



# Headlines

Spring Term  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

“The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is excellent.”

ISI inspection report



Year 7 visit the Design Museum

## Letter from the Headmaster

### Dear Parents

It was a long time coming for my dear son to get into trouble with his teachers; but eventually he managed to earn a detention by Year 9. He made the mistake of talking when his teacher had asked for quiet. Unfortunately, being ‘in the wrong place at the wrong time’ his Headmaster, a fellow of robust mission, walked in at that very moment. In my son’s words he was then ‘hair-dried’, with loud approbation in front of the class. It all sounded a bit over-the-top to me, given the small indiscretion. However, I have taught my boy to step up when matters are challenging. What’s more I had made his choice of school knowing that they take matters of discipline and personal responsibility seriously. Therefore, the only thing he got from me was a reminder to respect his elders and the community of which he is a part. Even when situations might feel a bit arbitrary or unfair, he is part of a much bigger picture.

I share this story as all of our children do make mistakes. When they report back to parents, their perceptions can lack depth and, under pressure, they sometimes look to the easy excuse or deflection rather than the challenge of responsibility.

They are learning after all. A sensible path for the parent is to sense check matters, perhaps even speaking respectfully with the teacher concerned, as they will always be responsive. Likewise, when a boy grumbles of not getting a gold star, a high score or special mention for whatever reason, there is usually a bigger picture to appreciate. Entitlement isn’t always helpful for character.

Fortunately, for most of the time, most of our boys are as good as gold along with your kind support. We ‘catch them good’ by design. It is pleasing to see, with the term less than three weeks in, the House Point scores currently stand at: Bomfords 589, Ellis 623, Grays 582 and Walfords 560. An average of 13 points per boy. It’s a wholesome start to the New Year putting team and community first.

**John Towers**  
Headmaster

### Events for next week

**Monday:** U13 v Willington Tag Team Rugby (a) @ Preston Road Playing Fields, SW20 OSS  
Start 2.30pm Finish 3.15pm Return 4.00pm

**Tuesday:** U10 A-C Rugby v Willington (a) @ Preston Road Playing Fields, SW20 OSS  
Start 2.30pm Finish 3.15pm Return 4.00pm

**Wednesday:** U8 A – C Rugby v Willington (h) @ Homefield Start 11.30am Finish 12.30pm  
U11 A – C Rugby v Willington & Lanesborough (h) @ Sutton CC Start 2.45pm  
Finish 3.45pm

**Thursday:** U9 Rugby v Hawthorns & Micklefield A-C (a) @ Hawthorn School, RH1 4QJ Start 2.15pm Finish 3.15pm  
Return 4.00pm  
Senior Parents Evening Years 4 - 7 (Main Hall) 4.30pm – 7.00pm

**Friday:** Homefield Association Coffee Morning (Superstars) 8.30am – 10.30am  
Parents Consultation Day Years 4 – 7 (Johnson Building) 9.00am – 3.45pm



## Early Years Department

The boys are really enjoying our 'Toys' topic and being able to focus on something different each week. In Reception, we have looked at soft toys and wheeled toys. Next week, the boys will have a visitor in to talk to them all about old style toys and we will be drawing comparisons between old and new.

Following on from the boys' interests, Nursery are focusing on a different 'Toy Story' character each week. They have enjoyed making rock cakes in cooking and creating their own aliens using the Interactive Whiteboard.

They have also had great fun in the role-play area, pretending to be a shopkeeper in a toy store.



The boys are doing well with practising putting their hats, scarfs and gloves on independently before play times. Keep encouraging your sons to do this by themselves at home as it really helps improve their confidence and independent skills.

### Our Special Awards go to:

**Sachin** in Elephants for settling so well into Nursery and always being so happy.

**Jai** in Elephants for having beautiful manners and always being polite and friendly to everyone in class.

### Our Students of the Week are:

**Yusuf** in Tigers for having a good start to the term.

**Edward** in Tigers for tidying up on behalf of his peers without prompting.

**Daniyal** in Monkeys for a positive attitude towards all aspects of the curriculum.

**Aditya** in Monkeys for always making consistently good behaviour choices.

## Junior Department

Over the last fortnight, we have held two enjoyable and informative form assemblies. The first was taken by 1H and they talked about life in the playground. The boys all agreed that it is fun to play with the equipment and they should all take care of it. This week, it was the turn of 2H and the subject was 'Kindness'. They shared ideas about being kind to each other and told us that kindness also means caring about our environment and picking up litter - 'let's make our world a better place through kindness.'

