

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Today saw Year 7s cycle around Kenley as the final part of the Caterham Cycle Challenge.

As of this morning, our Just Giving site had registered just under £13,000 in donations. Please continue to seek sponsors over half term and share the Just Giving link with family, friends and businesses. Alternatively, drop any cash into the office and it can be added to the Just Giving page for you.

The total distance travelled by each class, each year level and each House will be announced on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. This is the day we draw all additional prizes such as the new bike. By way of reminder, every £20 raised is an entry into the draw for a new bike. Money can continue to be raised for this purpose until the afternoon of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please continue to share the Just Giving Link with family, friends and any business contacts you might have. Funds can continue to come in for this worthy community cause until the end of summer, as hitting that target of £17,000 is important to all the families we are trying to support.

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

Students who had brought in more than £100 of fundraising, prior to Wednesday this week, were welcomed to a presentation of some enlarged photos for our outdoor BBQ area. Many thanks are extended to Helen Gower as well for all of her work behind the scenes. Mr Glen O'Dwyer from Computer Solutions here in Caterham, is a huge supporter of Sunnydown and this event and was welcomed as part of the presentation.



St John's C of E Primary School organised their own cycle event on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May and mentioned it in their newsletter. I was invited down and was greeted by great enthusiasm and loads of sweat and many very excited children. Mr Rob Veale and Mrs Lucy McMullan have championed the event and deserve special recognition.

While the focus for Year 11s the week immediately after half term will be the final round of tests for GCSEs, they can all rest assured that they have now finished all formal lessons at Sunnydown School. Many congratulations to each and every young man. An interesting fact was shared with me by a student in Year 11. Because of Covid restrictions, we have not had an assembly where the current Year 11 students have sat at the back of the hall in a whole school assembly. There will be many experiences that are different for the Year 11 graduates this year, to all previous and future years, but their experience is unique and one with many highlights.

After the exam week, attention then turns to Graduation. A separate letter has been sent to all Year 11 families regarding arrangements until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

There has been a slight change of dates regarding the Formal consultation into the possible removal of boarding from Sunnydown.

- Statutory (Formal) notice will be published on 28/05/21 (today)
- Statutory (Formal) consultation will end on 02/07/21
- Lead Cabinet member decision is currently due on 13/07/21

A separate letter has been sent to families of boarders regarding Summer arrangements. In essence, the week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July will see an extravaganza of boarding activities to close out the year.

All of the information regarding the formal consultation, including how to respond, can be found by visiting the Surrey Says Website below:

[https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/sunnydown\\_proposed\\_boarding-removal-statutory-note/](https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/sunnydown_proposed_boarding-removal-statutory-note/)

We have one week off for half term. School returns on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June at the usual Monday time. Looking further ahead, we have an Inset day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

With the weather improving throughout 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



## Workshop 1

On Tuesday the first workshop 'Brain Safari' took place. We had the opportunity to learn about all the different parts of the brain, what they are made of and what job they do. After creating our own brain collage we examined a lamb's brain, which for some of the boys was a real highlight. In the afternoon we explored neurons, how they connect and send messages to each other. We then made our own neuron, creating all the different parts before we made a giant neural pathway. The team from King's College were impressed with all the boys that took part, commenting on how engaging and ultra polite everyone was. Well done to you all. Looking forward to Workshop 2 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June!



Miss Wood

## 100% Attendance

Congratulations to 9P for achieving 100% attendance for the w/e 21st May 2021.

## The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner (Rachel De Souza), has commissioned a once in a generation survey targeted at all young people aged 4 - 17. This survey gives all young people an opportunity to talk about what matters to them and it is also a chance for young people to shape their future communities.

At its heart is 'The Big Ask' – the largest ever consultation held with children. In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children and young people what they think is important for their future and what is holding young people back. The Children's Commissioner will use what children and young people tell her to show the Government what they think and what they need to live happier lives.

We have been encouraging all the boys to complete the Big Ask here in school. The School Council have discussed and debated the consultation as well as asking pupils to complete the survey during form time. For those boys who haven't yet completed the survey, there is still time.

It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

[Find out more and take part](#)

**Mr Leeds**

### **School Lunches**

For those pupils who have a paid school lunch, the cost is £2.40 per day. The total amount due for the second half of the Summer Term 2021 is shown below:

Years 7-10	£76.80
Year 11	£24.00 (graduating on 18th June 2021)

These amounts are available on ParentMail for you to purchase.

If your son is boarding after half term or where there is a debit or credit on your account, you will receive an additional reconciliation letter.

Payment can be made for the full half term, weekly or on a daily basis.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [a.lawson@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:a.lawson@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk).

Thank you.

**Miss Lawson**

### **Hampton Estate**

Back in 2019 we took a group of students to visit the Hampton Estate, near Guildford. A great day was had





by all and we learnt about looking after the land, farming cows, growing fruit and vegetables and butchery.

The Estate owners (Bill & Bridget Biddell), have been in contact and asked me to invite staff, students and families to an Open Day on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This is to raise funds for the charity Huckleberries Nurture Farm: <https://www.huckleberries.co.uk/>. Entrance is free, but booking is required in order to ensure the day is Covid safe. I am sure this will prove to be a great day out and the Estate would love to see as many Sunnydown families as possible. Please see the attached leaflet.

The Estate is also offering camping holidays during July and August and full details can be found on their website: [www.hamptonestate.co.uk](http://www.hamptonestate.co.uk) or on the attached leaflet.

