik, Fola Oki)

Final

5-0 Win St John's Beaumont (Fola Oki)

The sevens squad now had the pressure of following on from the success of the U13 1st XV. The fifteen a side team became National Prep School Rugby Champions, beating St John's Beaumont (Windsor) in the Final 5-0. The team also recorded record breaking wins over Chinthurst (47-14) and Rokeby (60-7), in the games running up to the Finals at King's House, Chiswick.

1st VII Rugby

The opening tournament was the **King's House Sevens**. After a stunning opening win against The Mall, the boys seemed a little over confident against St Benedict's (Ealing). Following a tight first half the Homefield team panicked under pressure. The opposition ended up running away with the game, winning three tries to nil. Much better performances followed against St James and King's House. These two wins ensured qualification for the main Semi Final against Newland House. We conceded three first half tries, though came back well in the second half to finish within seven points of the opposition. At times we lacked shape, aggression in contact and were a little naïve in possession. We made life rather hard for ourselves. Making the main Semi Final was an achievement, but the boys felt frustrated at the inconsistent nature of their performances.

Homefield played some excellent rugby at the **Feltonfleet Sevens**. On the way to the Semi Final the Homefield team scored 108 points and conceded none. This was a testament to their improved composure in attack and better organised defence. Feltonfleet 'B', Haselmere and Chinthurst were all beaten soundly in the group phase with Homefield proving particularly decisive with the ball in hand. Decision making had also improved and kicking was used to good effect. We met Feltonfleet in the main Semi Final. From start to finish Homefield were fantastic and ended putting 28 unanswered points past the opposition. In the final Aldro kicked off and quickly retained possession. Homefield did well to only leak one try in the first half, but again made life hard for themselves. They showed a lot of character to again come back from an early second half try to Aldro, which made the score 12-0. Fola Oki scored and Dinos Kalagnomas kicked the conversion. Unfortunately, the boys regained their shape, composure and belief a little too late in the game. Credit must go to Aldro, who applied a massive amount of pressure in defence and deserved to win 12-7. Homefield were disappointed, but again felt they could learn from the result in the Final.

I sensed the boys were determined to go one better at the **Homefield Sevens**, which for many would be their final game in a Homefield shirt. In the group stages we again started brightly with wins over Rokeby (19-0), Hawthorns (24-5) and Chinthurst (26-0). When it came to the Main Semi Final we faced Cumnor House who were looking to avenge their defeat to us in the Nationals. Taeon Park caught the ball from the kick off and weaved his way clear of the Cumnor House players

and raced away to score under the posts. This wasn't the typical sleepy start that I have become accustomed to over the years!! Three more tries followed and tremendous defence kept the dangerous Cumnor runners at bay. The game ended 25-5 to Homefield. The boys faced King's House in the final and initially, looked a little overawed. It took a quick burst and try from Fola Oki to help regain the teams' confidence and belief. From then on there was no looking back. Daniel Park and Sam Yip also got on the score sheet and Dinos Kalagnomas kicked the conversions with great accuracy. The final ended 26-0 to Homefield. It was a fitting way to end a fantastic season. There was improved performance, great team spirit, skill, pace, aggression and much better positional awareness. The spirit of the squad was summed up nicely by two crunching tackles from Sam Goodman in the final.

Colours are awarded to all members of both squads.

The sevens Squad; Sam Goodman, Louis Shiels, Fola Oki, Sam Yip, William Ferguson, Dinos Kalagnomas, Nathan Inkester, Taeon Park, Peter O'Brien and Daniel Park

Plus Omar Malik, Jack Tyler, Tom Messent, Tom King, William Hykin, Harry Hovell and George Hewetson who were members of the **1st XV**.

Player of The Season - Daniel Park (Leadership, tackling, organisation and running ability)

Most Improved Player - Omar Malik (Massive improvement in confidence, assertiveness and skill within the game)

Sam Yip was also a major contender for this award at Open Side Flanker and No.8, where he had a major influence on the outcome of matches. Jack Tyler was also considered due to his ability to anchor lineup, scrum and lead admirably in the loose. Fola Oki was outstanding at Inside centre and Taeon Park went from a 2nd XV winger to one of our key players on the right wing in the 1st XV.