Boys have been busy in the classroom; in History, Year 1 are enjoying learning about the Romans and we have been very impressed with their interest and enthusiasm for this topic. In Year 2 this half term, for one of their enrichment sessions, the boys are getting active! They are practising dance moves to popular hit songs. Some fine dancers and performers have been noted in Year 2! There is certainly a wealth of talent in our Department!

On Wednesday, Year 2 shared a PHSE session with 6P and 6S. The sessions started with some social activities and then the Year 6 boys helped Year 2 to complete a crossword. Peer mentoring has been shown to help pupils build up a sense of community and belonging within the school. This is a great opportunity for the boys to get to know boys in different year groups and they thoroughly enjoyed the session.

In English, Year 3 boys have been exploring the conventions of the science-fiction genre and are looking forward to writing their own stories.

The Year 3 Hindleap Warren information meeting took place yesterday. Tim from Hindleap Warren talked about the Centre and the different activities the boys will have the chance to participate in. Some of the Year 4 boys came to the meeting and talked confidently to the parents about their memories of last year's trip.

We will be sending home an information sheet and kit list shortly. The final payment for the trip is due on Friday 1st March.

## Homefield Heroes

**1H Baden** for always being enthusiastic about his Topic and Science work.

**1H Jasper** for working hard.

**1H Zachary** for beautiful handwriting and working hard.

**1S Oba** for his lovely reading and showing great enjoyment of the books he reads. Well done, Oba!

**1S Spandan** for making great progress with his joined up handwriting. Well done, Spandan!

**2H Masood** for contributing to class discussions.

**2H Adam** for always showing care and kindness to other boys.

**2S Rohan** for settling in so quickly to life at Homefield.

**2S Lewis** for always being a positive partner in shared learning activities.

**3H Jayavel** for setting such a good example to others by his exemplary behaviour.

**3H Rahul** and **Noah** for your welcoming greeting to our Open Morning visitors in the classroom.

**3S Dhilan** and **Sebastian** for demonstrating good subject knowledge in History.

**3S Malachi** and **Yusuf** for being confident learners. Keep it up!



## Parents' Association

Will we watch Mr Fitzgerald being sawn in half at the Magic Show tonight?! Voting will close at the start of the show, at which, we will be able to reveal the lucky teacher!

Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start. Drinks, snacks and pocket magic tricks will be on sale. If you are bringing a picnic tea, please make sure that it is strictly nut-free. Please remember that parents are responsible for their children at this event.

On Friday 1st February, we will be holding a Charity Coffee Morning from 8.30am to 10.30am. There will be a sale of half price, non-Stevensons, new uniform items now on clearance from the uniform shop. These are all non-logo items (there will be white shirts, grey trousers, socks etc). Come along to grab a bargain and chat to some other parents over coffee and cake. Any nut-free cake donations will be welcomed!

### Dates for the diary:

<b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 8.30am</b>
<b>Senior Disco</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> March 6.30pm</b>
<b>Family Film Night</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March 5.45pm</b>
<b>Quiz Night</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March 7.00pm</b>
<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> March 3.45pm</b>

## Sports News

### 2nd team Rugby v Kingswood House

Homefield put in an inspiring team performance against Kingswood House on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. The boys showed the willingness to run well with the ball and great courage in tackling. Sean P was outstanding, scoring five of Homefield's tries. However, it was Yasir S's final team try of the game that was a joy to watch as he scored in the corner after the ball was passed along the line and into the space.

### U10 Rugby

The 'B' team showed excellent resilience against a strong Mall 'B' team on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. Losing by four tries to nil at half time, Homefield scored two tries in the second half thanks to improved ball retention. Oliver T ran from inside his own half to score in the corner before Aaditya scored in the other corner after some excellent offloading by his team mates. The final score was 8-2 to The Mall. Particular standouts for Homefield were Kai and Daniel's tackling and Akshay and Xavier's confident forward running.

### Colts 'B' team Rugby v Lanesborough

Homefield produced a solid performance against Lanesborough on 16<sup>th</sup> January. The sloppy pitch had a great bearing on both possession and tries scored.

Both teams were able to score freely, attacking down the slope, but found it very difficult going up the hill. Riven V and Idhant L scored two early tries on. Lanesborough responded with three tries before both of Felix P's fine darting runs produced two tries followed by Idhant's fine try which put Homefield into the lead. However, Homefield lost possession, giving Lanesborough the opportunity to snatch victory.

