

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 5th July 2024

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Sunnydown is a phenomenal school, an integral and welcoming part of our local community. This week we hosted a performance of *Beauty and the Beast*, delivered by Prospero adults with special needs. Witnessing the performance was inspiring, but how our students responded was equally reassuring. Students gave the performers a standing ovation.

We also hosted our new Year 7 students again as part of the transition to Sunnydown and many students engaged with 'Talk Consent.' Unfortunately the scheduled County athletics day was postponed. We have House Point rewards days coming up, as well as our annual 'Giving Back' day as part of SMSC celebrations.

Sunnydown is incredibly successful at enhancing the growth and development of students through offering a broad curriculum experience to our students, some of them mentioned above. For some time we have written into our vision the desire to explore opportunities to extend our provision beyond current capacity. To try to meet this aim, Sunnydown Governors and school leaders have been working with SCC colleagues to explore the potential to expand the number of students who attend Sunnydown. It was confirmed this week that Sunnydown will not be expanding, that we are going to maintain our school as it is. In this light, Sunnydown will try to maintain class sizes of approximately eight (8) students, taught and supervised by on average, one teacher and one TA per class.

This weekend, several senior leaders are attending a fundraising event for the Children With Special Needs Foundation (CWSNF), an organisation that has supported our students for many years. Miss Kiddier welcomed Ollie and Oscar back to help with asking for prizes for our end of year raffle. Please support this, and attend our Sports Day to find out who wins!

Looking ahead to the end of term, Sports Day is scheduled for Friday 19th July with the last official day of term being Tuesday 23rd July at 12.30pm.

Regarding the start to the 2024-2025 school year, Years 10 and 11 students start on Wednesday 4th September. Years 8 and 9 start on Thursday 5th September and our new Year 7 students arrive at 10.00am on Monday 9th September.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Paul Jensen

KS4 Football

The Sunnydown KS4 team headed down to the Fulham Training Ground in glorious sunshine for a final (indoor) tournament. The Premier League and League 1 teams took on the might of schools like New Barn, Blossom House and the Link School. Our League 1 team started with a 4-0 victory over Blossom House, a 2-0 win over the Link School and then two draws in the return fixtures. That was enough to make them League 1 Division winners. The Premier League team played three hotly contested matches against Elm Court, Link School, Blossom House and New

Barn and for their efforts that day and across the season the boys won not just the Premier League title but the Respect trophy for their good conduct across the year. Well done to all the players and it was great to see the Year 11s representing the school so well one final time.

Premier League

Antony Harper
Callum Lagan
Finley Marley
James Millar
Jamie Rogers
Josh Benton
Teddy Foster

League 1

Charlie McSorley
Kieran Kirk
Logan East
Lucas Abrams
Max Gibbins

A special mention to Oscar Stewart (Premiership) and Alex Hennessy, James Dean and George Whatling (League 1) who weren't there on the last day but have been invaluable team members across the year.



KS3 Football

This week was the final event at Fulham's Ground with Sunnydown School taking a whopping 28 students for the KS3 tournament to take on teams like New Barn, Elms Court and Undershaw. All three teams (Premier, Championship and League) performed well not just on the day but throughout the year with the Premier team winning both their league title and, even more importantly, the Respect award for sportsmanship and positive behaviour. The League team also won their Respect award but all three teams should be proud of their achievements.

Players of the tournament: *Jack Bristow, Loui Salliss and Robert Hall*

Well done to the boys pictured and to the Championship team of:

Bailey Goodliffe
Freddie Collins
Harrison Williams

Jacob Kelly
Matthew Marenga
Milo Baker

Ollie Taylor
Robert Hall
Zack Harrison





Year 9 Cycle Challenge



The skies were blue and the sun shone (miraculously) for the Year 9 bike event. The two Form groups were fairly evenly matched but in the end 9N managed a very commendable 36 laps while 90 finished with 46. Well done to all the boys and a special mention to Jayden Peters who managed the most laps (a very impressive 12) and Jacob Kelly.

We have already passed the target of 660km. Final distances will be shared once the Year 7s have completed their event. Thanks again to everyone who has supported these events both in person and with your kind donations.



