



Friday 12th March 2021

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Welcome back. Hooray!

Sunnydown is back to full capacity. Throughout lockdown the number of students steadily grew to approximately 30% of students at school. However, on Thursday with the return of all Year 8 students, our entire community was back to where it belongs - together; here onsite.

While our live online delivery of learning is exceptional, I can also appreciate that a small minority of young men and families found online learning at home more difficult to access than others. This is also the case with face to face teaching. I am incredibly confident in the quality of our education opportunities delivered here at Sunnydown, throughout lockdown and now that we have returned. However, no-one can deny the benefits to the growth of our children from simply being with peers. Our focus will be on ensuring our young men are safe and stable, and ready to learn.

In an endeavour to reduce mixing, the newsletter will be emailed home as opposed to being printed for the foreseeable future. Please do share the newsletter with your sons. Moving ahead, it may eventuate that our communications may be centralised on the website, making this our primary means of communication.

The charity Children With Special Needs Foundation (CWSNF) has indicated that the Florida trip will go ahead, as long as Covid restrictions allow, but in February 2022. There are six (6) young men that have already been selected (from the original trip) which means there are two spaces left. More information to be shared next week, but prior to Easter, the final two students will be selected via a random process.

Covid lockdown periods have been difficult for many families. Daniel Linney, a student in Year 10 has decided to do something himself to support people less fortunate than many of us. Please have a read of the attached information, and if you can, I am sure Daniel would appreciate any support you can offer. Many congratulations Daniel - you should be incredibly proud to be thinking of others at this difficult time, and doing something about it.

The fact that Daniel has set himself a cycle challenge fits nicely into our cycle scheme and a fundraising initiative here at school. You may recall that I flew to Australia to be part of the Gibb Challenge (<https://thegibbchallenge.com.au/>) a cycle event across a remote area of Western Australia. The intention was to take some students there in May 2021, however, Covid and strict travel restrictions have prevented this from happening. Not to be deterred, the Friends of Sunnydown (FoS) in association with our Sunnydown Cycle Scheme, intend on holding a whole school event to coincide with the Australia event in May of this year. More details will follow, but supporting families in the local community who are in need of support at this time will be a focus.

## AUP - Online Safety

With internet safety remaining high on our agenda here at Sunnydown, we will be sending out our latest Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for the boys using digital devices on site and of course any work that they may do from their chromebooks at home. Please could you read through the AUP and complete the google form that will be sent out by parentmail to confirm that you have read it with your son. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Mr Lord

## World Book Day Vouchers and Spring Short Story Competition

To celebrate World Book Day, pupils have each been given a £1 book voucher which can be used in some booksellers, newsagents and supermarkets. World Book Day book vouchers will be valid until 28th March 2021.

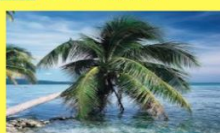
We are also holding a Spring short story competition which is open to all pupils. Pupils can earn house points for entering and prizes. If you would like to take part, please ensure your story is no more than 500 words long and submitted by Monday 22nd March 2021. Please see below for details. Good luck everyone!

### Spring 2021 short story competition

Springtime is a time of new beginnings, fresh starts and new opportunities. This short story competition is your chance to create a positive, short story of **up to 500 words**. **The theme is The Journey**, and here are some titles you could use: "The Discovery", "Paradise Found", "Flying High", or you can make up your own.

So what comes to mind? Maybe an unusual journey, an amazing adventure, a new discovery or invention, or a magical experience - the choice is yours. All entries will earn house points for your house, and prizes for the winners.

Please send your entries to Mrs Jensen by 22.3.2021.  
[a.jensen@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:a.jensen@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk) Good Luck!



Mrs McCarthy

**Curriculum evening - Year 9 and 10 students - Wednesday 24th March**



Our annual Curriculum information evening, helping Year 9 students with their options choices for KS4 and supporting Year 10 with college options is being held remotely again. Further information will be sent next week. In summary, there will be a presentation for Year 9 between 6pm - 6.45pm and for Year 10 from 7.00pm to 7.45pm. Year 10 families will also have an opportunity to meet with representatives from a variety of colleges.

