

HEADLINES

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Spring Term 2011 – March (4)

We have experienced a more sedate Friday at Homefield this week after the exertions of last Friday's fabulous Red Nose Day celebrations, the 'Homefield's Got Talent' competition and the Senior Department Disco. Mr Till's charity report with full details of monies raised will appear in next week's end of term Newsletter.

Charitable endeavour still plays a strong theme, however, with the Homefield Association coffee morning raising a staggering £977.66 for the Japan Emergency Appeal. At the weekend, Mrs Brown (mother of Hugo) will be embarking on a charity walk in aid of The Royal Marsden charity and in the EYU the boys will be holding a 'Day for Dana' fundraising event.

In assembly today, the senior boys were given the opportunity to celebrate the success and to listen to some of the French Speaking Competition entries. The competition took place last week at Lancing College with 70 pupils representing 10 schools. Homefield's entry was fielded by Nishant Bommayya, Nathan Inkester, Nicholas Jelcic and Joshua Vincent. They had to recite from memory, a French poem and to do a presentation about any subject of their choice. The full text and report will appear in the end of term Newsletter. The four boys did really well and Nishant came first out of all the non-French speaking entries. A fantastic achievement!

The Homefield Association

It was great to see such a fabulous turnout at coffee morning today; especially given last term's coffee morning was cancelled due to a snow-induced school closure! We are very proud to announce that the school raised an amazing £977.66 for the Japan Emergency Appeal on behalf of 'Save the Children' today, a plight very much in everyone's minds at the moment.

The Second Hand Uniform Sale was very popular and we extend our sincere thanks to all those kind parents that donated uniform. However, the Association is aware that those that could not attend the coffee morning due to work/unavoidable commitments did not have the opportunity to purchase any items of uniform. We will endeavor to find a way to improve accessibility to other parents in the future, within the framework of limited storage and volunteers' time to administer. If you feel you have the time and passion to contribute to this particular

parental provision, or the Homefield Association in general, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Other dates to pencil in your diary (details to follow at a later date):

Sat 14th May – Charity Fun Run

Sat 25th June – HA Summer Jazz Event with a dash of New Orleans's Mardi Gras....

Sioban Barringer

Chairperson, Homefield Association

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Charitable Endeavour

On Sunday 27th March, Sarah Brown, mother of Hugo Brown in L6H, will be walking from the Chelsea branch of the Royal Marsden Hospital to the Belmont site in aid of the Marsden Cancer Charity. If you would like to support this worthy cause you can do so by clicking on the following link:

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

The Early Years' Unit

We are having our fundraising day, 'A Day for Dana', next Friday and are hoping for lots of support. The boys are having a very exciting pyjama day and will be taking part in a sponsored 'Danceathon'. Of course we need them to be sponsored and would like the forms to be returned as soon as possible. They will also be baking cakes next week in school and hopefully bringing cake contributions from home as well.

We are very lucky that Dana can come and visit us on Friday afternoon.

Egg Decorating Competition

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

The staff appreciated the parents comments on the wonderful Learning Journeys.

In our Friday Forum these boys were awarded Star Awards:

Kindergarten:

Ducks - Samuel Beukes

Nursery:

Elf Owls - Ismail Surty for excellent recognition of phonics and numbers.

Eagle Owls - Joseph Dean for beginning to answer questions appropriately.

Tawny Owls - Sufyaan Rehman for enthusiastic finger painting.

Transition boys who received Student of the Week are:

Woodpeckers - Joshua Sullivan-Pena for trying really hard with his writing.

Puffins - Oliver King for always being confident and always happy in the classroom

Mrs B Whiteway

Head of EYU

The Nursery

The topic for this term is Spring.

Some of the learning experiences planned include:

- Phonic 'j'.
- Differences between fiction and non-fiction.
- Estimating amounts in sets – measuring and comparing using appropriate language.
- Baking cakes for Dana Day cake sale.
- Discussing growing – the plant cycle and how we all grow.
- A spring walk making observations about what we see.

Mrs Whiteway, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

Transition

We hope you found parents evening useful and enjoyed looking at your boy's hard work and huge improvements!

In Literacy this week we will be reading 'The Ugly Duckling', discussing the story then writing about it in our writing books. We will also be recapping all our Letters and Sounds and writing the fourth and final page in our bean diaries.

In Numeracy we will be looking at repeating patterns, making our own patterns using different shapes, symmetry relating it to our Spring topic and practising number bonds to five/ten.

