



Tuesday 6th April, 2021

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Had this newsletter been sent on Thursday 1st April, the day intended, I would have wished everyone a safe April Fools day and a wonderful Easter. Alas, here it is with the Easter weekend gone and all April Fools jokes survived.

All students return to school on Monday 19th April following the normal Monday times and timetables. By way of reminder, students and taxis should arrive between 9am and 9.30am each Monday, and between 8.30am and 9.00am every other day. We currently finish at 3.30pm Monday to Thursday, and 2.30pm on Friday.

While it is likely that many Covid restriction swill be eased in coming weeks, while onsite at Sunnydown, we must continue to limit any potential impact on the school by following some simple expectations. These include wearing masks in all communal spaces at all times. Masks can be worn in class, especially where a 2m distance cannot be maintained. Students and staff are reminded to wash their hands regularly. The allocated areas for outside play remain in place as does the arrangement for classes to remain in their form rooms for a vast majority of lessons. Teachers then move around the school to deliver lessons. The Care team have made a mention regarding testing further along. Please do congratulate your son on participating in this weekly process - it is another step we are taking to ensure the safety of our School community.

Correspondence went home to respective families in the last week of term regarding Year 11 GCSE exams, and Year 9 Pathways and subject option choices. PleaseYear 11 GCSE. Please do read these letters carefully.

The informal stage of the SCC Consultation regarding the removal of boarding closes on 19th April. Have your say by visiting the weblink below. Following this, there will be a 4 week Formal Consultation with a final decision being made on 8th June.

[https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/removal-of-boarding-provision-at-sunnydown\\_school/](https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/removal-of-boarding-provision-at-sunnydown_school/)

The Caterham Cycle Challenge, coordinated by SUNnydown School, is in full swing. Details of how to help raise the £17000 needed to help disadvantaged families with children in local primary schools to purchase quality school shoes for September were sent out last week. Please do all you can to promote the event and support the fundraising by sharing details with any business contacts you may have.

I look forward to seeing students and staff in two weeks time.

Paul Jensen.

## Spring 2021 - Short Story Competition Winners

Congratulations to all pupils who entered the Spring 2021 Short Story Competition. We had a fantastic selection of really interesting stories, all of which will be available to read in the school library. Well done to everyone who took part, you have all earned yourself a House Point.

Prizes were given out to the winners in form today:

### **KS3 Winners**

1st prize - Lucas Abrams

2nd prize - Tomas Bodkin & George Whatling

3rd prize - Thando Po-Ba & James Dean

### **KS4 Winners**

1st Prize - Adi Dasbiswas

2nd Prize - Connor Mason

3rd Prize - Ben Tushingham & Joe Harley

A special mention to Cameron Castle who is one of our extremely talented writers here at Sunnydown, who wrote this wonderful poem:

You can keep a letter  
As the air raid sirens scream out,  
As you run for shelter,  
Whilst the bombs fall overhead.

You can keep a letter  
As you're handed cartridge paper,  
Regretting to inform you,  
He's been killed across the sea.

Drowned in Passchendaele.  
In the kind of mud that drags down,  
And the last thing that he thinks of  
Is your letter in his pocket.

You can keep a letter  
When you're old and it gets cold out  
And the fireside doesn't warm you  
Like that smile from years ago

You can keep a letter  
When your eyesight starts to fail you  
Each line entrenched in memory  
Against oblivion fights the war



You can keep a letter  
Lines, warm lights against the darkness  
Which burgeons up above you  
Plots to make those fires fail

Still you can keep a letter.  
Hold it close beside you,  
Keep it deep inside you.  
And fold it like the paper  
Around your origami heart.

### **Get Set to Tokyo Results**

Class Challenge Cakes to be delivered to the classes after Easter

1st 8M

2nd 10W

3rd 11D

Individual Challenge

1st Kieran Kirk - Buxton (Trophy & 4 Tickets to the ride the slide at the Olympic village)

2nd Josh Benton - Portley - Flags Sticker Book & Cake

3rd Jacob Connery - Burntwood - Flags Sticker Book & Cake

A huge thank you to the Friends of Sunnydown for providing the challenge and the fantastic prizes!

### **Red Nose Day**

Thank you to everyone who purchased a red nose and brought in money for Mufti Day - we raised £163.70 for Comic Relief!

### **The Rock Project**

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter offering a free 2 hour taster session. Classes will be starting up here again from Saturday 24th April.

### **Art News**

I just wanted to share with you some fabulous group work from Years 7, 8 and 9. They created this together for the National Day of Reflection last week. It was made to focus on individual creativity and working together over the last year.





As mentioned in last week's newsletter, after Easter we will be holding a bike event. We need as many photos as we can get of anything to do with bikes and would be grateful if you could please send in photos of your son riding his bike, or any photography containing bikes over the easter holidays to: [r.ogle@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:r.ogle@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk).

Thank you in advance - have a great Easter.

