

HEADLINES

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Dear Parents

This week the school has basked in the warm after-glow of the splendid Homefield Association fireworks' event, with the intrepid and loyal Homefield family ultimately rewarded for its enterprise and persistence with a clear evening, fine catering, good company and the best Homefield fireworks' display to date. As ever, I am vastly grateful to the Association Team for their hard work, stickability and enterprise. I have also informally registered my request with the Fireworks' providers for a repeat of the same pyrotechnic ingredients next year!

I was also a proud and admiring, if lamely inactive, spectator at a further heart (and muscle!) warming performance on the school field on Saturday morning, when a gallant staff and parents' team upheld the Common Room honour with a stylish game against an impressive and resilient 1st XI side who together fought out an evenly-contested 3-3 draw. The match was a wonderful pre-amble to later good news from

Twickenham in the afternoon! The match photograph attests to the good humour and fine-spiritedness of the occasion which served as a showcase to the assured skills of the Sports' Department (and Mr Dawson) and attested to the footballing pedigree of Messers Goodman, Jelcic, Newton, Darroch, O'Brien and goal-keeping debutant, Mr Bragg who pulled off a number of fine second-half match-rescuing saves. Thanks also are extended to 1st XI coach and referee Mr Pearce for his assured officiation.

Next week the boys in the U6th form begin their Scholarship and Common Entrance mock examinations, the competitive rugby season gets under way and, amongst other pre-Christmas treats and sweetmeats, the boys continue rehearsals for Christmas productions and concerts, the U11 soccer team competes in the Plate Semi-final of the Surrey Cup, the Squash team strives for prizes in the Surrey Preparatory Schools' Squash Competition at Epsom College, and the school, which nurtured Homefield Old Boy, Graham Sutherland, plays host to an Art Exhibition next weekend.



Homefield Association

Last week ended with the Homefield Association Firework Party, which despite the weather, was a great occasion. The Association was pleased to hear many 'oohs and aahs', and gratefully received feedback that it was the best display seen in some time.

Thank you to all who attended for observing the parking advice and I am sure you will agree this made the departure of spectators a safer and more efficient process this year. We also introduced Krispy Kreme doughnuts this year and they proved to be extremely popular, so no doubt they will become customary. I would like to thank all the school staff, parent volunteers and Association committee members that gave up their time to make this a great event for everybody.



The night sky, lit by the amazing Homefield Firework display

Also, a well-attended Homefield Photo Shoot took place on Saturday, and all participants will be eagerly viewing their portfolio over this weekend and ordering copies!

For those of you that have ordered Northbrook wrapping paper, you should receive it via boy post next week. This should allow plenty of time to complete all your festive wrapping. A quick reminder to try using www.buy.at/homefield when doing your on-line Christmas shopping. You could help raise funds for the Association at no extra cost to yourself, and with minimal effort.

Coffee Morning – Friday 3rd December, 8.45 – 10.30am

Please try to drop in for a coffee, cake and a cordial chat. All donations will be in aid of 'Save the Children'. Donations of cakes/biscuits are welcome on the morning. This is also a good opportunity to drop off donations for the Christmas Bazaar, and to buy advance raffle tickets.

We will have stalls present such as Phoenix cards, Usborne Books and Body Shop, to name a few. Pre-ordered Christmas Puddings will be available to collect if you are attending, and there will be a limited amount available to buy if you didn't get the chance to order in advance.

Additionally, we will be holding a 2nd Hand Uniform sale at the coffee morning, and any uniform donations will be gladly received from Monday 29th November in the boxes provided in the hall and EYU foyer (only presentable Homefield items, and no white shirts or grey trousers). All proceeds from the uniform sale will go to the Homefield Association, and will contribute to the provision of more value-added items and events for the boys.

Christmas Bazaar – Friday 10th December

The boys really look forward to this fun afternoon, but in order to make this annual event successful, we really do rely on parental involvement and generosity. Donations can be left from Monday 22nd November in the boxes provided in the school hall and the EYU lobby. We are hoping for donations of: new gifts (for boys to purchase for their family members), raffle prizes for adults and boys, and 2nd hand items (books/toys/DVDs/computer games, but no soft toys or videos, and age appropriate items only). Please look out for an email from your Class Representative for more details.

