

HEADLINES

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Spring Term 2010 – March (1)

Pride of place in this week's Newsletter rightly goes to the fantastic efforts of the U13 1st XV, winners of the National Prep Schools Rugby Tournament, last Sunday. Please refer to Mr Nellthorp's report below:



The winning team!

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 x3, Daniel Park)

Semi Final

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

Final

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

We qualified to the knockout stages as runner up in the group stages after a 31-0 victory versus The Hall and a convincing 14 - 0 victory against Feltonfleet.

The quarter final against Danes Hill was tremendous. We resisted some early pressure on our line, with brave tackling and aggressive rucking. Homefield broke out and then played some fantastic attacking rugby. We found our rhythm and blew Danes Hill away with both pace and power in the backs.



Homefield boys in scrum action

A tense Semi Final with Cumnor House ensued. After dominating the first half, Homefield only had a seven point lead to show for their hard work. The try was created by a strong scrum followed by a chip and catch from Daniel Park. Fola Oki was on his shoulder in support when Daniel was eventually caught and touched down under the posts. As expected, Cumnor House came back with some powerful runs. Cumnor House equalled the score. There was a dramatic finish with a Daniel Park break, supported by Omar Malik, to again touch down under the posts.



Homefield boys surge forward!

Jack Tyler's tackle on their Cumnor's strong number eight was typical of the resolute and determined defence from all the boys in the team. The team hung on to win 14-7. This set up a rematch with St John's Beaumont.



Daniel Park heading for the try line

Their team had been unbeaten all season. Following our narrow defeat to them in the group stage the boys were focused on playing more territorially in such heavy conditions underfoot. Homefield executed this plan well. Early in the game, we played away from our own line and reached half time with the match scoreless.



Fola heading for the touchdown

When the opportunity arose, the backs interlinked well and Fola Oki rounded the defence with a superb burst of speed. He then fended off the defenders aggressively to touch down in the corner. In the second half Homefield continued to play well and held on in the closing minutes.



A thrilling action packed game!

To win the tournament was a fantastic achievement, going one better than the team of 2005 who reached the final. Well done to all the boys involved and thank you for the support of all the parents.

Mr L Nellthorp

Homefield Association

Dates for your Diary!

The Homefield Association will be busy preparing for Quiz Night (and to receive the wooden spoon) as this goes to Press...if you missed your chance to be at this fun social event then here's a reminder of forthcoming dates for your diary.

Easter Coffee Morning Friday 19th March

The snow drops are out, the daffodils are coming and thank goodness Spring is on its way! Come along to our Charity Easter Coffee Morning for a chance to chat with friends before the term ends. 8.45 – 10.30am in the hall.

Fun Run Saturday 15th May'10

The boys will have a great time raising money for a chosen charity at this year's 'Funny Run', which will include an optional obstacle course, fancy dress and fun prizes. Family and friends can sponsor the boys to run the course and each will receive their own certificate of achievement. Come along anytime between 11-1pm to Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club for a cuppa whilst your son runs the course – or run with them!

Bollywood Bash Saturday 26th June'10

The summer evening party to end the term – for all parents and staff to enjoy. To be held at Epsom Grandstand – details of the menu, entertainment and ticket price to follow soon – watch this space!

Any questions about the Association activities please email me.

Nicola Rahman (Chair)

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Homefield School Disco

Homefield School is hosting a disco for pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8, on Friday 12th March between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.

Entry will be by ticket only at a cost of £4.00 each in advance or £5 on the door. Tickets are available from the Homefield School Office. Cheques should be made payable to Homefield School.



Any profits from the event will go towards Helplanka and our twin school St Anthony's College in Sri Lanka. Tickets may be purchased on the night, but a completed permission slip will still be required.

Children may arrive by 6.50 p.m. and should be collected by 9.10 p.m. at the latest.

Greenacre Disco

A reminder to parents that boys from the Upper 4th to Upper 6th Forms are invited to the Greenacre School Disco which takes place on Friday 19th March. Tickets cost £3.50 each and further details can be obtained from the school office.

Mr M Till

The Early Years Unit

I hope you all found the Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday very informative and I was delighted to hear that you were very pleased with your son's progress. This is our first year for individual 'Learning Journeys' and I believe that they really highlight your son's progress and achievement throughout the EYU.

Next term we hold an Open Afternoon for all the parents where you are invited for refreshments and an opportunity for the boys to show you their work. This is instead of a Parents' Evening and I do hope you will be able to attend. We will also be sending a written report near to the end of the Summer Term.

We would like to start our egg decorating competition and are awaiting eggs from the boys. Please take your decorated egg to your son's teacher.

Mrs B Whiteway

Nursery

This week's focus is 'Hot Countries/ Desert regions'

Please bring in any artifacts, food, books, clothing etc.. This will help us to understand about your culture. Thank you.

