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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Good morning - A Monday edition today, summarising all that happened last week.

With over 62% of our £17,000 target raised as part of the Caterham Cycle Charity, I am looking forward to seeing that increase even further this week as student donations and sponsorships start to flow in. Local primary schools will also no doubt be making a contribution.

By way of a reminder, for every £20 raised, students receive an entry into a draw to win a new bike. The more money raised, the more chances to win. Cash can be brought to school, clearly labelled. Alternatively, families can add directly to the Just Giving Page and clearly identify their son - tickets will then be allocated accordingly. The draw takes place the first week back after half term.

Wednesday 19th May saw the major sponsor breakfast in our landscaped sensory garden area, with a sausage and bacon breakfast cooked on our open fire pit. Via live video link, Josh Quigley in Scotland was able to give us a first hand update regarding the recovery of his knee, an injury sustained during his most recent world record attempt. Also, Simon Rimmer and the Gibb Challenge cyclists in remote Home Valley Station Western Australia described how the Royal Flying Doctors Service had to fly his wife 2,500km to the nearest hospital for emergency surgery while on the Gibb ride several years ago.

Thank you to Josh Barnes and James Hall and their respective families for joining me outside of Waitrose at the weekend, promoting the event and raising money. We were supported by an inflatable unicorn this week and it certainly helped draw a crowd.

Year 7 cycle this Friday 28th May, following the high wind postponement from last Friday.

Year 11 are working hard to ensure their folios of evidence are as full and complete as possible this week, before sitting some tests the week after half term. Teachers at Sunnydown are following the official JCQ and Ofqual guidance very carefully to ensure that the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG) are warranted and can be justified.

No decision regarding the format for Year 11 graduation on Friday 18th June has been made yet, though current lockdown restrictions, though easing, may be the deciding factor.

I was notified late last week that the SCC consultation regarding the potential removal of boarding from Sunnydown will go ahead. Those who have responded should feel that they are being listened to - it was based on feedback to the informal consultation, among other factors, that required SCC to consider very



carefully the next step. I have been reassured by officers involved in the process that all voices will be heard and that the final decision is made by a lead Cabinet member. Important dates are below. As soon as I have any further information, including how to be involved in the formal consultation, I will share with the wider school community.

- Statutory (Formal) notice will be published on 26/05/21
- Statutory (Formal) consultation will run 26/05/21-30/06/21
- Lead Cabinet member decision 13/07/21

Donations to the recently installed recycling bin have been enormous, requiring two visits by the organisers to empty it. Please continue to send in second hand clothing in bin bags.

With the weather improving through the week, just in time for half term, I wish one and all a safe and happy end to the half term.

Paul Jensen
Headteacher



100% Attendance

Congratulations to 11C, 11D & 9P for achieving 100% attendance for the w/e 14th May 2021.

Elklan

We have recently started the journey to becoming an Elklan embedded school and we would like to share the journey with you.

Elklan is a speech and language programme designed to support the development of communication in young people. Elklan's slogan is 'aiming high with communication' and that is exactly what we are striving to do as a designated CoIN school. By better understanding the processes of communication and how it develops, we can support both students and staff in becoming successful communicators. We hope that by increasing confidence in communication, we can increase confidence in learning.

Over time and as our journey progresses, we hope to embed Elklan principles across the school, enabling our young men to thrive as they venture through the school years and beyond.

Miss Newcombe

Year 10 Food Technology

Congratulations to the Year 10 Food Technology students who have all achieved a City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Food Safety & Hygiene for Catering. They have all worked extremely hard on the course over the past three weeks and all received their certificates today. Well done to you all, you should be very proud of your achievement.

Mrs Hull

Caterham Maths Workshop

During this half term, some of the boys in KS3 have taken part in some extra maths workshops provided by Caterham School. They worked on developing their problem solving skills by completing puzzles such as Sudokos and cross numbers. The boys showed a great deal of resilience and enthusiasm by completing the exercises in their own time and the visiting teacher was very impressed with them all. It sparked a new curiosity in the boys which was lovely to see. Well done to the following:

9J	Tommas, Eivin and Josh
9F	Liam and Nathan
8M	Lucas and Alex N
8C	James and Callum
/I	Hamish, Max, Jensen and Jayden
/D	Freddie

Mrs Cybuch & Mrs Campbell

Friends of Sunnydown



Cycle Challenge

Well done to all of the boys who took part in the Kenley Aerodrome cycle challenge this week! A truly amazing effort from everyone having raised £10,000 already. The weather has been changeable, though dry for the most part. For more information, please email:

cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Keep making your donations in cash to the school, or via this link:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/caterhamcyclechallenge

Second hand uniform shop

The online shop is always open!

www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents

The next Friends of Sunnydown meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 26th May - all are welcome. Details to follow.