**Mrs Hull**

## **Friends of Sunnydown**

### **Summer Camp/Weekend Working Bee**

Attached today is an invitation to a Summer camp event for families, which coincides with the first ever afternoon Weekend Working Bee on Saturday 12th June. An afternoon Weekend Working Bee will run from 3:00pm - 5:00pm on Saturday 12th June, followed by burgers and a summer camping evening at Sunnydown! This event will be strictly limited to 30 people (we are still under Covid restrictions) but this does look like a magic event. Let's hope that the weather holds. Tickets will be £5 per person and will shortly be available to purchase on the link below (alternatively, please email the office if you wish to attend, and payment can be made in cash on the day).

[www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents)

### **Big PTA Raffle**

Following the success of the Big PTA raffle last December, a summer raffle will be running this year. Tickets are drawn daily for 12 days - which means 12 chances per ticket to win £6,000! Each ticket is £3 and this year there is no limit per person. Demand is expected to be very high, so be sure to get your tickets now! 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](http://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/sunnydown-school-cr3)

### **50/50 Club winners**

The lucky winners for June 2021 are:

1<sup>st</sup> prize - £80.00 - Lesley Anderson

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - £40.00 - Daniel Waters

Mr Jensen is not able to make any firm decisions regarding the last day of the school year at the moment. Traditionally it is a whole school Sports Day and we support with burgers and raffles etc. Please watch this space and continue to be understanding of the difficult decisions that have to be made by all schools regarding how to manage traditional events.



Have a wonderful half term.

**Friends of Sunnydown**  
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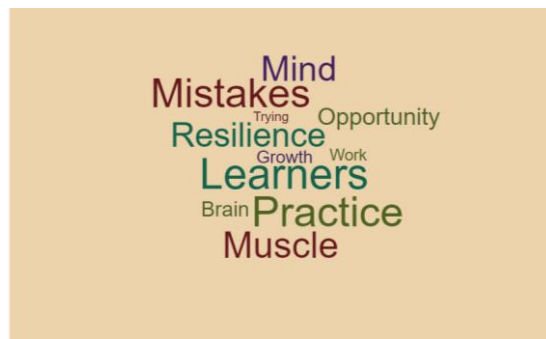
### **Boarding News**

This week in boarding we enjoyed feeding the ducks at Earlswood lakes, gym games, cooking, and a film night. With the half-term approaching, we have tallied up all of the boarder's RICE<sup>3</sup> tokens and are pleased to announce David Daruval as having the highest amount.

Have a lovely half term.

**The Care Team**

### **Thought for this week was: Great Learner Project, Co-operation**



### **Thought for the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June: Taking time to reflect - mindfulness**

#### **Chef of the Week**

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Reece Wood (9P).

#### **Artist of the Week**

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle and Miss Adams is Kal-El Harris (10M) for fantastic drawing in art.

#### **Scientist of the Week**

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch and Mr Djehiche is Ryan Foster (10W) for co-operation and resilience.

#### **Musician of the week**

The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Miss Tomcova are George Smith (9P), Liam Tushingam (9P) and Thando Po-Ba (9J). They all showed great resilience, co-operation and independence.





Harry Monkhouse	53
Daniel Edwards	39
Daniel Linney	29
Ollie Keehn	43
Joe Harley	37
Henry Hilton	36
Max Thwaites	38
Mason-Ray Hayden	28
Joseph Rutter	21

### KS3 Friday Curriculum - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Class	Activity	On/Off site	Information
7D	School Project	Onsite	Arrive in school uniform with a change of clothes. The boys may be given the opportunity to work on the local allotment.
7T	Food Experience	Onsite	School Uniform
8C	Performing Arts	On site	School Uniform
8M	Performing Arts	On site	School Uniform
9J	Outdoor Adventurous Activities	On site	Arrive in school uniform and bring a change of clothes with trainers.
9P	Outdoor Adventurous Activities	On site	Arrive in school uniform and bring a change of clothes with trainers.





# LEAF OPEN FARM SUNDAY

[www.farmsunday.org](http://www.farmsunday.org)

## At Hampton Estate

**Sunday 27th June 2021, 1030 – 1530**

**Free entry – booking required**

[www.hamptonestate.co.uk](http://www.hamptonestate.co.uk)

We are delighted to be opening our farm gates for this year's Open Farm Sunday. Come and visit us to discover Hampton's regenerative approach to farming and find out why we are all about restoring nature. Meet our pasture-fed cows, explore the beautiful woodland trail, watch the forestry demonstration, learn about soils and discover why we love worms, visit the chickens and goats, try your hand at bird watching, learn about a forest school, plant a tree, run wild on the hay-bale playground and of course, have a turn in the front seat of the tractor!

This year we are very excited to be launching our home-made Pasture Fed Picnics for everyone to enjoy in our picnic paddock. Our Pasture Fed Picnics include our very own Hampton Estate salt beef and sausages, as well as tasty treats from our favourite local producers. For more details on our delicious picnics, head to our website.

We are thrilled to have Huckleberries Nature Farm, Tices Meadow, The Livestock Vet Partnership, the Pasture for Life Association, Surrey Wildlife Trust and the Surrey Police Cadets joining us for Open Farm Sunday this year, bringing brilliant activities, expertise and assistance.

In 2019, with your help we started planting our Open Farm Sunday Wood. This year, as part of the Queens Green Canopy, we're inviting all our visitors to help grow the wood and 'plant a tree for the Queen's Jubilee'. At Hampton, we manage our woodlands to make sure we are absorbing as much carbon as possible, so by planting a tree you are also doing your bit for the planet.

We have loads of great things planned for our Open Farm Sunday 2021, to find out more, book your free place and pre-order a picnic visit [www.hamptonestate.co.uk](http://www.hamptonestate.co.uk)

The event will be held in-line with Covid regulations using track and trace, we are staggering entrance time and managing the flow of visitors, everything is taking place outside and there will be handwashing facilities throughout | Partial wheelchair access | No dogs as there are livestock on the farm |

