

HEADLINES

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demonstrates what life would have been like during the British Iron Age.

Homefield Association members for 2010/2011

My contribution to this newsletter embodies the contentment of a Headmaster who, like Roald Dahl's Master Bogtrotter, is unashamedly engorged with portions of delicious gateaux kindly provided by the new members of the Homefield Association at this term's inaugural MacMillan's coffee morning. What a fine portent that sets for the year! I am also richly enjoying the metaphorical polishing of brass buttons and toe-caps as the staff and boys make the school ready for tomorrow's Open Morning! Advance thanks for the boys and staff for their commitment to the school!

Ahead next week lie such further sweetmeats as the Early Years' Harvest Festival, soccer fixtures, the visit of French pen-friends from Gouzeaucort and the L6th form Classics' Trip visit to York and Hadrian's wall. Yum Yum!

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Chairperson 2010/2011

This week's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 21st has seen the completion of a superb and fun-filled year, chaired by Nicola Rahman.

This term commenced with today's Coffee morning, raising a beneficial £190.79 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Coffee, cakes and chat was abundant, and hopefully new friends were made and old ones consolidated. We were also lucky enough to have a few stalls such as Phoenix cards, Usbourne Books and a handmade jewellery stall, which were warmly received and contributed towards the charitable takings.

The next big event on the Association calendar is **Fireworks Night on Friday 5th November**. Doors are open at 6.00pm, and the professional pyrotechnic display commences at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale shortly but are limited, so *purchase early to avoid disappointment* (friends and family welcome). There will also be a fully licensed bar, hot food, snacks, and glow-in-the-dark products available to purchase. It is a fun occasion in familiar surroundings and previous attendees have greatly enjoyed this well attended family event, so please come along and join in.

Christmas is not that far away (where did the year go!), so look out for the **Northbrook Gift Wrap** ordering service soon – the Association facilitates the orders and in return we earn 22% cash-back for the Association Funds.

Also, the **Homefield Christmas puddings will be available to order soon**. Samples (traditional and chocolate) will be available to taste on Fireworks Night for those that haven't already become converts!

Coffee Morning

The school doors were open once again this morning to a goodly number of Homefield parents who attended the Macmillan 'Biggest Coffee Morning'. In addition to a chance for parents to meet socially over cakes and coffee, the Association raised the not inconsiderable sum of £190.79. Many thanks to all parents for their time and generosity in support of this very worthwhile cause.

Open Day

Grateful advance thanks are extended to staff, boys and parents for their contribution to the Open Day on Saturday. **Parents are asked to deliver their sons at 9.50 am**. 'Stop and Drop' is quite acceptable but **please do take care not to congest the school frontage or neighbouring streets**.

Present parents are most welcome to meet and greet school staff and to try out the cycling show and the merry-go-round but they are kindly requested to treat the morning as an opportunity for informal social intervention and not a surrogate parents evening!

Lower 4th visit to Butser Farm

On Tuesday the History Department will be staging an opportunity for our budding Homefield historians in the Lower 4th form to visit Butser Farm. The site imaginatively

We will have a 'Save The Children' Coffee Morning on **Friday 3rd December**, so please mark it on your calendar. It will also be a good opportunity to drop off your donations for the **Christmas Bazaar on Friday 10th December**, an event much loved by the boys. Details will follow in the weeks ahead. These are a few of the events planned for this year, and I hope that you will be able to support your boys and their school by helping at or attending these events. Any proceeds (unless specific charitable events) are added to the Association funds to further improve the education, development and happiness of our boys.

Just a reminder as the season of gift purchasing approaches, please consider clicking through www.buy.at/homefield, as many well known retailers will give a percentage of the purchase price back to the Homefield Association and importantly, at no cost to the customer.

We still have a vacancy for the specific role of 'Publicist' on the committee – if anyone is an able graphic poster/ticket designer and has time, please contact me.

Members of the Homefield Association will be in attendance at the **Homefield Open Day on Saturday 25th September between 10.00 am – 1.00 pm**, and will be available to talk to both prospective and existing parents about our role in school life.

Please give an occasional glance to the Association notice board in the school hall to keep up to date with upcoming events and new information. In the meantime, feel free to contact me should you have any questions or suggestions.

Sioban Barringer

Chairperson of Homefield Association 2010/2011

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The Early Years' Unit

The Nursery

This week's focus is 'Sight and Sound'. The boys will be learning about another two senses this week – 'Sight and Sound'. We will be playing listening games and going on a listening walk. We will also be exploring the use of magnifying glasses and discussing what we see.

We will also be exploring the colour orange, phonic 't' and the concept of number 3.

