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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

It's been another busy week at Sunnydown with Year 8 HPV2 and Year 9 DTP/MEN vaccinations taking place on Monday morning. On Wednesday the SSSSA Key Stage 4 football tournament took place (write up below). Yesterday we held the cycle challenge prize draw (for every £20 raised a named ticket automatically went into the draw). The lucky winner of £300 towards a new bike is James Hall - Congratulations! Year 11s finished their final GCSE on Thursday morning, well done to all of them for their hard work during this time.

The biggest highlight of this week though was the graduation evening for our Year 11s. We were so lucky that the sun came out in time for drinks and nibbles on the terrace which was a great opportunity for Mr Wright to present each leaver with a Sunnydown hoodie and graduation cap. This followed with some heartfelt speeches celebrating every pupil's achievements and their memorable times here at Sunnydown. David Daruval received the Martin Bushell Science Prize, and Daniel Linney received the Governors' Prize and achieved a whopping 1000 House Points! Thank you to Sean and Hayley for providing a wonderful curry and desserts. Also to Mrs Tushingam for the beautiful balloon arch - it was great seeing our leavers enter the dining hall through the arch whilst being greeted with cheers and applause. An extended write up will be in the next newsletter. Many thanks to Mr Wright who, though supported by a team of workers, coordinated yet another exceptional celebration. Thank you.

Uniform

Please be reminded that, as a uniformed school, regular checks on all aspects of uniform are undertaken. During the hot weather recently, I did make allowances for ties to not be worn and encouraged boys to take off their blazers and jumpers as well.

However, now that we have returned to more mild conditions, all students should return to wearing full uniform. Please don't be offended if we make contact to discuss any aspect of uniform with you. Wearing our full uniform with pride helps develop a sense of belonging. This was such a strong message coming through speeches on Thursday night at Year 11 graduation that it is a tradition that will continue.

Year 9 and Year 11 Trips

I wish all Year 9 students and Year 11 students who are off to their respective residential trips this week a wonderful time. As this newsletter is being sent a little late, I can confirm that I saw all of the young men leave this morning, amid great excitement and anticipation.

Year 10 - Global Peace Games Poem

Year 10 PW2 English are currently studying poetry as part of their English Literature GCSE course. Mr Wright asked me if some of the Y10 boys could write a poem reflecting on their experiences of the Global Peace Games in Belgium, and this poem was just too good not to share with you all!

Now and Then by Liam T

Travelling to Belgium, 18 on the bus.
Dover to Calais
Through The Tunnel,
Pitch black and bumpy,
Packed lunches out, eating to our hearts desire,
Talking and laughing,
Destination Messines Peace Village!

Arrived on the beach,
clutching my gun, so close for protection.
Explosions to the left, explosions to the right, explosions behind me.
Salty sea cutting my lips,
Smoked filled air encases our troops.
Destination unknown!

Mrs Jensen

Global Peace Games

At the end of the May half term Sunnydown School Year 10s had the honour of representing the UK at the Global Peace Games, a peace education programme that taught students and staff about conflict and conflict resolution, sportsmanship and citizenship. All participants became Peace Ambassadors with the remit of returning to our communities to promote peace through play. The scheme is run by the Children's Football Alliance and, as well as Sunnydown school, Groep Intro and INEX-SDA attended, charities from Belgium and Czechia with students from both of those countries but also with refugees from all over the world. In total seventeen different countries were represented.

The theme for the games was the unifying power of sport and the ability of sport to connect people, regardless of background or nationality. What soon became apparent was that you can communicate with groups that don't speak your language if you have the will and the determination to do so and that regardless of differences of race, religion, age or nationality you can always find common ground. The site of the Peace Village is close to one of the sites where, in 1914 the Christmas Truce took place. Soldiers from both sides put down their weapons, emerged from the trenches, played football and exchanged gifts in defiance of orders. The amazing thing was, without any planning, and with no communication, this happened many times in many different places. Some soldiers were court-martialed and even executed for this act of kindness. Soldiers from many nationalities were involved and during the week students and staff learned how many different nationalities were involved in the First World War and have suffered loss as part of it. In commemoration of this moment, on arrival, students from different nationalities exchanged gifts.

During the week we visited museums, churches and cemeteries, both locally and at Ypres, Passchendaele and Tyne cot. We also visited the Menin Gate, which is covered with the names of over 54,000 British soldiers who were killed in the war but have no known grave. During our visit, we witnessed, and were a part of, the Last Post. People come from all over Belgium and from overseas for this commemoration which includes a musical tribute, a minute's silence, a parade and the laying of wreaths, flags and banners. With hundreds watching, three students from our group, representing Belgium, Czechia and the United Kingdom were chosen to be part of the ceremony and laid a peace ball at the Menin Gate. Well done to George Smith for being chosen from Sunnydown and to all the students who were part of the ceremony or very engaged spectators. A major part of the week was sport and during the games we had players from Club Brugge come down to take part, as well as the Belgian Minister for Youth and the State Secretary for Migration.

Sport had been one of the things that had brought opposing forces together and during the week we played team building games to help bring the different groups together, build trust and communication skills. We also played cricket, football, touch rugby and went cycling, as well as taking part in a music session and doing graffiti art.

