

HEADLINES

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Autumn Term 2011 – November (3)

Pride of place in this week's Newsletter is correctly assigned to the intrepid members of the 1st XI side which, without censure from FIFA for the wearing of commemorative ensigns, staged a very close-passing encounter with the staff and fathers, resulting in a last minute draw. Sean Watters, in addition to excelling in attack in the match, sharpened his electronic quill to demonstrate his journalistic talents in the article below. Sean and all the team members will be receiving a Headmaster's Crest.

Vivaldi's 'Autumn' was playing on Classic FM on my drive into work this morning as a harbinger of the arrival of the festive season, and numerous Christmas preparations are now taking place throughout the school as we shop for our advent calendars and classroom decorations.

Homefield 1st XI 3 v Staff and Fathers 3

Saturday, November 12th

Homefield's 1st XI fought back to draw 4-4 and share the honours in their annual match against the staff and fathers.

Mr Matthews, Mr Judd, Mr Strong, Mr Nellthorp and Headmaster, Mr Mowbray, all turned out for the staff with the rest of the team being made up by fathers. Apart from Niall Kavanagh and Sam Gurney, all the first team regulars played in the match on Saturday 12th November.



The first team opened the scoring in the first five minutes when a ball into the box from Dani Aksentic was fumbled by Mr Moizzudin in the staff goal and poked home by Sean Watters.

The tempo slowed after the goal but, just before half time, the staff drew level when a cross was turned in by Mr Brodie.

Half time saw a number of substitutions with Mr Matthews coming on for the staff and fathers. Shortly after kick off, Mr Matthews scored with a great long shot which drifted past keeper Sam Gurney. The first team quickly hit back when the ball was played through to Sean Watters who slotted it into the corner.

Sean Watters hit the post before Niall Kavanagh made it 3-2 to the first team with a brilliant strike past the keeper. Mr Brodie then scored his second goal of the match to level the scores before completing his hat trick to take the lead after a great run and pass from Mr Higgs.

With time running out the first team was facing defeat but they fought back and in the final seconds equalised with a long range goal from midfielder Jack Hopper.

Reporter: Sean Watters

Upper 4th Form Next Schools Information Evening 1st December 2011

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.

Clarion Call

As a school we are always looking for ways to improve our methods for contacting parents quickly and efficiently in the event of sudden changes to the school day.

We are now planning to introduce a system called Clarion Call through which we will be able to send text messages to your mobile phones, record voice messages or send emails.

If you have recently changed your mobile number or email address please ensure that the office is aware of the change of details in order that we can maintain accurate contact details for

you. We hope to be able to send you a test message next week when the set-up has been finalised.

Industrial Action

A number of Homefield staff will be supporting industrial action next week, but, with necessary modifications, normal classroom service will be maintained.

Homefield Association

Thank you for all the donations made to date for the Christmas Bazaar. However, we are still in need of additional items, for example:

- New Raffle/Tombola prizes for boys, e.g. Lego, computer games, construction games, action figures, traditional board games.
- Raffle prizes/gift items for adults, e.g., toiletries, books, socks, notebooks, chocolates, wine, pens.
- Quality 2nd hand items suitable for boys only and age appropriate, e.g. books, board games, DVDs, Computer games. Please ensure items are complete.

If you require any clarification on the types of donations, do not hesitate to contact your class rep.

Donation boxes can be found in the **Main Hall** and **EYU lobby**. If you are able to help out during the day of the bazaar, please contact your class rep. We rely on parental participation to run this event and ensure the boys have a great afternoon and as parents, we thoroughly enjoy being part of it.

An advance raffle ticket purchase form is attached. This year, each department will have its own top raffle prize instead of one overall main prize. These are as follows: EYU – Mini Vtriker Scooter with accessories, Juniors – Scalextric McLaren 6m Race Set and Seniors – An Amazon voucher. Other raffle prizes include, Electronic Key Boards, Lego, Sports Equipment, Science kits, mixed toy and game hampers and much more.

Each December, the EYU and Junior boys take part in the annual Jam Jar Competition. This involves the boys decorating a jar, however they choose, fill it with sweets and bring it to school, where the best two decorated jars per class win a prize. The boys really look forward to this activity and we look forward to seeing their hard work! The jars are then sold at the Christmas Bazaar. Please see the attached flyer for further information. The Senior boys can, if they choose, decorate a jar and fill it with sweets for the sweet stall. These jars can be left in the donation boxes in the Main Hall.