### Under 8s Tag Rugby v Reigate St. Mary's/Ewell Castle

Some terrific games of rugby were played on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, by both the Homefield U8s 'A' and 'B' teams. The boys showed superb speed and the ability to pass accurately to supporting players. The 'A' team were narrowly beaten by Reigate St. Mary's by 10 tries to 8. The 'B' team had a narrow victory and won by 9 tries to 8. The team's ability to tag the opposition improved throughout, along with some excellent running and support play.

In the match against Ewell Castle, Homefield's 'A' team just edged through by 6 tries to 5 with a last minute try by Owen P. Many thanks for the help of Mr Matthews and the many parents who watched and encouraged from the touch-line.

## Fantasy Football League

### Game Week 22 winners:

League	Most Points	Team	Manager
<b>Pupils, Parents &amp; Staff</b>	81	Chel-C Sharp	Mrs Walker
<b>Year 7 &amp; 8</b>	67	The Champions	James S
<b>Year 6</b>	65	William's Dream Team	William K
<b>Year 5</b>	60	Nishad Knights	Nishad P
<b>Year 4</b>	65	Tim's Terrific Team!	Tim S
<b>Junior</b>	75	Raece Warriors	Raece M
<b>Parents</b>	75	Pony & Trap FC	Richard Blench
<b>Staff</b>	81	Chel-C Sharp	Mrs Walker

### Game Week 23 Winners:

League	Most Points	Team	Manager
<b>Pupils, Parents &amp; Staff</b>	88	Chel-C Sharp	Mrs Walker
<b>Year 7 &amp; 8</b>	66	The Champions	James S
<b>Year 6</b>	73	Riven's Maestros	Riven V
<b>Year 5</b>	70	Score! Liverpool	Akshay P
<b>Year 4</b>	83	Star Troop	Jake H
<b>Junior</b>	87	Krish's Champions	Krish G
<b>Parents</b>	78	Shakiri Shakiri	Toby Jones
<b>Staff</b>	88	Chel-C Sharp	Mrs Walker

### List of Results:

#### 'A' team v Reigate St. Mary's

Lost 10-8

Ismail (2) Magsud (2) Raece (2) Jake, Owen

#### 'A' team v Ewell Castle

Won 6-5

Jake (2) Dhilan, Tosin, Noah, Owen

#### 'B' team v Reigate St Mary's

Won 9-8

Kailan (3) Kai (2) Rahul (2) Aiden (2)

## Sports News/cont.

### U13 / U12 Rugby Report v The Mall

Both the U13 and U12 teams played competitive matches against The Mall on Monday 21st. Both teams competed very well against strong opposition. In the U13 match, 'Man of the Match', Abraham S scored two excellent tries with Sean P adding a third for Homefield.

The U12 team fought back from being three tries down to get within a single try. Tom H scored three excellent tries with Ben H, Kwame S and Thomas G all going over the try line for Homefield.

### Colts 'B/C' team Rugby v Reigate St. Mary's

Homefield produced a solid and convincing performance against Reigate St. Mary's on Wednesday 23rd. Our boys proved to be strong opposition and all produced some excellent rugby with all boys scoring for Homefield. Idhant L (2), Felix P (2), Sami S-P (2), Joshua A (2), Barnaby F, Archie H, Okhi M and Ben H, all going over the try line! Well done to all!

### U8s Rugby Festival

The U8s 'A' team had an enjoyable afternoon yesterday, playing in a non-contact rugby festival against three different schools: Ewell Castle, Reigate St. Mary's and Milbourne Lodge.

All the games were evenly contested throughout the afternoon. Well done to all the boys who performed well in wet and cold conditions! All showed true sporting spirit.

### Year 4 Rugby Fixtures

The Year 4 rugby season resumed on the 17th January when Ewell Castle School brought their 'A' and 'B' teams to Homefield. The 'B' team match was a thrilling end-to-end encounter, with both teams showing a real determination to run forwards with the ball. Rayyan, Boris, Musa, Andrew and Elliot (2) scored Homefield's six tries, and they were denied victory in the last play of the game when Ewell Castle equalised to make the final score six tries all. The 'B' team showed real progression from their first match before Christmas, particularly with the number of tackles they made. On the 'A' team pitch, new addition, Luke, made a great start to his Homefield career by scoring the first try of the match. George added two further tries before Philip made it 4-0 at half time. Swiftly after the break, Musa added a fifth following a brilliant break by Alex, before Ewell Castle replied with two tries of their own either side of Alex's try. In the final few minutes, Luke and Philip scored their second try each to make the final score 8-2 to Homefield. The 'A' team were committed tacklers but will hopefully provide closer support to the ball carrier in future matches.



