

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 14th July 2023

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Presentation events at Sunnydown have evolved substantially in the last few years. What never changes however, is the fact that this event is a celebration of all that has been achieved through the year. Students are recognised for moving up a Flight path in KS3, a measure of a growth mindset. They are also awarded for resilience, effort and House Points.

A huge congratulations to every young man for their certificates and their prizes. Some may be upset that they did not get as many as another student. It is not our intention to upset any student, but rather to celebrate the achievement and progress of everyone. Some have made more progress than others. There is always next year - and effort is always rewarded.

Thank you to the families who were able to log into the meeting and witness this wondrous occasion. You may not have felt it, but there was an energy of success in the hall. Many thanks to the organisers including but not limited to Miss Lawson, Mr Wright and Mrs Jensen. The comperes, Alex and Alex, were exceptional performers today. Many thanks to them for helping the afternoon run smoothly.

Next week is an opportunity for form groups to spend some quality time together, enhancing the bonds of mateship and friendship, and an opportunity to engage with staff outside of the classroom. Such events and weeks have the ability to strengthen the sense of belonging and build confidence. There is an action packed week ahead, with some students bowling, others collecting for food banks, others running cake sales and yet others still off to the cinema. An integral part of SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) Week is giving back to the community. Each class will invest time in doing something for others. This act of contribution to the wider community, whether it is here at school painting our library, moving books, or collecting and delivering food to people less fortunate than ourselves, enhances our sense of value in and of community.

Thursday is of course our Sports Day where we borrow de Stafford sports ground and allow all of our athletic abilities to shine through. More information is further along the newsletter. Suffice to say, I look forward to seeing as many families as possible. A Parentmail went home regarding the required clothing for each year level on each day.

Friday is a shorter day, with form activities being arranged for the morning followed by a whole school lunch at 12.30pm. Students will make their way to taxis at 1.00pm.

A message was sent out via Parent mail regarding reports. These will be delivered electronically on Monday. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sports Day - Thursday 20th July

The weather forecast currently looks dry for the most part (though obviously subject to change). Parents are invited for the afternoon session on de Stafford fields behind Sunnydown.

Parents are welcome to arrive from 1.00pm with afternoon events starting at 1.30pm. Sport events will conclude by 3.00pm. A short presentation of House Points awards will follow. Students will leave school at 3.30pm by their taxis or parents, via the normal signing out process. **For clarity, students must sign out with Mr Jensen at the Cloisters before leaving.**

Parking is very limited and may need to be on Whyteleaf Road or along a side street. Please be mindful of our neighbours and other families. The event takes place on de Stafford fields, accessed however through the Sunnydown staff car park (close to Whyteleaf Road) near the flint cycle mechanic workshop. Families that may require accessible parking should email: office@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Year 11 students will be welcome to attend Thursday 20th July for the entire day but families are responsible for arranging travel to and from school with their taxi companies or by own means.

Last Day - Friday 21st July

Students are expected to attend school on Friday 21st July. Form tutors are preparing various end of year activities. The whole school will have lunch at 12.30pm with an opportunity for some special awards to be handed out. Students will start to be called for taxis at 1.00pm. We expect that the last taxis will leave by 1.30pm at the latest.

Drama Opportunities at Sunnydown

Creativity is an important approach to learning at Sunnydown and our Sunnydown Drama Company runs every Monday. This year, the performers not only presented their play *The Vote* to students here at school, but also had the opportunity to perform for the public at The Arc theatre in Caterham.

To say they stepped up their performances would be an understatement! The conviction and commitment to their characters, the clarity of their dialogue, and the energy of their performances was so impressive.

Here are some reviews from our performers:

Zac - On Friday, we went to The Arc to perform 'The Vote'. The trip was very nice and the performance went really well. I played a character called Conrad Davidson who is an English man suffering after the war. The stage was very spacious, the lighting helped to show who was acting and the speakers allowed the voices and background music to be heard clearly. I would definitely like to perform there again!

Freddie - I think the trip and the performance went well and would be considered a good show. Everybody tried their best, mistakes were made but that is a part of acting and allows for improvisation. The audience liked the show and gave us a round of applause at the end. I played a character called Rich Roberts who was the President of the United States.

On Wednesday, the adult Prospero Theatre company came into school to perform their version of *Blood Brothers* which they've called *Blood Ties*. There were some adult themes and language and our KS4 students were extremely mature and attentive. Two of our Year 10 students, Alex and Alexander, have written a review:

Blood Ties - Prospero Theatre Company

On Wednesday 12th July the Prospero Theatre Company performed the production of Blood Ties, which was based on Willy Russell's play: Blood Brothers. Years 9, 10 and staff were in awe of the acting and singing they experienced. The climax of the play was quite amazing and a shock for those not expecting it. It has inspired us to watch more theatre productions in the future.

