

HEADLINES

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Autumn Term 2010 – November (4)

The spirit of Homefield Old Boy, Graham Sutherland, is looking over our shoulders this weekend as numerous artists linked to the local community array their creative talents in the inaugural **Homefield Local Artists' Art Exhibition** this evening and throughout Saturday. The Exhibition's doors open between 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm this evening and between 11.00.am and 5.00.pm tomorrow. I am most grateful to the event organizer, Mrs White, to the Homefield members of the Common Room participating, to the Art Department and to all the Exhibition's contributors for their extraordinary talent and expertise.

Next week the boys in the Nursery classes are considering the themes of 'People who help us' and 'gold', which, as the Homefield lights once again burn brightly in the branches of the Cedar Atlantica outside my study window, and, as boys in the Early Years', Junior and Senior Departments press on with rehearsals for their nativity plays and concerts, together connote the gift of the Magi and Sunday's arrival of Advent.

There is a marvelous air of anticipation and celebration in the school at the moment and, as usual, much to enjoy and admire. Next week's charitable activities include The Senior Department's Cake Sale on Monday and the Homefield Association's Christmas Coffee Morning, and second hand uniform sale, on Friday.

The boys will also be sending Christmas cards to the pupils of St Anthony's School in Sri Lanka.

Parental attention is also drawn to the contribution of Mr Dawkins, Mr Judd, Mr Meyers and Mr Medley to the work of the Charity, **November**, dedicated to tackling the scourge of prostate cancer.

As the cold snap is likely to endure, the boys are reminded to bring their **tracksuits** to all games' lessons and to wear warm outdoor coats every day.

Homefield Association

Thank you to everyone who has left donations for the Christmas Bazaar so far. We are still in need of:

- New raffle/tombola prizes for boys (e.g. lego, computer games, cars, action figures, vouchers, ipods...)

- Raffle prizes and gift items for adults (e.g. hampers, vouchers, event tickets, aftershave, perfume, toiletries...)
- Quality 2nd hand items for *boys only* (age appropriate books, DVDs, games, toys - **No videos or soft toys please**).

Donation boxes can be found in the Assembly hall and EYU lobby.

If you are able to help out for an hour (or the whole day!) at the Christmas Bazaar, please contact your Class Rep. We rely heavily on parental participation and contributions to make this exciting event a great treat for the boys.

Advance raffle ticket sales will be available from next week, and you will receive a purchase form soon. The boys will be excited to hear that the **top prize this year is a Xbox 360 with Kinect**.

Christmas Coffee Morning (Friday 3rd Dec 8.45 – 10.30am)

Please come along for a coffee and support 'Save the Children' (see attached flyer). Donations of cakes and biscuits would be appreciated on the morning. It is also a great opportunity to collect your pre-ordered Xmas Puddings, drop off Bazaar donations, and purchase raffle tickets as well. We will also be holding a **2nd hand uniform sale**, so please leave any *presentable* Homefield uniform donations (no white shirts or grey trousers) in the boxes provided in the Assembly hall and EYU lobby next week.

Sioban Barringer

Chairperson, Homefield Association

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The Early Years' Unit

In our Friday Forum these boys were awarded Star Awards:

- Elf Owls - Ayden Sherwani for excellent symmetry work
 - Tawny Owls - Yusuf Hussain for enjoying all activities
 - Eagle Owls - Hasan Khan for being more aware of others
- Well done boys!

Transition boys who received Student of the Week are:

- Woodpeckers - Oscar Price for trying really hard with the nativity practices
- Puffins - Umar Khan for fantastic blending work.

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:

- Road safety
- Exploring the colour gold
- Phonic 'o'
- The concept of the number 10
- Looking for natural things of interest

As we talking about road safety this week we are intending to take small groups of boys out of school. We will be walking along local roads to look at road signs and markings. If you have already not done so, please could you return the permission form regarding taking the boys out of school.

Could we also remind you that all boys should have a pair of wellingtons that need to be kept at school. This week we will be spending time looking for objects outside and will be walking on muddy surfaces. Also, if the snow does reach our area will be exploring this too

Mrs Whiteway, Mrs Evans and Mrs Muller

Transition

In Literacy this week we will be recapping all the sounds learned so far, learning our new sounds, ee, ay, ow, ue and learning a new tricky word, 'my'. We will also start writing our Christmas cards.

In Numeracy this week we will be looking at finding one more and one less from a given number, combining two groups of numbers and as we enjoy it so much, recapping adding using the correct vocabulary, add, plus and equals.

Thank you for bringing your baked bean tins in this week. We will start making our Christmas cakes next week. Also we would like to say a huge thank you to Dr and Mrs Rahman for visiting the boys this week and talking to them about being a Doctor and a Nurse. The boys thoroughly enjoyed it!

