

# HEADLINES

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Spring Term 2010 – January (2)

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**"..LET JOY BE UNCONFINED...!"** *Lord Byron*

This week we have all taken vast pleasure from the miraculous escape from entombment of little Kiki in Haiti. His unbelievable stoicism, courage and unconfined joy and optimism are a matchless lesson to us all and a reminder of the scant tribulations by which we are ourselves far too readily sometimes downcast!

Meanwhile, as the items in today's newsletter make clear, this week Homefield has immediately returned to its habitual full-scale action.

Next week's calendar contains news of table tennis, chess and rugby fixtures, an U4S parents' evening, musical extravaganza at Epsom College and St John's and a revised third year visit to The British Museum!

### Head Boy

Congratulations are extended to Dennis Sun who has succeeded Cameron Crowley as Head Boy for the new Spring Term. Dennis' elevation is most deserved!

### The Homefield Association

#### Quiz Night

Thankfully we are all back into the swing of the routine again after the snow! **The Homefield Association** is planning the next social event on the calendar – **The Quiz Night**. Please keep **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March** free for this evening of fun, competition (if you are that way inclined!) and Mr Graces' famous Fish and Chip Supper!

Doors open at **7.30** and the **Quiz starts at 8pm**. Why not organise a table of friends from your son's class or year, or invite some friends and family? Ticket details and application form to follow in next week's Headlines but in the meantime put it in your diaries!

#### Webshop

The Homefield Association Webshop is proving to be very fruitful having raised over £75 from 37 sales since its opening two months ago. **Please remember to continue using the Webshop if doing any internet shopping – there's no extra hassle involved and it automatically generates funds for the Association.** Simply go to [www.buy.at/homefield](http://www.buy.at/homefield) and look for your favourite retailers. We hope to have a direct link from the school website to the webshop very soon!

Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the Association's activities.

**Nicola Rahman**  
(Chairperson)

### The Early Years' Unit

#### The Nursery

This week's focus is '**Goldilocks and the Three Bears**' and '**Beauty and the Beast**'.

Some of the learning experiences planned include:

- ❖ Sequencing stories with props.
- ❖ Using positional language

- ❖ Phonic 'g' action, song and story  
If possible please bring in objects beginning with this sound.

- ❖ Recognising numerals **0 – 10 and beyond**  
**From Miss Kingsford, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans**

### Transition

The Transition boys enjoyed their walk to the shops last week and found all the ingredients they needed for making sandwiches. We had a slight dispute over the most popular fillings to buy but this was quickly resolved with a vote.

This week we are focusing on Africa for our topic and discussing the habitat and wildlife. We will be finding the country on the globe and the world map. If you have any pictures or objects associated with Africa please send them to school. We will be reading 'The Enormous Crocodile' and 'Rumble in the Jungle' and writing our own jungle stories.

In Numeracy we will be learning to read number names and looking at the story 'Ten Tall Giraffes'. We will continue to practise ordering numbers 1 to 20 and finding missing numbers between 10 and 20. We are also focusing on subtraction with practical activities and number rhymes.

**Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy**

### The Junior Department

#### The First Year

We have had a busy, hardworking week and we have been very grateful for the help from Mrs. Khan and Miss Lucey. We have enjoyed having them both with us and we hope they will keep in touch.

In Maths we have been learning how to tell the time, and in Literacy we have been reinforcing our learning in our current topic work by writing poems about the seasons, and creating a display to demonstrate our knowledge and understanding.

**Miss Buchanan and Mrs Gunningham.**

#### The Second Year

Year 2 are enjoying the new topics that we have introduced this term, The Inuit People and Vertebrates. Both topics give plenty of opportunity for further research at home as the boys are fascinated and keen to learn more. As you will be aware our outing to the **Natural History Museum will now take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

The second group of swimmers commenced their lessons at Cheam Baths on Monday and will swim each week this term. All boys need their track-suits, tops and bottoms as they regularly have their Games lessons outdoors.

X 4 tables will be tested next Thursday. Our spelling patterns this week are st, str, sp and spr.

**Mrs Burgess, Mrs Connaughton and Mrs Lyndham**

### Homefield Heroes

**1H Dameer Ahmed** for excellent progress in reading. Well done, Dameer!

**1P Saad Ayub** for making a fantastic start to the term. Keep it up!

**1S Ibraheem Baig** for working hard and making good progress. Well done, Ibraheem!

**2H Terence Hitchens** for excellent thinking and useful contributions to class discussions.

**2P David Duroshola** for excellent behaviour in the classroom and for being helpful.

**2S William Macdougall** for friendly fun-filled playtimes and always working hard in class.

**3H Cole Freigang** for a wonderful start at Homefield. You are working hard and participating in lessons so well!

**3S Keir Dawson** for excellent effort and producing quality work on his Ancient Egypt project.

### **The Primary Maths Challenge**

In November a number of boys from the Upper 4<sup>th</sup> Form and 5<sup>th</sup> Year took part in the Primary Maths Challenge, a nationwide Maths quiz run by the Mathematical Association. All the boys did very well with 5 boys earning Gold, 11 earning Silver and 16 earning Bronze certificates.

