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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Thank you all for your understanding of the delay in the newsletter this week.

I was at a meeting on Friday with the other Headteachers from specialist schools from across Surrey, hence the delay. We had the privilege of welcoming Claire Coutinho (MP for East Surrey) to discuss wide ranging aspects impacting on education in our sector including funding, Ofsted including the inspection regime, the LA outcome and the coroner's report into the impact of a Headteacher earlier this year, parent complaints, pay issues for Surrey staff and even the process of academisation.

Year 11 were busy last week and again this week with their practice exams. We continue to learn a great deal about how best to support each young man to achieve the best results possible. I am pleased to report that on the whole, most students in Years 7 to 10 have cooperated by keeping the school calm for the most part.

However, as more Year 11 students require additional support, this reduces the number of staff to be available to teach other students. With illness also keeping some staff away, I am mindful that during the actual Year 11 exam period in May and June, that the school may need to close to certain year groups to ensure we have enough staff to manage exams but also the remainder of the school.

On Thursday morning, all students are given £10 of Sunnydown money to spend on gifts for their family and friends. This wonderful initiative, managed by the Friends of Sunnydown, is a great way for the boys to be part of the fun of giving at this special time.

As we approach the Christmas break, I am looking forward to having our traditional meal on Thursday where the entire school eats at the same time. This is a huge undertaking by the kitchen team and in advance of another hearty and festive meal, many thanks are extended to the kitchen staff.

Following lunch, all students and staff assemble in the gym for 'Sunnydown's Got Talent' before a short session in form rooms. The acts in previous years have been exceptional, and I expect nothing less this year.

Friday is an early finish with lunch served between 12.30 and 1.20pm as is usual. Taxis will be called from 1.20pm with students being in their Form room to review a gift to take home from the school. Students have been told they are able to negotiate with their Form tutor and age appropriate movies for the morning session.

The student report read through was conducted during the last two lessons today. These opportunities allow the boys to reflect on their learning, their classroom readiness, and their progress, recording their comments. All reports are scheduled to be sent home on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Paul Jensen

1000 House Point award

Max Mahboobani was awarded with his certificate for 1000 House Points - the amazing achievement that results in a student having their name emblazoned in Gold on the achievement boards in the entrance to the school. A longer comment regarding the contribution to Sunnydown that Max has made will be published next week.

Sunnydown Poundcard designs

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Inter-House competition, we had some amazing contributions. Here are the results -

Congratulations to the winners of the Sunnydown Poundcard!



1st Place - 8 house points- Jacob R

2nd Place - 7 house points- Callum T

3rd Place - 6 house points- Leo s

Charity cake sale

On Thursday 14th December myself, Ollie and Oscar (Year 11) will be doing a cake sale to raise money towards our trip to Australia back in May of this year. We would welcome any donations towards this (baked goods/shop bought) however, this is not necessary. If your son would like to purchase anything from our stall please make sure they have some change with them for this.



All cakes are 50p each!

Pin the tail on the kangaroo! (50p) Prizes available!

Books(50p) and wooden reindeer(£2) are also being sold!

GJBBS cycle challenge cake sale!

Happening on the 14th of December. Located in learning support. Reindeer sales are limited, so come quick!

Poster created by Arthur Edmondson



Miss Kiddier

Science keywords of the week

For KS3 'Spectrum' – A band of colours produced when light is spread out by a prism.

For KS4 'Frequency' – the number of wave crests passing a fixed point every second, measured in hertz (Hz).

Upcoming Science assessments

Year 8 – Light, Wednesday 13th December

Year 10 – Energy and energy resources, Wednesday 13th December

Dodgeball

The Key Stage 4 Sunnydown dodgeball team followed in the footsteps of the Key Stage 3 team, heading down to Guildford Spectrum to face over 100 other students from multiple schools. Just like the earlier group, team Sunnydown showed great team spirit and fair play throughout and won rounds against teams like St Doms, Bensham, and Blossom H. Then, at exactly the same time as the Key Stage 3 team - it was down to the grand final, the 13th place play off. Sunnydown again showed their form when it came to the decisive match and won all the rounds to finish with an emphatic win.