By Alexander Neale and Alex Hennessy

The Monday drama group will start up again in September - new members welcome.

Finally, for anyone who enjoys theatre there is a production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Oxted Barn theatre in the summer from the 9th-12th August. This is a youth theatre production who are always looking for new members. They are an excellent drama company with exceptionally high production values. Your son has been given a flyer today (also at the end of this newsletter).

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jensen

Online Safety

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter - 'Stay Safe online this Summer'.

Mr Cassim

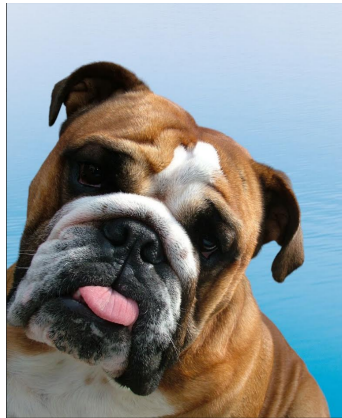
Greater London SW Cadets

We were really proud to hear that Teddy Foster received the 'Most Improved Cadet' certificate from the 148 Detachment. Well done Teddy!



Pet of the Week

Thank you to Charlie Carter for sending in a picture of his cute dog Spike. Apparently they have a really special bond, as long as Spike stays out of his room.



Song of the Week

This week's Song of the Week was nominated by Teddy Foster in 9D - The Trashmen, Bird is the Word (1963).

Cake sale on Monday

Year 8 are doing a cake sale on Monday for their 'giving back to the community'. Please can you support this (no more than £2). Thank you in advance.

Miss Newcombe

Writing competitions

A special mention to Callum Annis (80) who has discovered a love for creative writing and is now regularly entering national competitions. Any students who want to read his stories can pop into F1 and look on the 'Posting our Successes' board. A big well done Callum!

Miss Newcombe

<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C: 10th July 2023)</p> <p>Charity & fundraising - why is it important to help those less fortunate</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C: 17th July 2023)</p> <p>Reflection on the year</p>
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House Points	
Josh Benton	700 House Points

Jonathan Edwards	450 House Points
Jensen Powell	250 House Points

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<u>Musician of the Week</u>	<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<u>Writer of the Week</u>
<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p>Alex Pereira (7W)</p>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova for active learning & cooperation is</p> <p>Michael Hanley (8O)</p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for resilience is</p> <p>Lucas Abrams (10M)</p>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch for amazing drumming is</p> <p>George Whatling (10M)</p>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull for progression & independence is</p> <p>Freddie Phillips (9D)</p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his fantastic effort in art is</p> <p>Nathan Small (9D)</p>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe for his amazing creative diverse story is</p> <p>KS3 Harrison Williams (7C)</p> <p>& from Mrs Jensen for his extraordinary control of narrative is</p> <p>KS4 George Whatling (10M)</p>

Forthcoming Events 2023

Date	Description
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 7 & 8 SMSC Reward Trip to Hollywood Bowl
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 9 SMSC Reward Trip to Cinema & McDonalds
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 10 SMSC Reward Trip to FootGolf
Thursday 20 th July	SPORTS DAY
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term - Lunch served to all staff and students at 12.30pm. Students will make their way to taxis at 1.00pm.

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CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

9th – 12th AUGUST 2023
Evenings at 7:30pm - Saturday Matinee at 2:30pm
at the Barn Theatre, Oxted

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(£12 for children 12 & under for matinee performance)

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Has your child always wanted to be on stage?

Would he/she like to join Kenley Holiday Workshop and take part in our annual musical?

Kenley Holiday Workshop is a local group of 50 or so young people aged 9-18 who spend a fortnight of their summer holiday preparing and presenting a show at the Barn Theatre, Oxted, under the expert guidance of a talented directing team.

There are no auditions to join the company and you don't need to have any acting, singing or dancing experience. All we ask is that you are available for the whole rehearsal period.

KHW has something really special!

On stage you see a group of youngsters, having a great time presenting a really good show. But it is much more than that. We are a community, a family, with the performers supported by a large unseen team, from the talented Directors to the big group of backstage workers, led by our superb Stage Manager, together with many parents helping in so many ways.

The children gain confidence, learn new skills, make lasting friendships and above all, **have fun!**

If you would like some more information, please contact:
sallydallosso@googlemail.com

(Bursaries are available for those in financial need)

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Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
Music by Special Arrangement with Sony/ATV Publishing
Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams

Based on the MGM Motion Picture
Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
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