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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Spring has certainly sprung at Sunnydown. Young men and staff alike have started the term with smiles on their faces, enthusiastic energy and full of excitement; much like the blossom on our cherry tree. Though my photographic ability is not of the quality of an aspiring photographer here at school.



Connor Mason won the silver award at the National Unique Art Awards for his photography. Not satisfied with this accolade, on 9th April 2022, Connor exhibited a collection of his photos (49 in total). He framed them and wrote a biography for people to read. The exhibition was held at The Patchworking Garden, a charity in Dorking for people with disabilities and mental health issues. After three hours he had sold nearly all his photos and raised £236 for Sunnydown School.

This money will be allocated towards supporting additional Mental Health strategies here at Sunnydown. Thank you Connor.

We continue to reflect on the impact of the war in Ukraine, however, it is also appropriate that we reflect on some issues closer to home where we can have a positive impact. The Caterham Cycle Challenge returns this year, with the ambitious aim of raising £35,000 to support Mental Health work across our community. Please distribute the attached poster as far and wide as you can, and support the event by raising money, asking for donations and promoting Mental Health positively.

A group of students are attending an afternoon tea at Runnymede Hotel today to show our support to the Children With Special Needs Foundation (CWSNF). This charity has contributed to our BBQ Hut, the Burger Van, the Florida trip and even some landscaping opportunities and has worked to raise over £8 million pounds for children with special needs over the past 25 years. Many thanks to Leo Sumsion, Harvey Caruana, James Dean, David Daruval, Leon Punjabi, Kal-El Harris and Josh Barnes for giving up their Friday afternoon to represent Sunnydown at this wonderful event.

Behaviour expectations at Sunnydown are always high. Sometimes, your son may not meet these expectations. When this happens, all incidents are dealt with thoroughly, sympathetically and equitably following official guidance and school policies. For example, the use of bad and foul language is never condoned, however, on occasion it will happen. By way of another example, a child bringing alcohol to school or consuming it at school (or on school events) warrants immediate sanctions. All incidents are seen as a form of communication and an opportunity to learn.

This newsletter is being distributed to families of students who are likely to join us in Year 7 starting in September. To all of our new families, I extend a huge welcome. The transition offer from Primary School to Sunnydown starts with increasing communication and opportunities to visit to ensure each young man is as prepared as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Caterham Cycle Challenge - Fundraiser



Join us on Friday 20th May as we celebrate the culmination of a week of fundraising for the cycle challenge with a huge celebration featuring live music from The Wildfires.

The Wildfires are one of the most charismatic and hard working function bands in the UK. With their awesome live show and repertoire of rock and pop classics, singalongs and air guitar anthems, stretching from the 60s right up to present day. They are lighting up events around the country and making sure every single guest has a night they will never forget. With over 20 years experience between them they always know how to keep a dancefloor full and keep the party going.

So after 2 years of being stuck indoors, dust off those dancing shoes and join us for a party night to remember and all in a good cause, win win!!

Tickets are £25 including food and drink on arrival. Pay bar is open all night and grab yourself some amazing prizes in the silent auction. Great music, great food, great company and a cheeky beer, what's not to love?

Doors open at 7.30pm and carriages at 11.30pm.

Purchase tickets via www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents

Greenhouse

In week 1 of the Easter holidays there was a holiday scheme for all year groups where boys tried different activities from archery, tree climbing and bush craft to hide and seek and capture the flag. Students also took part in an Easter egg treasure hunt and, thanks to our continuing partnership with Surrey Healthy Active, all attendees got an Oddbox of fresh fruit and vegetables to help promote healthy eating choices. The thoughts of some of the boys are below.

Logan: Is it on next week?

Gabe: No

Logan: Ah, it's more fun than staying at home

Gabe: Jayden did you enjoy it?

Jayden: Yeah even though we didn't get to hoverboard

Gabe: What did you enjoy most?

Alfie T: All of it

Jonathan: Archery

Leo: Archery

Dominic: Tree climbing. Archery was my least favourite

Alfie: For next time, hoverboards

Toby: I think I liked hide and seek most

Edward G: I liked nothing

Gabe: Seriously?

Edward G: Ok I'm joking. I enjoyed everything.

Alfie T: Make it longer. It's so fun, two days isn't long enough.



In week two of the Easter holidays, nine Sunnydown students went to Stubbers Adventure Centre in Essex. As always, their thoughts about the trip are below.

Kieran: It was actually pretty sick

Gabe: Favourite bits? Evening entertainment?

Everyone: No

Gabe: Did you make any new friends?

Elvin: Lalli was a good guy

Cam: I did try to help Alfie

Elvin: I helped lots of people

Ty: I made friends

Gabe: With who?

Ty: The big guy

Elvin: His name was Lalli

Liam: I made three friends: Tommy, Daisy and Alfie

Gabe: Varen did you enjoy yourself?

Varen: Yes

Gabe: Favourite things?

Josh: Shooting

Cam: Meeting new people

Liam: Getting a bullseye first try

Gabe: Winning at table tennis!

Miss Wood: Beating Gabe at laser tag, spending quality time with the boys and meeting new schools

Gabe: How could it be better in the future?

Kieran: You don't come!

Elvin: Nothing, it's been really good

Josh: Better rooms

Luke from Samuel Rhodes school: You and you were my best friends (pointing to Liam and Oscar)

Lalli from High Shore school: Elvin was my favourite thing

Max from Samuel Rhodes: Elvin was my best friend

The boys did problem solving and team building exercises, went boating, did archery, laser tag, rifle shooting, bush craft and orienteering but the best thing was seeing how quick they were to help their peers, seeing them build friendships and try new things.

Well done boys.



Gabe

National Autistic Society

Please see the attached leaflet with an out of hours advice line number along with information about available courses.

<u>Thought for this week</u> (W/C: 18th April) Why do we need to look after our planet? Earth Day (22/4/22)	<u>Thought for the week</u> (W/C:25th April) How can we maintain positive relationships?
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<u>Mathematician of the Week</u> The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok for passing his Functional Skills maths test is: Henry Hilton (11Z)	<u>Chef of the Week</u> The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Miss Carew is Taylor Conway (8T)	<u>Scientist of the Week</u> The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for co-operation is Charlie McSorley (8D)
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House Points for this week

<u>House Points this week</u>	
Josh Barnes	650 House Points
Edward Bridges-Pugh	550 House Points
Hamish Scott	300 House Points

Friday Curriculum (29/4/22)

A ParentMail will be sent next week listing activities.