The successful boys were:

#### **Gold**

N Fernandes, T Highwood, E Wang, C Bland, and P Vir.

#### **Silver**

T Harmsworth, Y Senanayke, N Kavanagh, B Ruparelia, L Grant, G Mercieca, M Sotiriou, P Patel, L Gonsalves, A Gargrave and Z Bond.

#### **Bronze**

W French, J Ajay, S Mungul, R Cooke, J McGhee, R Prabhu, S Gurney, A Cornish, N Franklin, J Glanville, S Stirling, A Janjua, A Otley, A Sood and C Hart.

The Gold certificate winners all go through to the finals which take place early in February.

Well done to all the boys who took part!

**Mr N Dawson**

### **Music**

#### **Music Exam Success**

Congratulations to the following boys:

Luke Gonsalves	Grade 3 Piano (Merit)
Anthony Cheung	Piano Graded 4 (Distinction)
Tom Bradshaw	Grade 1 Violin (Merit)
Oscar Pitkethly	Initial Grade Violin (Distinction)
Harry Hovell	Grade 5 Trumpet

**Mr A Meyers**

### **The Ballad of Salomon Pavey**

A reminder that auditions for boys between the ages of 10 – 18, take place at Shrewsbury House School on the 31<sup>st</sup> January and the 6<sup>th</sup> February. Performances will take place at the Rose Theatre, Kingston in July.

This production will be directed by Jeremy James Taylor (Founder of the National Youth Music Theatre). He is, quote probably, the world's leading director of children in musical theatre and is well known for discovering Jude Law, Jonny Lee Miller, Matt Lucas, Connie Fisher and many others. Andrew Lloyd Webber described the NYMT under Mr Taylor's direction as "*The best youth music theatre in the world.*" Mr Taylor was awarded an OBE in the New Years Honours List 2010. For information and to apply by email please contact:

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[www.jeremyjamestaylor.co.uk](http://www.jeremyjamestaylor.co.uk).

### **The Debating Club**

Debating Club makes a welcome return this term and will take place on Thursday afternoons from 4.10 – 5.00 pm for any boy in the Senior Department wishing to attend.

**Mr M Brett**

### **Chinese Club**

Please note that Chinese Club takes place each Thursday for Year 3 and upwards from 4.15 – 5.15 pm. Further details can be obtained from the school office. Chinese Club is no longer available to Years 1 and 2.

### **Art and Design Technology**

#### **Urban Sculpture – A kind of Therapy**

The Lower 6<sup>th</sup> boys are constructing their plaster dogs – watch the space around the school grounds!



*Jack, Johnny, Oliver and Ben enjoying their artistic endeavours!*

### **My Trip to India**

First we got off the plane in New Delhi and my cousin took us to her house. The next day we went to Fun City. It was an activity park where people play games. Then, after that, we went to the cinema to watch 'Alvin and the Chipmunks 2'. The following day we went to the park. It had swings and slides. I played hide and seek with my cousin. I hid behind a tree and as I did so, a dog tried to chase me. I ran very fast and was able to run away. It was a big, black, stray dog and I noticed that one of its legs was broken.

On one of the days I visited India Gate. It was a big gate and was erected in memory of people who fought in the war. There is a similar memorial in Wimbledon. It had a flame in the middle of it. It is in Delhi City. I liked it because it is a big gate and because it remembered warriors.

I then visited Rashtrapati Bhavan. It is the Indian president's house. It is a very big building. If you visit it you will see millions of guards guarding it. It has the Indian flag on it which has a green stripe at the top, an orange stripe at the bottom and in the middle is a white stripe. In the centre of the white stripe is a wheel. The green stands for plenty of food, the orange stands for honesty, the white stands for peace and the wheel stands for hard work. We went to this building by taxi and it is in the centre of Delhi.



*View of Rashtrapati Bhavan*

After Rashtrapati Bhavan we went to Qutub Minar. This is a tall tower. It was built by a famous emperor many years ago. The top floors were shut down because some very silly people were jumping off the top. The police, decided to shut it down. It is so high that the people that work there have to put a light on at night so that planes flying over do not crash into it. One day my cousin took me to her horse riding lesson and at the end of her lesson she had a race with the other riders and their horses. Her horse was called Naz. My cousin came second in the race. I think everybody did well. I enjoyed feeding the horse carrots and enjoyed watching the horses. My holiday ended on a very nice day when my cousin called Gunnu dropped me to the airport. What I liked about this holiday was seeing the various sights and meeting my cousins. I would like to go there again in the holidays.

**Reporter: Naveen Dhar 3S**

*Headmaster's Crest awarded 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010*

### **Merton New Year Parade**

In mid-November, Merton Council asked Cherry Pie Music if their junior choir – the Cherry Pirates – would like to record the theme tune to accompany the Merton entry to the Lord Mayor's New Year Day Parade in central London.

