

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

And so with the wind in our hair (protected by helmets of course) day one of the 2022 Caterham Cycle Challenge rolled out to Kenly this morning. Photos were scarce so for the moment, this will need to suffice. More to follow on our website, in a book, and on social media.



Please continue to support this wonderful event as we aim to raise £35,000 for Mental Health initiatives across Caterham. With commitments already exceeding £10,000 we are well underway.

However, reaching the target will require a super effort from everyone, students, families, brothers and sisters alike. Please share the JustGiving link below in any way you can. Even attach the posters that are available through ParentMail.

**<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/SunnydownCC22>**

You could also support the event by attending the live band scheduled for Friday 20th May. Details are in the attached poster.

Congratulations to Year 9 who cycled as part of theory Friday Curriculum today. Sponsor sheets will be shared via ParentMail, but the easiest way to support your son and the cause is by donating via JustGiving.

Our major sponsors this year are GuS Periscopes who appear on the back of our sponsored shirts, and EduThing. Both companies are represented in all of our communications and on our billboard at the front of the school.

The Weekend Working Bee will see final touches to the wallaby enclosure as well as some bramble clearing. Thank you to the families who have registered. I have arranged some nice salads to go with our burgers.

With GCSE exams commencing, I encourage all young men to be aware of the benefits of a calm school for the Year 11 students. The exams will take place in the rooms that Year 11 registers in every morning. Mrs Jensen and Miss Lawson have worked hard to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place to ensure a smooth experience.

It was wonderful to spend time with some Year 11 families on Wednesday evening as part of the Parent Evening event. Feedback from one family in particular will be shared at a later date; it is an emotional tribute to the five year journey that one young man and his family have been on.

By way of reminder, Year 11 graduation evening is Thursday 23rd June this year with a menu to be decided. More information to follow.

Year 10 were invited to a meeting on Wednesday evening to review the logistics behind the Global Peace Games trip to Belgium which is coming up. What a wonderful opportunity to represent not only Sunnydown, but the United Kingdom (we were the only school selected) at an event encouraging peace. Again, wonderful to see families in person again as we bounce back from Covid restrictions.

Year 8 parents met with Mrs Jo Wermig on Wednesday to explore the Annual Review process. Thank you to those able to attend. I would encourage families to check their ParentMail as paperwork has been sent via that method in preparation for the reviews. If you have any concerns, please email Mrs Wermig ([j.wermig@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:j.wermig@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk)) or the Office email account.

Friday 24th June is an inset day. Students will leave on Thursday 23rd June at normal time (3.30pm). I have been fortunate enough to secure a pod on the London Eye for up to 15 people. As a gesture to say thank you to the teachers here at Sunnydown for their incredible work in ensuring that our curriculum planning is as world class as the delivery, I have offered this pod to them. Staff will work throughout the day on inset, before teachers meet for an evening flight. To all of my staff, I thank you sincerely for your efforts to make the educational journey of each young man at Sunnydown as broad and enriching as is possible.

### **An introduction - Jo Wermig**

Having been here for a little over four weeks I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself to the Sunnydown community! Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for making me feel so very welcome, for being kind and thoughtful and understanding as I get to know you all and Sunnydown School!

I am the Assistant Head and SENCo and I also have the pleasure of teaching Year 9 English. I have lived in this area most of my life and have mainly taught in London and Surrey. Having taught in both single-sexed and mixed schools and being the mother to four sons has given me lots of experiences which I am hoping I can bring.

Ever since gaining my Master's Degree in Education and NASENCO qualification, my interest and passion in SEN and nurturing the needs of each individual with a variety of learning differences has grown and has eventually led me to Sunnydown. I have just over 25 years teaching experience both in Primary and Secondary and just over 15 years as a member of SLT. I am so excited to be here, to meet and get to know your sons and to be part of this vibrant community. I look forward to meeting all of you either through events or meetings or your sons' EHCP reviews.