Friday 1st October, will be 'Jeans for Genes Day'. For a contribution to the charity, the boys and staff will be able to wear their jeans to school on this day.

Mrs Whiteway, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans

Transition

This week in Transition we are focussing on Harvest. We will be looking at Van Gogh's Harvest painting and making our own interpretations. We will be learning Harvest songs and leaf printing using Autumn colours.

In Literacy we are continuing to learn our letter sounds, focussing on ck, e, u, r. **(We would like to ask parents if they could bring in any objects beginning with the above sounds to put on a letter table at school).** The boys will be learning their first tricky word 'to' and 'the'. We will be reading and acting out the story of 'The little Red Hen'. The boys will also be reading rhyming stories.

In Numeracy we will be focusing on 'Time' and sequencing familiar events in the day. The boys will be continuing to learn

the days of the week through a song. The focus letters of the week are 7 and 8.

We hope to see you at the open morning on Saturday, where you can take the opportunity to look around the rest of the school.

Miss Kingsford and Miss Waddy

The Junior Department

The First Year

Thank you for the family photographs we have received so far. We hope to complete our family tree next week, so we would be grateful if boys that have not brought in a photograph, could do so next week. We are very pleased with the effort that the boys have put into their joined up handwriting and we will be sending more practice sheets home in due course.

Mrs Goodbody and Mrs Gunningham

The Second Year

Boys have worked so hard producing lovely displays for our Open Morning. We have been enjoying the lovely autumn days and encouraging happy playtimes. Thank you for returning the slips for the outing to the Golden Hinde and Southwark Cathedral so promptly.

Our new spellings follow the pattern of 'a' followed by magic e. The 2 times table has been introduced and will be introduced in two weeks.

Miss Buchanan, Mrs Connaughton and Mrs Lyndham

Homefield Heroes

1H Joshua Beukes for excellent work in Mathematics. Well done Joshua!

1S Aayush Patel for making a great effort with his joined up handwriting. Well done Aayush!

2S James Merceica for being kind and helpful to his classmates.

2H Jamie Jones for an excellent retelling of Marco Polo's journey to China.

2P Joe Cronje for being organised and helpful in the classroom

3H Amann Afridi for settling in so well to Y3 and being so helpful. Keep up the wonderful work and presentation.

3S Rhome Jacquart for excellent participation, focus and attention in lessons.

3P Barney Evans for working beautifully with his creative writing.

Music

Further congratulations to boys who passed music exams at the end of last term.

- **Aston Baringer - Grade 1** merit piano
- **Hugo Brown - Grade 1** merit guitar

Epsom Choral Day

The Lower 4th form boys will be attending the Prep Schools' Choral Day on October 5th. All Lower 4th boys should have brought home a note with details. Please remind boys to return the slips to me as soon as possible. I have asked that all the boys are picked up at Epsom College at 4.30 pm that day following the performance at 4.00 pm. If you are not able to collect your son please try and arrange for them to go home with a friend.

National Youth Choir

Any keen singers interested in auditioning for the National Youth Choir should download an application form from www.NYCCGB.net

Mr A Meyers

Upcoming Outings for Classics

As part of our ongoing efforts to get our students out and about to see sites of Classical significance, we will be undertaking two trips in the forthcoming weeks.



The first of these is a new venture, whereby students in the lower 6th form will be travelling up to Hadrian's Wall on Friday 1st October, where they will visit two of the larger forts – Housesteads Fort and Vindolanda, along with the associated museums. This will be an excellent opportunity for our boys to appreciate the phenomenon which was the Roman army, with all of its ingenuity, organisation and sheer might, whilst also gaining a greater understanding of the influence of the Romans upon the development of Britain's history.

Our second trip for this half-term will be our annual 5th form day out to St. Albans – known to the Romans as Verulamium. As one of the largest cities in Britain during the occupation by the Romans, the municipium of Verulamium played a significant part in provincial history. One of the more famous moments in its history was the attack of Boudicca and her forces, but for us there is much there to be learnt about everyday life in a city of the Roman Empire.



Both of these trips are eagerly anticipated by both students and staff.

Finally, at the conclusion of this current academic year in July the Classics department will once again be conducting our biennial trip to Rome and Pompeii. Initial letters seeking potential interest will be sent out in the second half of this term, but mention of this is being made now so that it may start being considered.

Mr M. McCaffery

Sport

Football

Homefield 1st XI v The Mall

Homefield's 1st XI started the game well and were two goals up before half-time. A cross from Sam Goodman had their central defender going backwards and he deflected the ball into his own net. The second goal came from another excellent corner

from Oliver Darroch. This time it was Nicholas Jelcic forcing the ball home from inside the six yard box.