We have our dress rehearsal on Friday 3rd December, so could we have all costumes back by Monday 29th November. Thank you!

Miss Kingsford and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

Junior Department Sports

Now that the weather is colder, please could we ask that all boys have the correct sports kit for their lessons, including track suits. Many thanks.

Sports Department

The First Year

Thank you for all the costumes that have been sent in already. If anyone is having problems please let us know and we will try to help out. Please could you encourage your son to continue to learn the words for the songs.

Mrs Gunningham and Mrs Goodbody

The Second Year

Rehearsals have begun in earnest 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.

Music

The Sutton Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Philip Aslangul, one of the peripatetic music teachers at Homefield, will be performing at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam SM2 7HF, on Saturday 27th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 each (£8 concessions, £2 for under 18s), including programme and refreshments.

Tickets can be purchased on the door or via the website (www.suttonsymphonyorchestra.co.uk).

The programme includes:

- Dvořák – Carnival Overture
- Shostakovich – Cello Concerto No 1
- Sibelius – Symphony No 2

Further details can be obtained from 01737 361774.



Classics

Rome/Pompeii Trip Reminder

Since the announcement of the details pertaining to the Rome and Pompeii Classics trip at the end of the year in July, there has been a great response from parents wishing for their sons to participate. Our intention is to

confirm our group numbers by the end of this coming week. So if there are any parents who wish for their son to be included in the trip, but have yet to return a form, then it would be helpful if those could be brought in before Friday 3rd December. To this end, an additional copy of the original letter is attached to the back of this current edition of Headlines.

Mr M McCaffery



French

My Trip to Lyon

In half term I went to Lyon to see my pen friend Hugo. I went from Heathrow airport to an airport in Lyon with Adam, the pen friend of Hugo's brother. Once we got to Lyon we were picked up by Hugo's mum.



The next day was a school day and Hugo's mum dropped us off at his school called Ombrosa. Quite a few of the lessons were in



French but some were in English. I remember that we had Science in French and later on we had Music in English. At lunch they had a

buffet bar where you choose what you eat. We went home by the school bus and Hugo's mum met us at the bus stop and took us to her office in the hospital where she works.

When we got home we played on the play station for a bit and then we had tea.

The next day was another school day. We had PE. For the first half of PE we stood outside playing ping-pong (no bats provided, we had to bring our own) and for the second half we did Gymnastics. We went home on the bus again. It was now half term.

Ombrosa School was totally different from Homefield. It is a mixed school and the lessons are half in English and half in French. The pupils carry their bags around all day from lesson to lesson and the teachers come to collect them from the playground at break.

Half term was really fun. We had nice pastries for breakfast and we got to lie in. One day we drove into the Alps where there was already some snow. We had a snowball fight! We went to lots of restaurants, especially pizza ones. We even went to a laser game place. I got shot loads of times and then discovered you lose points for getting shot. So even though I shot people loads of times I still came last. We also went to the cinema and saw a film in French (I just about worked out what was happening). My favourite food that I ate there was Pain au Raisin which I sometimes had for breakfast. All the pictures are of Lyon and French things.

Reporter: Jonathan Marsh 5S

Art

Mr James Girdler, will be displaying art work at the Brick Lane Gallery in the Sleeping Runners' Exhibition. The exhibition runs from the 25th November through to the 6th December.

Brick Lane Gallery
196 Brick Lane
London E1 6SA



Charities

Christmas Greetings to St Anthony's School

Some of the boys have been making cards to send out to our twin school in Sri Lanka over the course of the week. If any other boys would like to make a card over the weekend sending good wishes to St Anthony's I would be delighted to receive them.

I suggest that inside the card the write a little bit about themselves and explain how they celebrate at this time of year.

I would be most grateful if cards could be given to me on Monday.

Cake Sale

I can also confirm that the Senior Department boys will be holding a cake sale on Monday during the morning breaks. Therefore, please remember to bring in some small change. If

you are bringing in cakes please bring them to the assembly hall before school.

Mr M Till

Charitable Endeavour

'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 Dawkins' successful growth, Mr Judd, Mr Medley Mr Meyers (and others) are secretly cultivating their



moustaches and have 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 Judd, Mr Medley and Mr Meyers 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!).

There are various ways of donating :

Use these links for team Homefield Mo Bros and **look at the pictures of the men's moustaches online!:**

Andy Dawkins

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

Edward Judd

<http://uk.movember.com/mospace/1294006/>

Dave Medley

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

Andy Meyers

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

You can donate online using your credit card or PayPal account

Or,

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.

Andy Dawkins, Ed Judd and Dave Medley and Andy Meyers