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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Today 7C learnt all about Ramadan and the Eid celebration taking place as Ramadan ends. Mrs Hull took the students on a trip to an Indian Sweet Shop in Wallington, where they sampled a selection of sweets. The owner of the shop very generously donated a box of sweets for the staff to share in celebration of Eid.

Ramadan is the Arabic name for the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is considered one of the holiest months for Muslims and is marked by a period of fasting, considered one of the Five Pillars of Islam.

The remaining four principles which Muslims believe are compulsory acts ordered by God include faith, prayer, charity and making the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca.

Ramadan falls on a different date every year, due to the cycles of the moon.

In 2023, Ramadan started on the evening of Wednesday 22 March, and will finish tonight, Friday 21 April.

If you want to wish someone well, you can say "Ramadan Mubarak", which means "Blessed Ramadan", or "Ramadan Kareem", which translates as "Generous Ramadan".

Muslims have an early morning meal before dawn, known as suhoor or sehri.

They do not eat or drink anything - including water - until they break their fast after sunset for the evening meal, called iftar or fitoor.

Eid takes place at the end of Ramadan.

The name "Eid al-Fitr" translates as "the festival of the breaking of the fast".

To all who are celebrating Eid this evening, Eid Mubarak.

These cultural experiences enhance our curriculum here at Sunnydown as we continue to educate ourselves and our students about the wider world.

Autism Strategy - Smooth Transition Event - 17th May 2023

Please see the link below with details of the above event where you will have opportunities to network with practitioners from settings in your locality. It will help to create relationships and links to support smooth transitions moving forward with ideas, interventions and good practice to support smooth transitions for autistic children and young people - in Reigate and Banstead settings.

<https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Event/198430>

Exam success for our Year 10 English Students!

I am delighted to be able to share the news that every single Year 10 student passed both the Reading and Writing element of the recent English Functional Skills exams. This is a fantastic achievement for our students - the AQA exam in Functional English is a public exam which is sat following all exam regulations and protocols. Your sons showed incredible resolve and determination to do their best even if feeling a little nervous. They worked hard in their English classes and now have a qualification to be proud of.

We intend to enter your sons for the Level 2 exam for English Functional Skills in November of Year 11.

Congratulations!

Mrs Jensen & Miss Newcombe

Greenhouse Easter Holiday Scheme

Over the last week a record number of students from Sunnydown (as well as ones from St Paul's Way Trust and Highshore School) took part in the Easter Holiday Scheme. They took part in multiple treasure hunts including an Easter egg hunt, played hide and seek and Dodgeball and went to Sayers Croft outdoor activity centre where they did high ropes, travelled a maze, did a team challenge, did archery and axe throwing. Some thoughts from participants (and staff) are below.

Ethan: *I enjoyed the week.*

Gabe: *What would you change?*

Ethan: *I don't know.*

Gabe: *Should we play any different sports?*

Ethan: *Dodgeball*

Leo: *Badminton*

Kieran: *We should do gliding and airsoft*

James H: *We should go to Brighton or do a tour of London*

Mr Moody: *Footgolf near Gatwick's really good*

Gabe: *What different events would you do if we came back to Sayers Croft?*

Kieran: *I'd do the same again*

Toby: *I'd do high ropes*

Gabe: *What was the best thing about the week?*

Leo: *Chocolate*

Jayden P: *Football obviously*

Thomas: *Scoring a penalty and chocolate buttons*

Ethan: *Dodgeball*

Edward: *I liked driving down Purley Way*

Gabe: *What activities did you like?*

Edward: *Everything*

James: *Everything*

We also drove down to Vauxhall for a football tournament over both weeks. The 'Players Player of the Tournament' in week 1 was **Thomas Emms**. The 'Coach's Player of the Week' for week 2 was **Harry Vaughan** but it was great to see everyone getting engaged and participating well, even those who don't normally play football.



Greenhouse T Shirt

This week Byron gets a Greenhouse T-shirt for his kindness and politeness. Well done Byron and richly deserved.



Gabe

Blackland Farm Visit

Today the whole of Year 9 went down to Blacklands Farm for our first visit of the year. We climbed Jacob's ladder, went up an indoor climbing wall and did some crate stacking (which is more fun than it sounds). It involved one team building crates into higher and higher towers while pairs of students balanced on top. It was great to see the resilience, determination and teamwork on display and the thoughts of some of the boys are below:

Felix: *That was fun wasn't it?*

Teddy: *That was fun. I could do stuff like this all day. Will the residential be like this?*

Gabe: *Favourite part of the day?*

Freddie: *Watching you fall.*

Well done to all the boys and a special mention to Mr Nelson for reaching the top of Jacob's ladder.



