

HEADLINES

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Autumn Term 2010 – November (2)

Dear Parents

This week the school has closed its **soccer** season with comprehensive year-group fixtures against Cumnor House, Willington and Rokeby.

The **Chess** team has continued to prosper with a winning 5-1 margin for the 1st team against Wilson's School in the Bryant Poulter League and a gallant narrow 5-7 loss by the young men in the B team.

The school has also held **consultation evenings** for parents of boys in the Early Year' Unit, Bomfords and Ellis Houses, and boys receiving support from Mr Moore and his team.

On Thursday, Mr Till and the boys hosted an emotional **Remembrance Day** Assembly and, throughout the school, we have been considering the theme of Remembrance.

At the weekend the school will be playing host to the **Sutton Music Festival** which takes place in the Assembly Hall.

Mrs Goodman will be taking **family photographs** in the Early Years' Unit, and the parents and staff will be striving to uphold the Common Room's honour in the annual **soccer match** against the boys.

This evening we are preparing suitable cold and wet-weather clothing for the **Homefield Association Fireworks Party**. Doors open at 6.00 pm.

Parents are reminded to read, note and apply the procedural and safety rules sent home with all pupils.

Above all, parents are required to ensure that they take the very closest care of their children throughout the evening and, indeed, when going home.

Stewards will be on hand at the end of the evening to ensure that children do not become separated from their families at the doors.

Parents are also required not to park at any time at the school frontage, since this caused considerable local disruption to the neighbours last year.

For those who have not taken advantage of advance ticket purchase, tickets will be available on the door: Adults £5 each and children £4 each.

Meanwhile, as we admire the splendid display this evening, against the sound effects of the fireworks' explosions I may find myself thinking momentarily of Wilfred Owen's stuttering rifles' rapid rattle and hasty orisons.

P R Mowbray
Headmaster

Tutor Consultation Evenings

A reminder to parents that the Parents' Evenings for Grays take place on Tuesday 16th November and for Walfords on Thursday 18th November.

The Homefield Association

All good things are worth waiting for, and preparations are underway for tonight's Fireworks Party. Although we can never be sure of the great British weather (or weather predictions for that matter), I hope that the great Homefield community spirit triumphs and we look forward to seeing you there! **Doors open at 6.00pm** for hot food, snacks and drinks, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, glow products and a licensed bar. The display will begin at 7.30pm. Tickets can be bought on the door if you have not purchased any in advance. Friends and family are very welcome to attend.

I would like to respectfully remind everyone to be considerate to Homefield neighbours when parking, and to not drop off or pick up in front of the school, as this causes congestion. Police officers will be present outside the school at the end of the night to help manage congestion, and to aid the safe departure of spectators (but are also looking forward to the display and one of Mr Grace's burgers I hear!).

Quick reminder.....

Westfield Shopping Trip - Friday 19th November.

This is the last week to apply for a seat on the coach. See attached form.

Sioban Barringer

Chairperson, Homefield Association

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The Early Years' Unit

Thank you for attending the Parents Evenings this week and I hope you enjoyed hearing what wonderful boys you all have! Miss Kingsford was unfortunately unable to see parents due to a bad case of flu, so we all wish her a speedy recovery. She will make the necessary arrangements to give parent interviews upon her return.

In our Friday Forum these boys were awarded Star Awards;

Elf Owls - Alexander Wood for improved listening and responding in class time

Eagle Owls - Joseph Dean for being more settled in class and having a positive attitude

Tawny Owls - Abqar Khan enthusiastic artwork including splatter painting!
Well done boys!

Transition boys who received Student of the Week are;
Woodpeckers - Daniel Clark for trying so hard with his writing
Puffins - Roscoe Howard for neat work and always trying hard
Have fun at the Fireworks Evening and we hope it stays dry!
Mrs B Whiteway
Head of EYU

The Nursery

The topic for this term is 'People Who Help Us'.

Some of the learning experiences planned include;

- Talking about the role of the Police
- Exploring the colour grey
- Phonic 'd'
- The concept of number 8

We will also be going on a walk to look for signs of winter and discussing the change of season.