With only two weeks rehearsal, the fledgling choir of 5 children recorded the Panto themed song written by local councilor Linda Kirby in a studio in Morden with voiceover accompaniment from the Mayor of Merton, councilor Nick Draper, his wife and his deputy. Further to this, the children were asked to join in the parade on New Year's Day as some of the 7 dwarves. Parents were also drafted in as Panto characters! On a very cold New Year's morning, we climbed, fully costumed, aboard the Merton minibuses on our way to the parade. The Merton entry included panto characters interspersed with some phenomenal giant puppets of pantomime characters made by the students of Wimbledon Art College which needed three people to man them. The day was great fun and Hamish shook many hands as he paraded in front of a crowd of half a million people.



*Giant puppet from Wimbledon Art College*



*Hamish Frost as one of the 7 dwarves*

The Merton entry came second by only 1 point (they won last year) and earned £6000 for the Mayor's nominated charities as well as bringing Merton to the top of the League Table. All participants are to be invited to the Town Hall later this month to be presented with medals by the Mayor for their contribution. It was a fantastic experience.

The Merton Parade can be seen on:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmkXWxK\\_uVI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmkXWxK_uVI)

**Ms C Jauffret**

### **Sport**

#### **Under 8s Rugby v Hazelwood and Aberdour School**

Well done to all the boys in the A and B teams who played their first game of touch rugby against both Hawthorns and Aberdour School on Thursday afternoon.

All the boys produced some fine rugby, showing good handling skills and excellent running with the ball. The boys played well through the matches and gave of their best.

#### **List of Results:**

A team v Aberdour

Won 4 – 1  
Olamide Ogunnaike (2)  
Theo Brown  
Tom Bradshaw

A team v Hawthorns

Lost 6 – 3  
Olamide Ogunnaike (2)  
William Gurney

B team v Hawthorns

Drew 2 – 2  
Sam Martin (2)

### **Mr G Pearce**

#### **Under 10 Rugby 'B' Team v The Mall**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January the snow no longer hindered the fixture list and the under 10 'B' were able to record a most impressive win away at the Mall. Sam Gurney and Michael Bahn scored two tries in the opening minutes of the match having been set up by some wonderful passing from Malin Dekas at scrum half. Indeed Malin was to go on to receive 'man of the match' for his excellent recycling of the ball and some epic tackles. Jamie Lynch also impressed in defence showing great technique at the break down with good support from George Mercieca. Matthews Laws converted a fine pass move after The Mall had almost drawn level. Ben Forsdick, Luke Gonslaves and Ali Janjua combined with George Hopkins working tirelessly to supply the ball to Michael who eventually scored his third try to win the match for Homefield.

A wonderful team effort. Well-done boys!

**Mr D Matthews**

#### **Junior Colts Rugby**

##### **A Team**

This has been Homefield's U10 A's first match since December 1<sup>st</sup> of last year. Due to the bad weather the boys have been very disappointed with their previous fixtures being cancelled. So coming into this game they were all very excited for their first match of the year. For the first 10 minutes you could see we looked a little rusty with some poor defence, conceding 3 early tries, but after some great runs from Tishe Sokan and Louis Brown and the forwards rucking well, helped us to get back into the match at half time trailing 5 tries to 3.

In the second half our defence was much stronger. Well led by Archie Otley and William Hewetson we were able to get more possession of the ball. This gave Prashast Vir more opportunities to show his strong ability when running with the ball scoring 2 crucial tries to reduce the deficit to just 1 try. Homefield now had momentum and were eager to keep this going, but with Jimmy O'Brien being held up and Tishe touching the sideline on 3 different occasions just before crossing over, we narrowly came up short of our first victory for the season, going down 7 – 5.

It was a much improved effort from the boys and they should be very proud. Hopefully we can secure our first victory next week.

**A Team:** Seleso Sepanya, Prashast Vir, Seb Callaghan, Tishe Sokan, Jimmy O'Brien, William Hewetson, Louis Brown, Archie Otley, Aaron Cornish, Cameron Sturgess-Taylor

**Mr Tes**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XV Rugby v Cumnor House.**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XV matches have been disrupted by the poor weather we have encountered in the last two weeks. However, the boys played very well against Cumnor House in the match on Wednesday afternoon. The boys' handling and running skills were evident along with their willingness to help and encourage their team-mates. Homefield were comfortable winners, winning the match by 6 tries to 2. Homefield scored four tries

in the first half with Dominic D'Mello, Raymond Yip, Jamie Hughes and David Sandler each scoring a try. Homefield were put under more pressure as Cumnor scored two tries in the second half playing down-hill. Jamie Hughes added his second of the match along with Darius Sanjoori. A very enjoyable match which had plenty of good running and passing throughout.

Cumnor House Won 32-10

Jamie Hughes (2) Dominic D'Mello (1) Darius Sanjoori (1)  
Raymond Yip(1) David Sandler 1 + 1 Conversion

Team; Khalil Baoku; David Sandler; Konrad Cheung; Michael Vasili; Yathavan Sugirtharanjan; Adam Arain; Harry Sprunt; Colin Tribe; Jack Newton; Dominic D'Mello (Capt) Jamie Hughes; Anthony Cheung; Darius Sanjoori; Raymond Yip; Cameron Crowley; Joshua Vincent

**Mr G Pearce**