Most of the activities took place on the peace pitch where many soldiers had lost their lives. There are currently peace pitches all over the world, including Pakistan, Nagasaki and the Falkland Islands. They serve as a reminder of the power of sport to help overcome conflict and division. The final part of the trip was a cultural exchange where staff from the different groups shared games from their home country with us, some games we knew already like musical chairs and some that were new to us and which we have brought back and shared in Games lessons. The Sunnydown boys themselves then became coaches and showed some of their favourite games to their peers. That, for me, was one of the many highlights of the week. It was a massive honour to be part of the group representing the UK on such a brilliant, emotional, educational and fun packed trip and we've never been made to feel more welcome anywhere. Some of the boys' highlights are below:

Gabe: What were your favourite moments?

Edward: The marching at Ypres

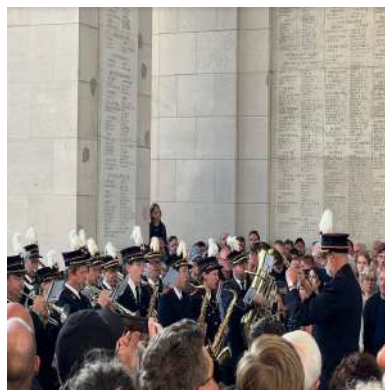
Cam'ron: Making new friends from around the world

Nathan: The bread, chips and waffles

Sharing thoughts about our experiences in Belgium & some of our favourite Sunnydown games



Menin Gate





Getting emotional on awards night



Looking cool by the campfire



Bringing one of the Czech games to Sunnydown



Exchanging gifts with one of the youth team players from Club Brugge



Taking in the sights

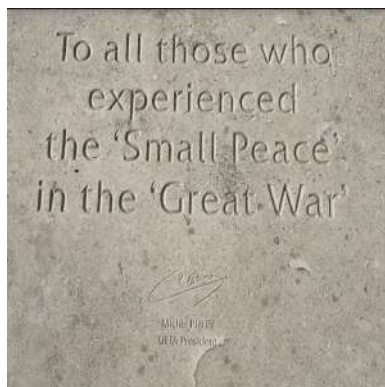


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In 1914, on Christmas Eve, spontaneous truces were called in various spots along the front. Cigarettes and drinks were exchanged between German and allied soldiers in no man's land. In some places - including Poelgheert, Flanders and Mesen - football was played. In 2014 Flanders Peace Field NPO and Peace Village NPO, with the support of the province of West Flanders, renovated the Mesen football pitch, which is now used to commemorate this exceptional event. Since 2016 sports pitches/clubs from across the world have been able to fraternize with the Mesen Peace Field, a project launched by Peace Village and the National Children's Football Alliance. The Peace Field wishes to be a memorial site where people can dwell on the hopeful moments of peace amidst the horrors of the Great War, but also a place where sports and play can contribute actively to peace and reconciliation.



Enjoying the cycling



Laying the peace balls at the UEFA memorial



Cycle event

The cycle event at Kenley returned recently. The Year 9s started us off with special mentions to Lucas Abrams for managing 11 laps and Max Mahboobani for 10. Well done to the year as a whole as they managed a total of 93 laps. Next up came the Year 8s, led off by Teddy Foster who completed 5 laps and Antony Harper and Jayden Smurthwaite who managed 4 laps. The Year 11s were next, led off by Dan Linney and David Daruval (4 laps apiece) with Ben Aldous and Ben Tushingham completing 3 laps. Next up were the Year 10s with Liam Tushingham completing a whopping 15 laps and Daniel Diaz-Lester completing 10. Finally, after a weather delay, came the Year 7s with Harry Franklin managing 5 laps and Bailey, Harvey, Callum, Luke and Leo managing 4. The Year 9s completed the most laps as a year group but the totals were very different across the days because, due to exams and weather conditions, some year groups had longer to cycle than others.

Massive congratulations and thanks to everyone that took part, that helped fundraise, that donated and supported in any way. A special mention to Antony Caruana for his support and to Ross from Ross Cycles <https://rosscycles.co.uk/> for his help - not just for the event itself but his ongoing support with the Sunnydown bike scheme as a whole. Lastly there was the hotly contested matter of the staff totals. Excluding myself, as I was there everyday, the leading staff cyclist was Miss Thompson with 11 laps in her two visits to Kenley, hotly pursued by Mr Moody with 9 laps over his two trips. The final tally was 86 laps completed by staff and 283 laps completed by students meaning in total we managed a whopping 369, which, in sometimes very hot conditions and during an exam- hit couple of weeks makes for a massive total. Oh and a special thank you to Josh Barnes for teaching me to cycle with no hands during the event but once again, well done to everyone involved and hopefully next year will be even bigger and better.

Gabe

Food Tech

Congratulations to the Year 11 students taking the BTEC Home Cooking Skills course, who all received the news this week that they had passed. They have all worked extremely hard and it was great to share this positive news with them during their final food lesson. I wish them all the best as they move onto the next stage of their lives, having gained a valuable life skill for the future.