Mrs Whiteway, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

Transition

In Literacy this week we will be recapping all the sounds learnt so far, learning our new sounds, ch, sh, th, wh and learning three new tricky words, 'we' 'me' and 'be'. We will be looking at books relating to the Police and how they help us.

In Numeracy this week we will be looking at symmetry and symmetrical patterns making our own symmetrical butterflies. We will also be looking at time and practising 'o' clock and block graphs.

We hope you enjoy the Homefield fireworks and have a lovely weekend.

Miss R Kingsford and Miss S Waddy

The Junior Department

The First Year

The boys are very excited about the firework display which we hope will take place this Friday! We enjoyed hearing all about the fireworks they had seen last weekend. The boys have probably reported the fact that we have allocated the parts for the Christmas play and rehearsals are under way. We will be sending home song words and costume details in the near future. Christmas is approaching fast!

Mrs J Gunningham and Mrs F Goodbody

The Second Year

The spellings this week are related to our maths topic rather than being based on any particular spelling pattern. Please can you help your son to read the words and to identify the shapes in familiar objects. They should then write four sentences for four of the shapes. For spelling purposes, please focus on the more common shapes ie circle and square, triangle and rectangle, hexagon, pentagon and octagon. No tears please!
The new table this week is the 11 times table which will be tested on the 25th November.

Miss N Buchanan, Mrs A Connaughton and Mrs R Lyndham

Homefield Heroes

1H Humayun Husain for being a polite and well behaved member of 1H. Well done Humayun!

1S Abdullah Baig for being a reliable and helpful member of the class. Well done Abdullah!

2H Joel Ajay for his conscientious approach to his work and for lovely manners.

2P Seza Reisoglu for excellent effort and success in maths. Well done Seza!

2S Saad Ayub for speeding up at his work and treating his classmates nicely.

3H Gus Bradford for being such a hard worker in Year 3. You are also a very helpful and polite boy. Well done!

3H Quinn Barringer for improved behaviour and attitude in Maths.

3P Terence Hitchens for always working hard, especially with reading. You are making great progress. Keep it up!

3S Rohith Ratnam for improved focus and attention in lessons and listening to and following instructions.

The Puffin Book Club

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in order forms for the Puffin Book Club. There is still time to place an order if you would like to do so. Please do not send cash and make cheques payable to Puffin Book Club. I will be sending all the orders together on 15th November and the books will be in school the week commencing 22nd November.

Mrs K Merryman

French

French Trip to Boulogne

On Thursday 14th October, I woke up at 4.30am for the French trip. When we arrived at school, we were told which group we were in and which teacher we had. I was with Mrs Merryman as the teacher in charge of our group. The other teachers were Mrs White, Mr Soltysik and Mr Mowbray.

We then all got onto the double decker coach and rushed to chose our places on the coach. I went to get the front seats because there was a massive window there and loads of leg room, but got second to front row on the top deck! The seats were lovely and could lean and go back quite a lot. I started off chatting but in the end resolved to playing 'MarioKart' on my DS. I stopped about thirty minutes before we got to Dover and went to tell the other boys about the white cliffs of Dover.

The coach then went through border control and we drove onto the ferry. Once onboard we got off the coach and got into groups of a minimum of three people. I was with Max, George, Seb and Cameron. The first thing we did was to go to a café for breakfast and we had a pain au chocolate and Fanta! We then went to the arcade and there we mostly just watched other boys playing on the 'Time Crisis 3' but I had a go at a motorbike game and came last. We then wandered around and we all bought some chocolate to get change for France. I then realised we were on Ferry Sea-France not PandO ferries.

When the ferry started to slow down we all got back on the coach and waited until it was our turn to drive off and when we hit the road we all shouted "We're in France".