The team is below. Well done everyone!

Callum Lagan (11C) Max Mahboobani (11C) Ryan Gellet (11C) Ty Small (11C)
James Hall (10D) Nathan Small (10D) Toby Chapman (10D)

Festive SEN Resources

Unpack strategies to support overstimulation, sleep, speech, language and communication skills, sensory regulation and much more! The Seasonal Support Pack contains articles, guides and podcasts to support neurodivergent families this winter. Delivered to you by The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity, plus Occupational Therapists & Speech and Language Therapists from the Witherslack Group. Please click on the link below to access:

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Online Safety

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter re ‘What parents & Carers need to know about Disney +.’

Mr Cassim

<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 4th December 2023)</p> <p>Role Models - How do others see us? How do we want to be seen?</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 11th December 2023)</p> <p>Reflection - Spiritual</p>
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<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;">Sam Walsh (7C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For resilience & effort in his maths assessment</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;">Jacob Ryan (7C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For active learning & cooperation</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">& awarded by Mr Cybuch is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ollie Taylor (9O)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>for cooperation & resilience</i></p>
<p><u>Musician of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Frankie McSorley (7C)</p>
<p><u>Musician of the Week</u> (last week - 1/12/23)</p>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cody Osborne (8C)</p>
<p><u>Artist of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Loui Salliss (7P)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his great graphic design this week in the colour theory lesson</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;">Eddie Smith (7P)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For cooperation & independence</i></p>
<p><u>Writer of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week awarded by Miss Newcombe is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zack Harrison (7P)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For excellent recall of facts about Scrooge (even when he hasn't been here for half the story)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sonny Chater (10D)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For an amazing descriptive piece of homework</i></p>
<p><u>Writer of the Week</u> (last week - 1//12/23)</p>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week awarded by Miss Newcombe is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Michael Hanley (9O)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For independently creating a narrative with suspense & tension</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS4</p>

**Jamie Rogers
(11M)**

For excellent descriptive writing following a structure & using several language techniques

House Points

Max Mahboobani	1000 House Points
Jamie Rogers	850 House Points
Jayden Smurthwaite	600 House Points
Jacob Kelly	550 House Points
Freddie Ponsford	500 House Points
Michael Hanley	450 House Points
Harrison Williams	350 House Points
Cody Osborne	250 House Points
Kai Bagwell	100 House Points
Luke Luo	100 House Points
Jacob Napier	100 House Points
Alexander Thompson	100 House Points

House Points (last week)

James Dean	1050 House Points
Ty Small	900 House Points
Callum Annis	700 House Points
Callum Lagan	700 House Points
Alfie Monk	600 House Points
Dominic Hanley	550 House Points
Leo Sumsion	500 House Points
Logan East	550 House Points
Freddie Collins	500 House Points
Charlie Carter	500 House Points
Bailey Goodliffe	450 House Points

Sonny Chater	450 House Points
Luke Dean	450 House Points
Alex Pereira	400 House Points
Noah Atkins	400 House Points
Jaden Doorga	350 House Points
Ethan Lyons	350 House Points
Jack Gregory	100 House Points
Hayden Howells	100 House Points
Daniel Leonard	100 House Points
Frankie McSorley	100 House Points
Jacob Ryan	100 House Points
Loui Salliss	50 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2023/24

Date	Description
Monday 4 th - Friday 15 th December	Practice exam weeks
Thursday 14 th December	Reports sent home
Thursday 14 th December	Charity cake sale 🍰
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas shopping day 🎄
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas lunch 🎄
Friday 15 th December	End of term 1.20pm finish
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Year 11 PW2 Trip to see A Christmas Carol
Thursday 20 th June 2024	Scheduled formal graduation event 🎓
Wednesday 15 th - Friday 17 th May 2024	Year 9 residential trip