Mr L Nellthorp

2nd XV Rugby Report

The team has followed up its fine performance at **Cumnor House** before the holiday break with matches against more able opponents. Unfortunately, **Lanesborough** had more control in the forward area and were able to convert more of their opportunities into tries. Homefield did score against their solid defence and it was pleasing to see the effort maintained throughout the match.

Feltonfleet were even stronger opponents on the Saturday morning and again we were without some key players (either ill or replacing 1st XV members that were unavailable). After being three tries down at half-time, we fought back strongly and never gave up. Great credit to all involved, especially to Michael Vasili who made some massive tackles and secured his place in the team to play two days later.

The Mall did not quite match the technical ability of our previous opponents and we enjoyed much more possession than the week before. Even so, they had some very good tacklers that were able to break up most of our attacks. Eventually we passed the ball around well enough to earn a comfortable win

by a margin of three tries to nil, despite playing without forward Nicholas Jelcic for the last ten minutes (table tennis match). Unfortunately, the frozen pitch at Tadworth denied the team a good test of their progress this season against **Chinthurst**. After half-term we played **Willington** school on another full-sized pitch. We ran in five tries before the break and were comfortable winners. Jonny Coekin managed to find the only muddy area of the pitch for a memorable face down tackle.

Our final match of the season was away at **Rokeby**. The easy win in the days before was not the best preparation but we had several chances to score and were unlucky to lose by the odd try in five. It was a very open match and we could have won the contest with better support following the tackle at both ends of the pitch. Unfortunately, this result meant that we had a 'break even' season of three wins and three defeats.

2nd XV squad: Charlie Reed, James Scott, Joel Sokolowski, Marcus Melconian, Thomas Gunningham, Qasim Afghan, Nicholas Jelcic, Dennis Sun, Michael Vasili, Balraj Dhingra, Marko Ravic, Matthew Carmedy, Asaph Quayson, Alex Bygate, Ben Adey, Oliver Darroch and Jonny Coekin.

Player of the Season: Dennis Sun

Most Improved Player: Michael Vasili

Mr R Strong

3rd XV Rugby Fixtures and End of Term Report 2009/10

The 3xv Rugby matches this term have been of a very high standard. The quality the boys have shown in both their running and handling skills were very encouraging. In all the matches played 21 boys were given the opportunity to play, some of which have progressed from the fourth team. Those two boys Rahul Pugalia and Benedict Tangney both performed very well in their positions. Micheal Vasili led the forwards well but soon found himself promoted to the second team. David Sandler showed how to kick with consistency with many conversions scored, as well as hooking well for the team in the scrum. In the backs Dominic D'Mello run strongly and was well supported by both Colin Tribe and Darius Sanjoori. The boys' skills were evident in both the forwards, where retaining possession was important for the backs to show good running rugby. The boys also showed the willingness to help and encourage their teammates in what has proved to be an excellent term of rugby.

Played 4 Won 4 Points scored 165 Points conceded 65

V The Mall Won 55- 40
C Tribe (2) J Newton (2) D Sanjoori (2) K Bhoku, R Yip, D Sandler and kicked 5 conversions.

V Cumnor House Won 32 - 10
J Hughes (2) D D'Mello, D Sanjoori, R Yip, D Sandler and kicked 1 conversions.

V Feltonfleet Won 33 – 10
J Newton, K Baoku, F Meyers (2) D Sandler, and kicked 4 conversions.

V Rokeby Won 45-5
D Sandler, F Khan, D D'Mello, R Pugalia, J Hughes, D Sanjoori, R Yip. D Sandler also kicked five conversions.

Boys that played in the team; Khalil Baoku; David Sandler; Konrad Cheung; Michael Vasili; Yathavan Surgirathanjan;

Adam Arain; Harry Sprunt, Colin Tribe; Jack Newton; Dominic D'Mello; Jamie Hughes; Anthony Cheung; Darius Sanjoori; Raymond Yip; Cameron Crowley; Joshua Vincent; Jack Hammerton; Rahul Pugalia; Benedict Tangney; Freddie Meyers; Faraaz Khan.