Mrs Hull

What Parents and Carers need to know about Twitch

Please see the flier attached to this newsletter with information on a live streaming service which tends to focus on gaming.

Mr Cassim

Friends of Sunnydown

Staff fund - As the end of the school year approaches, we like to show our appreciation together to the Sunnydown staff by sending our messages of thanks. If you would also like to contribute towards a gift of vouchers, please follow this link: www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents

Big PTA Raffle - We are again taking part in the big PTA raffle - for each ticket bought, you will get one entry into each of the 12 draws. These are taking place from 19th - 21st July, and you'll have a chance of winning up to £5,000! Each ticket is £3 and this year there is no limit per person. Sunnydown school will receive 50% of each ticket sold, so the more tickets we buy, the more our boys will benefit: www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/sunnydown-school-cr3

Final football trip

For the final time for some this year and for some forever, the Sunnydown Key Stage 4 team strode out for a football tournament, this time at Grafham Grange. First came Carew and a one nil win with Henry scoring the winning goal. Next came Grafham Grange and home field advantage didn't stop them from going down to a 2-1 with goals from Elvin and Henry. Next up was unified and after a tightly contested match, Sunnydown went down to their first defeat losing 1-0. Next was a 0-0 draw and the tension of seeing whether we would qualify for the cup or the plate. After some interesting decisions (when did anyone get two points for a draw?) Sunnydown found themselves in the plate on goal difference. First up was a semi-final, and a penalty shoot out win took us through to a final against Grafham Grange and by the slimmest of margins, Grafham Grange claimed the victory.

Gabe: Boys it's been an absolute pleasure taking you out today and across the last few years.

Mr Thompson: Agreed. Really well done today boys.

Henry: Man of the Match - Dan, because he played well in every match and was a good team player. My Sunnydown player throughout my time is also Dan: because he's good at passing, dribbling and has good awareness.
Favourite memory of representing the school: helping the team and being here today.

Dan: Favourite sporting memory - coming second in 2019 Key Stage 3 Cross Country.
Player of the day: Ben T for leading by example.
Sunnydown player across the years: Tanjim because he was a fantastic leader and footballer.

Liam: Favourite moment: Henry's bicycle kick goal at Fulham.
Player of the day: Dan, he played every game but showed great speed and stamina.
Player across the years: Henry because he is an extremely good keeper and even better outfield.

Ben: Man of the Match: Henry, because he scored the most goals (4) and kept running and trying.
Player across the years: Ethan Crouch because he was a great defender and a really good captain.
Favourite moment: The Year 8 relay because he won it and I beat the guy that outpaced me in the 100 and 400.

Elvin: Man of the Match: George, because he always stays composed no matter what happens, even if he, the ref, team mates or the other team made mistakes.

Player across the years: George, because he doesn't play at home but he plays and he does really well and he always tries.

Best sporting memory: seeing an old bully from my old primary school and we made up during football.

Jacob: Favourite player over the years: Kye Adams because he was very welcoming when I started in school and he was just a very nice person.

Favourite memory: Was when Ben took his shin pads off and steam came out.

Man of the Match: Mr Thompson for driving us.

George: Man of the Match: Henry, because he is incredibly good and incredibly tolerant.

Favourite player over the years: because he takes risks for the team.

Favourite memory: placing the ball down in Belgium at the Menin Gates.

Mr Thompson: I've enjoyed everything and my Man of the Match was Liam for consistently going in goal and showing resilience.

Penalty shoot out nerves - Henry says a quiet prayer



Year 10 Work Experience

Please see attached some photos of Daniel Daniel-Diaz Lester during his recent work experience placement at Squires garden centre. What an incredible achievement for this young person. Squires have said that they would welcome Sunnydown students in the future - Daniel should be very proud of himself.



Our Voice Matters

Please find attached information about a survey launching – **Our Voice Matters**. Our Voice Matters is an online survey for everyone in Surrey aged 8 – 25. It's a chance for young people to tell SCC what they think about education, mental health, the environment and much more. The survey is a great way for young people to share anonymously how they really feel about things, and help make positive changes. If young people complete the survey by 31st July 2022, there will also be a chance for them to win a £100 Love2shop voucher. The more responses they get, the better picture they will have of the things that really matter to young people in Surrey. The survey can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/SurreyOurVoiceMatters>

100% Attendance

Congratulations to 9M, 7N and & 7O who achieved 100% attendance for the week ending 17th June 2022.

<p><u>Thought for this week</u> <u>(W/C: 13th June)</u></p> <p>World Refugee Day</p>	<p><u>Thought for the week</u> <u>(W/C: 27th June)</u></p> <p>Money - Do we want it or need it?</p>
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<p><u>Artist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his concentration and effort in art is:</p> <p>Logan East (8D)</p>	<p><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded for his cooperation by Mr Cybuch is:</p> <p>Michael Hanley (70)</p>	<p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week awarded for his resilience by Mr Zadok is:</p> <p>Edward Bridges-Pugh (10P)</p>
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House Points	
Andrew Hendry-Smith	400 House Points
Max Gibbins	350 House Points