It proved to be a very different second half. Homefield conceded an early goal after they failed to clear the danger. Jack Newton chased a hopeful ball forward which The Mall goalkeeper could only clear to Jack Hopper who struck the ball home to increase Homefield's lead.

Homefield then conceded three goals through hesitant defending and failing to clear the ball out of the penalty area. A disappointing second half after the boys had got themselves into a good position to win the game.

Full time score: Homefield 3 – The Mall 4

Team: Harry Sprunt, Jamie Hughes, Sam Goodman, Jonny Coekin, N Jelcic, Oliver Darroch, Ben Adey, Nicholas Inkester (Capt.), Jack Hopper, Sean Watters, Jack Newton.
Sub: Ben Higgs.

Mr G Pearce

1st XI v The Mall

We started the game off brilliantly with good passing, through balls and top class defending by Jamie, Sam, Nick and Jonny. Out on the wings we had Oliver and Jack Hopper, getting lots of crosses in from both sides of the pitch to our strikers – Jack Newton and Sean. Our first goal was created by Jack making a Mall defender head the ball straight into the back of his own net! 1-0 to Homefield. The Mall took their kick off and then played 'keep football' for a while. After some time a Mall defender played a lazy pass to Sam who then played a fabulous ball down the left wing for Jack who tried to cross it in but instead he won a corner. Oliver took a brilliant corner where the Mall defender headed it away but it rebounded straight off Nick into the back of the net. Score 2-0. Ben came onto the pitch, playing superbly on the right wing.

Straight away from the kick off at the start of the second half, The Mall put pressure on us. They needed and wanted goals! Homefield were not fully focused which allowed The Mall to sneak a goal past us. Nathan, our Captain, then played a great pass through to Jack up front. He took a shot which deflected off the defender straight into the path of Jack who shot the ball into the top left hand corner, 3-1 to Homefield. Harry Sprunt did a brilliant job in goal. He made some miraculous saves to keep us in front; but The Mall saw their chances and then scored 3 more goals. The Mall now had 4 goals and we had just 3. There were seven minutes remaining! Ben Adey in midfield and Ben Higgs on the right and the rest of the boys put all their effort in with some great football.

Unfortunately, the clock ticked faster than we wanted it to and the game finished 3-4 to The Mall.

Reporter Jack Hopper

2nd XI v The Mall

After an excellent win last week the 2nd team were hoping to continue their good start to the football season against The Mall. However, the first half performance was poor and led to two sloppy goals being conceded. Greg Bragg and Dani Aksentic both had opportunities to score but were denied by the post and the cross bar!

In the second half, the team was completely different. It attacked with style and confidence and the defence was solid. Dominic D'Mello scored straight after the break and Homefield had at



least ten chances to level the game but just could not manage to get the ball in the net.

The Mall 2-1 HPS

Mr D Matthews

The Mall School Five-A –Side Tournament

Well done to the five-a-side team who won the Final of the Plate at Teddington Cricket Ground on Saturday morning. The boys went down by 3-1 to Thomas' and then had a no score draw against The Mall. In the final game in their group, they performed valiantly but were unable to score. Homefield had the Rokeby goal under extreme pressure but the vital goal eluded them.

Finishing 3rd in the group, the boys then went on to play some very good football in all of the remaining games scoring 10 goals in the process.

In goal, Harry Sprunt made some very good saves throughout the tournament. In defence, Ben Adey was 'man of the Tournament' for Homefield with some excellent defending and passing from the back.

In midfield, both Nathan Inkester and Sam Goodman played extremely well in support of the attack and defence.

In attack Oliver Darroch scored 6 goals with some powerful right footed shots. He was supported very well by the lively Jack Newton who was everyone's hero when he scored the winner in the final.

Thomas'	Lost 3-1	Oliver Darroch
The Mall	Drew 0-0	
Rokeby	Drew 0-0	

Quarter Final of Plate

Newland House

Won 3-1

O Darroch (2) J Newton

Semi Final

Northcote Lodge

Won 6-2

O Darroch (3) Jack Newton (2) and Sam Goodman

Plate Final

Fulham Prep

Won 1-0 Jack Newton

Many thanks for the parental support throughout the tournament.

Mr. G Pearce

Homefield Under 10 'A' 3 - 0 Ewell Castle 'A'.

The 'A' team put in a fantastic performance away to Ewell Castle on Tuesday 21st September. In the first half, Homefield dominated the match with Harry Bulkely scoring two goals both from excellent passing moves by Luke Saitch. Sanjay Patel also came close after a mazy dribble through the home teams defence only to push the ball wide.

In the second half, Harry Bulkely completed his hat trick and Louis Vasili pulled off three fantastic saves to complete a wonderful win for the U10s.

