

HEADLINES

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Autumn Term 2011 – November (2)

New minibuses



The Headmaster takes delivery of our two new minibuses



Enthusiastic boys in the Junior Department celebrate the delivery of our two new minibuses



Another magnificent Homefield firework display



The Clash of the Titans: 1st XI v Staff and Fathers

opportunity to drop off donations for the Christmas Bazaar and to buy advance raffle tickets. Pre-ordered Christmas Puddings will be available for collection and there will be a limited number of puddings available to purchase if you didn't get a chance to order in advance.

Christmas Bazaar, Friday 9th December

The boys really look forward to this fun afternoon, but in order to make this annual successful, we rely on parental involvement and generosity. We would be grateful of donations of new gifts (for boys to purchase for family members), adult and boys prizes for the raffle and 2nd hand items such as books, toys, DVDs and computer games. Donations can be left from Monday 22nd November in the boxes provided in the school hall and EYU lobby. Your class representative will email you with further details over the next few days.

Kind regards

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The Early Years' Unit

You should all have received your letters about costumes for the Christmas productions and we appreciate your help with them. The boys are beginning to remember their parts and some of the songs. They can't wait to perform in front of you! Remember to keep the 5th December free!

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

In Woodpeckers Class the award went to **Luca Evans** for being such a kind and friendly boy.

In Kingfishers Class it was given to **Ismail Surty** for singing all the songs so well for the Christmas performance.

Nursery Star Awards were for:

In Tawny Owls **Oliver Colgate** for being so helpful to others.

In Eagle Owls **Iestyn Ellwood-Thompson** for sharing lots of knowledge and lovely ideas.

Mrs B Whiteway
Head of EYU

The Nursery

In the nursery this week we will be focusing on 'Light and Dark'. We will be painting shade pictures and making light and dark collages.

- Our Ten Town number is 9
- Our phonic is 'g'
- Our colour table will be black and white

Our Christmas Nativity rehearsals are well under way, and we will be continuing to practise for this.

Please can we remind parents to ensure that all clothing is labelled.

Thank you

Mrs Evans and Miss Woodley

Last week witnessed the fun and frolics of fireworks, fathers' football, Festivals of music, fieldtrips, foot races and forays afar. (This alliterative introduction was composed whilst doing static and inadequate defensive duties in the back four).

The Headmaster's contribution to this week's Newsletter is suffused by the excitement of this morning's arrival of the first half of the new school suite of minibuses.

Next week the boys in the U6th form begin their Scholarship and Common Entrance mock examinations. The competitive rugby season being in earnest and, amongst other pre-Christmas events, the boys embark upon rehearsals for their Christmas productions and concerts.

Upper 4th Form Next Schools Information Evening

As the first stage of bringing parents up to date with the process of transfer to next schools, we will be holding an induction evening for the parents of boys in the **Upper 4th Form on Thursday 1st December.**

The purpose of the evening is not to serve as a marketing event for any individual senior schools, but to give a fuller understanding of the transfer process. This evening is a prelude to later individual parental discussions with the Headmaster.

Any parents who may have missed their information evening for the Lower 4th Form, or who are new to the Senior Department, are very welcome to attend.

Homefield Association

Last week ended with the annual Homefield Association Firework Display. We were very lucky with the weather, which added to making the event even more enjoyable. The Association is grateful to receive feedback, that yet again, the display was spectacular. Thank you to all who attended and for observing the parking advice. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school staff, parent volunteers and Homefield Association committee members who gave their time to make this a great event for everyone!

Northbrook Wrap

For those who ordered Northbrook wrapping paper, you will have received this during the past week.

Coffee Morning, Friday 2nd December

Please come along for a coffee in the school hall after drop off to meet other parents for a chat and a mince pie! Proceeds of the mornings' tea, coffee, cakes and second hand uniform sale go to 'Save the Children Fund'. Donations of cakes and biscuits are very welcome on the morning. Uniform donations will be gladly received from Monday 28th November in the boxes provided in the hall and EYU lobby (only presentable Homefield items, please note, no white shirts or grey trousers). We have a number of stalls planned to attend, Phoenix Cards, Usborne Books and Natures First. This is also a good

Reception

The boys have enjoyed colour mixing and experimenting with various different ways of changing colours and making patterns in paint. We have all made our Christmas cakes now and they are ready to ice and decorate.

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.

Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

You will have received a letter about the Christmas arrangements for the Junior Department. If you have any queries about these please contact your son's form teacher. We look forward to welcoming you at "The Star and the Animals" on the 7th and 8th December.

The First Year

If anybody has a problem regarding the angel costume, please let us know and we will do our best to help. In the near future the boys will be bringing home song words to learn.

The boys enjoyed their first spelling test and we were delighted with the results! The new spellings will be coming home for the weekend – please could boys remember their books every Thursday.

Mrs Hilton came to our assembly on Tuesday and told us the amazing news that we only have to collect another £15 in order to train our second Guide Dog this year! Keep up the good work boys!

Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody

The Second Year

We had a fantastic trip to the golden Hinde. I loved the gun deck. I would have liked being a sailor because I would like spinning round the thing to put the anchor down. I wouldn't like being a sailor because of the illnesses.



Dropping the anchor on The Golden Hinde

I learned that they believed the water swiped their good luck away. I was interested in the Captain's cabin. I learnt that they believed touching the knight's head was good luck. I would not have liked being sold to the Golden Hinde. It would be very tough. I wouldn't like having scurvy. I would have liked being a sailor because I might come back with a million pounds! I liked the dressed-up sailor!



