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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

When complete, our animal project will bring an array of benefits to the school and the young men. It is clearly demonstrated that the presence of animals, and interacting with them, lowers heart rate and decreases anxiety. Our chickens have been welcomed and are producing eggs daily.

As mentioned previously, the next phases include goats and wallabies. When he heard this, Mr Anthony Caruana, father of Harvey in Year 7, made immediate contact as he too believed in the positive impact animals have. Mr Caruana went one step further though, and made an incredibly generous donation of £1000 towards the project.

When asked why he felt compelled to donate, Mr Caurana said “Here at GuS Periscopes Ltd we are keen to engage with and support community projects which have real positive impact on the development of young people. We believe the live animal husbandry project will provide the Sunnydown students the opportunity to develop life skills and assist with their sensory needs.”

Ofsted were in this week for a two day inspection. It is fair to say that areas for development were identified when our provision is compared to and inspected under the new Framework. However, Clive Dunn also acknowledged the incredible progress students make in their resilience and growth as young men, he used the word ‘transformative’. As soon as the outcome is published, it will of course be shared with families. However, the senior leaders and I have already started to action a plan to redress the areas identified as requiring some attention, so that at the next inspection, we are recognised for the incredible work put in by my staff team, but also, for the amazing outcomes achieved and demonstrated by your sons.

Thank you to the families that were able to respond to the Ofsted survey. A vast majority of these responses were incredibly complementary and understanding of our ethos and approach and appreciated the efforts we go to when ensuring your son is safe and able to grow and learn. To those families who shared their perspectives on areas to improve and develop, thank you also.

While there is currently no change in what the Department for Education is recommending schools do regarding Covid, it is inescapable that a continued rise in cases is likely to lead to changes. Please do be prepared for this, not only regarding schooling but in the wider community. I would encourage all students to wear masks when travelling

to school in a taxi and continue to sanitise hands on arrival and departure from school. We have not been notified yet of the date that students will be vaccinated. I do understand that several families are arranging their own vaccinations.

Covid testing is strongly encouraged as it remains that up to a third of people with Covid do not show any symptoms. New test kits are being provided to students at taxi time today. We continue to monitor cases of students and staff who are positive for Covid and it is most probable that cases will increase. Please be vigilant.

Halloween Mufti

The original idea for a Halloween Mufti came from the kitchen team. They were incredible today, providing the students with lots of treats.

Money raised will go towards MIND, a mental health charity. Students and staff alike joined in which made for a wonderful end to the half term.

Have a wonderful half term. Paul Jensen





REMINDER - Bank Holiday (Friday 22nd October) and Inset Day (Monday 1st November)

Just a reminder that Friday 22nd October 2021 is a Bank Holiday. This is the date in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday. Also note that the Monday after half term is an Inset Day, therefore we look forward to seeing the boys return to school on Tuesday 2nd November, Monday timings (arrive 9.00am - 9.30am). Students will follow the Tuesday timetable for lessons after assembly.

Friends of Sunnydown

Smartie Challenge - half term: Our Smartie challenge is back! Tubes of Smarties (or an alternative where requested) will be heading home with the boys today. As a reminder, after the boys have enjoyed the Smarties, the challenge is to try and fill the tube with any loose change they can find. On return, they will be entered into a prize draw. Tesco's and Morrisons have kindly donated the Smarties, for which we are very grateful.

Cycling

Two more boys have begun cycling this half term. Alfie Monk and Michael Hanley showed great determination and persistence in order to begin cycling. Well done both boys and keep up the good work.



Gabe

100% Attendance

Congratulations to 7O for achieving 100% attendance for w/e 15th October 2021.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chef of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jacob Kelly (7N)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for resilience is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daniel Linney (11W)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok for resilience is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reece Williams (10J)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Artist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle and Miss Adams for his effort in photography is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nathan Waters (10P)</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thought for this week (W/C: 18th October)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Personal Identity - what makes me special</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thought for w/c: (W/C: 2nd November)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Looking after ourselves - November and emotional health</u></p>
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<u>House Points</u>	
Callum Lagan	400 House Points
Mason-Ray Hayden	400 House Points
Ty Small	450 House Points
Tomas Bodkin	500 House Points
Joshua Tucker	550 House Points
Liam Tushingham	550 House Points

Please also see below for the top scorers for this half term:

<u>KS3</u>	
Ty Small 9C	33
Harvey Caruana 7N	27
Taylor Conway 8T	25
Ollie Taylor 7O	34
Dominic Hanley 7N	31
Lithar Po-Ba 7O	28
Harry Franklin 7N	31
Alfie Monk 7N	28
Max Mahboobani 9C	22
Callum Annis 7O	34
Bailey Goodliffe 7N	28
Hamish Scott 8T	27
<u>KS4</u>	
George Smith 10P	26
Connor Mason 11W	21

David Daruval 11W	19
Thando Po-Ba 10J	31
Daniel Linney 11W	31
Liam Tushingham 10P	27
Tomas Bodkin 10J	27
Daniel Diaz-Lester 10P	27
Joseph Harley 11W	27
Joshua Barnes 10P	34
Edward Bridges-Pugh 10P	15
Reece Wood 10P	15

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<https://sites.google.com/sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk/sunnydown-learning-hub/home>

