

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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## Friday 28th April 2023

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Welcome to the first of three Bank Holidays in May.

Last weekend was St George's day. I took the opportunity of celebrating this with a meal in London with some friends. However, during the meal I was informed that St George, the patron Saint of England, never visited England. Intrigued, I undertook some research and came across a great link to the English Heritage website entitled '9 Things you didn't know about St George. Fascinating read.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/st-georges-day/9-things-you-didnt-know-about-st-george/#:~:text=A%20feast%20day%20of%20St,days%20in%20the%20English%20calendar.>

A National day of importance in Australia also passed this week - ANZAC day, the 25th April. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany. ANZAC Day marks the anniversary of when The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-day/traditions>

Knowing about our collective heritage helps us understand our place in the wider world, gives context to past events, and also supports greater understanding of other cultures in turn helping us realise we are all part of a wonderful world.

## Equality, Discrimination and Inclusion (EDI)

Mr Lord has kindly offered to lead a whole school review of our EDI policies, procedures and expectations here at Sunnydown. Mr Lord will engage with a variety of external interest groups, including but not limited to those we have already reached out to regarding racial discrimination. At an appropriate time, students, families, staff, governors and staff will be consulted with in one form or another to ensure we capture as wide an audience as possible. A link to Surrey EDI information is below.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-performance/equality-and-diversity>

## **Industrial Action**

We have managed to remain open through most days of recent Industrial action. On Tuesday 2nd May however, I took the difficult decision to ask Year 8 students to not attend school. A timetable with online learning has been shared with them. All remaining students in years 7, 9, 10 and 11 are expected to be in school on Tuesday 2nd May and follow the full timetable.

## **Start times for Tuesday 2nd and 9th May**

Please note that all students and taxis should arrive on both days between 8.30am and 9.00am, as if it was a regular Tuesday. A full timetable will be followed on both days. There will not be an assembly on these days to start the week.

## **Cycle Challenge**

The annual Kenley cycle event draws ever closer. As always all year groups will, a day at a time, walk down to Kenley aerodrome where they will walk, run and cycle laps around the aerodrome to support good causes. As always we will aim to cycle 660km to mimic the distance of the Gibb Cycle Challenge. More on that to follow. The dates this year are:

**Year 7 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 8 - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 9 - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 10 - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Year 11 - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

The school has a bike shed full of new bikes but any student who wants to send in their own bike can do so. Please contact the school or me directly ([g.odia@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:g.odia@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk)) to arrange.

Please continue to share the Just Giving link and raise as much money as we can for Mental Health support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge23>

Thanks and happy cycling!

**Gabe**

## **Cycle Challenge - Money Collection - Tesco**

Last weekend over two days staff, parents and students rattled their buckets (quietly) outside Tesco (Caterham). We called on the good nature of our local community to help with our continued efforts to raise money for our cycle events and towards the long term goal of helping mental health in the community. In total we raised ... £276.87 ... A massive thank you to everyone who has helped with their time and effort: Mrs Ogle, the Cole family, the Stewarts, Miss McEvaddy, Josh Barnes and of course Mr Jensen.

**Gabe**

## **Caterham Cycle Challenge**

Attached again today are the three posters for three events which have been designed to help raise money for Mental Health support here at Sunnydown and in our local primary schools. Your help in promoting the events on all social media networks is appreciated. Should any families have direct links with media outlets (television, radio, print, etc) please contact Lyndsey Cole using [cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk) so we can raise awareness and money for this cause.

## The Gibb Cycle Challenge

To try to create an international awareness of our Cycle Challenge, Ollie and Oscar are travelling to a remote part of Australia to cycle in the Gibb Challenge. This involves cycling 660km across remote dirt roads avoiding snakes, crocodiles and mosquitos in some extreme heat and without internet and phone access!

On Monday an interview with ABC radio Australia will become available online. We will share the link to this interview as soon as it is released. The same presenter, Eddie, will interview Ollie and Oscar when they arrive in Broome on Friday 12th May.

Both students and all staff travelling have had to raise £3000 to ensure the trip goes ahead. This is a huge effort for all involved.

## Friends of Sunnydown

Some new dates for your diary:

- **From 5<sup>th</sup> May - Caterham Cycle Challenge** - Only a couple of weeks away now! Please lend your support by sponsoring your sons and encouraging them in their cycling event.
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Friends of Sunnydown meeting** - all welcome, in person or by dial-in.
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Working Bee (10:00am-1:00pm)** - Let us know if you'd like to lend a hand at Sunnydown. This is half term week so we know some of you might be away.
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - SunnyFest** - at Sunnydown. Please spread the word far and wide to your friends & family. This is one not to be missed!
- **Tuesday 6th June** - Corporate Golf Day, Farleigh Golf club.
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Family Quiz Night** at Sunnydown. Further details to follow
- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Family Camp Night** at Sunnydown. Further details to follow. Please let us know if you are interested as demand is likely to be high.
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Sports Day.** Further details to follow.

We would welcome some support so if you'd be interested in volunteering at one of the above events, please contact us.

Please share the attached posters as far and wide as you can. Every penny counts and means we can continue to provide Mental Health support here at Sunnydown and in our local community, above and beyond what is available in many schools. Every penny raised supports improved outcomes for the entire Sunnydown School population, past present and future.

## Cake Sale

Ollie McEvaddy and Oscar Stewart will be holding a cake sale at school on Friday 5th May in order to raise money for the Cycle Challenge. This will be held during morning break so please support them as much as you can.

