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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

This newsletter comes to you on Monday morning and is a clear demonstration of how rapidly things change.

On Friday I wrote that *Covid continues to have an impact internationally, throughout the UK and even more locally. Sunnydown is not immune.*

I need to stress that to date, there have been no positive cases of Covid since LFT started among our staff nor students that are onsite. However, several staff are absent related to Covid. In some cases the staff member has been identified as a contact. In other cases because their children are identified as contacts, our staff need to remain home to look after them. These circumstances are not unique to Sunnydown. However, we will work hard to minimise impact on the School. I write to thank you in advance for your understanding.

It is likely that over the coming weeks and months others, both students or staff may find themselves in a similar scenario. In this ever changing situation the country finds itself in, we ourselves must be ready to adapt fast, show empathy and understand that things may not always go as we planned.

Rest assured, if you are identified as a contact via school we will inform you immediately and support you, equally if you are contacted or your family is impacted, please reach out.

Monday update

In a developing case, during a period of isolation because the staff member was identified as a contact, they tested positive using a LFT this morning. They are awaiting the results of PCR. For clarity, this member of staff has not been on the school site since Thursday and as such, no staff nor students are considered a contact.

As an additional measure of safeguarding, all students will be tested on a Monday and Thursday until further notice. This is likely to remain in place until the end of term. Play areas have also been increased to reduce mixing.

I hope that all families were able to enjoy the long weekend which resulted from our Friday Inset. During our staff training, we explored areas for development of our school and also reviewed our performance over the last 12 months. This report is shared with Governors who rightly hold me to account for continually providing an excellent education for your sons.



Cycling achievement

This week another learner cyclist became a fully fledged cyclist. Alfie has been learning to cycle for the last three weeks and his persistence and determination paid off this week! He was able to cycle unassisted and then started encouraging one of his classmates, who was also learning. Now he has turned from someone who was reluctant to try to cycle, to someone who doesn't want to get off the bike.



Gabe

Greenhouse T shirts

This week three Greenhouse T shirts were given out to Freddie, Felix and Alfie in Year 7. Alfie showed great determination and positivity in learning to cycle and remembered his PE kit. Freddie and Felix worked hard in the classroom and Games, are positive and have a great attitude.

Well done boys and keep up the good work.



Gabe

100% Attendance

Congratulations to 11C, 10M, 8M, 7D for achieving 100% attendance for the w/e 18th June 2021.

Friends of Sunnydown

Weekend Working Bee/Summer Camp (Saturday 26th June) - cancelled



A Parentmail went out last week stating that due to the bad weather forecast, a decision was made to postpone the Weekend Working Bee/summer family camp until the new school year.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused, and we hope that you will be able to join us when we reschedule after the summer holidays. Thank you so much for your understanding and continued support.

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Boarding News

A trip to Toby Carvery (one trip on a Monday and another on Wednesday) to ensure all students were able to take part, was the highlight of the week. Our young men were able to practice some life skills (ordering food, socialising with peers, budgeting and paying for it). The meal went down very well with a few cookie dough sundaes disappearing very quickly. Homework, some runaround games and watching a little of the England football game made up the rest of boarding time.

The Care Team

Science guess the picture competition

Picture of the week is shown below. No correct answers for last week's picture which was an anamorphosis painting of a perspective stern view of a ship model C.1744-1774.



Science fact for last week

Congratulations to Varen Estwick (8C) for the correct explanation (prize will be given on Monday).

Question: Why shouldn't you store bananas with other fruit? **Answer:** As they ripen, bananas release a gas called ethene, which is a natural plant hormone. It causes ripening by breaking down cell walls, converting starches to sugars and reducing the fruit's acidity. So storing them with other fruits can speed up ripening, causing the fruit to turn soft and brown more quickly.

Science fact for this week

Why aren't there many naturally blue foods?





Mr Djehiche

Thought for this week was: Armed Forces Day

9J will add their contribution next week.

Thought for the week commencing 28th June: Charity - What is it?

TFTW:
Look at the
picture and
Have a
guess what
is it?



Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Joshua Tucker (9J).

Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch and Mr Djehiche is Alfie Wilson (7T) for resilience.

Word of the Week

Soughing (adjective) – please see end of newsletter (w/c 28th June 2021).

Mrs Herring

Artist of the Week

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle and Miss Adams is Joshua Tucker (9J) for fantastic digital editing work with Photopea.

House Points

Congratulations to the following young men who achieved their House Point certificates last week:

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| Alfie Wilson | 150 House Points |
| Ethan Crouch | 1,000 House Points |

Ethan was presented with his 1,000 House Point certificate during the Year 11 Graduation meal on Friday 18th June 2021. His name will now be added to the prestigious honours board in the main reception. Congratulations Ethan!

The following House Points for this week will be awarded on Monday 28th June:

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| Freddie Phillips | 200 House Points |
| George Whatling | 400 House Points |
| Tomas Bodkin | 450 House Points |
| Alex Hennessy | 450 House Points |
| Jacob Connery | 650 House Points |
| Daniel Linney | 850 House Points |

KS3 Friday Curriculum - 2nd July 2021

| Class | Activity | On/Off site | Information |
|-------|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| 7D | Rice Challenge | Onsite | Team building activities. Please bring trainers. |
| 7T | Rice Challenge | On Site | Team building activities. Please bring trainers. |
| 8C | Food Experience | On site | Focaccia Art. School Uniform |
| 8M | School Project | On site | School Uniform with suitable footwear for outside work |
| 9J | Humanities | Kenley Bunkers Tour | School Uniform with trainers or suitable shoes for walking. |
| 9P | Humanities | Kenley Bunkers Tour | School Uniform with trainers or suitable shoes for walking. |

Word of the week w/c 28th June 2021

Soughing

adjective

A moaning, whistling or rushing sound made by the wind or sea.

The soughing of the wind in the canopy of branches.