Coffee Morning, Friday 2nd December

Please come along for a coffee 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 will go to the 'Save the Children Fund'. Donations of cakes and biscuits are very welcome on the morning. Uniform donations can be made 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 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 we have a number of puddings available for purchase if you didn't get a chance to order in advance.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards

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Chairperson, Homefield Association

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Charities



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 or otherwise know 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 Matthews, Mr Dawson and Mr Brett have decided to donate their faces to raising awareness about 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!).

So far the team called Every Moustache matters has raised £617 and is still 'growing/going' strong!

There are various ways of donating ...

Use these links for team "Every Moustache Matters" and look at the pictures of the men's moustaches 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. Alternatively, send cheques and CAF vouchers (made payable to 'The Prostate Cancer Charity Re Movember') directly to The Prostate Cancer Charity – First Floor, Cambridge House, Cambridge Grove, London W6 0LE. Be sure to include the person's name on the back of the cheque. The Prostate Cancer Charity will use the money raised by Movember for the development of programs 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

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

Grandmaster Brian Manna visit to Homefield

Snow Herons held a 'Kickerthon' on Tuesday afternoon to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. So far the amount raised is in the region of £600. Grandmaster Manna was very impressed with the students' attention, enthusiasm and respect. Grateful thanks to all my students and parents who kept siblings quiet and the 'Kickerthoners' going!

Ma'am Faith Andrews



Master Janet Manna, Grandmaster Brian Manna, Master Chris Brandt and Ma'am Faith Andrews



Grandmaster Brian Manna, 8th Dan, with Ma'am Faith Andrews

Music

Charity Concert 3rd December – Teddington

I am conducting a concert given by the Kingston Chamber Orchestra in aid of the Down's Syndrome Association.

The Concert will take place in the Langdon Down Centre – 2a Langdon Park, Teddington TW11 9PS at 7.30pm

The programme will include Dvorak's Czech Suite, Mozart – Marriage of Figaro Overture, Gershwin – Song arrangements, Christmas Fantasy and Delius – Sleigh Ride.

Tickets at £15 each are available in advance by calling 0845 230 0372

Senior Christmas Concert

A reminder, for all Senior parents (and parents of Junior boys in the String Orchestra) that the Senior Carol Concert will take place at 6.30pm at Trinity Church on Wednesday 14th December. All boys are expected to attend, please let me know as soon as possible if your son will be absent. Rehearsals will take place on the 12th December (at school), on the 13th December at Trinity Church in the afternoon, and on the 14th December at Trinity Church in the morning. Parents who have a problem getting to the evening performance are very welcome to come to the dress rehearsal/recording on the morning of the 14th December, starting at around 9.30am.

Chamber Choir

The chamber choir are singing at the following charity events this year. Please could all members ensure that permission slips have been returned.

Friday 2nd December - Carols at St Nicholas Centre 11.45 – midday.

Friday 9th December - Carols at the Sutton Seniors Forum 2.10 – 2.40pm.

Thursday 15th December - Carols in Morrison's 10.00 - 11.00am.

Hojo

The Jazz Band will be performing at the Star and Garter home in Richmond on Thursday 8th December. Boys will rehearse at school from 8.35 – 9.50am in the Music Room then give a concert at the home between 1.00 and midday.

Sutton Music Festival

Daniel Zolinsky (L4S) played in the Kingston and Sutton Festivals last weekend and won six medals! In the piano classes he won a gold, silver and bronze and in the violin he won gold and two silver medals. – Well done Daniel.

Congratulations are also due to Wesley Hsu (L4H) for gaining two Very Good Performance Certificates in piano classes at the Sutton Music Festival. This was a fantastic achievement for both boys as I know that the standard of performance at these festivals is very high.

National Youth Music Theatre

As a central part of the 2012 International Youth Arts Festival, the National Youth Music Theatre will be giving performances of a new piece by Howard Googhall – 'The Dreaming' at The Rose Theatre, Kingston in July. Based loosely on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and with an equally brilliant libretto by Charles Hart (Phantom of the Opera, Aspects of

Love) 'The Dreaming' offers many wonderful roles for talented actor/singers aged between 11-23.