Friends of Sunnydown

Just a quick reminder that the summer term FoS staff collection to say a big “Thank You” to all Sunnydown staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year, is live and ready. Contributions must be received by **Wednesday 17th July** to be included in this year's collection. If you would like to contribute then you can do so by clicking on the link below, alternatively contact: friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk for BACS details or send your donation into the school office in a clearly marked envelope. Don't forget to add your personal note that we can share with everyone. Thank you as always for your support.

Click here to contribute to the summer staff fund: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents>

Would you like to join the FOS team? We are looking for a Secretary and a new Chair for September 2024 as the time has come for me to hang up my Chair hat! If you would like to take on this role please do contact me to chat and I can let you know what's involved. It would be wonderful to pass the baton on to someone who can drive the fundraising forward with the passion it so deserves. Please contact friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk for more information.

Second hand uniform: Just a reminder that we have plenty of uniform available so if there is anything you need, either click through on the link below or email: friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

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We are organising some additional family fun in line with Sports Day this year. There will be refreshments, cakes, burgers, second hand uniform, a bouncy castle and a raffle so be sure to bring along the whole family to cheer everyone on and enjoy the festivities!

Kelly Barnes
Chair of Friends of Sunnydown

School Fund Donations

Thank you to those parents who have already made a contribution to the School Fund and paid for the Summer Term Consumables.

These items are available for purchase on ParentMail for this term. Any questions, please contact me.

Many thanks.

Miss Lawson

Cookhouse
Caterham

Children's Cookery School

For ages 7 – 16 years

Friday 26th July & Friday 23rd August 2024

10am – 3pm

At Sunnydown School, Whyteleafe Road, Caterham, CR3 5ED

The children will be making a variety of savoury and sweet treats to enjoy sampling for lunch and for the whole family to enjoy at the end of the day.

£50 per child per workshop including all ingredients

To book your place on the workshop send an email to:

cookhouse.caterham@outlook.com

Pet of the Week

Miss Lawson's gorgeous cat Beatrix - she is 4 years old. She loves catching mice but really doesn't like any other cats!



Thought for the Week (W/C 1st July 2024)

How can we make a difference?

Thought for the Week (W/C 8th July 2024)

What does it mean to be a Global Citizen?

Respect Award

Matthew Marenga
(7P)

Mr Peter's Award

Progress - Lunch Time Football Club

Alexander Thompson
(7C)

The Baton

Loui Salliss
(7P)
Alfie Tharle
(9O)

For overcoming challenges

Employability Award

Jayden Peters
(9O)

<p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Freddie Dunne (8C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For working hard this term on his calculation skills</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">& awarded by Miss Thomson is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jayden Smurthwaite (10T)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For being star student, effort & determination</i></p>
<p><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Finley Marley (10T)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Resilience & effort</i></p>
<p><u>Chef of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Freddie Ponsford (8W)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his consistent approach to learning & developing his skills & knowledge</i></p>
<p><u>Writer of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Mrs Palmer is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alfie Tharle (9O)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his excellent effort & use of vocabulary to describe Gatsby's party</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">awarded by Mrs Jensen is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Andrew Hendry Smith (10T)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his engaging & persuasive essay on voting age</i></p>
<p><u>Aritst of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Charlie Histed (9O)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his amazing nature photography in this week</i></p>
<p><u>Musician of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Miss Thomson is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cody Osborne (8C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For being start student in music today</i></p>

House Points

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Lithar Po-Ba	900 House Points
James Hall	800 House Points
Jayden Smurthwaite	750 House Points
Jayden Peters	650 House Points
Bailey Goodliffe	550 House Points
Alexander Thompson	250 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024

Date	Description
Friday 5 th July	Year 7 Cycle challenge
Monday 15 th July	Portley House Reward Trip to Carroty Wood Kayaking
Tuesday 16 th July	Buxton House reward trip to McDonalds & Park (Redhill)
Wednesday 17 th July	Presentation Afternoon
Friday 19 th July	Sports Day
Monday 22 nd July	Reserve Sports day (in case of bad weather on 19 th)
Tuesday 23 rd July	12.30 depart with packed lunch from school - END OF TERM
Wednesday 11 th September	KS3 Trip to Houses of Parliament

Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge



The Community Needs You!

Between 3rd & 14th **NEW DATES:** Students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kerley Aerodrome.

Year 9s—28th June

We want to raise £10,000 to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and

Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need.

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/
sunnydowncyclechallenge24](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge24)

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