Mr Pearce

Hockey

U11 Hockey

Well done to all the boys who competed in the first competitive game of Hockey for The Homefield U11 'A' team. We were under a lot of pressure early on, but Marcus Sotiriou played well in goal, as did Joshua Glanville in the second half. As a result we went in at half time with the honours even at 1-1. Tommy Highwood worked incredibly hard in the the middle of the pitch, but Homefield found it quite hard to link passes together. Liam Grant started to stretch them up front an Tomas Harmsworth scored an excellent goal. Unfortunately, in the second half our inexperience showed a little and we did well to concede just the solitary goal. Kingswood House won the match 2-1. We done to the following boys in the 'A' team Squad;

Robert Cooke, Liam Grant, Marcus Sotiriou, Tomas Harmsworth, Joshua Glanville, Harry Goddard, Tommy Highwood and Sam Duroshola

Mr L.Nellthorp

Hockey 'B' team match: Kingswood House

This game was a close game of 2-1 to Home field with both goals scored by our left midfielder called Jordan Goulding who was in my eyes the man of the match, but with the help of some good defensive works from Purav Patel and George Henning. Also some very good midfielding by Milan Andesilic and William French, and some good pressure and passes from our only striker Ben Higgs, who in the second half of this exhilarating game was just about to get that ball into the goal with an open door when one of their defenders blocked the ball.

Our first half was ended in a score of 1-1 from a goal from Jordan. There was some good tackles by our brilliant team of 7 men such as Purav or William. Kingswood House was the first team to score but our teams spirit hadn't gone and within around two minutes our team had evened the score to make it 1-1

In the second half it was a 'get the ball, try to score, they get the ball, they try and score', then we get it etc, until Jordon decided to break the chain and score a brilliant goal then tried to make another but was unsuccessful.

Hockey 'B' Team

Ben Higgs – Striker
Jordan Goulding – Left Mid
William French – Right Mid
Milan Andesilic - Centre Mid

Bhavish Ruparelia - Goal
Purav Patel – Left Mid
George Henning – Right Mid

Reporter: Bhavish Ruparelia

U9 Hockey Round-Up

V Feltonfleet
A team - draw 1-1
Luke Saitch
B team - lost 0-2

V King's House
A team - lost 2-4
Luke Saitch 2
B team - won 3-0
Leo Lim 2, Jasdeep Dhingra
Mr E Judd

Squash

The squash team players have been very busy in the first weeks of 2010.

We have travelled to Trinity School twice, once with an under-13 and under-12 team of 9 players. The team members on this occasion were: Cameron Crowley, Nathan Inkester, Ben Adey, Fola Oki, Faraaz Khan, Jamie Hughes, Qasim Afghan, Harry Sprunt and George Henning, who was playing for the school for the first time.

Jamie and Qasim played and won twice, Nathan and George also won their match, so we finished with a close 11 matches to 10 win!

The under-11 team also had a chance to play at Trinity. Seven boys travelled there. They were: Tommy Highwood, George Henning, Joshua Ajay, Amin Janjua, Bhavish Ruparelia, Ali Janjua and Sam Sterling. Unfortunately, only 6 Trinity boys chose to play. The final score was a little disappointed as we just lost 4 matches to 2. Sam Sterling, our number 7 also had the opportunity for some match play against a higher ranked player. Well done to Joshua and Bhavish for winning their match!

The highlight of the squash season is always the individual Prep Schools tournament held at Epsom College and run by the Surrey coach, Neil Frankland.

The members of the under-11 team had a fun and productive day, with 3 boys – George, Amin and Tommy reaching the semi-final of the plate. To my delight, Tommy finished the morning with the plate winner trophy in his hands!

In the Senior section, Cameron was not able to play, so Nicholas Jelcic stepped in. Jamie, Faraaz, and Nicholas were entered for the plate competition after the first round robin section, Jamie reaching the quarter final of the plate.

Nathan and Ben won their group and so were entered for the main cup. Nathan reached the quarter final when he had to face the eventual runner-up, however managing to win one game from opponent. Ben reached the semi-final, where he met the eventual tournament winner, and was eventually awarded 3rd place! He also left with a main cup trophy!

Well done to all the boys who played hard but fair all day.