Mr D Matthews

Homefield Under 10 'B' 4 -0 Ewell Castle 'B'

Leo Lim was Homefield's hero, finding the net twice before half time. Fahd Kahn made it 3-0 shortly after the break before Leo completed his hat trick with 5 minutes left on the clock. Ken Hiraga made sure Homefield kept a clean sheet with some brave goal keeping, whilst Jasdeep Dhingra and Huw Shopland proved solid in defence.

Mr E Judd

Football Mascot for the day!

Last Saturday I went to Manchester with my dad and my brother, Sam, as I was going to be the mascot for Liverpool FC at the match against Manchester Utd at Old Trafford on Sunday lunchtime.

When we arrived in Manchester we went to our hotel and then we went to a restaurant called the Bella Italia for dinner. After dinner we went back to the hotel and I watched 'Knights in Armour 2' on the TV before going to bed.

The next morning I got up early and had breakfast with my dad and my brother and then I waited in my room until 10 o'clock when we left to go to Old Trafford. When we arrived, a lady called Lisa, who works for Manchester Utd, came to meet us and took us for a tour of the trophy room, where we stayed and looked at the trophies for about 15 minutes.

We then went to the boys' changing room and I got changed into the kit that had been supplied by Liverpool FC.

When I was dressed, we went and stood waiting for the Liverpool and Manchester Utd players to come off the pitch after their warm-up so that I could try to get some autographs. When the players came off I was surprised how much they were sweating, even the goalies, and they were all really focused on the game so it was difficult to get their attention.

One of the security guards told me to shout out to them and when I did I got autographs from Van Der Sar, Giggs, Agger, Rooney, Carragher, O'Shea, Kyrgiakos and some others.

The players all went into their changing rooms and I waited outside there for them to come out. I was really excited.



When they came out of the changing room I walked down to the front of the tunnel with Steven Gerrard and all the other players lined up behind me, then we waited until we were told to go out onto the pitch. I walked out onto the pitch in front of loads of people, leading the Liverpool team, with Steven Gerrard holding my hand. I stood in line next to Steven Gerrard and shook hands with all the Liverpool and Manchester Utd players as well as the referee and linesmen, and then I

waited on the pitch while all the players stretched. Lastly, I had my photo taken with Vidic, Gerrard and the Manchester Utd mascots and then walked off the pitch and was brought to my seat to watch the match.



The first goal of the match was by Berbatov and then he scored another, and then Gerrard scored two goals right in front of us. As we were leaving the match Berbatov scored a hattrick. The final score was 3-2 to Man Utd. I had a very good time.

Reporter: William Gurney

Squash

Along with a small number of other keen players from my squash club in Wimbledon, I was fortunate to be invited to spend an afternoon with a number of former champions by my coach, Stacey Ross.

The veterans' event was organised to coincide with the opening of the UK's second all glass squash court at the St George's Club in Weybridge.

As well as playing on the new court, the highlight of the day was playing with former world champion Jonathon Power. Jonathon won 36 titles during his career and was ranked as world number 1. Likened to John McEnroe for his style of play, Jonathon demonstrated a variety of dazzling trick shots that I am now trying to learn. Watching the champions in action was also amazing, particularly on the glass court where you get close-up to the action and really appreciate the incredible speed at which the top players play the game. Here I am photographed with Jonathan and Stacey.



Ben with Jonathon Power taken at a veterans' squash event

Otter Swimming Club

The Otter Swimming Club is open for membership to all Homefield boys and their families. Swimming lessons are run by professional swimming coaches and take place after school on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings and cater for all levels and abilities. There are still spaces available for this term on Saturdays.

Further information is available from the school office.



Have fun learning to swim

The Otter Club is the parent-run swimming club at Sutton High School. It offers value for money swimming lessons and family swimtime in a safe, crowd-free environment. Excellent for beginners to gain water confidence and for improvers and advanced swimmers to perfect their strokes, turns & dives.

Otter Club Lessons

Term-time lessons taught by fully-qualified instructors are run on Thursdays and Fridays after school as well as on Saturday mornings. The club follows the ASA National Curriculum Training programme and award schemes. All ages and abilities are catered for in small class sizes. Adult fitness pop-in sessions also run 2 days a week.

Otter Club Family Swimtime

Free fun swim sessions for the whole family take place on Saturday afternoons and during the school holidays.

Otter Club Crash Courses

Run during school holidays, courses include 'Learn to swim', 'Deep Water Confidence', 'Lifeguard Skills' and 'Scuba Diving.'

Family Membership is £45 and available now
If you are interested in joining or would like to book a free trial lesson
email: otterswimclub@hotmail.co.uk