

HEADLINES

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Autumn Term 2011 – November (1)

Armistice Day

The Senior Department held a Remembrance Assembly this morning focusing on those who have given their lives in conflict since the 2nd World War and the importance of the younger generation taking the message of reconciliation forward.

Thank you to all those who have contributed by purchasing a Poppy.



During the Armistice assembly, Mme White showed the boys a wooden box that her grand-father took to the First World War front with him, containing over 70 letters from his family and friends.

The boys from L6H read in French and in English a letter from one of his cousins, from the front, written to his parents on the 1st January 1915.

Please find the text of the letter and a literal translation below:

Belgique le 1er Janvier 1915

Mes chers Parents,

J'ai reçu votre lettre qui m'a fait grand plaisir d'apprendre que vous êtes en bonne santé. Je vous remercie aussi de votre petit colis que vous m'avez expédié. Je ne l'ai pas encore reçu mais sans doute qu'il arrivera bien.

Pour moi, la santé n'est pas trop mauvaise mais je souffre beaucoup des pieds et je ne suis pas tout seul. On est souvent dans l'eau, des fois jusqu'aux genoux. Je vous jure que c'est triste et vaut mieux ne pas en parler.

On n'en voit pas d'avance. Je me demande quand ça va finir. Je crois que c'est une guerre infinissable. Enfin mes chers parents prenons courage. Je vous souhaite à vous tous une bonne et heureuse année; si seulement on avait le Bonheur de se revoir un jour, que nous serions heureux, mais il y a beaucoup de

chance de ne pas y réussir à en revenir tous. Vous me demandez si je suis bien nourri et bien couché, ça il vaut mieux pas en parler, on est pas toujours bien heureux mais celui-là qui reviendra dans son pays, ça sera donc une Belle chose et une joie de revenir voir sa pauvre famille; mon Dieu, que j'y pense souvent. Enfin, prenons tous Courage. On m'a dit que François restera à Poitiers, il pourra donc s'estimer heureux. On m'a dit que mon frère Michel était parti lui aussi sur le front et que mon frère Louis est arrivé à Poitiers aussi. Nous voilà donc bien loin les uns des autres. J'espère que Adolphe restera toujours à Tarbes et il n'en sera pas plus malheureux pour cela.

Recevez chers parents toutes mes plus grandes amitiés. Je vous embrasse tous d'un grand Coeur. Tous les regrets que j'aurai est si je laisse ma peau en Belgique. Je préférerais beaucoup mieux être en France encore une fois.

Je vous embrasse tous, au revoir.

*125 Infanterie, 4ème Compagnie
Secteur postal N° 66*

Belgium, 1st January 1915

My dear Parents,

I have received your letter which gave me great pleasure to learn that you are in good health. I also thank you for your little parcel that you have sent me. I have not received it yet but no doubt that it will arrive safely. As to me, my health is not too bad but I suffer from my feet a lot and I am not the only one. We are often in water, sometimes up to the knees. I can assure you that it is sad and it is better not to talk about it. We do not see any progress. I wonder if it is going to end. I think it is a war that cannot be finished. But, my dear parents, let's take courage. I wish you all a good and happy new year; if only we had the Happiness of seeing each other again one day, how happy would we be but there are a lot of chances that we shall not succeed to all come back from it. You ask me if I am well fed and whether I sleep comfortably. It is better not to talk about that, we are not always very happy but the one who will return to his country, it will be such a Beautiful thing and a joy to come home to see one's poor family; my God, I think of it often. But, let's all take Courage. I was told that François will remain in Poitiers, so he will be able to think himself lucky. I was also told that my brother Michel had left for the front too

and that my brother Louis has arrived at Poitiers too. Here we are all far away from each other. I hope that Adolphe will always stay in Tarbes and he won't be more unhappy for it. Receive, dear Parents, all my largest friendship. I kiss you all with all my heart. The only regrets I would have is if I leave my skin in Belgium. I would much rather be in France once more.
I kiss you all once again, good bye.

