

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

A natural cycle - life and death - an inevitable, inescapable aspect of life is death. It is with sadness that I report the passing of one of our wallabies overnight.

I spoke to the professional breeder this morning, and in his opinion, it could not have been cared for any better - the enclosure is first class, the feed is the best quality, and it had the company of two companions.

It would appear that the passing is from natural causes. However, the remaining two wallabies will be monitored closely. Some students are already aware and this will affect some more than others. Please be empathetic when sharing or discussing this news. George, Dominic, Andrew and Charlie came over to the enclosure at the end of lunch and paid their respects in a very moving and appropriate gesture.

Everyone deserves recognition for their efforts. Staff are encouraged at Sunnydown to reward students for their efforts through our House Points system. The more House Points a young person gains, the more money they receive and the higher the chances of them being part of a termly House Point trip. Certificates are handed out every Friday during assembly to reflect an array of positive endeavours - Scientist of the week, Careers awards, House Points to name a few. A unique award - the school Baton is also presented to a young man who has demonstrated the Sunnydown characteristic of going above and beyond in some way.

When the opportunity arises, families are also thanked and acknowledged. For example, we have family representatives on Friends of Sunnydown (FoS) who are always recognised at the plethora of events they coordinate on an annual basis. Mr Lord has reached out to families as part of his work on ADHD with a huge response - I am confident he will find a way of recognising this. We are grateful to the families also involved in the EDI work.

This reminded me that staff too deserve recognition.

While all staff at Sunnydown are dedicated and professional, a notable specific example is Mrs Webb. In the absence of Mrs Cybuch, Mrs Webb continues to deliver a first class KS3 Maths education. Having been into many of these classes, the transition has been almost seamless. The preparation, lesson delivery and marking are of such a high standard, that it gives leaders every reassurance that the students are receiving an excellent maths education. Many Thanks Mrs Webb.

Mr Peters has taken on a leading role with GASP - our weekly Motor Mechanics course. In addition to supervising the two sessions, this involves coordinating the completion of work missed in lessons, setting up the mechanic area and ensuring there are plenty of warm refreshments for each session. As a new initiative here at Sunnydown, Mr Peters has worked hard to ensure its success and longevity. Many thanks to Mr Peters.

By way of a staffing update, Miss Brooks was a member of our Pastoral Team until Summer 2023. We are hugely excited to welcome Miss Brooks back to be part of the Classroom TA team on an ad hoc basis starting from Monday. Congratulations are extended also to Mrs Clow who has been successfully appointed as a 'Bank' TA, meaning that she

can be deployed around the school on different days to support different classes. In a very short space of time Mrs Clow has made a very positive impact in the classes she has supported. Thank you.

Regarding weather, many thanks to parents who insisted on their sons wearing coats to school - this week has felt Arctic. We have endeavoured to keep everyone warm, and the heating installed in Forest View several years ago made all the difference recently. Many thanks to the Governing Body for agreeing to this investment several years ago when the request was made. The system keeps us warm in winter and cool in summer, and is cost effective. Next week we all need to be prepared for some intermittent strong winds and rain.

Wishing you all a wonderful (and warmer) weekend.

Paul Jensen

### **Year 11 Food & Nutrition**

The Year 11 Food & Nutrition students have been working hard over the last 2 weeks in their final assessments. The criteria of the BTEC course they have been following is to prepare and cook a meal with complete independence and following hygiene and safety precautions. The first group were in the food room for the day on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January and the second group on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, preparing and cooking meals for their Form Tutors and Form Teaching Assistants. Both days were very successful and students and staff had an enjoyable and nutritious lunch together. Well done Year 11 for a great effort.

### **House competition**

The Year 8 students have taken part in a House competition this week, producing a well presented layered salad. All the students worked hard on their designs and I hope the salads have been enjoyed by family members at home. The winning House was Buxton, followed by Portley in second place, Burntwood in third place and Whyteleafe in fourth place. Well done Year 8.

