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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown

I am so excited for the return of the Friends of Sunnydown Family Quiz night this evening. Such a wonderful opportunity for a social event, testing our wits with the added bonus of potentially winning a few prizes. Arrival time is from 6.30pm with a 7.00pm start for the quiz. Dinner is scheduled for about 8.00pm and we will monitor the finish time but it will be before 10.00pm.

A huge thanks is extended to Kelly Barnes as the current Chair of the FoS for organising the event with support from her amazing team. It is so important that if we as a school wish to see the additional support we offer your sons (Learning Space, reduced cost for school trips, additional equipment etc) continue, we need to fundraise. And to do this, the FoS need members. Please reach out to Kelly Barnes and discuss becoming a supporter.

Men's health continues to be a focus for Movember. The push up tally is likely to surpass 4,000 today with an attempt at 600 today alone. Some of these will be done during the quiz night. Please remember that this initiative is being undertaken to stimulate conversations about men's health. The pushups aside, conversations about and taking actions to improve men's health is the important thing. Please talk to your sons about their health, including men specific illnesses such as testicular and prostate cancers, among others.

I have been privileged to visit several Year 9 classes this week, and was able to join some science conversations regarding evolution. Following one such conversation, Charlie Carter shared with me an evolutionary tree that he had designed himself. Please take the time to have a read of the information further along the newsletter.

I have been working with a particular year level, helping them to understand the importance of being classroom ready as soon as they enter a lesson. Across the school however, having a pencil case with pens and pencils is a perfect place to start. Students having their diary in every lesson, having their shirt tucked in and tie appropriately worn before entering also allow lessons to start calmly. Listening to the adult instructions and speaking politely, without the use of expletives is also considered appropriate behaviour, and a sign that a young person is classroom ready. Your support in discussing this with your son to ensure he is classroom ready, is appreciated.

I understand that the temperature may approach minus one (-1) degrees here in Caterham on Saturday. Wherever you are this weekend, stay warm and safe.

Paul Jensen

Key Stage 3 Dodgeball

The Key Stage 3 Sunnydown dodgeball team went to Guildford Spectrum for a dodgeball bonanza with 150 people taking part across multiple schools. Sunnydown showed great team spirit and fair play throughout and won rounds in each match against teams like New Barn, Blossom H, WEMMS and Nightingale and then it was down to the grand final, the 13th place play off. Unified, their opposition started strongly, winning the first two sets but then, when all seemed lost, Sunnydown showed their fighting spirit and won the last three sets to claim a final victory from the jaws of defeat but more importantly they showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout.

The team is below. Well done one and all!

Jonathan Edwards (9O)

Zac Hoad (8W)

George McGookin (7P)

Leo Sumsion (9O)

Jack Bristow (8W)

Daniel Leonard (7C)

Dominic Hanley (9N)

Eddie Smith (7P)

Kamauri Craig (8C)

Surrey County Council encourages residents to offer Supported Lodgings/Foster

Supported Lodgings, and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers' themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development.

Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and Foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment. Supported Lodgings carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.

This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film 'Any of Us'. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of children they care for to grow and thrive. 'Any of Us' is available to watch from the 26th September. If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on: 0300 123 1620 (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at:

supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering

You can watch 'Any of Us' via [Any of Us - YouTube](#) and connect with the Fostering Service on social media via [@surreyfostering](#).

Caecacetes (land whales)

Balaenoptera Bertae (the ancestor to the Khrenon emperor).

Balaenoptera Musculus (the blue whale that continued living in the ocean).

Scelestecetus Imperator (the Khrenon emperor is the common ancestor to the land whales, it has very poor eyesight and had an omnivorous diet and it lived near coastal areas in late Pleistocene Europe).

Brevicetus Spicatae (the antwhale is the smallest caecacete, it lives a herbivorous diet and is the most aggressive, although being the size of a turkey).

Cornutacetus Europeas (the packfish is the more well known caecacete, it has an omnivorous diet and has the horns of a rhino, the females lack horns and have a more spotty color palette, their calls sound like a mixture between a duck and a tiger).

Terriblicetus Liligator (the wranglerfish is the largest extant caecacete, having a mostly piscivorous diet, eating mostly fish and sometimes small animals).

WRITTEN BY CHARLIE CARTER

Attendance

Congratulations to 11M and 8C for achieving 100% attendance during the w/e 17th November 2023.

Upcoming Science assessments

Year 10PW1 – Bonding and structure, Wednesday 29th November

Year 11PW1 – Homeostasis and response, Tuesday 28th November

Students can revise using the PowerPoints on Google Classroom and BBC Bitesize.

Online Safety

Please see the leaflet at the end of this newsletter ‘Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday.’

Mr Cassim

Friends of Sunnydown

Dates for your diary

Tonight's the night! We are expecting 11 teams to join us tonight to battle it out at the family quiz! Thank you for your overwhelming support for this event and we'll keep you updated with what's raised! If you are joining us, remember to bring drinks, nibbles, cutlery and ketchup. We have a few alcoholic drinks available to buy and raffle tickets and we accept cash and card payments. See you there!