Max and Finley prepare to climb Jacob's ladder.
(Whoever Jacob was, he was very tall!)

Gabe

Friends of Sunnydown

For your diaries! Upcoming events:

- **Caterham Cycle Challenge - 4th -12th May 2023** - Our students will be cycling 660km around Kenley aerodrome in a relay event (with the aim of raising money for emotional well being and mental health support). Over the past two years we have raised over £40,000 - please sponsor your sons to help us top this figure for 2023!
- **SunnyFest - Saturday 3rd June, 2023** at Sunnydown. Get your tickets now! This promises to be a fantastic day. We are privileged to have a band join us of graduates from Sunnydown! Don't miss it! (see attached flyer)
- **Golf Day - Tuesday 6th June, 2023** at Farleigh Golf Course (see attached flyer). Treat yourself to a relaxing golf day and raise funds at the same time!

All monies raised will make a huge difference in improving support for emotional wellbeing and mental health - we can't do it without your support!

Spring 2023 - Reading Achievers

Spring term saw a record in the amount of students who achieved gold, silver and bronze status. It is a huge achievement and testament to the effort of all the boys. A huge Well Done!

Reading is a worthy skill that improves your ability to focus and concentrate, enhances your knowledge of vocabulary as well as reducing stress and helping you to relax. For those who struggle to engage, it is worth remembering that reading a newspaper, online sports review or any piece of text will have the same benefits. Please see the list of achievers at the end of the newsletter

Miss Wood

Online Safety

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter re OFCOM'S Children & Parents: Media Use & Attitudes' Report 2023.

Mr Cassim

Attendance

Congratulations to all 36 students who achieved 100% attendance for the Spring Term 2 (20th February - 31st March 2023).

<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C: 24th April 2023)</p> <p>How can we maintain positive relationships?</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C: 1st May 2023)</p> <p>How can we resolve conflict?</p>
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<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<u>Musician of the Week</u>	<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<u>Chef 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>Harvey Caruana (8N)</p>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for resilience is</p> <p>Harry Vaughan (9D)</p>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p>Harrison Williams (7C)</p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his great self portrait this week is</p> <p>Felix Drummond (9T)</p>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull for improved time management and resilience is</p> <p>Toby Chapman (9D)</p>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe for his fantastic engagement and effort this week is</p> <p>Thomas Emms (7C)</p>
<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok for showing independence in his GCSE revision is</p> <p>Callum Lagan (10C)</p>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova for Resilience & co-operation is</p> <p>Joshua Barnes (11P)</p>				

Pet of the Week

If you want your pet to be Pet of the Week - please email a photo and name to Mrs Peterson (h.peterson@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk) for it to appear on our weekly board.

Mrs Peterson

Song of the Week

This week's song was nominated by Callum in 7C: Dirty Rush & Gregor Es - Brass (2018).

House Points	
Daniel Diaz-Lester	850 House Points
Nathan Waters	700 House Points
Oscar Stewart	700 House Points
Josh Benton	650 House Points
Varen Estwick	600 House Points
Callum Lagan	600 House Points
Harvey Caruana	450 House Points
Harry Franklin	450 House Points
Harry Vaughan	450 House Points
Logan East	400 House Points
Charlie Carter	350 House Points
Sam Lopes	150 House Points

Forthcoming Events

Date	Description
Monday 24 th May 2023	GCSE PE Video Moderation - Basketball at Caterham school
Tuesday 25 th May 2023	Year 10/11 Coast To Capital SEND Careers Fair
Monday 1 st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd May 2023	Open Morning
Monday 8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday - King's Coronation
Wednesday 10 th May 2023	Students and staff leave for The Gibb Challenge in Australia
Friday 12 th May 2023`	School Council Trip to Houses of Parliament
Friday 26 th May 2023	End of Summer Term 1
Saturday 3 rd June 2023	SunnyFest - A music festival at Sunnydown

Monday 5 th June 2023	Start of Summer Term 2 Year 10 Work Experience Week Year 9 Fulham FC Workshops for students
Tuesday 6 th June 2023	Corporate Golf Day, Farleigh Golf Club
Friday 23 rd June	Inset Day
Wednesday 5 th July 2023	SSSSA Athletics
Friday 7 th July 2023	Drama club performance at The Arc
Wednesday 12 th July 2023	Blood Brothers performance on site
Friday 21 st July 2023	Last day of term