We then went to Audinghen which included a thirty minute coach drive down tiny, winding roads. When we finally got there, I took two pictures before my camera ran out of power. During the war Audinghen had a fake house hiding it. The first

thing we saw were about fifty wine bottles all empty covered in mould which were still there. My group went into a room which showed what a room would have looked like; the beds were all against one wall and there were some uniforms lying on the floor. There were some helmets sitting on a wardrobe and a little desk and chair with some letters on it. There was also a small gun rack holding two MP40's and a Karabinder 98. The next room was a medical room with loads of hospital beds and a model standing in a medic's uniform. In front of the model, on a table, were all the instruments a doctor would use. Going up a floor from the basement we passed some cabinets with models of planes and tanks in them. The models had been scaled down to about seven cm long. After that there was a massive corridor with loads of bombs, bullets, cartridges, and magazines for the guns and a massive one metre thirty cm tall incendiary bomb. Along one of the walls in the corridor was a strange metal chain made out of metal circles and more bombs which would have been fired from artillery guns. They ranged in size between one and three metres. There were two Panzershecks at the end of the corridor.

We then went down a level to see some bombs which would have been dropped from planes. Along the wall were a few uniforms of SS and US pilots. We then went upstairs to more artillery guns, horse models, deployable guns, Harley Davidsons, Mortars, binoculars, and something which looked like a fighter plane wing, field guns painted in camouflage, AA guns, bikes and Nazi swastika posters.

Going down two floors and through a little passageway, we came to hundreds of machine guns and rifles on more gun racks. In the middle of the room were some models of battles in the desert, in the jungle, in cities, snow, mountains, and scrubland.

In another room we saw even more rifles and pistols stuck on the walls, some which had flick knives. To one side were some daggers and hunting knives. There were more models wearing different uniforms. There were gas masks and plane propellers, hats, berets, knuckle-dusters and badges. We saw boots, jackets, pouches and firemen helmets.

We then went outside and to see all the big artillery guns. In pride of place stood a massive gun with a range of forty two kilometres. The bullets were two hundred and eighty mm big and it ran on a rail track pulled by French slaves. In the shop I bought a French army tin helmet for only ten Euros.

After Audinghen we went to the restaurant 'Le Parisien'. As we walked from the coach we passed an Egyptian boat and a garden with some massive wellington boots, spades, pitchforks, and rows of turnips, carrots and other vegetables. When we reached the restaurant I order "boeuf steak et des frites avec du limonade". The beef was well cooked, not too bloody and quite nice. After eating, my table were bored so I taught them how to play 'spooft'.



The 5th form at Nausicaa Aquarium

After the restaurant we went to Nausicaa. This is an aquarium but also has land animals. First we went in a special section about pollution. There were pictures of rubbish in rivers and men trying to clean them. There were some sting rays under my feet in a glass tank and piranhas swimming around in a big tank. Next we went into a room with lots of penguins in it. Most were sitting on the land and not the water. We then waited outside a door before being given 3D glasses for a 4D film. The film was about pollution and what happens in the sea. There was lots of wind and a gentle sea spray as part of the 4D experience. It was really good. After that we came out of the cinema and saw loads of jelly fish which were medium size and blue and brown. We then descended and escalator and into a corridor with maps and graphs. There was a white board with changing pictures. One of these was showing the main oil areas in the sea. There were lots in the North Sea and a time line of when different fish evolved. Next we came to an area with lots of tortoises. You could only see their feet peeking out from under their shells. There were also some green iguanas which look like they had beards made out of skin. There was a huge water area with lots of coral and lots of tiny fish but what stood out was a porpoise jumping in and out of the water. We walked around a wooden walkway and came to some Requins sharks. There was glass and wire around the edge to stop us from falling in. The sharks were four to nine feet long. To one side there was loads of beautiful coral and small fish all in little coral pools. We then went down stairs and were looking at the shark pool under water. It was twenty foot deep. The sharks kept coming near us and we could see their teeth. A couple of boys took close up pictures of the teeth! Through another corridor we came into a semi circular room with steps everywhere. I climbed up and could see the coral pool above my head through a small plastic bubble viewing chamber. In another room we saw about fifteen different tanks with full of tiny fish and shrimps. We then walked into a strangely shaped room with ice blocks ahead of us, you could see a sea lion dive into the water but then it would be gone. This annoyed lots of the boys because they couldn't photograph it. Upstairs we came into the open air and feeding of the sea lions was going on; it was quite amazing watching them catch the fish and then they would do continuous jumps through the water. One of the sea lions did really high jumps and it was spectacular. After a short walk back inside, we came to a place where you can touch rays. I touched one and the skin felt very velvety. The final room had some crocodiles sitting on the roofs of fake sunken houses.