125 Infanterie - 4ème compagnie – Secteur postal N° 66

Firework Celebration

As I write, the kitchen and estates' staff are making preparations for this evening's **Fireworks' Festival** for which we all extend a very warm welcome. **Parents are reminded to read, note and apply the procedural and safety rules sent home with all pupils yesterday. Late tickets can still be bought at the door.**

Fireworks - Going Home

The exit gates will be supervised but it is vital that parents take personal responsibility for looking after their children at all times. To reduce congestion, please use all exit routes from the school.

Fireworks Code

The fireworks code is attached to this Newsletter for parental attention and action.

Exams

The Upper 6th are currently preparing for their first round of mock exams starting Monday 21st November. Attached is a copy of the examination timetable for your awareness.

Staff News

This week we have formally welcomed Mrs Michelle Wright to the English Department where, this half term, she will be assisting in English support and the personalization of learning. More details will follow, in due course.

Charity

We have received the following letter from Sutton Welcare, thanking the Homefield community for their generous Harvest Festival donations.

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strengthening families

24th October 2011

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Dear Homefield School,

I am writing to say a big thank you once again for the Harvest Donation that your school has donated to Welcare. It is always much appreciated and we are very grateful for your school's continued support in this way. We have donated the food to the children and families that use our services and they are very grateful for your help.

We still continue to operate two centres, one in Croydon and the other from the Sutton Family Centre and the focus of our work still continues to cater for vulnerable children and families in the borough of Sutton who are often experiencing high levels of distress. Donations from individuals, schools, local churches and groups are still very crucial to us maintaining the service in our area.

Over the last financial year we helped 72 families at Sutton, providing a safe, welcoming and impartial place for contact to take place. During this time period 102 children had contact with a parent, sibling or grandparent they otherwise would not have seen.

Thank you once again for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Yours Sincerely,


Heather Brown
Child Contact Co-ordinator

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Southwark Diocesan Welcare
Registered Charity Number: 1107959
Company Number: 5275149

President: The Bishop of Southwark
Chair or Trustees: David Atterbury-Thomas
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Charitable Endeavour reaches dizzy heights!

Many thanks to all those who supported Matthew Frost (Hamish's dad L4H) in his climb of Kilimanjaro. Matthew reached the summit on Wednesday 26th October. He is delighted to have got there but won't be rushing to do it again!!!! It was tough! Many thanks to all who sponsored him. He has so far raised £1371.20 and counting! Another £300 coming from his company takes him to £1671.20. You can still sponsor him at www.charitygiving/matthewforst



Matthew Frost reaches the summit!

Movember comes to Homefield

At Homefield, the month of November is now known as Movember. This is the time when men worldwide grow the mo, otherwise known as the moustache, for raising funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer. Inspired by Mr Dawkin's successful growth after half-term other staff are cultivating their moustaches and joined the team to support the cause. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. One man dies every hour from the disease in the UK.

Mr Dawkins, Mr Girdler, Mr Medley, Mr Meyers, Mr Mathews, Mr Dawson and Mr Brett have decided to donate their faces to raising awareness about men's health and prostate cancer. Their donation and commitment is the growth of a moustache for the entire month of Movember, which they know will generate conversation, controversy and laughter (we have certainly had a lot of that!).



There are various ways of donating ...

Use these links for team "Every Moustache Matters" and **look at the pictures of the men's moustaches which are online:**

Mr Dawkins

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/826256/>

Mr Girdler

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/1483826/>

Mr Medley

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/1297004/>

Mr Meyers

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/1299516/>

Mr Matthews

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/2469868/>

Mr Brett

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/1494498/>

Mr Dawson

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/2536914/>

Donate online using your credit/debit card or PayPal account.

The Prostate Cancer Charity will use the money raised by Movember for the development of programmes related to awareness, public education, advocacy, support of those affected, and research into the prevention, detection, treatment and cure of prostate cancer.

Thank you in advance for helping us to support men's health (and enjoy the mo's!)

