

# HEADLINES

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Summer Term 2010 – June (2)

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Dear Parents

As the England soccer team now prepares itself for the hurdle of qualification from the group stage of the World Cup, the 37 boys in the U6th form are today formally basking in the achievement of having all, once again, securely qualified via Common Entrance or Scholarship for their 18 chosen senior schools.

Schools to which the U6th form have graduated this year comprise a rainbow array of *King's Wimbledon, Eton, St Paul's, Cheetham's, City of London, City of London, Freeman's, Dulwich, Epsom College, Ewell Castle, Ibstock, Lancing College, Reed's, Reigate Grammar School, St Edward's Oxford, St John's, Leatherhead, Trinity and Whitgift.*

A record 27 academic, music, art, sport and all rounder awards have also been won by the boys and staff in the Senior Department this year. Let's hope that the England soccer side can match impressive match statistics.

Also of considerable moment this week have been the further achievements of Homefield's athletes at the IAPS district athletics trials at Eton College on Monday. Among the boys' many accomplishments, the U14 relay side was placed 1<sup>st</sup>; Fola Oki won the triple-jump, breaking the Homefield school record with a phenomenal jump of over 10 metres; Omar Malik won the javelin; Tishe Sokan won the U11 100 metres title; Daniel Park finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 metres and 400 metres; Jack Tyler finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the shot putt and discuss; and Konrad Zielinski, although a year under age, managed, preciously, to achieve the same lofty rankings in the Long Jump and Triple Jump. Parents will be able to admire these accomplishments, and those of their own sons, at the sports' afternoons which take place in the last weeks of term.

This weekend the chess teams will be taking part in the Wey Valley Chess tournament; next weekend the U9 and U11 chess sides will be taking part in the semi finals of the English Primary Schools' Chess Association's competition at Camber Sands.

I am also relishing the prospect of the Homefield Association's Bollywood Bash!

## Induction

On Wednesday, the school will be playing host to the new boys and parents who will be joining Homefield in September whilst other boys, who will be graduating between departments, will have an advanced taste of the challenges, fun and excitement of

the year ahead. The Junior Department will also be hosting an Open Afternoon on Wednesday.

## Internal Examinations

Congratulations are also extended to all the boys in the Senior Department who have securely completed their internal examinations.

## Visits and Trips

This week the boys in the Upper 6<sup>th</sup> form have been celebrating their examination success with the annual end of year visit to the Lake District.

Boys in the Lower 6<sup>th</sup> form have been enhancing their language skills with French families at school in Gouzeaucourt and visits to historical sites in Paris.

Other visits throughout the school have also been made by a wide range of year groups throughout the school to sites which include Fishbourne, Hever Castle, Nonsuch Mansion, Ladyland Farm and Birdworld.

Full reports will follow in the bumper edition of the end of year Headlines.

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## The Homefield Association

### Bollywood Bash Sat 26<sup>th</sup> June'10 8-1am

Thank you to those who have sent in their requests for this event – ticket applications are now closed. Tickets will be sent out via boy post and will include a Wine list.

The Homefield Association has created a mouth watering wine list, which we believe to be better value for money than wines sold at the venue. There will be a limited supply of these wines available on the night but at an increased price per bottle of £2, so pre ordering saves money and hassle!

Please complete the wine request form and return to the school by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> in an envelope addressed to 'Homefield Association Wine list' and your wine will be delivered to your table on the night. There will be a Bar available on the night for any other drinks including soft drinks. **Wine orders later than Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> cannot be guaranteed.** Any questions regarding the wine list please email [sallyathome@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sallyathome@blueyonder.co.uk).

There will be a seating plan on arrival at Epsom for anyone unsure of his or her table.

The evening promises to be a feast for the senses – hope to see you there!

## Fun Day Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> July

The Fun Day is 3 weeks away now (gulp!)...an afternoon of fun for the boys to reward them for their hard work over the last year.

**The Homefield Association would like to remind you this event is for Homefield boys during their school day** and each year group has the opportunity to enjoy it with their peers:

- EYU 1.00 -2.00 pm
- Junior Dept 2.00 -3.00 pm
- Senior Department 3.00 -4.00 pm

If your child does not normally attend during the afternoon they can return to school that afternoon to enjoy the fun.

The Homefield Association welcomes any parents who are able to give up some time to help on this afternoon – for example manning a bouncy castle or stamping a hand at the ice cream van. All help is greatly appreciated and keeps the boys safe. Please email [sioban.barringer@zaggy.co.uk](mailto:sioban.barringer@zaggy.co.uk) if you can help.

Any questions on the above events please do not hesitate to email me.

**Nicola Rahman**

**(Chairperson of Homefield Association)**

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## The Early Years' Unit

What a busy half term we will be having! We have school trips, Sports Day, New Boys and change around morning and the Fun Afternoon.

All the boys in EYU have now been on a school trip and for Transition and Nursery there was great excitement when their coach arrived. Of course when they could eat their lunch was the next priority and the actual visit to Birdworld and Ladyland Farm last! Kindergarten also went on their visit to Horton Farm and had a great time but they took their mummies with them!

Next week is Sports Day and you should have received a letter with the arrangements. The boys have been practising their skills and look forward to seeing you there.

The Transition boys are keenly following the World Cup and hopefully supporting their team from the draw. They have found each country on the globe and painted the flag for their country as well. Mrs Edwards will be entering the results on the display the boys have made outside Transition classes.