If you have not already returned your son's sponsor form, could you please send it in next week as our 'Day for Dana' fundraising event will be taking place on Friday 1st April. Don't forget its 'Pyjama Day', so everyone can come to school in their pyjamas. We are also holding a cake sale for the whole school and will finish the day with our sponsored 'Dance Off!'

Miss Kingsford and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

The First Year

You will have received a letter about Summer uniform requirements – some boys are already enjoying wearing shorts in the warmer weather. Cricket jumpers are now available in the uniform shop and boys should always have their sports caps with them to wear outside in the sunny weather. We are encouraging boys to bring in a bottle of water every day. Could you please ensure that the bottle is named and has a non-spill top.

Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody

The Second Year

The boys were very excited at the prospect of another school performance where they will have the principal roles and thoroughly enjoyed the first reading of the script - 'Eddie The Penguin Saves The World'. Performances will take place prior to the May half term.

This week we have introduced the 3 times table and the spellings are words with er, ir and ur. Keep practising all those times tables boys!

Miss Buchanan, Mrs Connaughton and Mrs Lyndham

Homefield Heroes

1H Hari Lalji for composing a lovely Spring poem. Well done Hari!

1S Joshua Duroshola for fantastic progress in Literacy work. Well done Joshua!

2H James Vandrau for his wonderful enthusiasm and splendid progress.

2P Yusuf Surty for excellent creative writing. Well done.

2S Kheyam Patel for concentrating well and being more independent in his work.

3H Liam Colohan for being a very responsible and sensible boy. You have been working hard and have shown great participation in RE lessons. Also well done with your Rugby this year!

3P Krisnaa Muhunthakumar for always producing beautifully neat work.

3S Harry Allen for his excellent contribution to class discussions in Science.

Other Certificates

1H Alexander Clarke-Tidey – gold cup and 2 medals SHMA Hyungs

1H Bryn Craske - bronze cup and medal for SHMA Hyungs

1H Humayun Husain – gold and silver medal for SHMA Hyungs

1H Luca Shaw – bronze medal for SHMA Hyungs

1S Nat Wagner - gold and silver medal for SHMA Hyungs

1S Luca Fooks – silver cup for SHMA Hyungs

Music

Tuesday 22nd March, was an action packed day in the Music Department. In the morning Malin Dekas (5H), Yasith Senanayake (5H), Evan Wang (L6H) [Violins], Konrad Cheung (U6S) [Viola] and Christopher Hart (5H) [Cello] went to the Union Hall in Islington to perform in the first round of the National Festival of Music for Youth. The boys performed (from memory) a quintet that they had devised themselves on the subject of weather. The piece was in three sections – Rain – Wind and Sun and their music expressed the different moods very effectively.

The adjudicators were very complimentary about the performance.

"It was fantastic... really good use of imagination... excellent string playing..."

Fingers crossed that we are picked to perform in the finals in Birmingham in July!



We then travelled to St John's School in Leatherhead to meet up with the rest of the Chamber Choir, who were well into their rehearsals for the Prep Schools' evensong service.

The boys sang beautifully in the evening service along with the trebles from Oakwood School and the St John's Chapel Choir. This was not a 'soft option service' the boys sang Stanford's Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis in Bb, Parry's 'I Was Glad' along with a psalm, sung responses and three previously unfamiliar hymns. The boys had worked very hard in the rehearsals to be prepared and I was very proud of their achievement.

Next term the Chamber Choir are attending the Charterhouse Choral Day, where they will repeat the Parry along with a programme including Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus, and Handel's Zadock the Priest and Hallelujah Chorus.

5th Form Concert

The 5th Form concert will take place, as advertised in the term calendar, in the hall on Thursday 31st March at 6.30pm. All of the boys should by now have brought home a letter with the concert details. There is a slip to be returned for seating numbers - please get these back to me as soon as possible.

U4th Form Concert

The U4th Form concert will take place, as advertised in the term calendar, in the hall on Monday 4th April at 6.30pm. The boys will be bringing home a letter with the concert details at the start of next week. There is a slip to be returned for seating numbers - please get these back to me as soon as possible.

National Prep Schools' Orchestra

Visit the website www.npso.co.uk, where you will find more information about courses to be held at Sherborne School from 17th - 23rd July 2011. With a team of expert instrumental specialists there will be a vibrant and invigorating atmosphere of shared music-making. The training orchestra is suitable for boys Grade 2 -5, main orchestra Grade 5+.