Mr Dawkins, Mr Medley, Mr Matthews, Mr Meyers, Mr Brett, Mr Girdler

The Homefield Association

Preparations are well under way for tonight's Fireworks Party. I hope the weather is going to be kind to us! Doors open at 6.00pm for hot food, drinks, snacks, glow products, Krispy Kreme doughnuts and a licensed bar. The display itself commences at 7.35pm. Just prior to the start of the display we will hold a brief silence to commemorate Armistice Day. We would be most grateful if young children could be with their carers to ensure that this silence is observed.

The entrance for Advance ticket holders is through the gate leading into the Senior Department Playground – please ensure you have your tickets with you. For those who have not purchased tickets in advance, these can be bought at the front hall doors. Friends and family are very welcome.

I would like to respectfully remind everyone to be considerate to Homefield neighbours and not to drop off, or pick up in front of the school as this causes congestion. We look forward to seeing you there!

Quick reminder...

Monday 14th November

Is the order deadline for the *Traditional Plum and Chocolate Pudding's*. Orders will be available for collection at the Coffee morning, Friday 2nd December. See attached flyer for further details and order form.

Westfield Shopping Trip, Friday 18th November

Only one week to go – seats are filling up but there are still a few available. Seats are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply as soon as possible.

Máire Colohan

Chairperson, Homefield Association

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The Early Years' Unit

The boys have all settled back to school after their half term holiday and we are now looking forward to Christmas. We have begun to practise our songs for the Christmas productions which I am sure you are looking forward to. A little reminder of dates; the Nursery production is 'The Nativity' and is at 9.15am on Monday 5th December and the Reception production 'Whoops A Daisy Angel' is at 2.30pm on the same day.

Thank you for attending the Parent Interview Evenings this week. I hope you found them informative and valuable.

This week in our Friday Forum the following boys in Reception were awarded Student of the Week:

In Woodpeckers Class the award went to **Sami Raza** for being more confident this week.

In Kingfishers Class it was given to **Max Gasiorowski** for trying harder to be independent and enjoying the puppet show.

Nursery Star Awards were for:

Oliver Jarrett in Eagle Owls for being very helpful and taking the initiative.

Felix Price in Eagle Owls for working hard with his sounds and numbers.

Mrs B Whiteway
Head of EYU

The Nursery

In Nursery next week we will be exploring the colours of the rainbow, continuing with the topic of 'Light and Dark.' We will be reading the story 'Bedtime Little Monsters' and then creating our own colour monsters using paint and collage. We will also be exploring colour outside, creating large chalk rainbows and playing a traffic light game.

Our cooking activity next week will be making a vegetarian Jelly.

Our phonic next week will be 'd' and our number is 8. We are continuing with our phonic and colour table, and next week the colour will be pink. Please bring in any objects from home for our colour and phonic table. Many thanks.

Mrs Evans and Miss Woodley

Reception

We have had such a busy first week back after half term. We hope you all enjoyed looking at your boys' hard work at the parents' evening.

Our new topic is 'Colour and Light' which will take us nicely up to Christmas! The boys have enjoyed looking at primary colours and had fun with colour mixing.

In Literacy this week we will be recapping all the sounds learnt so far, learning our new sounds, y, z, zz, qu and learning four new tricky words, 'he' 'she', 'the' and 'to'. We will be looking at books relating to colour and light but focussing on 'Elmer the Patchwork Elephant'.

In Numeracy this week we will be finding one more than a given number, relating addition to combining two groups of numbers and continuing with our number rhymes.

We will be making our Christmas cakes next week so if you haven't yet sent a small baked bean tin in for your son please could you at the beginning of the week. Thank you.

We hope you enjoy Homefield firework night and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

The First Year

This week we have been talking a lot about bonfire night and learning the story of Guy Fawkes in our history topic. The boys have made some lovely pictures of fireworks to display in our classrooms. Let's hope we have good weather tonight!

Thank you to the boys who have made musical instruments. We have enjoyed investigating different ways that sounds are made in our Science lessons.

Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody

The Second Year

The boys in the 2nd Year have had an extremely busy week, the highlight of which was their visit to the Golden Hinde, a full-sized reconstruction of the Tudor warship in which Sir Francis Drake circumnavigated the world.



