

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

With the war in Ukraine now moving into the second month, I would encourage all to reflect on the implications for those directly affected. I would like to extend my gratitude for the show of solidarity at the **First News Ukraine Schools Appeal**.



## Inset

Staff are working on enhancing our curriculum even further on Friday during Inset. The new format will make it even more accessible to families and students, but will be designed to showcase the outstanding and exceptional breadth, depth and quality of our curriculum. The work that teachers are currently investing will be live on the website for September 2022.

It would be remiss of me if I did not acknowledge the effort above and beyond expectations, that staff are investing now and always. This curriculum redesign will benefit the school and your sons directly. However, in a large secondary school, there is often a team of people undertaking this task for each subject. At Sunnydown, there is often one person leading a subject and at best, a very small team of maybe 2 or 3 staff. This staff imbalance is a massive burden, however staff here at Sunnydown have risen to the occasion. Thank you.

The Pastoral Team are attending some updated medical training to further enhance this excellent provision as well.

## Key Dates

Please note that school finishes at the usual time of 3.30pm today. **Tomorrow is an INSET day** and next Friday (1<sup>st</sup> April and the last day of term) we finish at 1.30pm.

## Greenhouse T Shirts

Recently three more students have earned themselves Greenhouse T-shirts. Edward (8D) has gone from being a non-cyclist to a committed cyclist and has matured and developed resilience in his time at Sunnydown. Whilst Dominic, and more recently Michael, have both shown determination in learning to cycle. Well done to all three boys.



**Gabe**

## 100% Attendance

Congratulations to 10P and 9C for achieving 100% attendance for w/e 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

## NCS

Please see the fliers at the end of this newsletter for information regarding a 2 week summer programme.

## School Council Minutes

Please see the attached minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

### Chickens

Miss Thomson has managed to get some great pictures of the chickens enjoying the sunshine today and donning their new House colour coded ankle tags.

#### Portley's Talullah



#### Buxton's Victoria



#### Whyteleafe's Little Nugget



#### Burntwood's Colonel Sanders



### Green Power Electric Car Project



Before the start of lockdowns in 2020 we were taking part in a joint project with de Stafford to build and race an electric car. We are planning to restart again after Easter. So far we have built the frame of the car and have almost completed the electric motor. When we restart the project the boys will be developing bodywork, completing all the wiring and testing the car. We had been due a testing day at Goodwood racetrack, which will hopefully be rescheduled sometime this year. There are two spaces available for this project. The work is done at de Stafford where the school's normal high expectations are expected for all boys. If your son is interested in taking part they must be able to stay until 5.00pm one day after school and be collected, day to be confirmed.

Applicants should email with an explanation for their reason for wanting to take part to:

[t.moody@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:t.moody@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk)

**Mr Moody**

<p><b><u>Thought for this week</u></b> (W/C: 21<sup>st</sup> March)</p> <p><b>What does it mean to be happy?</b></p>	<p><b><u>Thought for the week</u></b> (W/C: 28<sup>th</sup> March)</p> <p><b>World Autism Day</b></p>
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<p><b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his fantastic graphic design is:</p> <p><b>Ryan Gellett (9C)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok for dedication and excellent homework is</p> <p><b>Daniel Diaz-Lester (10P)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Chef of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Miss Carew is</p> <p><b>Nathan Waters (10P)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Scientist of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for co-operation and resilience is:</p> <p><b>Ollie Taylor (70)</b></p>
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### **House Points for this week**

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Liam Tushingham	600 House Points
George Smith	550 House Points
Mason-Ray Hayden	450 House Points
Ollie McEvaddy	400 House Points
Jayden Smurthwaite	300 House Points
Ollie Taylor	150 House Points





This is your teen's chance to get back out into the world with their mates, get some new skills, make even more friends AND make a difference by getting their communities back on their feet.

We are following all Government guidelines with regards to COVID 19 to ensure that the programme is safe for all.

This year's NCS summer will be a 2 week programme, giving your teen the chance to gain independence, get out the house and stay away from home. Which, let's face it is much needed!

Phase 1 will give your teen the chance to test and challenge themselves by trying out new high octane adventures. They will also stay away from home and have food and transport provided.

Phase 2 Your teen will learn the skills needed for work, further education and independent living. Completing various workshops to enhance their skills and increase their self-confidence, your teen will pick up a lot in this phase.

Phase 3 will allow your teen to plan their own project for a cause that's close to their heart and then action it to help their local communities and really make a difference.

Phase 4 will allow them to let their hair down and celebrate everything they've achieved! They'll also receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister

#### **What are the benefits?**

- It's only £50 for the entire programme, including transport and food for the first 2 phases (bursaries are available for EHCP learners)
- NCS enhances their CVs
- NCS enhances their college applications
- NCS is recognised by UCAS and will benefit their personal statements
- NCS improves confidence and offers skills essential for starting work
- Your teen can gain brand new skills and become more independent
- NCS allows your teen to volunteer to help worthy causes
- Allows them the chance to stay away from home

It's an exciting opportunity and not one to be missed. They can only do it whilst they are 16 or 17 (or up to 25 with an EHCP), so if they're looking for a new challenge or a chance to get out the house and make a difference, visit [wearencs.com](https://wearencs.com) and register today, places are limited.

# Yes this summer?



All the info you need to grab your spot is on our website...just follow our QR code! But here's a quick run down in case you can't wait:

## **WHEN?**

Loads of dates, all over the summer holidays.

## **HOW MUCH?**

The most you'll pay is £50. Bursaries are available. Check our website for info on eligibility.

## **WHAT'S NEXT?**

Head to our website, pick your dates and make a payment. Simple!



## **YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TO...**

### **BE EPIC**

You know that buzz you feel when you nail something you thought was near to impossible? Imagine that, but for every day you're with us. Throw in meeting a new crowd and still having some time to recharge and chill. Pretty great, right?

### **LIVE LIFE**

It gets better. You'll also pick up skills designed to help you smash the whole 'adulthood' thing. Want to know how to budget? Answer questions with confidence? Present to a room full of people without freezing up? Leave it to us.

### **DO GOOD**

But wait, there's more! You'll take all that you've learned and turn your passion into action. Want to see a positive change in your community? Pave the way. You'll have the tools and team to make a lasting impact.

### **GO PARTY**

And on top of all the pals, lols, and skills, you'll get a certificate to remind you of all the wins, and then go party with your team! You've got to go out with a bang, right?

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