On Thursday 24th January, the Year 4 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams played at Reigate St. Mary's School. Despite the bitter conditions, there was some excellent running and slick handling from the Homefield 'C' team in their first match of the season. In a thrilling end-to-end encounter, with the pendulum constantly swinging from one team to the other, it was Homefield who managed to battle to victory. Tries were scored by Jake, Humzah, Louie (2) and Alex (6) in a brilliant 10-9 victory. The 'B' team gave their all but their St. Mary's counterparts were ultimately too strong, winning by twelve tries to nil. Andrew and Boris particularly stood out for Homefield with their resilient defence and positive running. On the 'A' team pitch, Homefield started sharply and were rewarded when George's two tries put them 2-1 up before Philip added a third. Unfortunately, Homefield couldn't hold on to their two try lead as St. Mary's scored with the final play of the first half. This try would prove costly as St. Mary's then scored straight after half time to level the scores before Hari was rewarded for some outstanding tackling and brave running by scoring to restore Homefield's lead. However, two late tries by St. Mary's meant they won by five tries to four. Luke's tackling made him a stand-out player in the difficult conditions. Well done to all of the 26 Homefield Year 4 boys who played in one or both of these fixtures!

## My Space

'My Space' was introduced in the second half of the Autumn Term and whilst still in its infancy is already beginning to have a positive impact. Just this week, Year 8s have presented to the Senior Department how 'My Space' can be used to seek support when feeling overwhelmed or apprehensive about upcoming challenges, and many of the Year 6 boys involved in the Open Day tours referenced it as a beneficial source of support.

Over the second half of the Autumn term, many boys attended with a third of requests to attend being made by the boys themselves. All boys were aware if staff had suggested that they attend and were happy to. Topics raised have covered a range of themes, including academic, friendships and behaviour. Many of these boys continue to update me following their sessions. Equally, some boys attend more than one session, which has again been successful for individuals.



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Supporting mental health and emotional well-being is continuing to be a national talking point and equally a focal point within our pastoral care. We are excited to see the continued benefit of 'My Space'. Your support with this is much appreciated and if you have any questions please do get in touch.

Mrs O'Reilly

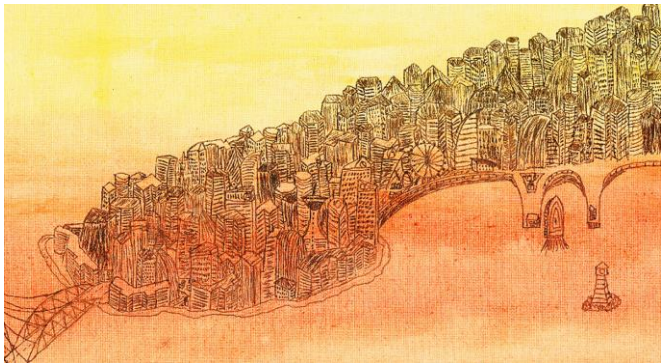


## Classics – STOP PRESS

As one student has withdrawn from the summer Italy trip, we now have a place available. The visit is for any boys between Years 4 – 8, and will take place between the 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July. The party will fly to Italy and stay for two nights in Rome and three in Sorrento, visiting locations such as the Forum Romanum, Pantheon, Palatine Hill, Colosseum, Ostia Antica, Hadrian's Villa, Herculaneum, Mt. Vesuvius, Cumae, Oplontis and Pompeii. The cost of the trip is £840 (an immediate £200 non-refundable deposit is required, with the balance to be paid at the end of April). **For any further details or to discuss the trip, please contact Mr McCaffery: [mmccaffery@homefieldprep.school](mailto:mmccaffery@homefieldprep.school).**



## Homefield Art Gallery



Oscar Year 8, Megacity Canvas

## Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · 7s

Well done to our Head Boy James on his first public appearance for the school! He gave a wonderful speech at our Open Morning #Proud #CreatingMemoriesSince1870



## Good News

If you have any good news that you would like to share about your son, that you think others in the Homefield community would be pleased to hear about, then please do drop an email, with a photograph to: [goodnews@homefieldprep.school](mailto:goodnews@homefieldprep.school)

We will aim to share as much as possible on social media to celebrate the successes of our talented boys.

## Social Media

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