Year 2 at the Golden Hinde

The Third Year

The third years have returned to school full of enthusiasm and have settled to work well.

Rehearsals for the Christmas play will start next week and boys will be given their parts. Assisting your son in learning words and songs would be greatly appreciated!

Many 3rd year boys are looking forward to their first away match against Cumnor House on Monday. Please can boys wear their games kit to school and remember to bring in their school uniform.

New spellings are "le" words. Keep practising the multiplication tables, especially the 6 times table, boys. We are aiming for instant recall.

In our R.E lessons we have been discussing various festivals and events that have happened recently. The boys have been finding out about Diwali, Eid and Armistices Day!

Mr Medley, Mrs Dawson and Mrs Lyndham

Music

Carols chosen for performance 2011

The sixth form boys spent the first half of term composing new melodies for the lyrics of forgotten Christmas carols.

The following boys' work has been chosen for public performance.

Senior Concert - Jonathan Marsh L6H and Prashast Vir U6H

Junior Concert

Ayan Shah-Khan U6S, Ben Aldous U6H, Mitchell Jenkins L6H, Jasper Pittam U6P, Naym Ali L6S and Niall Kavanagh U6H

Stoneleigh Youth Orchestras

Auditions will be held on the 15th January, for the Stoneleigh Youth Orchestras. There is a main orchestra for players who are approximately Grade 6 and a training orchestra for players who are approximately Grade 4.

More info at www.stoneleighyouthorchestra.org.uk

Mr A Meyers

Debating Club

Debating Club resumes next week in room C12 on Tuesday afternoons from 4.15 to 5.00pm.

Petanque

Due to low light conditions, the Wednesday afternoon Petanque Club is now suspended until the Spring Term.

Mr M Brett

Sport

Under 8 Football v Willington

Well done to all the boys who played in the school fixture against Willington School on Wednesday morning. The 'C' team had a good victory winning by 2 goals to 1 with Gabriel Cotton and Ayokunle Lewis, scoring the goals for Homefield.

The games were very competitive and even throughout. All boys are producing improved performances and are starting to get an understanding of their positions and team play. The boys played with enthusiasm throughout the morning. However, they will need to make quicker decisions which will help the team's performance.

The 'A' Team v Willington

Drew 0-0

Jay Evemy had two very good efforts saved by the Willington Goalkeeper.

The 'B' Team v Willington

Drew 0-0

Sahil Kohli made his first appearance for the 'B' team.

The 'C' Team v Willington

Won 2-1

Gabriel Cotton and Ayokunle Lewis scoring the goals for Homefield.

The 'D' Team v Willington

Lost 1-0

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

On Saturday 12th November the 'A' team will be playing in the tournament at Hazelwood School, starting at 9 45am.

Then on Monday 14th November the E,F,G and H teams will be playing Cumnor House. These matches will be starting at 11 30am.

Mr G Pearce

U9 Football

Homefield 'C' team picked up two wins when they travelled to Caterham on Thursday afternoon. In their first game against Hawthorns the boys proved too strong for the opposition. Ashwin Banerjee, Jacob Trevithick (2) and Humza Saleem, all found the net in a 4-0 drubbing. Caterham provided a sterner test and showed determination in defence. Pranav Pandey struck the winning goal from distance for a 1-0 win.

Homefield 'B' defeated Hawthorns 2-0 thanks to goals from Lawrence Clarke-Tidey and William Macdougall. They battled

hard against Caterham, and were unfortunate to concede in the dying seconds, going down 0-1.

Matthew Tyson scored the only goal in the 'A' team's win against Hawthorns. Rhome Jacquart gave HPS the lead against Caterham, only for the team to collectively switch off and allow Caterham three goals in a crazy 3 minutes! The boys will be looking to improve in next week's fixture against Hazelwood, the last of the football season.