**Mrs Jo Wermig**



## Match report

Last week four teams from Sunnydown headed down to Blagdon sports ground for a football tournament. First was the Key Stage 4 team. In their first match they came out 5-0 winners against Blossom House B team with Elvin scoring a hat trick and two wonder goals, one each from Dan and Ben. Ben: It was the best goal of my career.

Next was a 3-1 loss to Wishmore Cross, with a Man of the Match performance from Henry. The game with New Barn was a tightly contested 1-1 draw and a well earned point and then two more draws 0-0 against Blossom House A and Apple Orchard with Liam stepping in brilliantly in goal for Henry.

Man of the Tournament awards:

Henry: Liam because he's a good keeper and replaced me.

Dan: Liam for some of the saves he made.

Liam: Daniel - he pushed himself to his limits and scored amazing goals.

George S: Henry for the willpower he showed to defend the goal.

Ben: Daniel for his shot from right in the corner.

Josh: Dan pushed himself out of his comfort zone and stayed with the players he was marking.

Miss Kiddier: Without a shadow of a doubt - Liam. He saved a lot and kept us in some of the matches.

Mr Thompson: Liam for stepping in for Henry and making terrific saves.

Elvin: George S - it was his first football event and he did really well.

Jacob: George for showing his resilience after being tackled by a much bigger player.

Gabe and boys: Who was coach of the tournament?

Jacob: The blue team coach.

Elvin: I was the best coach.

Liam: It was Mr Thompson. He's the best and the funniest.

Gabe: As long as someone was funny!

Josh: Everyone was Man of the Match because everyone had the courage to play and try their best.

The next day three more teams travelled to the same tournament and the thoughts of some of the boys are below:

### Harry

Man of the Match was Josh because he passed and communicated well.

What went well? A. There was good passing.

What could be even better? A. We should look for the best option and have a growth mindset.

### Ollie

Man of the Match: Teddy because he was kind to me on the pitch.

What went well: Luke scoring.

Even better: We need to do more passing and running.

### Jacob

Man of the Match: Jayden because he is so good.

Even better if: We could have been kinder to each other and I need to keep practising.

What went well: The passing.

### Logan

Man of the Match: Jayden because he scored the best goal.

### Jayden

Man of the Match: Bailey because he was very skilful.

What went well: Drawing one of the games.  
Even better if: We could have won more games.

#### Bailey

Man of the Match: Callum because he acts like he's 99 on skills.  
What went well: I almost scored a goal.  
Even better if: The goals should have been smaller.

#### Callum

Man of the Match: Finley because when his team mates stopped trying he played harder.  
What went well: It was fun.  
Even better if: We need to keep having fun but keep trying.

#### Luke

Man of the Match: Ollie because he gave good passing.  
Even better if: I will do better listening.

#### Lucas

Man of the Match: Jayden P, he was everywhere.

#### James D

Man of the Match: Lucas for his resilience.

Well done to all the boys!

**Gabe**

### **Surrey Family Wellbeing Festival**

I look forward to meeting our Year 8 parents over the next few weeks as we are holding the Year 8 Annual Reviews.

Just for your information: There is the Surrey Family Wellbeing Festival taking place tomorrow (May 14<sup>th</sup>) at Sandown Racecourse in Esher - the event is hosted by Mindworks. Mindworks Surrey is the Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service for Surrey.

Mindworks Surrey's free Children and Young People's Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day for young people (six years old and over) and their families/carers who are experiencing emotional and mental health crises.

The free 24/7 mental health crisis line number is: **0800 915 4644**.