**Mrs Ogle**

### **Food Tech**

Just a reminder that all boys must remember their cooking aprons and hats each week please.

**Mrs Hull**

### **School Lunches**

The cost of a school lunch remains at £2.40. The total amount due for the first half of the Summer Term 2021 is £69.60. This amount is available on ParentMail for you to purchase.

If your son is boarding after Easter or where there is a debit or credit on your account, you will receive an additional reconciliation letter.

Payment can be made for the full half term, weekly or on a daily basis.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [a.lawson@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:a.lawson@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk).

Thank you

**Miss Lawson**

## **School Fund**

All families are asked for a voluntary contribution of £10 per half term per pupil. This is available to purchase on ParentMail. We also ask for £20 per term to cover consumables such as ingredients for Food Technology.

## **100% Attendance**

Congratulations to 11D, 9P and 8M for achieving 100% attendance for the w/e 26th March 2021.

## **Boarding News**

### **Residential - Summer Term 2021**

The residential facility will resume again after the Easter break, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The Care team will email you to clarify the days your son will board.

As the SCC Consultation continues (Informal consultation closes on 19th April) with a final decision being communicated on 8th June, we remain undecided what to offer for the second half of Summer term. Thank you for your understanding at this time.

### **Change to the Children's Commissioner for England**

From 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 a new Children's Commissioner has been appointed. We say goodbye to Anne Longfield and hello to Dame Rachel de Souza. Anne Longfield was from the Children's Commissioner for England Government Office (March 2015 to February 2021) and previously led a national charity called 4Children. Anne moved on to Renaissance Legal, who specialise in working with families and carers of disabled and vulnerable individuals, helping them plan effectively for the future.

Dame Rachel turned around two schools from Struggling to Outstanding as a Head Teacher, before founding and leading the Inspiration Trust, a family of fourteen schools in East Anglia. We wish them both luck in their new roles. All of our safeguarding posters have been updated to reflect the changes.

### **Lateral flow testing**

Home testing kits will not be sent home over Easter, but we will be continuing with the school site testing for the first half of the Summer term:

KS4 on a Monday

KS3 on a Thursday

Have a lovely Easter.

**The Care Team**



**Thought for THIS week was: Importance of self-reflection and review (what did you achieve and overcome during lockdown)**

Self-reflection is about thinking about yourself - the good and the bad. It might be about something we have done or maybe thinking about how we feel.

During the lockdowns over the last year, lots of people have learnt new skills or improved on those they already had. Some things 9P have reflected on:

- being more independent
- building a shed
- chopping down a tree
- gardening
- cooking
- getting better with technology
- cutting hair
- appreciating small things
- asking for help

**Mrs Palmer**

**Thought for week commencing 19th April: Welcome back - Setting goals for the new year**

**Chef of the Week**

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

**Scientist of the Week**

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch and Mr Djehiche is Alfie Wilson (7T) for resilience.

**Science guess the picture competition**

Please check the Sunnydown Form Page on Monday 19th April for a picture of the week. Last week's answer was sea anemones which are the marine predatory animals of the order Actiniaria. They are named after the anemone, a terrestrial flowering plant, because of the colorful appearance of many. Congratulations to Jack Pinsent (11D) - a prize will be delivered to you onsite on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**Science fact of last week**

Who first discovered the world was round? Pythagoras - who first proposed that the Earth was round sometime around 500 B.C. Congratulations to Leon Punjabi (10W) - a prize will be delivered to you onsite on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**Science fact for after Easter**

Please check the Sunnydown Form Page on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**Mr Djehiche**



### KS3 Friday Curriculum - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Class	Activity	On/Off site	Activity
7D	DT	On site	School project/digging ( <b>bring in old clothes</b> )
7T	CH	On site	Food - yeast experience <b>School uniform (apron)</b>
8C & 8M	Performing Arts	On site	Film Appreciation
9J & 9P	Outdoor adventure activities	On site	Climbing in the hall & cycling in the forest area <b>Bring in PE kit and a coat</b>

### House Points

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

James Hall	7D	Buxton	150 House Points
Felix Drummond	7T	Buxton	200 House Points
James Millar	8C	Whyteleafe	300 House Points
Miles Eliatamby	10W	Portley	550 House Points
Max Thwaites	11D	Whyteleafe	600 House Points

The House Totals for the Spring Term are also detailed below:

1st	Burntwood	1,872 House Points
2nd	Buxton	1,695 House Points
3rd	Portley	1,619 House Points
4th	Whyteleafe	1,510 House Points





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## FRIDAY

Old Lodge Baptist  
Church, Purley

Juniors: 5-8pm  
Seniors: 7.30-9.15pm

## THURSDAY

St Mildred's Church,  
Croydon

Juniors: 4.30-6.15pm  
Seniors: 6.45-8.15pm

## SATURDAY

Sunnydown School,  
Caterham

Juniors: 10am-12pm  
Seniors: 12.15-2.15pm

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