If you have any questions or ideas, or feel you have time to contribute to the Association, please feel free to contact me.

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The Early Years' Unit

All the boys are busy singing songs and preparing for their Christmas productions. I hope you have kept Tuesday 7th December free!

A little reminder to Nursery and Kindergarten parents, if you are considering extending your son's hours after speaking to your son's teacher please confirm in writing by Friday 26th November.

In our Friday Forum these boys were awarded Star Awards;

Elf Owls - Alexander Kudiabor for participating in all activities enthusiastically

Tawny Owls - Kaylen Patel for enthusiastic singing of Christmas songs

Eagle Owls - Jaren Tan for vocalising and speaking in a louder voice

Well done boys!

Transition boys who received Student of the Week are;

Woodpeckers - Gus McGeachin for trying hard in all areas of the curriculum

Puffins - Ewan Munks for being kind to his friends.

Mrs B Whiteway

Head of EYU

The Nursery

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

Some of the learning experiences planned for the coming week include:

- Discussing the role of doctors, nurses, paramedics and the ambulance service.
- Exploring the colour silver.
- Phonic 'g'.
- The concept of the number 9.

Rehearsals for the Christmas Play are now well under way. If you wish to practice the songs at home please do so using the song sheet sent home last week - the boys are familiar with the tunes. Each boy has also received a letter regarding his role in the play and the costume he needs. In advance we would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

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, ea, ai, oa, ie and learning three new tricky words, 'was' 'no' and 'go'. We will also be practising reading and spelling our high frequency words.

In Numeracy this week we will be looking at ordinal numbers. Using language more/less than, greater/smaller, to compare two numbers and recapping positional language.

We will start making our Christmas cakes this week so please could you send the boys in with a small, empty, clean baked bean tin.

Miss Kingsford and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

The First Year

We have had a busy week and are delighted with the way that the boys are working on the play. Thank you in advance for the help with the costumes. Please could we have them in school by Monday November 29th. We are also sending home a letter about Christmas arrangements – we look forward to a fun filled few weeks!

Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody

The Second Year

Rehearsals have begun for our Christmas Concert. Boys have been given their words to learn and letters about their costumes. Please practise daily and return sheets each day.

Spellings are 'ch' and 'tch'. We will test the 2s, 5s, 10s and 11s next Thursday.

Miss Buchanan, Mrs Connaughton and Mrs Lyndham

Homefield Heroes

1H Lakshan Ganeswaran for always trying hard with everything. Well done Lakshan!

1S Jayan Thiru for making an excellent effort during play rehearsals. Well done Jayan!

2H Tife Sokan for hard work and lovely presentation. Well done Tife!

2S Alex Morris for improving his concentration and effort in all his work. Keep it up Alex!

2S Yaw Sarpong for super answers in class and becoming quicker at his written work.

3H Qais Moti for being a such a hard worker in Year 3. You have improved your behaviour and settling down really well! Keep up the great Maths!

3P Saul Packer for working hard, always being sensible and enjoying Speech and Drama.

3S Adam Attal for increased effort and participation in Maths.

Sport

Homefield 1st XI 3 v Staff and Fathers 3

The 1st team ended their season with a six goal thriller against the Staff/Fathers on Saturday morning Dani Aksentic opened the scoring for Homefield with a neat finish inside the penalty

area. The Staff/Fathers soon equalised when Mr Newton scored an excellent goal when he curled his shot inside the far post. The Staff/Fathers were playing some tidy football in the first half but found it difficult to penetrate the home defence.

Half time Homefield 1 Staff/Fathers 1

The Staff/Fathers deservedly went into the lead when Mr Strong's right wing cross was finished at the far post by Mr Newton. It was soon to be three, again Mr Strong's cross was met by Mr O'Brien who finished it off with a fine first time volley. The boys pulled a goal back, Jack Hopper's long range shot flew into the net past Mr Nellthorp's despairing dive. Homefield played more brightly in the second half and the pressure paid off. Gregory Bragg's goal bound shot was deflected off the back, off the unfortunate Mr Dawson and crawled over the line. The boys nearly won at the end when Sam Goodman's long range shot was pushed over the bar by Mr Bragg in goal

Full time score: Homefield 3 Staff/ Fathers 3

1st XI Team:

D Sandler, J Hughes, S Goodman, N Jelacic, P O'Brien, B Adey, Nathan Inkester (Capt), J Hopper, D Aksentic, Jack Newton, G Bragg. Subs: , S Watters, B Higgs, J Coekin.

