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Friday 12th May 2023

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

As our adventurers have gone off on their Australian event, we have hired the services of Joel Gray from Supreme Sports to help out in PE in Gabe's absence. Joel we already know as the coach who works with the boys on the astro at lunchtimes. It's great to have him as part of the team.

The cake sale last Friday break time and lunch time made an amazing £89 towards the Cycle Challenge fundraiser. We have already raised just over £10,000 so far.

Year 11 GCSE Examinations

Our Year 11 boys will be starting their GCSE examinations next week and we would like to wish them the very best of luck and share how proud we are of them for the effort and energy they have put into their education since they joined us here. The very best of luck boys.

Sunnydown Down Under

This morning at 10.30am BST (and 5.30pm in the Northern Territory Australia), we hosted a live interview with ABC News Australia, our Sunnydown Cycle Team, and several members of our school community. It was wonderful to see our Year 10 students Oscar and Ollie looking excited about their forthcoming cycle challenge, and Gabe and Miss Kiddier looking ready to get going. Mr Jensen spoke about how much pride he has in all of our school community, students and staff alike, for everyone's recent contribution to the cycle challenge. Mr Caruana, dad to Harvey in Year 8 - and the main sponsor of the Sunnydown Charity event Gus Periscopes, spoke movingly about how privileged he felt to be able to contribute, and how grateful he was that Sunnydown offers such an outstanding range of opportunities for students, both academic and social.

We also heard from Josh Quigly, the world record holding cyclist who has visited Sunnydown several times. He remains a great supporter of our students and of the cycle scheme and bike maintenance projects that we offer here during the week and as part of our Friday curriculum. Andy Parr spoke on behalf of the Rotary Club and the Round Table too, who are loyal supporters of the school.

Thando in Year 11 was interviewed live by ABC News and spoke so well about how we offer opportunities above and beyond here at school. All students at school were able to access the live link from their classrooms - technology worked well - thank you Eduthing for making everything operate seamlessly!

Events like the Sunnydown Cycle Challenge once again benefit from the wholehearted support of the Friends of Sunnydown. Kelly Barnes spoke about other projects that we have coming up - your continued support at these will all contribute to the positive experiences your sons have at school.

It was an amazing morning. Mr Jensen gave thanks to his inspiration in making this happen: the staff here at school who work tirelessly for the benefit and improved outcomes for your sons, but most importantly the real inspiration behind all that we do - your sons themselves.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jensen

Sunnydown Gibb Challenge

After three years of delays and planning the Sunnydown Gibb Challenge, two students and three staff set off on Wednesday for Australia to test their stamina and continue to fundraise for worthy causes.

Ollie McEvaddy and Oscar Stewart have been (with their families) preparing for the trip for some time. The boys tested their cycling skills over the holidays cycling around Richmond Park, built their fitness in the school gym and worked on their bike maintenance skills with me in the bike shed. As well as that the boys and families have fundraised for the trip, organising cake sales and giving up weekends to collect money outside supermarkets. They and the school will continue to do so after the journey but now there is the small task of cycling 660km across Australia in 30 plus degree heat. I'm sure the boys will take it in their stride, the staff ... I'm not so sure!





Sponsorship Forms

Gabe

Don't forget you can now collect your sponsorship money if you have now completed your part of the challenge. Please could you also hand your sponsorship forms in to the office with any money you have raised, even if your sponsors have paid via the JustGiving website.



Congratulations to the first two year levels to complete the Caterham cycle challenge. These were:

Year 9 - Tuesday 9th May Total laps completed Students 83 Staff 19 Grand total 102 Names of all marshalls: Mrs Sumsion (Leo's Mum)

Year 11 - Thursday 11th May Total laps completed Students 80 Staff 17 Grand total 97 Names of all marshalls: Daniel Bailhache

Upcoming events include:

Year 10 - Tuesday 23rd May

Please continue to share the Just Giving link and raise as much money as we can for Mental Health support.

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge23

Thanks and happy cycling!

<u>ADDitude</u>

Get ADHD news, information and help in ADDitude's free newsletters for parents of children:

https://www.additudemag.com/

Upcoming Science assessments

Year 7 – Metals and non-metals, the following Monday 22nd May Year 8 – Periodic Table and elements, the following Tuesday 23rd May Year 10 – Molecules and Matter, next Wednesday 17th May All classes to revise using the PowerPoints on Google Classroom and BBC Bitesize.

Ms Hristova

Online Safety

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter - 'What Parents & Carers Need to Know about Telegram.'

Mr Cassim

Thought for the Week (W/C: 8th May 2023)

What does fair trade mean?

What makes a family?

Thought for the Week (W/C: 15th May 2023)

Gabe

Mrs Wermig

Gabe

Pet of the Week

Jacob Kelly (8N) would like to nominate his dog 'Rocket' as this week's Pet of the Week. Please can you continue to send in any photos if you would like to nominate your pet.



Mrs Peterson

Song of the Week

This week's Song of the week was nominated by Freddie in 7C, Status Quo, Rockin' All Over the World (1975).

Mathematician	<u>Scientist</u>	<u>Musician of</u>	<u>Artist of the</u>	<u>Chef of the</u>	<u>Writer of the</u>
of the Week	of the Week	<u>the Week</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Week</u>
The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is James Hall (9D)	Week, awarded by	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is Alfie Monk (8N)	The recipients of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for their fantastic effort in the GCSE exams this week are Nathan Waters (11P) & Caniel Diaz-Lester (11P)	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull for using his initiative & working independently is Dominic Hanley (8N)	The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe for going above & beyond by writing creatively in his own time is KS3 Callum Annis (80) & for his imaginative & descriptive writing in English lessons is KS4 Max Mahboobani (10C)

House Points			
Thando Po-Ba	800 House Points		
Alexander Neale	700 House Points		
Reece Wood	700 House Points		
Cam'ron Pindi	650 House Points		
James Millar	600 House Points		
Charlie Histed	450 House Points		
Noah Atkins	250 House Points		
Kamauri Craig	250 House Points+		

Forthcoming Events

Date	Description
Friday 12 th May 2023`	School Council Trip to Houses of Parliament -
	postponed
Friday 26 th May 2023	End of Summer Term 1
Saturday 3 rd June 2023	SunnyFest - A music festival at Sunnydown
Monday 5 th June 2023	Start of Summer Term 2
	Year 10 Work Experience Week
	Year 9 Fulham FC Workshops for students
Tuesday 6 th June 2023	Corporate Golf Day, Farleigh Golf Club
Thursday 22 nd June 2023	Year 11 Graduation Ceremony
Friday 23 rd June 2023	Inset Day
Saturday 24 th June 2023	Caterham Barn Dance
Wednesday 5 th July 2023	SSSSA Athletics
Friday 7 th July 2023	Drama club performance at The Arc
Wednesday 12 th July 2023	Blood Brothers performance on site
Friday 21 st July 2023	Last day of term



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Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge

The Community Needs You!

Between 4th & 12th May, the students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kenley Aerodrome.

With your help, we aspire to raise £35,000 to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need. <u>Please help by sponsoring this event - any donations are</u> gratefully received.

sunnydowncyclechallenge23

In May, two students are flying to Australia to take part in The Gibb Challenge and cycle 660km across the remote Kimberley region. This demonstrates how committed we are to supporting the Mental Health of our community.