There were some bright multicoloured fish under the fake sunken roofs.

In the shop at Nausicca, I bought a massive pencil and a glass dolphin. We didn't have time to go to the supermarket, Carrefour, so we returned to the coach and headed for Calais. At border control a woman came on and checked our passports. Some boys had to have their visas checked.

We then got back on the ferry and got chips and Fanta. I bought lots of sweets which I then didn't eat. The return journey to school was a lot quieter and we returned to school at 9.15 pm.

This was my favourite school trip so far and was extremely good fun.

Reporter: Jimmy O'Brien 5th Form

Le voyage à Boulogne

C'était tres passionnant de découvrir ce c'etatit aller en france le quatorze octobre. Je ne suis jamais allé en France. Nous préparons voir Audinghen Guerre Musée, Restaurant le Parisien et L' Aquarium Nausicca.

Je suis allé à l'école à 5:15 am. Le car est parti à 5:30 am. J'ai pris un en-cas, de l'argent, des boissons et la veste. Le car parti à 5:30 am après nous avons le car. C'était quarante cinq minutes à Douvres. J'ai joue à la console et j'ecoute la musique. C'était tres amusant!

À Douvres, nous sommes allés sur le ferry. C'était quarante vingt dix minutes à Calais. Le ferry de petits magasins, beacoup de restaurants et les distributeurs automatiques. Je me suis malade en premier, mais J'allais mieux bientôt. C'était incroyable!

En France, il a fait beau! Nous sommes allés à Audinghen Guerre Musée. C'était énorme! Nous avons vu beaucoup de les armes, comme les revolvers, les fusils, les couteaux et les canons. Un canon pouvait tirer à traves la Manche! C'était stupéfiant! Puis nous sommes allés au Restaurant le Parisien.

L'odeur du restaurant était délicieux! Pour mon déjeuner J'ai mange du poulet et des frites et du coca. C'était deliceux! Après déjeuner, nous sommes allés à l' Aquarium Nausicca.

L' Aquarium Nausicca est incroyable! J'ai vu des poissons, les requins, les lizards, les phoques et les homards. C'était beau! Mon favori? C'était les phoques! Ils jouent beaucoup de cool tours dans l'eau!

Après Nausicca, nous sommes rentrés au ferry et nous sommes allés à la maison. Le ferry et le car voyage a été memes. Quel incroyable voyage!



Reporter: Prashast Vir, 5th Form

Sport

Football

Under 8 Football v Cumnor House

All the boys played in their last game of football against Cumnor House on Tuesday morning. The boys have shown good improvement throughout the term which has been very encouraging. There results have been mixed, but the boys have always given of their best. In the matches against Cumnor both the 'E' and 'F' both had very good wins and the 'B' team had a spirited 0-0 draw. The boys will shortly be playing rugby in their games lessons with fixtures to follow after Christmas.

Team results are listed below

The 'A' Team v Cumnor House	Lost 4-0
The 'B' Team v Cumnor House	Drew 0-0 a good performance from the team.
The 'C' Team v Cumnor House	Lost 1-0
The 'D' Team v Cumnor House	Lost 2-0
The 'E' Team v Cumnor House	Won 3-2 Zain Baig (2) Jacob Trevithrick (1)
The 'F' Team v Cumnor House	Won 3-1 Patrick Smith (2) Liam Colohan (1)
The 'G' 'H' Team v Cumnor House	Lost 1-0

Well done to all the boys who played and to the junior teachers and sports staff for their valuable help.