Some of the learning experiences planned include:

- ❖ Looking at Desert regions on ICT equipment.
- ❖ Learning about positional language
- ❖ Descriptions about our Mummy's.
- ❖ Phonic 'b' action, song and story
If possible please bring in objects beginning with this sound.
- ❖ Recognising numerals 0 – 10 and beyond

Miss Kingsford, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

Transition

All the boys enjoyed making gingerbread men and a map for the gingerbread man to follow. They have also learnt the blend 'ai' so please help them look in books for words with this blend in.

Next week we are focusing on the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. With the arrival of Spring we are also looking at the different weather, undertaking weather investigations and learning some weather rhymes. We are continuing to monitor our beans and record in our bean diaries.

In Literacy we are focusing on the blend 'oa' and in Numeracy we will be focusing on measuring, using non standard units to measure plants and leaves. We are continuing to practise counting in two's and tens and using addition and subtraction.

Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy

The First Year

One of the highlights of the week was when the boys went outside to test their wind machines. Maybe we have some budding meteorologists amongst us!



The Upper 6th form ready to boys in the Junior Department to celebrate World Book Day

On Thursday morning we were delighted to welcome members of the Upper 6th Form into our classrooms to read to the boys for ERIC. The first year boys were spellbound with their stories and it was such a delight to see boys who had once been in the first year doing this role.

Mrs Gunningham, Mrs Goodbody and Miss Buchanan

Homefield Heroes

1H

1P Alex Morris for working well with a blank number line. Well done Alex, keep it up!

1S Oliver Lobb-Rossini for fantastic mathematics work using a blank number line. Well done Oliver!

2H Gon Declercq for improvement in presentation. Keep it up!

2P Theo Saitch for excellent pair work. Well done!

2S Rohith Ratnam for being more sensible in school and being a terrific classroom helper.

3H Peter Neilan for a better effort all around and quicker organisation.

3S Thomas Mercieca for writing a wonderful descriptive and detailed holiday journal.

World Book Day and The Book Fair

On World Book Day during first lesson, we all took part in ERIC – ‘Everyone Reads In Class’. Boys in the Upper 6th Form went in twos and threes to read to classes in the EYU and Junior Department. The Upper 6th boys chose the books they wanted to read from the LRC and it was a great success.

When the boys went into the Year 3 classes with ‘Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief’ to read aloud they were greeted with cheers! All the younger boys enjoyed ERIC and had a fantastic time. The U6th boys said that they found the experience great fun and very rewarding. Boys in the Senior Department read their own books and there was a lovely atmosphere throughout the school.

The Book Fair has been going really well, so far £1320 worth of books have been sold, giving £732 in commission to spend on books! The Book Fair is open today after school as well so the total may be even more. Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs K Merryman

Visit by Quantum Theatre

Homefield welcomed the Quantum Theatre Company on Friday 26th February, who performed ‘What if it Rains?’, a musical comedy, written in association with Travelwise, which looked at the health and environmental issues of walking to school from a scientific angle.

The story centres around Mason who, whilst walking to school, finds his computer game seems to be taking over in real life and in order to make it to the school gates he enlists the help of the audience to answer a number of environmental and scientific questions.



The Quantum Theatre Company

We are sure that the boys all benefitted from the performance and are now very knowledgeable about the health benefits of walking to school and helping the cut traffic on the roads.

This week we also had the privilege of welcoming Mrs Charlotte Simmonds, Head of Fire Safety and Environment at the House of Commons. She had a meeting with the Eco-council who interviewed her. A full report from the Eco-Council will follow next week.

Mrs S White

Classics

Prior to the half-term, the Upper 6H and P classes took a trip to the Bloomsbury Theatre in London to see a production of Aescylus’ ‘Oresteia’. Our students greatly enjoyed their taste of ancient Greek culture, seeing first-hand how Greek tragedy portrayed the myths and dealt with social issues of death and justice. The production of these two plays from the original trilogy was done in a very approachable manner, and it gave the students a great insight into entertainment in the ancient world.



Visit to the Bloomsbury Theatre

Sport

Cross Country Running Competition

On Wednesday, fourteen Year 3, Lower 4, Upper 4 and 5th Form boys participated in the third and final running meet organised by the Sutton and District Athletics Club.

Our boys put in a tremendous effort battling not only the other competitors but also the bitterly cold wind.

Sanjay Patel and Archie Otley both finished in the top 25 in their respective races while Tomas Harmsworth continued his fine form by finishing in 6th place in the 5th Form race.

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

Congratulations to the following boys who participated on Wednesday:

Year 3

William Gurney, Sam Heape, Joseph Harmsworth

Lower 4

Konrad Zielinski, Aston Barringer, Sajay Patel, Huw Shopland

Upper 4

Ben Forsdick, William Hewetson, Archie Otley, Ashwin Sood, Sam Gurney

5th Form

Tomas Harmsworth, Jack Hopper

Mr. A. Murani