Mr A Meyers

Poetry Corner

The Pair of Scissors

So much depends
upon
a pair of silver steel scissors
embellished with a red handle,
nestling in the brown kitchen drawer.



Charles Davies U4

Classics Department News

As we move closer to the end-of-year Pompeii and Rome trip in July, momentum is building with arrangements being finalised. On the evening of Thursday 28th April, there will be a parents' information evening for all parents of boys participating in the trip. On this occasion I will detail all of the arrangements for the trip, as well as field any questions which may be at that point outstanding. A letter concerning this information evening, along with details about the due date for the final payment, has been given to all relevant students this week. If any boys have not received one who should have, there is an additional copy attached to this newsletter.

In preparation for Senior Upper 6th exams, there will be a revision day taking place on Wednesday 20th April. Scholars will have a morning session between 10.00 and 12.00 and

Common Entrance students will have a session between 1.00 and 3.00 pm. All students are recommended to attend the relevant session.

Mr M McCaffery

Sport

Cycling

Details regarding the **Monday Cycle Club** are attached to this newsletter. Should you be interested in your son's attendance at this increasingly popular club, please ensure that you complete the profoma and return it to school with the appropriate payment as soon as possible.

In addition, we will be offering **cycle training courses** during the Easter holiday period. Full details and an application form are attached to this newsletter and once again, parents are asked to return completed forms to school as soon as possible to ensure a place for their son.

Sutton Cycling Championship

On Wednesday 23rd March, six Homefield boys from the 5th form represented the school in the Sutton Cycling Championship. The boys competed in a number of different cycling challenges including an obstacle course, cross country endurance race, road safety quiz and an elimination event. Jonathan Marsh used all of his sporting prowess to come first in the obstacle event which eventually led to his team of three coming third overall out of ten. Jaimin Patel came 2nd in the cross country endurance and therefore his team of three came fifth overall, just qualifying for the finals.

Both teams will represent Homefield in the overall Sutton District Cycling Final next Thursday - the first ever Homefield teams to qualify. Well done boys.

Skills Test and Road Safety Quiz	George Hopkins
Cross Country Race	Jaimin Patel
Elimination Race (Devil)	Aaron Cornish
Skills Test and Road Safety Quiz	Jonathan Marsh
Cross Country Race	Louis Brown
Elimination Race (Devil)	Dillon Patel

Mr D Matthews

Sutton Primary Schools Cycling Championship

On Wednesday 23rd March, six of the 5th form boys travelled to Sutton Grammar School to race in the Sutton Primary Schools Cycling Championship. We were up against a number of schools including Stanley Park and Green Wrythe.

Jaimin and Louis were entered in the cross country event while George Hopkins and Jonny Marsh took part in the cycle skills and road proficiency quiz. Aaron Cornish and Dilan Patel took part in the elimination race.

George went first and had a great lap but Jonny topped even that with a stunning 40-second time. The cross country event was tense with Jaimin coming in at close third and Louis in fifth position.

The elimination race came next and Aaron came in fourth position with Dilan in fifth.

At the award ceremony, we discovered that Stanley Park A and B had come in first and second position with Homefield B in third! Green Wrythe had succeeded in coming in at fourth place and Homefield A succeeded in qualifying for the finals in

fifth position. It was a thrilling event and we look forward to the finals next Thursday.

Reporter: Aaron Cornish

U10 A and B Hockey v Kingswood House

On Tuesday 22nd March, the U10 hockey squad challenged Kingswood House in two very competitive matches. The B team were 1-0 up after half time despite a depleted squad due to illness and a music festival. In the second half they dominated the match and a hatrick by Joel Goodman and excellent finishing by Vivek Desai, led to a 5-0 victory for Homefield. The A team also had a skeleton squad and many of the boys played in both matches. At half time the results were even at 1-1 and Kingwood House looked the most likely to score except for some super defending from Max Bowen-West and Sanjay Patel. In the second half the Homefield boys were feeling the 20 degree pitch side heat. Ken Higara pulled off two fantastic saves but the opposition managed to grab two quick goals. The final score was 3-1 to Kingwood House but the boys really put in 100% effort despite having played over an hour of hockey on the hottest day of the year.

Well done to all the boys who represented the school with outstanding behaviour, teamwork and commitment.

'A' Team	'B' Team
Ken Higara (GK)	Ken Higara (GK)
Fahad Khan	Huw Shopland
Joel Goodman	Ben Andrews
Wassee Rahman	Max Bowen-West
Sanjay Patel	Alex Sun
	Vivek Desai

Mr D Matthews