Boys learn about the life of a sailor on The Golden Hinde

Reporter: Nathaniel Wagner

The Third Year

The most important thing at the moment is the Christmas production, 'The Star and the Animals'. **The boys must learn their lines!** If family members could assist with this task, we would all be extremely grateful.

Mrs Dawson, Mrs Lyndham and Mr Medley

Homefield Heroes

1H Daniel Clark for greatly improved handwriting. Well done Daniel!

1S Logan Fear for his fantastic written work and beautiful illustrations. Well done Logan!

2H Samuel Hoyes for excellent knowledge of x tables. Well done.

2H Humphrey Povey for excellent knowledge of x tables. Well done.

2S Max Smethurst and Ruairi O'Rourke for great participation and behaviour on our outing.

3H Seza Reisoglu for doing extra maths in the holidays and always working hard! You have lovely manners!

3H Jonathan Kim for doing extra maths homework in the in half term break. You have lovely manners and are a helpful boy to your peers!

3P Yusuf Surty for being very polite and always working hard.

3S Saad Ayub for being a polite, helpful and sensible member of 3S.

Music

Examination Success!

Congratulations to Nathan Simmons on passing his Grade 1 Cornet with Merit.

Mr A Meyers

Classics

Visit to Canterbury

As part of our continuing endeavours to enrich the learning experiences of our senior students, this year a new excursion is being added to the calendar. On Thursday, 1st December, the students in the Upper 6th Form will be travelling by coach to Canterbury for the day. This excursion is a joint undertaking between the Classics, History and English departments, focusing on elements of each subject as studied by the boys in their preparation for 13+ examinations. Our day will include visits to the Canterbury Tales, Canterbury Cathedral and the Roman Museum of Canterbury.

A letter including all details pertaining to this trip has been distributed to Upper 6th Form students, and it would be greatly appreciated if parents could complete the permission slip attached and return it to Mr McCaffery, as soon as possible.

This day should be an excellent outing for all the boys concerned, especially considering the vast amount of historical significance held by the city of Canterbury.

Mr M McCaffery

Sport

Under 8s Hazelwood Football Tournament

Saturday 12th November

Well done to all the boys who played in the Hazelwood Football Tournament on Saturday morning. All the boys gave of their best throughout the tournament playing well in both the opening games against both Aberdour and Priory School. However, both Cumnor House and Hawthorns proved to be strong on the day and were worthy winners. Homefield ended the tournament with a narrow loss against City of London Freemans by 1-0. The boys are now starting to get a better understanding of their positions and team play. In goal both Philippe Pioli and Thomas Edwards shared the responsibility. In defence Eshan Saund started to make strong tackles. In midfield, Jay Evemy showed very good ability on the ball, and was well supported by both Oliver Lobb-Rossini and Han Declercq who worked tirelessly throughout the matches. In the forward areas, Calum Jopling scored three excellent goals for Homefield.

The 'A' Team v Aberdour Lost 2-0

The 'A' Team v Priory School Lost 3-1
Calum Jopling scored Homefield's goal.

The 'A' Team v Cumnor House Lost 4-1
Calum Jopling scored Homefield's goal.

The 'A' Team v Hawthorns Lost 4-1
Calum Jopling scoring his third goal of the tournament.

The 'A' Team v City of London Freemans Lost 1-0

Homefield's Team: Philippe Pioli, Thomas Edwards, Eshan Saund, Jay Evemy, Oliver Lobb-Rossini, Han Declercq, Calum Jopling.

Well done to all the boys who played and to the parents for their support and encouragement.

Mr G Pearce

Homefield 1st XI v Staff and Fathers 4 - 4



Staff and Fathers talk team tactics!

The 1st team scored another four goals in an eight-goal thriller against the Staff/ Fathers on Saturday morning. The boys have been producing some very good football of late, with the in-form Sean Watters scoring another brace to push his total for the season to 6. Jack Hopper also added to the score, and Niall Kavanagh scored his first ever goal for the 1st team. In reply the talented Mr Brodie scored a hat-trick and Mr Higgs scored for the Staff and Fathers. Well done to all the players for a very enjoyable game of football.

Full time: Homefield 4 Staff/Fathers 4

1st XI Team:

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

Staff/ Fathers Team:

Mr Moizuddin, Mr O'Brien, Mr Gurney, Mr Goddard, Mr Brodie, Mr Bragg, Mr Watters, Mr Mowbray, Mr Judd, Mr Strong, Mr Matthews, Mr Nellthorp, Mr Higgs, Mr Kavanagh.

Many thanks as always for the Staff and Parents who played, and to those who encourage from the touchline.

Mr G Pearce

Willington 3 v Homefield 1st XI 5

The 1st team scored five goals, all in the second half, to run out comfortable winners against Willington. Homefield were a goal down at half time after the defence failed to clear the ball. In the second half, Homefield put in an excellent performance. Jack Hopper's long range shot flew high into the net to get Homefield back on level terms. However, Jimmy O'Brien's (don't look now) restored Willington lead. Jimmy will explain all!! From that slight set-back, Dani Aksentic's fine glancing flick off his head from Hopper's free kick again brought Homefield to level terms. Homefield then scored three quick goals. Dani Aksentic's through-ball found Sean Watters who calmly slotted home his tenth goal of the season. Arran Brodie soon made it four when he won the ball on the edge of the area before hitting his shot over the keepers head. The unselfish Sean Watters then set up Ben Higgs who tapped home from close range to score Homefield's fifth. Willington did score a

late header to reduce the score. Well done to all the players this season, playing good football and also scoring lots of goals.

Full time Willington 3 Homefield 5

J Hopper, D Aksentic, S Watters, A Brodie, B Higgs.

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 G Pearce