Budding musical theatre performers can arrange to audition at www.nymt.org.uk

Mr A Meyers

Canterbury Tales

On Thursday, 1st December, the boys 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 in preparation for 13+ examinations. The day will include visits to the Canterbury Tales, Canterbury Cathedral and the Roman Museum of Canterbury.

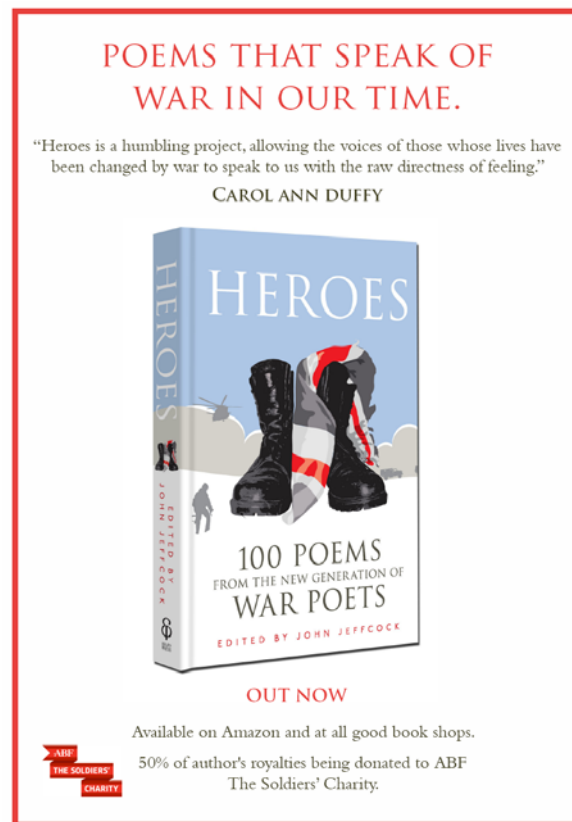
Coaches will depart from the school at 7:45am, and return by approximately 5:30pm. Please note that if boys usually arrive at school via the school mini-bus, then other arrangements will have to be made as boys will be departing prior to the arrival of this service. In addition, in order to arrive at the venue on time for our booked sessions, we will be unable to delay our departure in the event of boys arriving after the proscribed departure time. If you have not already done so, please return the consent form to Mr McCaffery as soon as possible.

Mr M McCaffery

Heroes: 100 Poems from the New Generation of War Poets

In 2010, with the full support of the MOD, John Jeffcock, poet and a former soldier in the Coldstream Guards, invited contributions for a book of modern war poems. He was overwhelmed by the response: contributions came from serving soldiers, veterans and their families - wives, sisters, daughters (one just 11 years old). The writers have one thing in common: these are people whose lives have been changed by war, and the poems speak to readers with direct, emotional appeal. While over half of the contributions relate to Afghanistan, there are also poems inspired by the Second World War, The Falklands and Northern Ireland. This is also the first time that poems have been gathered from all ranks and all organisations - from the Parachute Regiment to the Special Air Service, from the Gordon Highlanders to the Royal Marines. As the poetry of Brooke, Owen and Sassoon spoke to those who endured the First World War, here are poems that speak of war in our time - the theatres of war might change but the emotional resonance remains the same.

Mr Michael Brett, Homefield Head of English has contributed to this poetry anthology which is available to purchase from Amazon - please access via the Homefield Webshop link.



The Learning Resources Centre

LRC Assistants

I am lucky to have a great team of LRC assistants helping me in the Learning Resources Centre this year. The team are Ben Forsdick, Mitchell Jenkins, Jamie Lynch, Jonathan Marsh, Anand Patel, Ashwin Sood and Prashast Vir. The boys were all presented with LRC badges by the Headmaster in assembly in recognition of their fine work..

Mrs K Merryman

Speech and Drama

Just a reminder that Monday 28th November will be the last lesson for Speech and Drama this term.

Miss S Huntley

Sport

Under 9 Football

Homefield 'A' 2-2 Hazelwood

Homefield 'A' 0-0 Willington

In the match against Hazelwood, Gon scored a cracking goal and Humza scored the other goal to equalize the match. Homefield struggled to find the net because Willington were strong in defence.