Mr E Judd

Under 10 A team v the Mall

On Tuesday 8th November, the Under 10 A team played their last game of the season and demonstrated a huge leap in their abilities and tactical awareness. In the early stages of the match Homefield had most of the play with some super passing moves by Olamide Ogunlana and Theo Brown. Adamola Lewis was very calm in defence and snuffed out two quick breaks by the Mall centre forward. However, from a Homefield corner the Mall defender launched a long pass up field and their forward found himself 'one on one' with Sam Heape and hit the top corner. The goal was against the run of play and Homefield responded immediately. Almost every Homefield player on the pitch passed the ball in a 12 pass build-up to one of the best goals I have seen this year. Alex Davies threaded the final pass for Arun Subramaniam to rifle the ball home. The game remained even throughout and a 1-1 draw was the right result. I am very proud of the boys for their attitude and commitment to the school team. Well done to Oliver Zonfrillo who made a super debut for the A team.

Well done boys:

A Team

Sam Heape (GK), Oliver Zonfrillo, Olamide Ogunnaike, Theo Brown, Alex Davies, Arun Subramaniam, Cole Freigang, Ademola Lewis and Rahul Desai.

The Under 10 B team were under pressure very early on and conceded a goal within 5 minutes. However, as they have proved all season their resilience is fantastic. Daniel Cronje scored yet another goal to bring the scores level. Both teams attacked with pace but it was Homefield who came out on top with Noah Yamin scoring the winner.

Many of the B team have played exceptionally well this year and will benefit from the change of format next year when the boys play 11 a-side.

Well done boys

B Team:

Shiv Rana (GK), Daniel Cronje, Sam Martin, Tom Bradshaw, Hassan Mahfouz, Noah Ydamin, Dylan Brodie and William Gurney.

The Under 10 C team lost their match against The Mall but once more Yussuf Saleem had his scoring boots on, scoring both goals in a 2-3 defeat. In fact Yussuf has played exceptionally well this year, nearly scoring double figures for the season!

C Team:

Naveen Dhar (GK), Nathan Addy-Walker, Ruzza Sheikh, Yusuf Saleem, Matthew Scott, Nikan Panjeshahi, Zac Gray and Stephen Banh.

The Under 10 D team lost 2-4 but a good goal by Oliver Callaghan and a super finish by Peter Neilan were highlights of the game in which every one in the year group got to represent the school at football this year. Some good build-up play by Thomas Mercieca and Kian Hamed led to the boys hitting the post but a draw was not to be.

Thank you to all of the parents who have supported us this year and all the boys who have consistently turned up to after school practice.

Well done boys
Mr DMatthews

Homefield 1st XI v Cumnor House

Homefield's 1st XIs posted their third victory of the season with a hard earned victory over Cumnor House. Homefield went into the lead when Arran Brodie's fine through ball sent Sean Watters clear and whose right-footed shot fired into the net. In an even first half it was Cumnor who drew level just before half time, after a good move and finishing in Jimmy O'Brien's net.

Half time 1- 1

Both teams were competing well, making good strong tackles. However it was Cumnor who took the lead when the Homefield defence failed to clear the ball. Ben Higgs nearly got Homefield back on level terms, but just failed to get the correct contact on the ball. From a free kick, Jack Hopper's trusted left foot got Homefield back on level terms when his direct kick flew high into the Cumnor goal. Homefield went into the lead, after a penalty was given for hand ball. Again, Jack Hopper unleashed a powerful shot to secure another win for Homefield.

Full time score: Homefield 3 Cumnor House 2
Jack Hopper (2) Sean Watters

Team: J O'Brien A Sood, H Goddard, S Saleem ,Y Moizuddin, A Bragg, A Brodie, J Hopper (Capt.), B Higgs, S Watters, D Aksentic, Subs P Vir.

Mr Pearce

Ski Holiday Information Evening

There will be an information evening regarding the ski holiday on Monday 14th November, at 7.00pm. This will allow me to give you full details of all your son's activities, discuss the levels of care and supervision and answer any questions. The evening is specifically for boys who will be coming with us for the first time so if you were present last year you need not come. However, if there is anything specific you need to know please don't hesitate to contact me. There are 2 places left available for the trip.

Mr M Mallett