Friends of Sunnydown
friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Boarding News

This week in boarding we have given each pupil a chance to feed back on their boarding experience by completing a boarding review. We have also managed to fit in some dodgeball, football, runaround games, outdoor gym equipment, Lego challenge and cooking cupcakes. We also had visits from both our independent visitor Caroline Lucas and our Pupil Advocate!

After such a busy week, we hope you have a restful weekend.

The Care Team

Thought for this week was: Mental Health

11D have provided feedback for this week. They found the topic very interesting and they felt very positive that it has been taught at Sunnydown

Thought for week commencing 24th May - Great Learner Project, Co-operation

Next week we will be looking at tips to help and encourage learning at Sunnydown, We will be looking at how your 'growth mindset', 'mindfulness' and recognising your strengths can motivate and support the boys.

Mrs Ogle

Word of the Week

Velodrome (noun) - please see the end of this newsletter (w/c 24th May 2021).



Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Thando Po-Ba (9J).

Artist of the Week

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle and Miss Adams is Jamie Rogers (8M) for his fantastic photography and concentration in Art.

Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch and Mr Djehiche is Harry Monkhouse (11D) for resilience.

Musician of the week

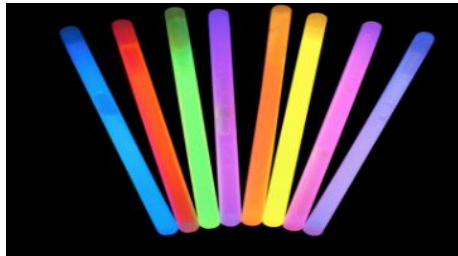
9P - George & Liam

9J - Thando

Science guess the picture competition

Picture of the week is shown below. No one could guess the picture for last week.

Answer: The kit is called EEG - or Electroencephalograph and it's a way of recording brain activity. It was used to see how people's feelings changed when they were in different places. Imagine walking to school wearing one!



Science fact for last week

Congratulations to Connor Mason (10W) - a prize will be delivered to you today.

Answer is: Bonobos are graceful apes. Their long legs, narrow shoulders, and small head add up to a slender build. While Chimps age into a darker face, Bonobos are born with a darker face and pink lips. One of the biggest differences between our evolutionary relatives is that in Bonobo society, females are in charge.

Science fact for this week

Why do some metals melt?



Science Competition - Launched on 03/05/21

The Competition was open for Year 8s only! The aim of the competition is to grow a plant from a seed. The boys need to look after it by:

1. Watering wisely
2. Maintain consistent moisture
3. Keep it warm
4. Fertilise if necessary
5. Give seeds enough light

After consideration, the science team awarded the first prize to James Millar (8C) whose plant's height was 14cm. His prize is a £10 Amazon voucher.

The second prize goes to Ty Small (8C) whose plant's height was 11cm. His prize is 5 House points.

Third prize goes to Kieran Kirk (8M) whose plant's height was 10cm. His prize is 2 House points.



Mr Djehiche

House Points

Congratulations to the following young men who have achieved their House Point certificates this week, certificates will go out on Monday:



Varen Estwick	8C	Burntwood	300 House Points
Callum Lagan	8C	Whyteleafe	350 House Points
Max Mahboobani	8C	Portley	400 House Points
Thando Po-Ba	9J	Buxton	450 House Points
Jamie Rogers	8M	Whyteleafe	300 House Points
Jayden Smurthwaite	7T	Buxton	200 House Points

KS3 Friday Curriculum - 28th May 2021

Class	Activity	On/Off site	Information
7D	OAA	Kenley Aerodrome	Gibb Cycle Challenge. Boys to arrive in school uniform with PE Kit to change into as per the letter sent regarding the cycle challenge by Mr Odia.
7T	OAA	Kenley Aerodrome	
8C	Rice Challenge	On site	School Uniform - Team building activities
8M	Rice Challenge	On site	School Uniform - Team building activities
9J	Food Experience	On site	School Uniform - Sushi preparation.
9P	Performing Arts	On site	Arrive in school uniform and bring a change of clothes. Boys may be given the opportunity to work at the newly acquired allotment in Caterham.

Word of the week w/c 24th May 2021

Velodrome

noun

A stadium containing a cycle-racing track, typically with steeply banked curves.

The velodrome at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park was built especially for the 2012 Olympics.