Mr G Pearce

Under 10 A Team Match report: Rokeby v Homefield

The match was played last Tuesday on a cold, wet, blustery afternoon. This was going to be a stern test of our abilities especially since Rokeby are probably the strongest team we've faced so far.

The match started with Rokeby doing most of the attacking. Our defending was under pressure to keep them out. However, we conceded our first goal within the first five minutes with a brilliant finish by the opposition. Soon after, the second goal had been conceded by us which woke us up to try and see if we can get back into the game. Homefield began to settle down with noticeable attacks being created through Luke and Harry. A number of chances were created in the first half but unfortunately these were either defended well by Rokeby or narrowly missed the target.

The first half ended evenly in performance with both teams attacking and defending well; however, we went in two-nil down to the second half.

We started the second half well with Konrad, Max and I defending well to keep Rokeby out whilst we attacked aggressively on the counter attack. We played hard to get the two goals back we needed, but we conceded our third and fourth goals near the end which left us with a mountain to climb.

The final score was 4-0 to Rokeby.

There was some brilliant attacking by Harry, Fahd and Joel, exciting passes and shots by Luke, serious defending done by Konrad, Max and myself, and finally lovely goalkeeping by Louis, but sadly we were defeated.

Reporter: Sanjay Patel, Upper 4th Form

Under 13 2nd team v Willington

The 2nd team finished the football season the way they started it, with an emphatic win. Sam Duroshola opened the scoring with a shot from eight yards. Thomas Gunningham made some fantastic saves making his debut in goal, and it was his kicking that led to a quick attack and goal by Dani Aksentic. Homefield dominated the midfield as Dominic D'Mello once again controlled the middle and played some wonderful passes. The third goal came from a corner. Khahil Baoku hit the top corner when the ball spilled out to him.

Willington kept going and grabbed a goal themselves but it proved to only be a consolation.

Sean Watters hit the ball sweetly from 10 yards out with the last kick of the game. The 2nd team have really improved this year and I am proud of their achievements. Well done.

Team: Adam Araim, Thomas Gunningham, William Dennis, Sean Watters, Ben Higgs, Dominic D'Mello, Dani Aksentic, Sam Duroshola, Khalil Baoku, Joshua Vincent, Marcus Melconian

Mr D Matthews

Willington 2 v Homefield 1st XI 1

Homefield lost only their third game of the season against Willington on Wednesday afternoon. Willington applied most of the pressure in the first half and deserved to be a goal up when their forward re-acted the quickest after the ball was deflected to him off the foot of a Homefield defender. Jack Newton was the closest to score but shot wide of the goal.

Half time Willington 1 Homefield 0

The second half could have gone either way with Homefield playing most of the game in the opponents half. Homefield were soon to concede another goal when a long ball forwarded was not defended well allowing the opposition to score. This seemed to spur Homefield on and Peter O'Brien shot just went over the cross bar. Showing more urgency, Jack Newton finished off a fine passing move to pull back a much needed goal, scoring with a good right foot shot.

In the final minutes, Gregg Bragg nearly equalized after his shot was saved. A disappointing result to finish the season. Let's hope the team can finish off with a win in the Staff/Fathers game on Saturday morning!

Full time score: Willington 2 Homefield 1

Team: D Sandler, B Adey, S Goodman, N Jelicic, J Coekin, J Hughes, P O'Brien, Nathan Inkester (Capt), J Hopper, Jack Newton, G Bragg.

Mr G Pearce

Squash

On the 8th of November Homefield Squash team played Trinity School at Peaches Close. One of our players, Sam, was ill so there were only five who came along. I played at number two. At number one it was George who played very well but unfortunately was narrowly defeated.

I was fortunate to win both games in the 'best of three' contests. Harry and Max who played at number three and number five respectively also lost but Sanjay who played at six won the contest.

The highlight of the evening was the brilliant performance by Ali who had to fill in for Sam and although very tired from the school trip, won the match. If it was not for Ali we wouldn't have drawn.

I really enjoyed the match.

Reporter: Amin Janjua