**Mr Lord**

### **Sunnydown's Got Talent Show 2020**

Towards the end of last term, the whole school watched Sunnydown's Got Talent 2020. This year the talent show was a little different from normal. Due to the current Covid situation we were unable to perform it live, however, that did not stop the show from going on! The Year 10 Life Skills group organised and promoted this show as part of an AQA Award in Organising an Event, demonstrating teamwork. Over the weeks in our Friday Life Skills lessons we planned, organised, filmed and promoted this amazing show, working well both individually and as a group

We had ten entries from all year groups. In Year 7: Edward Gair (Comedian), James Hall (Dance Act), Year 8: George Whatling (Drummer), Year 9: Elvinas Sermuksnis (Basketball skills), Cam'ron Pindi (Violinist), Year 10: Leon Punjabi (Drummer), Year 11: Oscar Robson (Singer), Jack Pinsent (Rock Singer), Max Thwaites, Harvey Moore, Harry Monkhouse and Cameron Castle (Take Two, Rock Band). Plus, the staff 'choir' finished the show with their rendition of 'Do They Know It's Christmas?'

The winners were:     1st place: Take Two, The Band  
                              2nd place: Leon Punjabi  
                              3rd place: Edward Gair

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part, including our hosts for the event - Cameron and Matthew. Also a huge thank you to the staff who took part in the show and to the Year 10 Life skills staff, also to Mr Jensen for agreeing to this event and helping with the prizes, and finally an enormous thank you to Mr Derrig-Adams who filmed and edited the whole event.



A massive 'WELL DONE' from the Life Skills Staff Team: Mrs McCarthy, Miss Brooks, Miss Derrig-Adams and Miss Wood.

**Miss Wood**

### **SMSC**

On Friday 19th March it is Red Nose Day. Thank you to all the boys who have purchased a red nose already, in support of the charity.

There are plenty still available for boys who have not yet purchased one. They are £1.50 and at the moment it is a maximum of 2 noses per student.

On Friday 19th March we will be inviting all the boys to wear Mufti for a £1.00 donation, which will also be donated to the charity.

Thank you all so much for your support with this.



**Miss Drake**

### **Friends of Sunnydown**

#### **Second-hand uniform**

We hope that you are finding this new resource useful! Follow the link to order. If you have any outgrown uniform in good condition which you would like to donate, please contact us:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents)

#### **Tokyo Challenge**

The boys really are gathering pace for the Tokyo Challenge - well done to all of them! They will have until the end of term to collect their miles, so keep going with the cycling, walking and running! See the website link and select 'Sunnydown school', or alternatively, email your form tutor.

[www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity](http://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity)

The winning team will be presented with a fantastic Tokyo Challenge cup! Don't forget the first prize of the Olympic park family ticket:



Donations can be paid directly in to the account below (please reference: Tokyo Challenge)





Bank: Santander  
Sort Code No: 09 01 28  
Account No: 89549767  
or Paypal: [www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=9LXXQJ5DCJCUU](http://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=9LXXQJ5DCJCUU)

**Friends of Sunnydown**  
**friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk**

### **Scientist of the Week**

The recipients of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch and Mr Djehiche are Varen Estwick (8C) and Ryan Gellett (8C).

### **Science guess the picture competition**

Picture of the week is shown below. Last week's answer was **Tremella Mesenterica** also called **Witches' butter**. Found on a young deciduous tree (birch) in a small plantation. From what we have read, Tremella Mesenterica is usually found on dead wood, and in association with a Peniophora crust fungus. Congratulations to Varen Estwick (8C), a prize was sent home last Friday.



### **Science fact of last week**

Do all animals dream? Congratulations to Jack Pinsent (11D). House points are added to your score Jack!

**Answer:** The answer is no, they all sleep but they don't all dream. We can tell when a human is dreaming because their eyes start to move – looking at the brains of other animals has revealed that mammals and birds dream too. In lab experiments, rats practiced mazes in their sleep and Finches rehearsed songs. Fish and insects don't seem to dream at all.

### **Science fact for this week**

Why does bright light make me sneeze?



**Mr Djehiche**

**Thought for NEXT week: Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Changes - How can we manage?**

**Word of the Week**

**Ornery (adjective)** – please see end of newsletter (w/c 15th March 2021).

**Mrs Herring**

**Chef of the Week**

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Ryan Gellett (8C).