**Mrs B Whiteway**

## The Nursery

The focus is '**Food from other Cultures**'.

Some of the learning experiences planned include:

- Reading the story 'Handas Surprise' and t easing fruit from the story
- Recapping Jolly Phonic sounds e, h, r, m, d. Actions, songs and stories.
- Sports day races
- Practicing ordinal numbers and making sports day rosettes.
- Recognising numerals 0 – 10 and beyond.
- Making fruit models from clay.

**Miss Kingsford, Mrs Muller and Mrs Evans**

## Transition

The boys really enjoyed learning about water transport this week especially making their own boats out of foil and testing how many unifix cubes they can carry before they sink!

Next week we are focusing on road transport making observational drawings of minibuses, cars, bikes and other forms of transport we see on our roads. We will also hopefully be getting a visit from some motorbike riders who will let the boys sit on their bikes and answer any questions they have!

In Literacy we are looking at the Gumdrop stories and continuing with our writing. We are also looking at a car and labelling the different parts of it.

In Numeracy we will be focusing on odds and evens, doubling and halving and completing a traffic survey on colours of cars. Finally in preparation for Sports day we will be practising our ordinal numbers.

**Mrs Whiteway and Miss Waddy**

## The Junior Department

We are looking forward to welcoming current parents on Wednesday afternoon between 2.00 and 3.15 pm for the Junior Department Open Afternoon, where the boys will proudly show you their work.

## Homefield Heroes

**1H Dameer Ahmed** for improved focus and concentration.

**1P Kwabena Sarpong** for being a polite, hard working member of 1P. Well done Kwabena!

**1S Yaw Sarpong** for being a reliable and helpful member of the class. Well done Yaw!

**2H**

**2P**

**2S Hamish Frost** for improved concentration, focus and speed in class. Keep it up!

**3H Tom Bradshaw** for very a determined effort into his handwriting, presentation and literacy work.

**3S Daniel Cronje** for working hard and actively participating in lessons.

## Music

### Year 3 Concert

Rehearsals are going well for the Year 3 concert which will take place in the school hall on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 pm. Please bring in any reply slips that have not yet been returned on Monday.

## Music Festival

Entries for the music festival need to be handed in by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to all those boys who have already given me their entries. The competition will be watched by boys from various classes during the day but parents are also very welcome to come and watch.

Preliminary timings are as follows:

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| • Piano        | 9.15 – 9.55 Hall         |
| • Strings      | 10.10 – 10.50 Hall       |
| • Composition  | 10.50 – 11.30 Music Room |
| • Percussion   | 11.50 – 12.30 Music Room |
| • Wind & Brass | 2.30 – 3.30 Hall         |

(An accurate programme of times and performers should be published in the headlines next Friday.)

### Senior Concert

The Senior concert will take place (as advertised on the term calendar) on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm in the marquee on the school field. All senior boys are expected to attend to sing the whole school items. Please let me know as soon as possible if any of the boys are unable to attend.

### String Orchestra

It would be great if the Junior boys, who play in the string orchestra, can come to perform at the senior concert – details above!

### Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra

Auditions will be held for the Stoneleigh youth Orchestra on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September. There is a training Orchestra for players who are Grade 3 – 6 and a main orchestra for players who are grade 6+. There are vacancies for all instruments but they are short of percussionists and scholarships will be available for percussion. More details [www.stoneleighyouthorchestra.co.uk](http://www.stoneleighyouthorchestra.co.uk)

### Hojo

There will be no rehearsal next Tuesday lunchtime as I am adjudicating the Caterham school music festival. Next week's rehearsal will take place at 3.30 on Thursday in the music room.

**Mr Andy Meyers**

### Sports

#### My Football Experience in the Sutton Borough U11 Team

In May 2009 Homefield School selected me to attend trials for the Sutton Schools U11's football team. I made it to the last stage where they were looking to take the number of players from 25 down to 14. At the end of June 2009 I heard that I had successfully made it into the squad.

The season started September 2009 and I was to play as 'left back' for the team. By the end of the season (June 2010) I had played football matches in Portsmouth, Newbury, Gloucester, Woking, St.Albans, Swindon, Dover, Croydon, Dagenham and Paris.

Sutton Schools U11s have had a very successful season. We have achieved two records – one of which was winning the County League without losing a single game; only conceding one goal.

Sutton Schools U11s went to Paris in March 2010 to play their twin town, Gagny at the Jean Bois Stadium. This was a great day out for all the team; we won both our matches 2-1 and 8-3.

Sutton Schools U11s have had a magnificent cup run too. We are in 2 finals, which are still to be played. One of the cups is called The London Shield and our managers have informed us that this is the best cup in the country for the U11 age group to play. I'm looking forward to this game, though I am a little nervous.



*Jack Hopper proudly displaying a Sutton U11 trophy*

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time playing for the Borough and I thank Homefield for giving me this opportunity. I recommend any boy selected by Homefield for the Sutton Borough football trials to try their very best because if they make the squad they will enjoy the experience.

**Reporter: Jack Hopper 5H / E3**

### Departmental Sports Days

Parents are reminded that boys are expected to wear their correct kit for the various Sports Days. The Uniform Shop is open on Monday 3.00-5.30 pm if you need to supplement your son's kit.