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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

GASP Motor Project

Callum Truttero, Harry Franklin and Alex Perreira have been part of the GASP Motor Project and have been working together to create their own GreenPower F24 racing car. Yesterday they were preparing for an exciting big event! They have been invited to participate in an Eco Drive Challenge, hosted by Mercedes Benz World, as part of their 20th Anniversary celebrations on Thursday 5th June . The eco-challenge will last two hours, and each car has 3, 12v batteries. With a minimum of two driver changes (minimum 3 drivers) the winner is the team who manages to travel the furthest distance in the time, and within the battery capacity. There will be an afternoon of prize giving and trophies.



Friday Curriculum - School Project



8P have been helping to make scarecrows to protect the schools new vegetable allotment today. The groups showed good cooperation skills to plan out and make three different scarecrows that have been placed in the vegetable patch to help deter the birds.



Food Tech Reminder

This is just a reminder to please return the clear plastic containers which the boys often take their cooking home in. Very few are coming back and I am getting very low again. Thank you in advance.

Mrs Hull

Proceeds from Cake Sale

To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, on Thursday 8 May we held a cake sale at break time to raise money for the Royal British Legion selling cakes for 50p. We are thrilled to announce that we raised £111.05p!

Kenley Cycle Challenge



Well done to all involved for another successful Kenley cycle event. For once the weather was on our side this year and, as always, the target was to walk and cycle over 660km to raise money for local charities. Again, this year the focus was on supporting mental health and the provision of mental health practitioners for the local area. As always the distance target was easily exceeded. This year ...

The Year 7s managed 75 laps with Thomas Illman managing 10.

The Year 8s did a 100 laps with Jacob Ryan completing 10 and George McGookin and Loui Salliss each doing 9.

The **Year 9s** did 84 laps with Alex Pereira also finishing 10 laps and Callum Dowie, Zac Hoad and Harrison Williams doing 9 each.

The Year 10s did 73 laps with Jayden Peters and Jacob Kelly completing 10 laps each.

The **Year 11s** did 65 laps with Teddy Foster completing 8 and Harry Vaughan managing 7.

The **staff** managed to complete an additional 64 laps with Mr Moody managing 10 and Miss Thompson doing 9 meaning that, as a school, we completed a total of 463 laps and a **total distance of 1,296.4km!** Almost twice the target distance. The most important thing was that everyone did their best in their own way with some walking, some cycling and many doing a mixture of both and whatever distance each student travelled, it was an important contribution to the total.

Thanks to the families for your support whether that be in encouragement, dropping off and picking up bikes or the donations and sponsorship forms that continue to come in. Well done one and all and here's to the Kenley 2026 event!

Greenhouse Cup

Last week's Greenhouse Cup winner was Harry Salter. Harry has settled into Sunnydown life really well and is showing massively improved resilience and self-belief. After only recently learning to cycle, he initially decided to walk around Kenley aerodrome for the cycle event, then changed his mind and cycled and completed 5 laps. It was a perfect example of his developing self-belief and shows why he is a very worthy winner of the Greenhouse Cup.



Harry - well done and keep up the very good work!

Gabe

Learning Space - Free Webinar

Please see the information below, in connection with the ND team and their free offer for online webinar.



Thought for the Week (W/C: 19/5/25)

Living in a Diverse Culture

Thought for the Week (W/C: 2/6/25)

Growth Mindset & The Learning Pit

The Baton

Kasra Alavi

For going above and beyond joining in activities at the care home today.

Dancing with residents and participating in a 60s dance class with the care home residents

Mathematician of the Week	The recipient of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is
	Ollie Hall For working hard and independently
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	& awarded by Mrs Palmer is
	Kamauri Craig
	For showing great resilience & success when drawing Pie charts
Scientist of the Week	The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is
	KS3
	Zack Harrison
	For active learning
	KS4
	KS4
	Ollie Taylor
	For active learning
Writer of the Week	The recipients of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Palmer are
	KS3
	Hayden Howells Mathew Marenga
	For exceptional dedication when writing their persuasive letters
	& awarded by Miss Newcombe
	KS3
	James Titchner
	For two excellent persuasive speeches using AFOREST
	KS4
	Nathan Small
	For creating a very emotive story using a picture
	All Year 11's
	For their dedication in Literature Paper 2 and Language Paper 1!

Chef of the Week	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is
	Elliot Palmer For independence and confidence
Musician of the Week	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is Eddie Smith
Reader of the Week	The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood is Ethan Lyons For his commitment to reading & passing all twelve book quizzes on Accelerated Reader
Artist of the Week	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is Harley Schooling For his fantastic textile toy Ollie Taylor For his independence in art
Computer Scientist of the Week	Sony Chater For all the hard effort he has put into his Computer Science & work throughout the 2024/25 academic year

House Points

Due to exams taking place, House Points will be awarded after half term.

Forthcoming Events 2025

Summer Term 2025	
Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th June 2025	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 9 th June 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening Last GCSE exam
Thursday 19 th June 2025	*Year 11 Graduation
Friday 20 th June 2025	Business Breakfast
Friday 20 th June 2025	INSET DAY
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Innovate Year 10 session
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	Innovate Year 9 session
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Friday 27 th June 2025	Innovate Year 9 session
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 8 (& outstanding Years 8-11) HPV vaccination
Monday 7 th July 2025	Prospero/Sunnydown Drama Performance (Herakles)
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	New Barnes KS4 tournament
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Presentation Event
Friday 11 th July 2025	The Arc - Prospero Drama Group
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	New Barnes KS3 tournament
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Sports Day
Friday 18 th July 2025	END OF TERM (1.20pm finish)
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2025)	INSET DAY