**House Points**

Congratulations to the following young men who have achieved their House Point certificates this week:

Sonny Burgess	100 House Points
Edward Gair	100 House Points
Charlie McSorley	100 House Points
Max Gibbins	150 House Points
Kal-El Harris	200 House Points
David Daruval	300 House Points
Lucas Abrams	350 House Points
Ryan Gellett	350 House Points
Henry Hilton	400 House Points
Thando Po-Ba	400 House Points
George Hodgson	450 House Points
Liam Tushingham	450 House Points
Calum Baker	500 House Points
Matthew Young	500 House Points
Cameron Castle	650 House Points
Harry Monkhouse	700 House Points
Jack Pinsent	700 House Points
Daniel Linney	800 House Points

Word of the week w/c 15th March 2021

# Ornery

Adjective

Bad-tempered or difficult to deal with.

She had been in an ornery mood all day.



synonyms for ornery:  
cantankerous, crotchety, cranky, irritable, grumpy,  
ill-tempered, disagreeable, nasty, grouchy, testy



## KS3 Friday Curriculum - 19th March 2021

<u>Class</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>On/Off site</u>	<u>Activity</u>
7D	RICE challenge	On site	Dragon's Den and Lord's chocolate biscuits
7T	RICE challenge	On site	
8C	Food experience	On site	Easter cakes, school uniform
8M	School project	On site	Change of clothes (old set of clothes)
9J	Humanities	On site	Cultural activities China/India, bring PE kit
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**Hi I am Daniel Linney I live locally and I'm 14 years old**  
**I have set myself a challenge to cycle 2021km in 2021 to raise**  
**money and awareness for Shelter**



Why I would like you to help support my challenge and raise money for a worthwhile charity:

- During this pandemic lots of people have lost their homes - "At the end of June 2020, 98,300 homeless households were living in temporary accommodation, an unprecedented rise of 7% in just three months from 92,190."
- Many people who never thought they would be in this situation are now homeless
- Those who are living on the streets may have no one to talk to and may be very lonely and scared
- It is very easy to forget about other people when you are not in the same situation living in a comfortable home and not worrying about where you are going to live

**Please support my 2021 challenge to cycle 2021km to raise money for this worthwhile charity by donating directly at:**  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DanielLinney>

**Alternatively I will come round after lockdown with a sponsorship form**



From 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 21 - 6<sup>th</sup> March 21  
 I have completed the following on Strava

Avg Rides/Week	4
Avg Time/Week	4h 1m
Avg Distance/Week	62km
Time	26h 26m
Distance	403km
Elev Gain	3,487m

**Help us make sure no one fights**  
**bad housing or homelessness on their own**

**Shelter**

<https://england.shelter.org.uk>





## *Welcome to our Neurodiversity Celebration Event!*

*Sponsored by [Little Darling Childcare](#)*

*Funded by Nottingham Community Foundation*

*From Monday 15th March, it is the launch of our Neurodiversity Celebration week!*

*For parents/carers*



Monday - Friday - Maresa's videos will also be premiered on our

<https://www.facebook.com/PEKFamilies> Facebook page at 4:30 pm for families to watch together.



Monday - Friday we're hosting an incredible webinar each evening at 7.30 PM live on zoom (please see attached schedule)



Saturday we have both parent and child-focussed workshops from 9 AM - 4 PM (please see attached schedule)



Saturday at 11 AM we are joining a Guinness World Record attempt of the most amount of people brushing their teeth, in collaboration with our sponsors & [Little Darling Childcare](#). Further details are in



the link.

Our fantastic webinar and workshop hosts are all listed below, and we are so excited to share them with you. We're sure you'll agree we have some serious talent sharing their knowledge with you!

Neurodiversity basically means that brain differences are just that, differences, and not abnormalities. It helps children and parents to frame their challenges as differences and helps to shed light on approaches that support particular strengths that children have.

In these workshops and webinars, we explore and learn new and different approaches to support and celebrate neurodiversity.

Sharing these workshops with your children is so impactful and we would love it if your children could be involved. If you submit the work that your children are completing we are sending all children a certificate celebrating their participation! Please send to [positivelyempoweredkids@gmail.com](mailto:positivelyempoweredkids@gmail.com)

Schedule for the webinars and workshops running through the week can be found on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PEKFamilies>