## Online Safety

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter - 'What parents & carers need to know about Wizz.'

**Mr Cassim**

**Thought for the Week**

(W/C: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023)

**How can we resolve conflict?**

**Thought for the Week**

(W/C: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

**What does Fair Trade mean?**

**Sportsmanship Award**

**Tomas Bodkin**

**Employability Skills Award**

**Logan East**

For using initiative & being self motivated

**Pet of the Week**

Basil (Nathan Waters' dog) has won Pet of the Week this week, how cute he is! Please can you continue to send in any photos if you would like to nominate your pet.



**Mrs Peterson**

**Song of the Week**

Song of the week was nominated by 8N: Ellie Goulding - By the end of the night (2023).

<b><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></b>	<b><u>Scientist of the Week</u></b>	<b><u>Musician of the Week</u></b>	<b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b>	<b><u>Chef of the Week</u></b>	<b><u>Writer of the Week</u></b>
<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok for continued dedication to excellence in maths is</p> <p><b>Jamie Rogers (10M)</b></p>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for cooperation, resilience &amp; work completion is</p> <p><b>Alfie Wilson (9T)</b></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova for initiative, cooperation &amp; active learning is</p> <p><b>Jayden Peters (80)</b></p>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p><b>Edward Gair (9D)</b></p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his fantastic graffiti tag is</p> <p><b>Jacob Kelly (8N)</b></p>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull for developing independence &amp; confidence is</p> <p><b>Felix Drummond (9T)</b></p>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe for determination in creating a persuasive letter using AFOREST is</p> <p><b>Charlie McSorley (9D)</b></p> <p>&amp; for excellent descriptive writing &amp; editing skills is</p> <p><b>Jamie Rogers (10M)</b></p>

<b><u>House Points</u></b>	
George Whatling	700 House Points
James Hall	550 House Points
Ollie Taylor	550 House Points
Lithar Po-Ba	500 House Points
Hamish Scott	500 House Points
Edward Gair	450 House Points
Alfie Wilson	450 House Points
Toby Chapman	400 House Points
Dominic Hanley	400 House Points

Jacob Kelly	400 House Points
Alfie Tharle	350 House Points
Freddie Ponsford	250 House Points
Freddie Dunne	200 House Points
Thomas Emms	150 House Points

### Forthcoming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Monday 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023	Open Morning
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Bank Holiday - King's Coronation
Wednesday 10th May 2023	Students and staff leave for The Gibb Challenge in Australia
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023`	School Council Trip to Houses of Parliament - <b>postponed</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	End of Summer Term 1
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	SunnyFest - A music festival at Sunnydown
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Start of Summer Term 2 Year 10 Work Experience Week Year 9 Fulham FC Workshops for students
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Corporate Golf Day, Farleigh Golf Club
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Inset Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	SSSSA Athletics
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Drama club performance at The Arc
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Blood Brothers performance on site
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Last day of term

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION

12+

12+ App Store  
Teen Google Playstore

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lead them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

### CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

### EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snapchat' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

### INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

### NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

### SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Cynics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

18 MEET STRANGERS

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

### BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

### KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sullivan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and seeing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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**SATURDAY 03RD JUNE  
2023**

**SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL**

**12.00PM - 8PM**

**CATERHAM. CR3 5ED**

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**LIVE MUSIC | GREAT FOOD | FAMILY FUN**

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FESTIVAL,  
FILLED WITH AMAZING LIVE MUSIC  
BEER/PROSECCO/GIN BAR | PIZZA | BURGERS|  
CARIBBEAN FOOD | CAKE| ICECREAM |  
BOUNCY CASTLE | MUSIC AND DANCNG

RAISING MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR COMMUNITY  
MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

TICKETS: £10 UNDER 12'S GO FREE  
WITH A PAYING ADULT

SCAN THE CODE TO PURCHASE  
TICKETS ONLINE OR BUY IN  
PERSON AT COMPUTER  
SOLUTIONS CATERHAM




 

# Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge




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SAFETY . QUALITY . DURABILITY

## The Community Needs You!

Between 4th & 12th May, the students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kenley Aerodrome.

With your help, we aspire to raise £35,000 to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need.

Please help by sponsoring this event - any donations are gratefully received.

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge23](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge23)

**For more information email:**  
[cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk)

In May, two students are flying to Australia to take part in The Gibb Challenge and cycle 660km across the remote Kimberley region. This demonstrates how committed we are to supporting the Mental Health of our community.

FRIENDS OF SUNNYDOWN  
CORPORATE

# GOLF DAY

**DATE**  
6 JUNE 2023  
ARRIVE 10AM  
TEE OFF 11AM

**PRICE**  
£75 PER PERSON  
&  
£280 PER 4 BALL

**VENUE**  
FARLEIGH GOLF CLUB  
OLD FARLEIGH ROAD  
WARLINGHAM, CR6 9PE

**INCLUDED:**  
BREAKFAST ROLL &  
2 COURSE MEAL

**EARLY BIRD:**  
£65 PER PERSON &  
£240 PER 4 BALL  
(offer ends 31 March)

BUY TICKETS  
[www.bit.ly/sunnydowngolf2023](http://www.bit.ly/sunnydowngolf2023)

SCAN ME

Sunnydown is a small school in Surrey for young men with ASD.

Friends of Sunnydown supports the school and local community by providing vital funding where needed.

To bring the parental business community and their for a day to escape the office and help raise funds for the school.



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