The second half of term has been quieter. We did travel to Trinity again for a under-11 and under-12 match. Our boys played several matches against a combined team of under-11 and under-12 Trinity boys and at the end of the afternoon, the final count was an 11-10 matches victory for Homefield.

The under-11 team also had the opportunity to travel, with my faithful parents' "taxis" to City of London, as I was unfortunately not able to join them, following an inspection "duty". The feedback I had from them is that there was a fair mix of won and lost matches, but that "a good time was had by all".

The regular members of the squash clubs have competed in the Homefield Squash House trophy. All Monday, Wednesday and Friday club members were invited to play and the results of all the combined matches are as follows:

1st place with 216 points is Grays

2nd place with 213 points is Ellis
3rd place with 211 points is Walfords
4th place with 194 points is Bomfords.

So well done to all for taking part and in particular to the members of the winning House, Grays!

In the Summer term, the boys will have the opportunity to compete for the Homefield individual under-11 and under-13 cups.

Several members of the squash club have also entered competitions at local clubs. Tommy Highwood came out with another trophy.

During the Easter holidays, more competitions will be entered by our squash club members, so I am looking forward to hearing of their news!

Keep practising and enjoying your squash!

Mrs Sabine White

Table Tennis

This has been an excellent year for Table Tennis at Homefield. The Under 11 team have excelled themselves by winning the Surrey Schools Cup. They have represented Surrey in the English Schools Competition coming runners up in the zone final. In the Surrey League they came runners up to Kings College Junior School. They have played 10 games in total, losing only twice. Well done to Liam Grant, Jordan Goulding, Tommy Highwood, Marcus Sotiriou and Yasith Senanayke.

The Under 13 also played to a very high standard all season. They played 6 matches winning 4 and losing 2. They finished runners up in the Surrey League which is a remarkable achievement since they are all eligible for next year's competition. There only 2 defeats were against Ernest Bevin School who are the current National Champions and Wilsons who were knocked out in the regional final stage. Well done to Nicholas Jelcic, Jamie Hughes, Harry Sprunt, Dinos Kalogomas and Liam Grant.

Racketlon

I am delighted to report that Nicholas Jelcic came 3rd in the Surrey Open under 13 competition at the Esporta Club in Purley. He had to play Table Tennis, Squash, Tennis and Badminton. This is a competition that would suit a number of Homefield students who excel in at least 2 if not 3 of these sports. The school kindly donated 3 Table Tennis tables to Esporta for this competition.

Ski Trip, Gstaad 2010

On the Saturday 13th February we departed Homefield School for our ski trip to Gstaad in Switzerland. We travelled by coach to Dover for our ferry crossing to Calais. After we arrived in France



we enjoyed a film before settling down to try and get some sleep. The journey went very smoothly and we arrived at the Haut Lac International Centre and had some hot soup and pasta. The boys played games before having a tour of the centre. After lunch

we all went for boot and ski fitting. When the boys had unpacked it was time for evening meal and the start of the evening entertainment.



On the first two days we all worked very hard to improve our skiing skills. All the instructors commented on Homefield's enthusiasm and good spirit. The beginner groups were soon able to ski from top of the mountain to the bottom. The intermediate and advanced groups found steeper areas

of the mountain. On the fifth day we had our second ever Homefield ski injury. Unfortunately Bhavish Ruparelia twisted his ankle and was stretchered off the mountain and taken to a hospital in Gstaad. After receiving first class treatment Bhavish was allowed to leave hospital and returned to the centre where he was given crutches to get him around. On the final day we had our ski race. Conditions were excellent and we recorded some very fast times.



After skiing all day we returned to the centre and competed in fun activities. We were placed into houses and competed against each other for points. At the end of the week the winning house received an enormous Toblerone. The activities

consisted of Air hockey, Crazy Games, Casino Evening, Pool, Table Tennis and Table Football. Also during one evening we had a film night. We watched Shrek.

On the final evening there was a presentation and we all received our skiing level awards and a medal for the 1st 2nd and 3rd place in the slalom race. We all went upstairs to bring down our bags for the journey home.



A big thank you to Mr Mallet, Mrs Mallet, Mr Till and Mrs Till for their help making this trip a superb holiday for all concerned.

Reporter: Joseph Forsdick