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Friday 7th October 2022

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

A survey was released on Wednesday this week regarding the Cycle Challenge in Australia. This survey was sent to all families regardless of year level. The reason being, I want to understand if there is a desire among Year 7, 8 and 9 students to participate in the future. This will help with further planning. To be clear, this first event in May 2023 is only open to current Year 10 and 11 students.

Some questions have been raised during the survey and I really appreciate them. Full responses will be shared once the survey closes on Monday at 12pm.

Year 10 and Year 11 students - if you are interested in the trip and want to learn more, please fill in the survey. Year 7, 8 and 9 students, if you are interested in the trip in the future please fill in the survey.

Another busy week at Sunnydown with a variety of activities being undertaken as part of our innovative Friday Curriculum. These include Food Technology, RICE activities, DIY, college and even some academic studies.

Thursday was the inter-school Surrey cross country with reports from staff that all students participated exceptionally well. Mr Wright has shared the results below.

We had a Leadership day on Tuesday with a School Improvement Partner working with Middle and Senior leaders, identifying ways to make Sunnydown even better, but also reflecting on the things we do amazingly well. Our curriculum is recognised as being incredibly broad and diverse, certainly the most diverse of any Special School in Surrey and as diverse as many secondary schools. Just reflect on that for a moment - by attending Sunnydown, students have as much, if not more, access to curriculum than if they attended a different school. No wonder so many families continue to request a placement here.

With two weeks of this half term remaining, staff have been asked to continue to monitor uniform, attendance and the use of inappropriate language. Please do not be offended should we need to contact you to discuss any aspect of your son's presentation or behaviour - we are working as a team to ensure your son achieves his full potential.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Paul Jensen

Monday 10th October is World Mental Health Day 2022

Nearly half a million young people are being referred for mental health problems every month, with many not being able to get the support they need. Sunnydown has recently invested in Learning Space in order to support the students

here at school with their mental health needs. Sunnydown has furthered this and is also working with the Local Primary schools to offer them the opportunity for Learning Space also.

For World Mental Health Day this year we are asking for all students and staff to wear something yellow to support Young Minds. Young Minds is a charity that helps young people to look after their mental health but also offers support if they are struggling. Here at sunnydown we believe that mental health support is a priority and hope as many students as possible can get involved with wearing yellow.

Miss Derrig-Adams

SSSSA Winter Cross Country

On Thursday of this week 23 of our finest runners competed in the Surrey Special Schools Sports Association Winter Cross Country event at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School in Gatton. Congratulations to all of the runners. The effort and support of each other on display was incredible to watch. Their efforts were rewarded as both KS3 & KS4 teams won Gold in the team events.

Congratulations to the following runners:

KS3	Position	KS4	Position
Harry Franklin	3 rd	Max Mahboobani	5 th
Finley Marley	7 th	Alex Hennessy	6 th
Teddy Foster	10 th	Oscar Stewart	7 th
Thomas Emms	17 th	Ollie McEvaddy	9 th
Lithar Po-Ba	21 st	Lucas Abrams	11 th
Harvey Caruana	24 th	Daniel Diaz-Lester	20 th
Freddie Collins	25 th	Josh Benton	21 st
Luke Dean	28 th	Reece Wood	22 nd
Callum Annis	29 th	Jamie Rogers	28 th
Bailey Goodliffe	32 th	James Dean	31 st
Ollie Taylor	35 th		

Mr Wright

East Surrey College - Open Events

Please see the links below with information about upcoming events/courses.

<https://www.esc.ac.uk/about-esc/events/open-event-oct-2022>

<https://www.esc.ac.uk/part-time/part-time-courses>

Greenhouse Sports

Last week I was pleased to give out the latest Greenhouse T-shirt and the first for this academic year. Andrew Hendry Smith (9T) hasn't just learned to cycle, he has shown great determination and perseverance in learning to do so and should be very proud of his achievements. Well done Andrew and keep up the good work.




Gabe

Friday 14th October: Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Please can pupils bring in advance some nut free shop bought cakes, which will be on sale to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Care. If you would like to make your own donation directly, please scan the code below. Thank you in advance!

It's time for Coffee Morning and you're invited



Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living
with cancer.

Place: Sunnydown School
Date: Friday 14th October
Time: 10:45 - 11:00
Contact: Sunnydown School

Simply scan this QR code with your phone
to donate to your host's Coffee Morning.
It's easy, quick and secure.
Thank you.



**Scan me to
donate**

Friends of Sunnydown

We would love you to join us for our next quiz night! Teams can be made up of 8 people and tables can be themed to win an extra prize (don't forget to bring drinks and snacks!). Please arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets: £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 11s) and include your food from our very own Sunnydown burger van!.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale. All money raised will be going to the Mental Health Project. Family Quiz Night Booking Form Book online via: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents>

Friday Curriculum: 14/10/22

A timetable of activities will be sent out next week.

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<u>Musician of the Week</u>
The recipients of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch & Mr Zadok are: Freddie Phillips (9D) Ollie McEvaddy (10C)	The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Petruska for resilience & cooperation is: Taylor Conway (9T)	The recipient of Chef of the Week awarded by Mrs Hull for excellent focus & ability to multitask is: Reece Wood (11P)	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is: Sam Lopes (7C)

<u>Thought for the Week</u> <u>(W/C: 3rd October)</u>	<u>Thought for the Week</u> <u>(W/C: 10th October)</u>
Growth Mindset, the PIT, what ladders work? What new ones can we try?	British Values - What are they? <u>How do we uphold them?</u>

House Points	
Daniel Diaz-Lester	700 House Points
Elvinas Sermuksnis	650 House Points
Ryan Gellett	600 House Points
Reece Wood	600 House Points
Felix Drummond	550 House Points
Oscar Stewart	550 House Points
Ollie McEvaddy	500 House Points
Jamie Rogers	500 House Points
Hamish Scott	400 House Points
Callum Annis	350 House Points
Lithar Po-Ba	300 House Points
Ollie Taylor	350 House Points
Harry Franklin	300 House Points
Charlie Histed	300 House Points



We cannot wait to be back with you for our family school quiz night! Teams can be a maximum of 8 people and tables can be themed to win an extra prize! Arrival 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 11s) and include your Food. Please bring drinks and nibbles for your table and raffle tickets will also be on sale. All money raised will be going to the Mental Health Project.

Family Quiz Night Booking Form

Book online via: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents>

Or return to the school office marked 'FAO Kelly Barnes' by Friday 04th November 2022

Name: _____ Son's class: _____

Team name: _____ Team size: _____ Tel No: _____

Number of adult tickets @ £10: _____ Number of child tickets @ £5 (under 11s): _____

Total enclosed: £ _____ cash/cheque (cheques made payable to Friends of Sunnydown)

Food Choices:

Beef Burger: _____ adult _____ child.

Cheeseburger: _____ adult _____ child.

Hot Dog: _____ adult _____ child.

Veggie Burger: _____ adult _____ child.

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

If you don't have a team but would like to join the quiz, we can match you with another team just tick here _____