Staff/ Fathers Team:

Mr Mallett, Mr Goodman, Mr Jelacic, Mr O'Brien, Mr Newton, Mr Bragg, Mr Darroch, Mr Till, Mr Judd, Mr Strong, Mr Matthews, Mr Nellthorp, Mr Dawson.

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

Mr G Pearce

Match of the Day – No, Match of the Season!

Homefield 1st XI v Staff and Fathers

Who would have thought that a 9.30am kick off would have been too early for the staff and parents – but it was! Within the first minute, whilst the staff and parents team were still waking up on the pitch, Dani shot the first team into the lead with a wonderful shot into the top right hand corner of the net. Mr Mallett in goal was helpless to do anything. 1-0 to the boys.

Unfortunately, the lead was not held for long, when Jack Newton's dad, John, powered home a lovely curling shot from a distance that even Ronaldo would have been proud of. David in goal, even though he got his finger tips to it, could not stop it hitting the net. 1-1.

Having enjoyed the applause of the crowd and his team mates, John once again was hungry for another goal. His second came after a good header from Mr Strong was met by him and volleyed into the bottom corner of the net. 1-2 to the staff and parents.

The game was now very even. Although the staff and parents were better at heading, (because they were taller!), the boys showed greater skills in tackling and passing, (please don't edit this out!). The end of the first half came with the boys having the greater number of shots on goal.

Spirits were high again for our team, when shortly into the second half Jack Hopper scored a great goal for the boys. 2-2.

The crowd were very impressed that the older teachers and fathers were not giving up, although it was noticed that some of them were getting a bit tired! Against the run of play, Peter's dad, Tim, scored. 2-3 to the staff and fathers team.

With time ticking away, Greg managed to squeeze in a good shot passed the diving Mr Nelthorp in goal. The game finished 3-3.

It was a really good competitive match, played in good spirit, and enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

We would just like to say a very big thank you to Mr Pearce for being such an outstanding referee, it was not an easy task trying to control some of the staff team! Also thanks to Oliver Darroch, who has played so well all season for the 1st team, but unfortunately due to a broken arm was only able to watch today.

Best of luck to all the boys next season, whoever they end up playing for!



The teams, back row: John Newton, Dan Jelcic, Jeffrey Bragg, Gregg Bragg, Nathan Inkester, Mr Matthews, Mr Till, Dave Sandler, Mark Goodman, Nicholas Jelcic, Tim O'Brien, Sean Watters, Mr Mallett, and Wayne Darroch.

Front row: Mr Judd, Sam Goodman, Ben Adey, Jamie Hughes, Mr Strong, Dani Aksentic, Peter O'Brien, Jack Hopper, Jonny Coekin, Ben Higgs, Jack Newton, Mr Dawson and Mr Pearce.

Reporter: David Sandler

Squash

The under-13 team was again in action, this time against City of London Freeman's School, last Friday.

Our team was ready for a tough match but did amazingly well as all 6 players won their matches very easily, each of the players winning 2 games to 0. The team members were Ben Adey, Nathan Inkester, Jamie Hughes, Nicholas Jelcic, Sam Goodman and David Sandler. Harry Sprunt was injured and could unfortunately not play.

I would like to thank the City of London Freeman's coach, Mr Colton, for giving our boys some practice after the matches, and Mrs Adey for helping me with transport.

Our team is now preparing for the Surrey team championship which will take place at Epsom College on Sunday 28th November.

Ms S White

Art

Mr James Girdler, will be displaying art work at the Brick Lane Gallery in the Sleeping Runners Exhibition due to open on Wednesday 24th November from 6.00 – 9.00 pm. The

exhibition runs from the 25th November through to the 6th December.

**Brick Lane Gallery
196 Brick Lane
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