Homefield 'B' 0-2 Hazelwood

Homefield 'B' 4-0 Willington

Homefield lost because Hazelwood's defence was too good. Against Willington, Laurence scored an amazing goal. Kieran then scored with a lethal strike. Shanthan managed to poke one home with Krisnaa scoring the final goal for Homefield.

Homefield 'C' 0-1 Hazelwood
Homefield 'C' 0-3 Willington

Homefield battled hard, but could not find any goals. All boys played their best, but need to practise their shooting.

Krisnaa , Logan and Rhome, L4

Willington 3 v Homefield 1st XI 5

The first team ended the season on a high note with an emphatic win against Willington. Homefield started slowly, going behind in conceding a soft goal in the first half, but after a tough half time pep talk from Mr Pearce, the team woke up and scored 5 second half goals. Arguably the best goal was the 5th goal scored by Ben Higgs after a fine passing move with the final cross provided by Sean Watters. The win left everyone in good spirits, even the arch- pessimist goalie (myself) whose "Robert Green" moment will be hard to forget!

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.

Reporter: Jimmy O'Brien

The Early Years' Unit

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

In Woodpeckers Class the award went to **Harry Jones** for trying his best in everything he does.

In Kingfishers Class it was given to **Brody Skinner** for lovely work in class.

Nursery Star Awards were for:

In Tawny Owls it was given to **Ibrahim Muhammed** for fantastic number work

In Eagle Owls the special award was for **Sivan Arunan** for being fantastic in the Nativity practises.

Mrs B Whiteway

Head of EYU

The Nursery

This week we will be looking at light and dark, observing changes throughout the day and discussing the seasons. This will include a winter walk, discussing night and day and exploring dark colours.

We will also be exploring:

- Phonic 'o'
- Number 10

The boys are also looking forward to making chocolate cakes, and continuing with Nativity practice. Thank you for all the wonderful costumes that have come in so far!

Mrs Evans and Miss Woodley

Reception

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.

If you haven't already sent your son's Nativity costume back to school please could we have it on Monday 28th so they are all here for our dress rehearsal on Friday.

Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

The First Year

This week we have spent a lot of time practising for the play. Thank you to all the parents who have helped their sons learn the words of the songs. We have noticed a significant improvement but a little further "brushing up" would be much appreciated! Costumes have begun to appear – we look forward to receiving more next week!

We have one coat and one blazer that have gone missing. We have searched extensively in school. Please could you check that your son has not worn one of these home by mistake – it would be great to solve these mysteries!

Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody

The Second Year

Like the other year groups, we are now in the grips of rehearsals for the Christmas production. Many costumes have already arrived in school, for which many thanks. Please remember we would like all costumes in by the end of November. The lyrics of the Year 2 songs have been sent home and we would appreciate your assistance in learning the words.

We have introduced the X 11 tables this week, which we will test on the 5th December.

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Connaughton

The Third Year

From Friday 2nd December, 3H will be swimming at Cheam Baths from 2.30 – 3.00pm. Please be aware that on these days he will need swimming trunks (not longer than knee length), goggles and a towel in a waterproof bag. The sessions are taken by qualified swimming teachers and Mr Matthews will be assisting the boys with transport and changing. In the first lesson, your son will be in the shallow end and swim one width to ascertain which group that he will be in each week; the shallow, middle or deep end.

Could parents please ensure that trunks, towels and underwear are clearly named. It makes life so much easier for all!

Could all boys please learn the words and songs for the Christmas Play and bring their costumes into school on Monday.

Mrs Dawson, Mrs Lyndham and Mr Medley

Homefield Heroes

1H Luca Sobrattee for doing excellent illustrations and presenting his work beautifully. Well done Luca!

1S Joel Thomas-Bagley for being so thoughtful and considerate towards others. Well done Joel!

2H Hari Lalji for improved effort in all subjects and beautiful presentation of his work.

2H Lakshan Ganeswaran .for improved expression and fluency in his reading.

2S Abdullah Baig for lovely manners and kind behaviour always.

2S Sebastian Odeide for working hard and making sound progress in all his schoolwork. Well done!

3H Ayokunle Lewis for being a responsible, helpful and hard working boy. Keep it up!

3P Thomas Edwards for working hard and joining in more with class discussion.

3S Alex Morris for great improvement in behaviour outside the classroom