It can be used by those who are already receiving mental health services, and also by those who are not. A professional will provide advice, support and signposting to a range of community services:

<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

**Mrs Jo Wermig**

### **BAE Systems Work Skills Event**

Please see the flier at the end of this newsletter and the link below to an opportunity for Year 10 and 11 students. It is a work skills event on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July at Frimley, from BAE Systems, with a focus on their work on nuclear submarines. Please feel free to share with your contacts and young people:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:8af8c98f-9e9b-4a95-aaf7-c9e214e80991#pageNum=1>

**Mr Wright**



## Friends of Sunnydown

Hurry - get your tickets before they sell out for the band night next week! Grown-ups are invited to see 'The Wildfires' who will be playing live here at Sunnydown on the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets are £25.00 per person and include a free drink and food: [www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents)

Many of you will have seen the posters dotted around about the Caterham Cycle event which starts today! The boys will be participating by cycling around the local Kenley airfield to raise funds to support the local community. Please dig deep to sponsor our amazing cycle team!

Fliers for all of these events are attached to this newsletter.

## The Mousetrap theatre trip by Connor M and Daniel L, Year 11



On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, YR11 PW2 embarked on a journey of a lifetime to London to watch Agatha Christie's play, The Mousetrap, which was celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We began our trip on the train from Upper Warlingham all the way to London Victoria and then we entered the busy tube train from London Victoria to Leicester Square.

We had our packed lunch in Leicester Square. It was quite busy and had lots of people, sitting on the grass having lunch and enjoying the spring sunshine. There were lots of pigeons there too.

While waiting for the play to actually start, we went into the M&M shop and were introduced to some crazy pricing! Later on, we also had a look at the Lego shop where some sets were amazing but also really expensive. Then, we explored London's beautiful Chinatown and saw that some street signs had Chinese writing underneath the English writing, which we thought to be a perfect added touch to the uniqueness of Chinatown. The variety of restaurants and food in the windows was really interesting to see.

When we arrived at St Martin's theatre we were amazed that they upgraded us to some great seats in the fourth row from the front of the stage, so we had a great view of the set and the actors. The play itself was fun, and enjoyable. The story had a twist at the end and surprised everyone. When it finished one of the actors said to the audience that no-one was to share who the murderer was. So sorry you will have to go and watch it to find out! It was a real experience to watch a classic play in such an old theatre. The theatre opened in 1916 and everything inside was quite small, as people were smaller then.

Soon after the play ended, we walked back to the underground tube station and went back to London Victoria and had some dinner. Some of us had some Japanese food, some chose McDonalds and of course Doughnuts!

Mr Jensen collected us in the minibus from the station and drove us back to school to end off a fantastic day in London. We would like to thank the school for this experience and to Mrs Jensen and Mrs McCarthy for taking us. It was an absolute pleasure to be taken on a trip like that.

**Connor M and Daniel L, Year 11**

<p><b><u>Thought for this week</u></b> <b>(W/C: 9<sup>th</sup> May)</b></p> <p><b>What does fair trade mean?</b></p>	<p><b><u>Thought for the week</u></b> <b>(W/C:16th May)</b></p> <p><b>What makes a family?</b></p>
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<p><b><u>Chef of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Miss Carew is:</p> <p><b>George Whatling (9M)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his fantastic drawing of a plane in art this week is:</p> <p><b>Callum Annis (70)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Scientist of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for co-operation and resilience is:</p> <p><b>Callum Lagan (9C)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok for resilience in maths is:</p> <p><b>Ben Tushingham (11Z)</b></p>
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<b><u>House Points this week</u></b>	
Freddie Phillips	350 House Points
Alfie Monk	150 House Points

### **Friday Curriculum (20/5/22)**

A ParentMail will be sent next week listing activities.



Are you interested in learning career-related skills in a unique and exciting workplace?

## BAE Systems Work Skills Event

At BAE Systems Submarines we design, build and test nuclear submarines for the Royal Navy. Why not come and learn about the range of roles we offer including:

- Cost Estimation
- Engineering
- Project Management
- Business Development

You will also work on a challenging project that will let you develop and show-off your new and existing skills.

Where: BAE Systems, Lyon Way,  
Frimley, GU16 7EX

When: 27 - 29 July

Who: Years 10 and 11

Learn about what the company does and explore potential career paths. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please refer to the accompanying email.

[baesystems.com](http://baesystems.com)

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