**Mrs Hull**

### **Missing clothing**

We often have conversations with the students about various items such as shoes and jumpers going missing. Could we ask parents and carers to ensure that all items of clothing and shoes are named so that we can return them to the owners should they be found abandoned. Equally, could we ask that parents and carers to check to see if any of the students have accidentally returned home with someone else's belongings by mistake which can and does happen quite often.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**Mr Lord**

### **Terrorfoot's Revenge – Prospero Theatre's inclusive February half term workshop**

An exciting sequel to the Jack and the Beanstalk Story. Jack has a son Jim, almost grown up and longing for an adventure of his own. Thunderlip, the giant killed by Jack on the Beanstalk so many years before, also had a son, Terrorfoot and Terrorfoot is out for Revenge!

2 hour Drama Workshop - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
The Arc, 39 Weston Drive, Caterham, CR3 5XY  
11am-1pm – 2 Hour session for SEN adults  
2-4pm – For young people aged 11yrs and over

Because Prospero runs the drama club at Sunnydown, and is one of the school's community partners, this workshop is free for all pupils. To book, email Tina Slaughter: [tinaslaughter@prosperotheatre.com](mailto:tinaslaughter@prosperotheatre.com).

Please say that you are from Sunnydown when you book.

Mrs Jensen

### Attendance

Congratulations to 9N for achieving 100% attendance during the week ending 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### Pet of the Week

Please send in any photos of your pets for our 'Pets of the Week' and of any achievements your sons are proud of. These will be put up on the 'Talking Points' board. These can be emailed to: office@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk.

<p><b><u>Thought for the Week</u></b> <b>(W/C 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024)</b></p> <p>Who is Martin Luther King?</p>	<p><b><u>Thought for the Week</u></b> <b>(W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024)</b></p> <p>Why is it important to remember the effects of the Holocaust?</p>
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<p><b><u>Baton Award</u></b></p> <p><b>Kye Lawrence</b> <b>(7C)</b></p> <p><i>For always offering to help others</i></p>
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<p><b><u>Employability Award</u></b></p> <p><b>Logan East</b> <b>(10D)</b></p> <p><i>For being organised and self-motivated</i></p>	<p><b><u>Sportsmanship Award</u></b></p> <p><b>Ethan Lyons</b> <b>(8W)</b></p>
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<p><b><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></b></p>	<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is</p> <p><b>Matthew Marenga</b> <b>(7P)</b></p> <p><i>For working hard &amp; doing really well in his Probability assessment</i></p>
<p><b><u>Scientist of the Week</u></b></p>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova is</p> <p><b>Oscar Stewart</b> <b>(11C)</b></p> <p><b>Taylor Conway</b> <b>(10T)</b></p> <p><i>For work completion &amp; cooperation</i></p>
<p><b><u>Musician of the Week</u></b></p>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is</p> <p><b>Ethan Lyons</b> <b>(8W)</b></p>

<p><b><u>Writer of the Week</u></b></p>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Mrs Wermig is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KS3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Michael Hanley</b> <b>(9O)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For an outstanding narrative about an encounter with his doppelganger</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KS4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kieran Kirk</b> <b>(11M)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his excellent work ethic this week</i></p>
<p><b><u>Chef of the Week</u></b></p>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ollie McEvaddy</b> <b>(11C)</b></p>
<p><b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b></p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zac Hoad</b> <b>(8W)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For his amazing anime drawings</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>House Points</u></b></p>	
George Whatling	900 House Points
Oscar Stewart	850 House Points
Josh Benton	800 House Points
Freddie Phillips	750 House Points
Taylor Conway	700 House Points
Harry Franklin	650 House Points
Jonathan Edwards	600 House Points
Jayden Peters	550 House Points
Alfe Tharle	550 House Points
Zac Hoad	450 House Points
Alex Pereira	450 House Points
Thomas Emms	350 House Points
Sam Lopes	300 House Points
Eddie Smith	150 House Points
Jack Bristow	100 House Points

## Forthcoming Events 2024

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	KS4 Badminton Tournament
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning 9.30am - 11.00am
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Naturally Talented Me Careers Session (Years 7/8)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio, Meningococcal ACWY vaccination
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Dragon's Den Careers Activity - Years 9 & 10
Mondy 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	KS3 Basketball event
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 9 Residential Trip
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Scheduled formal graduation event 🎓
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School trip to The Arc
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	END OF TERM