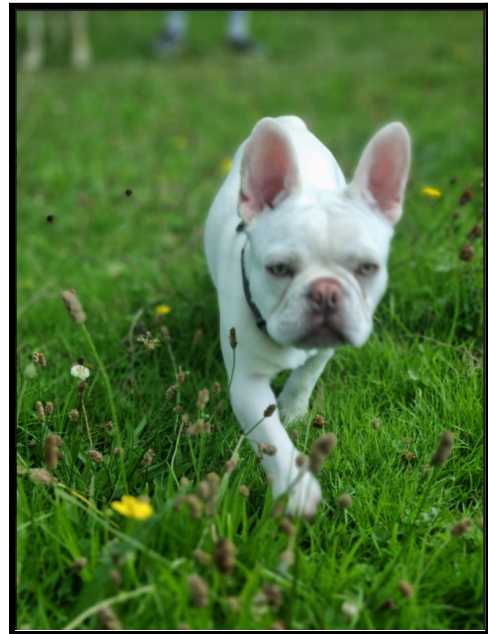
Donation Days - Do you have any unwanted gifts and or wrapped sweets/chocolate that you could re-gift/donate? We are holding donation days on Friday 1st December and Friday 8th December at school, ahead of the boys' Christmas shopping day and would gratefully receive any good condition and unwanted gifts which can be suitable for women, men or children and sweet treats for the tombola.

Christmas raffle tickets - Hopefully you have now received your FoS raffle tickets. We have some fantastic prizes including theatre tickets, Christmas hampers, vouchers for local restaurants and much more! There are more tickets available, please just let me know if you need any more! Just email: friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk
Thank you so much for your continued support.

Do you have some time to spare on either Wednesday 13th December from 3.30pm or Thursday 14th December from 9.30am to support us with the boys' Christmas shopping day? If you can spare an hour or two please email friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Pet of the Week

Jayden Peters has sent in these gorgeous photos of his Sphynx called Cleopatra and his Frenchie called Elvis.



Mrs Peterson

Thought for the Week
(W/C 20th November 2023)

Tolerance - How to tolerate each other

Thought for the Week
(W/C 27th November 2023)

Racism - Respecting differences

Sportsmanship Award

Jacob Ryan
(7C)

Employability Skills Award

Noah Atkins
(8W)

For negotiation skills

Baton Award

Jaden Doorga
(8C)

For resilience & overcoming challenges

<p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jacob Ryan (7C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his contribution to lessons & excellent effort in his work this week</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">& awarded by Mr Zadok is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Callum Lagan (11C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For active learning</i></p>
<p><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mathew Marenga (7P)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For resilience & cooperation</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">& awarded by Mr Cybuch is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bailey Goodliffe (9N)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For cooperation & resilience</i></p>
<p><u>Musician of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Harrison Williams (8C)</p>
<p><u>Artist of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Harry Franklin (9N)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his effective logo design</i></p>
<p><u>Chef of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Carew is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alex Pereira (8W)</p>
<p><u>Writer of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week awarded by Miss Newcombe is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>KS3</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oscar Gregory (7P)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his insightful work on Scrooge's feelings throughout A Christmas Carol</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>KS4</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ollie McEvaddy (11C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his dedication & perseverance in answering a GCSE descriptive question</i></p>

House Points

Lucas Abrams	850 House Points
Alex Hennessy	850 House Points
Ollie McEvaddy	750 House Points
Alfie Wilson	600 House Points
Jonathan Edwards	550 House Points
Edward Gair	550 House Points
Charlie Carter	450 House Points
Antony Harper	450 House Points
Finley Marley	450 House Points
Zac Hoad	400 House Points
Oscar Gregory	100 House Points
Kye Lawrence	100 House Points
George McGookin	100 House Points
Matthew Marenga	100 House Points
Eddie Smith	100 House Points
Arthur Edmondson	50 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Friday 24 th November	Friends of Sunnydown Quiz Night
Tuesday 28 th November	Mock GCSE Art exam
Thursday 30 th November	KS4 Dodgeball - Guildford Spectrum
Friday 1 st December	FoS Donation Day
Monday 4 th - Friday 15 th December	Practice Exam Weeks
Wednesday 6 th December	Nick Boothroyd - Naturally Talented Me
Friday 8 th December	Performance at the Arc - The Return of Jafar
Friday 8 th December	FoS Donation Day
Thursday 14 th December	Reports sent home
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Shopping Day 🎄
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas lunch 🎄
Friday 15 th December	End of term 1.20pm finish
Thursday 20 th June 2024	Scheduled formal graduation event 🎓
Wednesday 15 th - Friday 17 th May 2024	Year 9 Residential Trip

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS AT SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

lessons include:

KEYBOARD **GUITAR**
DRUM KIT

Online registration:

bit.ly/SA-SpeedAdmin

Contact Surrey Arts for more information

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Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site is secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Hogg is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech website *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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