Spring 2023 Reading Achievers



100% (5 House Points)

Robert H
Zach H
Alex P
Callum T
Harvey C
Harry F
Callum A
Jonathon E
Charlie H
Ollie T
Edward G
James H
Freddie P
Varen E
Callum L
Max M
Ollie Mc
Oscar S
Lucas A
James D
George S
Liam T



90% + (3 House Points)

Noah A
Ethan L
Charlie C
Dominic H
Jacob K
Lithar P-B
Leo S
Toby C
Logan E
Charlie Mc
Nathan S
Harry V
Hamish S
Alfie W
Ty S
Josh B
Joshua B
Daniel D-L
Nathan W



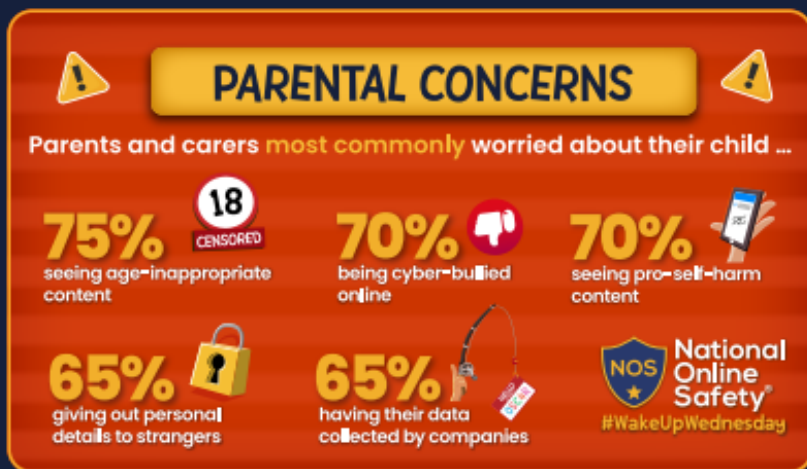
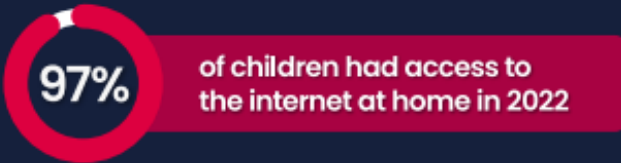
80% + (1 House Point)

Freddie D
Thomas E
Freddie C
Freddie P
Kasra A
Alfie T
Sonny C
Felix D
Max G
Andrew H-S
Jensen P



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...



Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge



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SAFETY . QUALITY . DURABILITY

The Community Needs You!

Between 4th & 12th May, the students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kenley Aerodrome.

With your help, we aspire to raise £35,000 to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need. Please help by sponsoring this event - any donations are gratefully received.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge23

For more information email:

cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

In May, two students are flying to Australia to take part in The Gibb Challenge and cycle 660km across the remote Kimberley region. This demonstrates how committed we are to supporting the Mental Health of our community.

SATURDAY 03RD JUNE
2023
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12.00PM - 8PM
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LIVE MUSIC | GREAT FOOD | FAMILY FUN

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FESTIVAL,
FILLED WITH AMAZING LIVE MUSIC
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CARIBBEAN FOOD | CAKE| ICECREAM |
BOUNCY CASTLE | MUSIC AND DANCNG

RAISING MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

TICKETS: £10 UNDER 12'S GO FREE
WITH A PAYING ADULT

SCAN THE CODE TO PURCHASE
TICKETS ONLINE OR BUY IN
PERSON AT COMPUTER
SOLUTIONS CATERHAM






FRIENDS OF SUNNYDOWN
CORPORATE

GOLF DAY

DATE
6 JUNE 2023
ARRIVE 10AM
TEE OFF 11AM

PRICE
£75 PER PERSON
&
£280 PER 4 BALL

VENUE
FARLEIGH GOLF CLUB
OLD FARLEIGH ROAD
WARLINGHAM, CR6 9PE

INCLUDED:
BREAKFAST ROLL &
2 COURSE MEAL

EARLY BIRD:
£65 PER PERSON &
£240 PER 4 BALL
(offer ends 31 March)

BUY TICKETS
www.bit.ly/sunnydowngolf2023

SCAN ME

Sunnydown is a small school in Surrey for young men with ASD.

Friends of Sunnydown supports the school and local community by providing vital funding where needed.

To bring the parental community and their business contacts together for a day to escape the office and help raise funds for the school.



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