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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown

Sunnydown School has a great many strong community links. These include but are not limited to Children With Special Needs Foundation (CWSNF), Women's Institute, Round Table, Rotary, Business Network International (BNI), and Waitrose.

One of the ways we receive support from Waitrose is through two weekly donations of quality food. This is food that is in date and in very good order, but surplus to their requirements at local stores. The deliveries are varied and seasonal. A majority of the food is able to be incorporated into our menu offered here at school, or used at break times as additional nutrition for the young men. For example, today I noticed that some donated sausages had been cooked and served in addition to an array of fresh fruit and toast. When we have food in excess of what we can consume at Sunnydown, we have started to deliver these to all families. Prior to half term Year 11 and then Year 10 families received a bag of quality foods. This week Year 9 families received them.

Please do accept these as a gift which we are in a position to offer because of our community networking.

Regarding the CWSNF, this charity is sponsoring our Florida trip in September. Some staff were welcomed to an evening Chinese meal in Woking this week where another £1400 was raised by the charity for Sunnydown School. In driving the staff over to the event, what struck me is how much laughter was shared between staff, reinforcing the professional bonds we have with one another.

I am really looking forward to cooking burgers this evening for the return of the FoS Quiz night - not only an opportunity to raise a few pounds for the school, but more importantly, an opportunity for the school community to galvanise again, following the easing of Covid restrictions.

The first panel of fencing for the wallabies was put up last weekend, and more will be evident this weekend. The impact of interacting with any animals in times of anxiety and just through our daily lives has been shown to have a huge benefit.

Also of benefit is regular exercise and giving to others. In line with this, the Caterham Cycle Challenge is scheduled to happen again in May. We are aiming to raise £35,000 this year to support Mental Health initiatives in our community of schools. Please be prepared to dig deep and reach out for donations. We are also looking for a larger corporate sponsor for our trip to Australia in May 2023 for The Gibb Challenge.

Please do what you can as families to support the crisis unfolding in Ukraine. A ParentMail earlier this week called for specific donations being collected by a church group to be sent directly to support those families affected by this war. Right now is a time to demonstrate our humanity for those less fortunate than ourselves. Any help is appreciated. Please see a further entry for more details.

Thank you to the teaching staff

I am aware that teachers continue to work well into evenings and weekends as we redefine our curriculum offer here at Sunnydown. These efforts have not gone unnoticed and will not go unrewarded. The commitment and comradery of staff at Sunnydown, and in schools across the country, is to be applauded.

Donations for families in need in Ukraine

Due to the horrific situation Ukraine find themselves a member of staff and her family are collecting donations to take to their local church, in order for this to be sent to families in need in Ukraine.

The church are asking for the following donations:

- Warm clothes for adults and children
- Warm boots
- Pillows
- Duvets/duvet covers
- Tents
- Toiletries
- Nappies
- Baby wipes
- Coats and jackets.

If you find that you have the above and would like to donate (however small) it would really be appreciated.

First collection from the school will be Thursday next week. If you could drop any donations to the school office, that would be amazing.

Sunnydown School Council – Minutes of Meetings

Please see the attached minute of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March

Red noses will go on sale from Monday 7th March for £1.50 (cash only). Due to Covid we still have stock from last year therefore we have created a lucky dip bag along with this year's batch. Please come to the office to purchase yours - a maximum of 3 per person to give everyone the opportunity of buying one. We will reassess stock later and update you.

PE T shirts delivery


We have now received a delivery of PE T shirts. Please contact the office if you have previously requested or would like to purchase a spare.

What parents & carers need to know about WhatsApp

Please see the attached flier regarding the above.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to 9C and 7N for achieving 100% attendance for w/e 25th February 2022.



Certificates were also awarded to those students who have achieved 100% attendance over the period of 4th January to 11th February 2022. Congratulations!

SSSSA Key Stage 4 Football

A mighty combined footballing force made up of Years 10 and 11 students took part in the first football tournament of 2022 at the Fulham training ground. First up was a match against a talented Unified Academy team which we lost 3-0. We bounced back with a 9-0 win against Apple Orchard and then a tightly contested 0-0 draw against Blossom House. We showed our improvement by only losing 1-0 to Unified Academy, defeated Apple Orchard 4-1 then beat Blossom House by the same margin to claim second place.

The boys were great role models, excellent players, showed great teamwork and did themselves and the school proud. Their thoughts are below:

What did you like most?

Henry: Teamwork

Star man: Dan - he kept moving the ball around with motivation. I'm proud to be his friend.

Dan: Playing, supporting and helping the team.

Star man: George because of his goal in the last game.

Liam: Henry's save.

Everyone: Everyone did well except Gabe. Because everyone persevered, tried their hardest and in the end we did really well.

George: The ten minutes Gabe wasn't there.

Star man: Dan was the most consistently good player.

Ben: My first match in goal. I didn't have to do anything.

Star man: Elvin for his perseverance and helping.

Elvin: George because he doesn't always love football but did really well today and that was my favourite thing too.

Josh: George because he acts like he's not playing but he's actually doing well and scoring. I enjoyed mostly just playing for the team.

Jacob: Star man: Myself because I'm the only person who had to do an exam and play football. My favourite bit was running at defenders and seeing if they got out of the way. *And did they?* Yes.



Gabe

<p><u>Thought for this week</u> (W/C: 28th February)</p> <p>World Book Day 2022 - You are a reader</p>	<p><u>Thought for the week</u> (W/C: 7th February)</p> <p>Do you understand your true value?</p>
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<p><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for resilience is:</p> <p>Daniel Linney (11W)</p>	<p><u>Artist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his creativity and resilience in art this week is:</p> <p>Lithar Po-Ba (70)</p>	<p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok for work completion is:</p> <p>Miles Eliatamby (11W)</p>
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Certificates for this week

<u>House Points this week</u>	
Ryan Foster	500 House Points
Callum Lagan	450 House Points
Andrew Hendry-Smith	350 House Points
Edward Gair	250 House Points
Harvey Caruana	100 House Points
Charlie Histed	100 House Points
Harry Franklin	100 House Points
Lithar Po-Ba	100 House Points

Friday Curriculum (11/3/22)

A timetable of events will be sent out next week.